



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week I called for an investigation into the Roosevelt Island tram reports of safety concerns caused by swinging that were answered by the State Industry Inspection Bureau with oversight of tramways in New York. We will keep you updated on this important matter concerning safety.

I was proud to join Founder of Life's WORC Victoria Schneps-Yunis as she cut the ribbon on a new center for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities named after her life's work as an advocate helping to call attention to the atrocities at Willowbrook State School and getting it shut down.

I joined Community Board 8 for this month's full board meeting to provide an update on my legislation signed into law by Governor Hochul and to announce an upcoming hearing on the workforce caring for people with disabilities.

Our team held the last shredding of the season on Roosevelt Island this week at the Motorgate Turnaround. We successfully shredded several tons of paper throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

**Assembly Member Seawright and Governor Hochul  
Delivered Remarks at Ribbon Cutting on New Center for  
People with Disabilities Named After Life's WORC Founder  
Victoria Schneps-Yunis**



The ribbon was cut on the new center for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities called the Victoria Schneps-Yunis building at Life's WORC. Governor Kathy Hochul, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, local elected officials, friends and family joined Ms. Schneps in pushing for needed reforms.



Assembly Member Seawright spoke about Vicki Schneps. She said “As the “Godmother of the Disability Movement,” Vicki has long advocated for better treatment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in state facilities. She began her advocacy as a heroic mother, when she discovered the abuse and neglect her child and many others faced at Willowbrook. Vicki filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of all the victims, leading to Willowbrook’s long overdue closure.”



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Chair of the People with Disabilities Committee, Assembly Member Jodi Giglio, and Assembly Judiciary Chair Chuck Levine presented Founder of Life's WORC, Victoria Schneps-Yunis with a Proclamation on behalf of the New York State Assembly at the dedication of the Life's WORC building named after her lifelong advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities.



Governor Kathy Hochul.

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**Safety Concern and Call For Investigation by Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Answered by State Industry Inspection Bureau with Tram Oversight**



Assembly Member Seawright sent a letter to the State Industry Inspection Bureau with safety concerns for the Roosevelt Island Tramway that has been having interruptions with aggressive swinging.

According to the bureau: *"The Department has launched an investigation into the matter and is committed to a thorough examination of the facts. We are working diligently to gather all relevant information and will provide an update once the investigation is complete. We will take appropriate action based on the findings at that time."*

We will keep you updated on this important matter concerning safety.

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## Seawright Announced Bills Signed at Community Board 8



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright spoke to the Community Board 8 and provided an update on her bills signed by Governor Hochul:

- To significantly increase representation of people with Intellectual and

- Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) on the State's planning council.
- To remove outdated and hateful language in statutes referring to people with I/DD
- To implement intersex education, requiring the New York State Department of Health to conduct education and outreach to parents of individuals born intersex.

## Roosevelt Island No-Cost Paper Shredding Hosted by the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



Special Assistant Jacob and Edward Rogowsky Public Service Intern Wendy.



A Roosevelt Islander dropped off her old documents to be shredded and recycled.



Lindsey Feinstein, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Judith Kasen-Windsor and Teri Eisner.

The 2023 honorees were selected due to their unbridled Courage by standing up to long-standing patriarchal barriers to securing equal rights.



Assembly Member Seawright, Ruth Miller and Dr. Mar Marosse.

## Bills Signed Into Law

### New Laws to Support Affordable Housing Signed

**Making NYC housing more affordable**

New laws help build additional affordable housing

Rising rents and a lack of new affordable homes have led to the housing crisis we see today. That's why I helped pass laws that increase financing for the New York City Housing Development Corporation to create and maintain affordable housing, modernize NYC's loan and grant authorities to better invest in affordable housing, and allow for the use of tax incentives to encourage landlords to renovate units (Chs. 534, 535, 536 of 2023).

## Clean Slate Signed Into Law



Assembly Member Seawright cosponsored The Clean Slate Act (A.1029-C). The legislation will enable the sealing of records of individuals with eligible misdemeanor convictions after three years and those with certain felony convictions, after eight years, following their release from incarceration. Effective one year from signing, the law provides the New York State Office of Court Administration up to three years to implement the processes necessary to identify and seal all eligible records.

## New York City Public School Holiday Recognizes Diwali



New York City continues to be a beacon of diversity and home to many Pan-Asian communities. That's why I helped pass a law to make Diwali a New York City public school holiday, providing families the opportunity to celebrate and honor this important day together (Ch. 629 of 2023).

## Upcoming Events

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



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**esna**  
32nd Annual  
Holiday Sing!

# Old Fashioned Holiday Caroling ...has Returned!!!



Join us once again, in person, for a festive evening as we are led in song by the Jolly Holiday Singers, adorned in authentic Victorian attire.

On Monday, December 4, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. at TD Bank, on the southeast corner of First Avenue & East 67th Street.

## Everyone is Welcome!

Your generosity in bringing a gift of a toy, game or book for a needy youngster, newborn to 11 years of age, is greatly appreciated. Each gift should be **WRAPPED** in its original packaging from the manufacturer. No fuzzy toys, please. Your gift will be delivered by ESNA to Ambulatory Pediatrics of NY-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medicine on East 70th Street.

**Shopping Tip:** Visit new ESNA member Learning Express Toys, 1029 3rd Ave., (Cor63)

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COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MANHATTAN presents  
WINTER CRAFTS SHOW

Submission  
deadline  
DEC 22

# open call for NYC CRAFTERS



## SHOW DATE

February 10, 2024

11am to 4pm

Location: Robert F. Wagner Middle  
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- 1 Signing a new commercial lease
- 2 Amending, renewing, or terminating an existing commercial lease
- 3 Addressing a commercial lease-related issue

\*To be eligible to participate, your business must be a small business located in NYC, not be a franchise establishment, and you must meet the income eligibility requirements of the legal service provider.



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**Sign up for a 30-minute free virtual session with an attorney. Choose a time from 4PM to 6PM on Tuesdays. Upcoming dates here:**

**November 14**

**November 21**

**November 28**

**December 5**

**December 12**

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The Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8M) represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. CB8M is comprised of 50 volunteer members who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents, as well as help citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

CB8M reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, including applications for Zoning Text Amendments, building variances and special permits, liquor licenses, sidewalk cafes and street fairs, changes to landmarked buildings or buildings in historic districts, traffic and transportation issues, and more.

Each month, CB8M committees meet to discuss and resolve issues in the community.

Full Board Meeting - 3rd Wednesday  
Land Use Committee - 2nd Wednesday  
Street Life - 1st Tuesday  
Transportation - 1st Wednesday  
Housing - 1st Thursday  
Parks - 2nd Thursday  
Landmarks - 3rd Monday  
Social Justice - 4th Monday  
Zoning and Development - 4th Tuesday  
Youth and Education - 4th Thursday

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## In Case You Missed It: Past Editions Of Our Community Update

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