



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We cut the ribbon on a new Goodwill thrift store in our neighborhood on First Avenue between 78<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> Streets. You can shop or donate goods to benefit Goodwill helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

I was proud to accept the “Nursing Home Lives Matter” award this week. At the height of the pandemic, along with Coler residents, Community Board 8 and fellow elected officials, we formed the Coler Task Force. We trust nursing homes and long-term care facilities to help our loved ones. When that trust was violated during the pandemic, we formed a successful coalition. The success of the task force in obtaining safer conditions would not have been possible without the advocacy of Open Doors, the coalition of disabled artists, nursing home residents, advocates and allies. A documentary called “Fire Through Dry Grass” uncovers the devastation experienced by residents of Coler.

Consider donating to our toy drive for Asylum seeker families in our neighborhood and the New York Center for Children through December 21. The collection site is at our district community office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).

Our office is hosting a Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 21 from 4pm-5pm at the district community office. Enclosed you will find the flyer and link to RSVP.

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

**Phone:** 212.288.4607

**Email:** [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)

*Sincerely,*

## Seawright Cuts Ribbon on New Upper East Side Goodwill Store to Benefit People with Disabilities



Store Manager Pamela, Council Member Julie Menin, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Katy Gaul-Stigge, CEO of Goodwill NYNJ.



The store manager Pamela, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Jose Medellin, Director of Communications for Goodwill NYNJ.



Assembly Member Seawright and Pamela.

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**Open Doors Honors Assembly Member  
Seawright With The "Nursing Home Lives  
Matter" Award**



Vincent "V" Pierce, Coler Task Force member and Reality Poet, and Courtney Ferrissey, Assembly Member Seawright's Chief of Staff who accepted the award on her behalf.



Francene Benjamin and Alhassan “EL” Abdulfattaah are Reality Poets with Open Doors and served as Emcees of the evening.

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ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
**REBECCA  
SEAWRIGHT'S**

**HOLIDAY  
OPEN  
HOUSE**



**THURS. DECEMBER 21**

**4:00PM-5:00PM**

**COMMUNITY OFFICE**

**1485 YORK AVENUE**

**(78/79 ST.)**

For more information contact the  
Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright  
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)  
212-288-4607 / [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)

RSVP to the Holiday Open House



# Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER

# Toy Drive



*Accepting Donations Through*

**Wednesday, December 21**

Please donate new, unwrapped toys for local children. Donations will be made to Asylum seeker families in our neighborhood & The New York Center for Children

**Drop-off Location:**

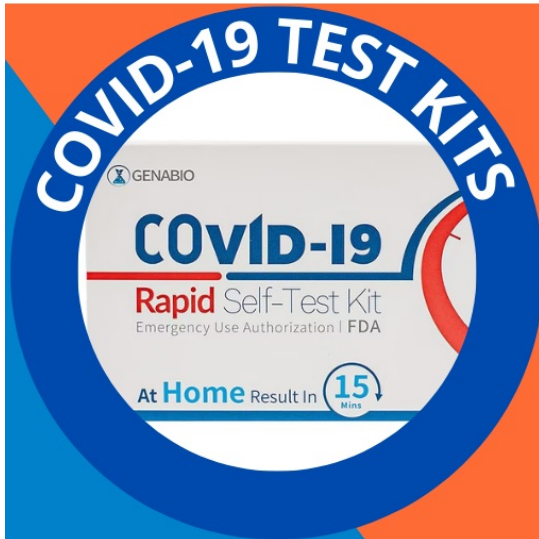
Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright  
1485 York Avenue, New York, NY 10075

Call 212.288.4607 or email [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov) for more information.

**Consider Our Office A Resource**

**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

**NO-COST  
THURSDAY  
PPE  
GIVEAWAY**



**12:00PM-2:00PM**

**COMMUNITY OFFICE  
1485 YORK AVENUE  
(78/79 STREETS)**

**212-288-4607**

**SEAWRIGHTR  
@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

**Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program Has  
Been Expanded**

Mental health is health. Recognizing  
the importance of mental health



## GREAT NEWS!

**ADDITIONAL FUNDING  
AVAILABLE TO HELP  
MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS  
REPAY THEIR LOANS.**

professionals and enabling their essential work in supporting individuals and communities, the Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program has been expanded to a total of \$14 million. This program is part of a larger \$1 billion plan to grow our state's mental health workforce so we can ensure those seeking help have access to dedicated, skilled experts. [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

## Heat Season: Know Your Rights!

The infographic is titled "Stay warm. Stay Informed." and features the NYC logo in the top right corner. It is divided into two main sections: "DAY" and "NIGHT".

**DAY**  
6 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
At least **68°F** inside

**NIGHT**  
10 p.m. - 6 a.m.  
At least **62°F** inside

Below **55°F** outside

No outside temperature requirement

The infographic includes illustrations of a city skyline, a sun for the day section, and a moon and stars for the night section. Two thermometers are shown, one for each section, with red liquid levels indicating the required indoor temperatures.

From October 1 through May 31, residential property owners are legally required to provide sufficient heat to keep indoor temperatures at 68 degrees or higher when the outside temperature drops below 55 degrees. Overnight, the minimum temperature must be 62 degrees, regardless of outdoor conditions. Property owners must also ensure hot water is consistently at 120 degrees year-round. Tenants without sufficient heat should make a report to 311 and follow up with our office to ensure there is a proper inspection and follow up action to resolve the complaint.

# SAVE YOUR COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

## SIGN OUR PETITION



**Urge the Mayor to halt the  
elimination of community  
compost programs**

**Scan to sign >**

**[grownyc.org/petition](https://grownyc.org/petition)**



**GROW** NYC



[Click here to sign the petition](https://grownyc.org/petition)

**Upcoming Events**

*Caroling,  
Hot Chocolate,  
Cookies, &  
Candycanes!*



PRESENTS THE 2023

# HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & CAROLING IN CARL SCHURZ PARK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD | 5PM TO 6PM  
EAST END AVENUE & 86TH STREET

*With performances by:*

**CANTORI NEW YORK**

Praised by the *New York Times* for its “spirit of exploration,” and “virtuosity and assurance.”

*Mark Shapiro, Artistic Director, Conductor.*

& **THE NEW YORK BRASS QUINTET**



Download the songbook:  
[www.carlschurzparknyc.org](http://www.carlschurzparknyc.org)  
or with the QR code above.



*Photo by: Kristen O'Connell*

[Click here to download the songbook](#)

**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)

East Sixties Neighborhood Association, Inc. PO Box 1855, Lenox Hill Station, NY 10021-0048 Tel. 212 713-5826 / [info@esna-nyc.net](mailto:info@esna-nyc.net)

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## COVID-19 BOOSTER CLINIC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5  
10AM - 3PM

COMMUNITY OFFICE  
1485 YORK AVENUE  
(78/79 STREETS)

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

BRING YOUR VACCINE CARD  
AND INSURANCE CARD

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Open to all constituents in the 76th  
Assembly District

### Schedule your appointment:

MODERNA | [tinyurl.com/MODERNARS](https://tinyurl.com/MODERNARS)

PFIZER | [tinyurl.com/PFIZERRS76](https://tinyurl.com/PFIZERRS76)

You can also call 212-288-4607 or email  
[SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov) to reserve your spot



MODERNA Vaccine RSVP

PFIZER Vaccine RSVP



**SAVE THE DATE**

# Faith-Based Housing and Development Forum

*Early Planning, Financing, and Land Use*

**Wednesday December 6, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.**

*Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work  
2180 Third Avenue at 119th Street*

*RSVP: [ag.ny.gov/faithbased-housing-forum](https://ag.ny.gov/faithbased-housing-forum)*

A conversation with area experts on how to begin the process of starting a project, financing your development deal, land use, landmarks and air rights, affordable housing, senior housing, workforce development housing, and home ownership.



Bricks & Mortals



Enterprise

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Roosevelt Island  
Operating Corporation

# 4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Join Us in Spreading Joy &  
Cheer in Support of our  
Roosevelt Island Youth

**Donation Guideline:**  
Brand new children's toys  
or games for all ages.

**For more information,**  
email: [RIYouthCenter@rioc.ny.gov](mailto:RIYouthCenter@rioc.ny.gov)



New York  
Public  
Library

PS/IS 217 PTA

**Accepting Donations**  
November 27 to  
December 15, 2023

**Drop-Off Locations**

**Youth Center**  
506 Main St.  
Mon.-Fri., 12:00PM-7:00PM

**PS/IS 217**  
645 Main St.  
Mon.-Fri., 8:25AM-2:45PM

**Food Pantry**  
548 Main St.  
Fridays, 4:00PM-6:00PM

**PSD**  
550 Main St.  
24/7

**Roosevelt Island Library**  
504 Main St.  
Mon.-Fri., 10AM-5PM



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**Rat Academy Training**



## Free training for:

- Building supers and staff
- Homeowners and tenants
- Managing companies

## Learn

- about rat prevention methods.
- Keep rats out of living spaces
- Best practices for baiting and trapping
- Disrupt the Triangle of Life: Food, Water, Shelter

### Virtual Trainings:

Rat Academy - Tuesday, December 19, 10 a.m. to noon. [Click here to register.](#)

Rat Academy for Community Gardeners- Tuesday, December 12, 10 a.m. to noon. [Click here to register.](#)

## Greenmarket and Farmstand

### Every Friday: The Lenox Hill Farmstand

First Avenue & 70th Street, 11:30am-5:30pm

### Every Saturday: 82nd Street/St. Stephen's Greenmarket

82 Street between First & York Avenues, 9am-2:30pm



## Manhattan Community Board 8 Calendar

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

[Read More](#)

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  
School; 220 East 76th St.

Submit a photo sample of your work by DEC 22 to  
[info@cb8m.com](mailto:info@cb8m.com) using “Craft Submission” in the subject line

FREE to apply and participate

Crafts • Jewelry • Clothing  
Soaps • Pottery • Housewares  
Notecards • Gifts • Handmade  
Items • And more!



[www.cb8m.com](http://www.cb8m.com)



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[Community Update: November 9, 2023](#)

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