



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week marked the first week of legislative session. We are eager to push for a more accessible, prosperous, and equitable New York in the 247th session. Housing affordability, bringing resources to the 76th district and investing in caregivers for People with Disabilities are just a few of my priorities this session.

Next week we will join Governor Hochul for her annual State of the State Address. Those who are interested in hearing the priorities for the legislature in 2024, consider tuning-in to the program. You can sign up by [clicking here](#).

According to the National Weather Service, light snow and a wintry mix begin Saturday afternoon. Take precautions and check out safety tips from the Office of Emergency Management by [clicking here](#).

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

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Sincerely,

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Assembly Member Seawright: We Remain Vigilant to Preserve Democracy on Anniversary of Jan. 6 Insurrection



When more than 2,000 rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, the foundation of our democratic institution was shaken to its core. Lives were lost and over 100 law enforcement officers were injured by the violent, radicalized rioters. To have a symbol of our democracy come under attack by supporters of the then-sitting president is a blemish on our reputation as a democratic world power. Many of us remember exactly where we were that day, helplessly watching as the mob of extremists assaulted police officers, broke through windows, searched for lawmakers to harm, desecrated property and dishonored our nation. The insurrectionists came to the Capitol to stop the peaceful transfer of power, and while it failed, the wounds it opened have not yet healed.

More tragedies may have occurred if it were not for the brave law enforcement officers whose steadfast commitment to protecting the Capitol and our representatives deserves our eternal gratefulness. The officers who lost their lives that day, and in the months to follow, will forever be remembered as heroes and true defenders of democracy.

What happened that day is a reminder that democracy is fragile. Here in New York, we championed policies to ensure voting access, making it easier for our residents to exercise their voting rights and have their voices heard at the polls. We will always choose America each and every day going forward. We condemn the violent extremists who attacked the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and restate our unwavering commitment to the ideals of democracy.

Rise Up with Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright

Featuring Generation S.O.S.

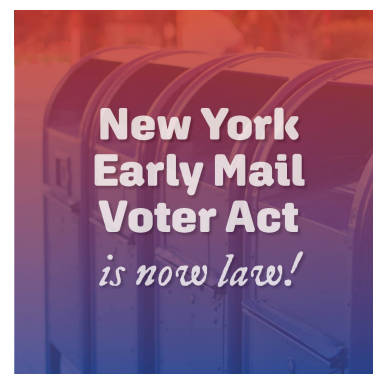


Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright interviewed Robin Aviv, Founder and Chair of Generation S.O.S. and Jim Hood, CEO and Board Member of Generation S.O.S. concerning the rising threat of substance abuse and overdose in our schools.

New Laws

Seawright Cosponsored and Strongly Supported The New York Early Mail Voter Act

Work and other obligations can make it difficult for many to find time to vote. The New York Early Mail Voter Act, now in effect, provides for early mail-in voting, strengthening our democratic process by allowing voters to easily and securely cast their ballots when it's convenient for them.



New York State Minimum Wage Downstate Increased to \$16

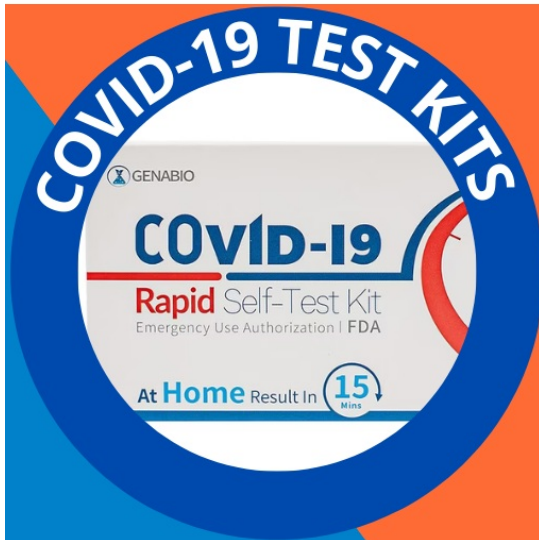
This urgently needed boost will expand economic opportunity, decrease gender and race-based inequality, and pave the way toward a stronger New York.



Consider Our Office A Resource

**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLY MEMBER

**NO-COST
THURSDAY
PPE
GIVEAWAY**



12:00PM-2:00PM

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GRANTS ACTION NEWS

Information on available state, federal and private grants

To view the Assembly's Grants Action News for January click on the link below:

<https://nyassembly.gov/gan/?sec=story&story=108244>

A direct and compelling headline

Notify **NYC**

The NYC Department of Emergency Management has issued a weather alert for Saturday, 1/6 - Sunday, 1/7, 2024.

According to the National Weather Service, light snow and a wintry mix begin Saturday afternoon, becoming likely by the evening. Rain and snow continue overnight, with snow in the northern areas of the city and rain along the coast. Precipitation will taper off Sunday morning with spotty snow showers possible through the early evening. Wind gusts of 30 to 35 mph and minor coastal flooding will also be possible.

The latest forecast calls for 1-3 inches of wet snow in the northern boroughs with less than 0.5 inch along the southern coast. If conditions worsen, 3-5 inches of snow will be possible in northern areas with 1-2 inches elsewhere.

Slick roadways and minor travel impacts will be possible due to snow and slush. Icy conditions are not expected at this time.

The forecast is subject to change. For more info, visit on.nyc.gov/3vmRZ0D or weather.gov/okx

Upcoming Events



Tune in to watch the
STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS
from
**GOVERNOR
KATHY HOCHUL**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 AT 1PM
governor.ny.gov

**Saturday & Sunday, January 6th &
7th: Mulchfest 2024!**

Carl Schurz Park, 86th Street & East End Avenue, 10am-2pm





ROOSEVELT ISLAND TREE-CYCLING

The Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation is excited to offer Tree-Cycling to the community!

The Grounds and Horticulture team will chip the trees provided and turn them into mulch to be used to nourish the island trees and plants making Roosevelt Island even greener!

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023 —
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**

Residents should remove all stands, tinsel, lights, ornaments, and bags before disposing of trees.

How to participate:

1. The participating buildings below will bring their Residents trees to Lighthouse Park for chipping:

- 425 Main Street
- 480 Main Street
- 551 Main Street
- 555 Main Street
- 575 Main Street
- 595-625 Main Street

2. Residents may drop off their tree to the designated area underneath the helix on the East side.



Roosevelt Island
Operating Corporation

Affordable Housing and the Future of Open Space

RIHS Lecture

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 PM



Matthias Altwicker AIA LEED AP will discuss the history of affordable housing in New York, how Roosevelt Island fits into that history, and how ideas of open space that were supported by this housing are being reconsidered.

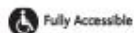
This will be an in-person event.

No Registration Required



New York
Public
Library

Roosevelt Island Library
504 Main Street, New York, NY 10044
212-308-6243



Connect with us:  

nypl.org/events



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](#)

Transportation Update

Roosevelt Island F-Train

The MTA has issued the following alert regarding upcoming changes to the F-Shuttle Train in support of the ongoing 63rd St track replacement project. During the weekend of January 6th and 7th, the MTA will be running special shuttle buses in place of the F-shuttle train, which will be offline for the weekend:

Track reconstruction work will be moving to the Manhattan-bound track starting on Monday, January 8th.

In support of this switchover:

F shuttle train service will be suspended starting on Saturday 1/6 at 5AM through Monday 1/8 at 5AM. Starting at 11:00 PM on Friday 1/5 and for the remainder of the weekend, a free shuttle bus will replace

the Q95 and Q94 and will extend to connect Roosevelt Island, 21 St- Queensbridge, and Queens Plaza, following the current Q94 overnight shuttle route. This shuttle bus will run during daytime and overnight hours for the duration of the weekend and is scheduled to operate approximately every 5-10 minutes.

Beginning on Monday 1/8, F shuttle train service will resume on the Queens-bound track and will arrive and depart from the lower level of the Lexington Ave/63rd St Station. Q94 and Q95 shuttle service will resume with no changes.

Project completion is still slated for Q1, 2024, subject to change.

Other Methods of Travel

In addition to the MTA's free shuttle bus, island residents may utilize the following methods of off-island transportation during the January 6/7 weekend:

Red Bus: RIOC runs a weekly Red Bus Shuttle to Manhattan every Saturday and Sunday from 3:00pm – 7:30pm. The shuttle leaves from the Tram Station at the top of every hour and picks up returning riders from the Southwest side of 2nd Avenue, between 58th Street and 59th Street, on the half hour.

Tram: RIOC is running the Tram on a rush hour schedule every Saturday and Sunday from 7:00am – 10:00pm during the ongoing MTA trackwork.

NYC Ferry: The NYC Ferry Astoria line serves Roosevelt Island and can provide off-island transportation to Queens and Manhattan. You can check its schedule [here](#).

Q102 Bus: Travelers can also utilize the Q102 Bus to Astoria for off-island travel. You can view its schedule [here](#).

Please be advised that we expect longer than average wait times for the Roosevelt Island Tram while this track change takes place, so please plan your travel accordingly. Extra PSD officers will be stationed at both the Roosevelt Island and Manhattan Tram stations all weekend to help ensure an orderly travel experience for passengers.

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