

# Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As Chair of the Assembly Aging Committee, every day on the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island, I see how rising rents threaten older adults and people with disabilities who simply want to age in place in the communities they helped build. I authored an op-ed featured in Our Town this week on this issue, and with the state budget deadline approaching, I am urging action so more New Yorkers can remain in their homes with dignity, and I encourage anyone who may qualify to contact my office for assistance.

I joined the AgeStrong coalition of advocates at the Capitol for a press conference calling for full funding of older adult services to carry out the New York State Master Plan on aging. These services are essential to affordability for older New Yorkers to age-in-place.

This Valentine's Day, February 14, is an important deadline for voter party registration in New York State. If you would like to vote in our State's Primary elections, you must register with a party. Voters who are not enrolled in a party or who wish to switch parties must submit their updated registration by this date to be eligible to vote in a primary.

We are now accepting nominations for the annual Women of Distinction Awards, recognizing outstanding women in our community for their leadership, service, and advocacy. If you know someone who deserves this honor, we encourage you to submit a nomination. Ceremony details will be announced soon, so join us in celebrating the women who make a difference every day.

Our spotlight on Aging features an important resource in Manhattan at The Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library, a vital New York Public Library branch dedicated to serving people who are blind, have low vision, or have physical or reading disabilities that make it difficult to read standard print. Information on this resource and more is enclosed in this community update.

Please consider joining our office at our upcoming events:

- Wednesday, February 18 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm- **MTA OMNY Service Bus** stops at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Street). Ask questions or refill your OMNY account.
- Tuesday, February 24 starting at 3:30pm- **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Street). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov) to make an appointment.
- Wednesday, March 18 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm - **Benefits Screening with LiveOn NY** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Street). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov) to make an appointment.
- Friday, March 27 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm- **Virtual Rat Academy** Training for building supers and staff, homeowners and tenants, managing companies, and business owners. Attendees may enter a raffle for a chance to win a rodent-resistant trash can. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/75ioT6BUQegZFdJ39>

- Thursday, April 16 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm- **No-Cost Screening Mammograms** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Street). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov) to make an appointment.

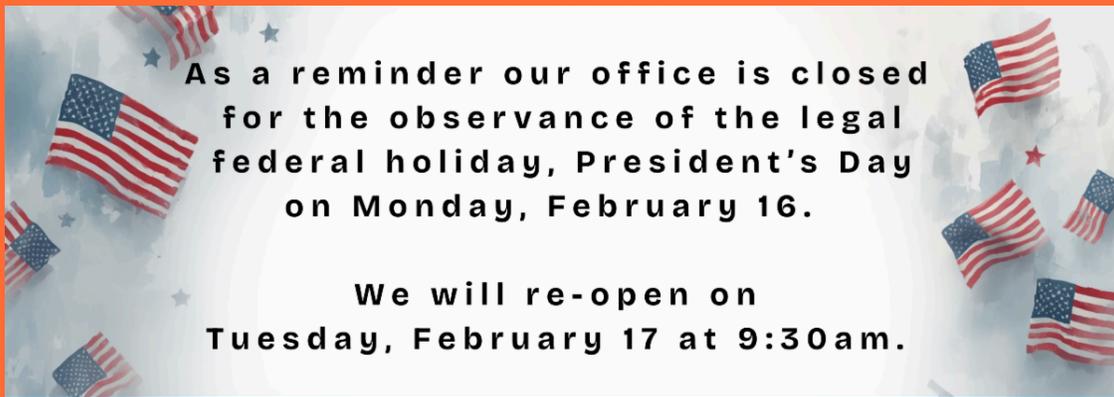
Stay safe and warm, and remember that our office is always a phone call, email, or visit away.

Phone: 212.288.4607  
Email: [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)

Sincerely,



**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

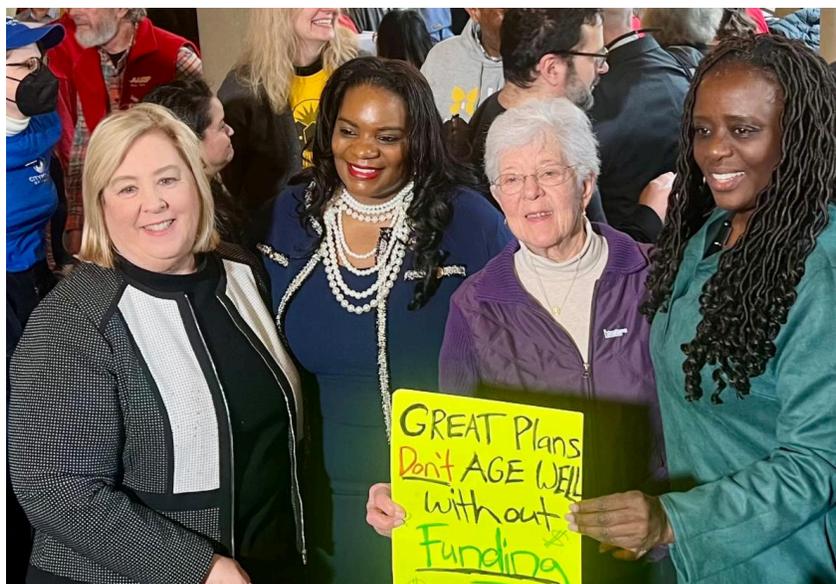


**Seawright Leads Rally Cry to Fund Master Plan Prop 50 Fully for  
Comprehensive Aging Services Now!**



On February 10, Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright joined older adults and advocates from across New York State at a press conference with AgeStrong New York—a coalition including AARP New York, the Association on Aging in New York, the Center for Elder Law and Justice, Lifespan, LiveOn NY, the Medicare Rights Center, the NYS MPA Coalition, and the Statewide Senior Action Council.

Seawright highlighted the urgent need to fully fund Master Plan for Aging Proposal #50, which supports critical services for older adults and their caregivers. She called on lawmakers to act now to ensure New Yorkers can access comprehensive, coordinated aging services that help maintain independence, dignity, and quality of life.



Seawright with the Age Strong Coalition and Senate Aging Chair Cleare.



SNAP Innovative Senior Center urged funding for New York City.

[Check Out Our Op-Ed in Our Town](#)



**The threshold to qualify for the rent freeze has been stuck at only \$50,000 for over a decade with no cost-of-living**

## **increases. Rebecca Seawright supports legislation upping the cap to \$75,000.**

Our package of bills would not only adopt the Governor's \$75,000 threshold for renters but extend it to homeowners through the Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE) and Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE) programs, something the Executive Budget missed. These property tax abatements are essential for those who own their homes but struggle with rising costs. We also need to streamline enrollment, making these programs easier to access. In New York City alone, more than 158,000 households are estimated to be eligible for SCRIE and DRIE, but only about 67,000 are enrolled. That leaves over 90,000 vulnerable families without the support they deserve, often because of outdated rules, bureaucratic hurdles, or fear of retaliation from landlords.

[Read More](#)

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## **East Siders Celebrate New Council Member Virginia Maloney at Hunter College Swearing-In Ceremony**



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright was honored to attend the swearing-in of Council Member Virginia Maloney, celebrating her assuming the seat once held by her mother, former U.S. Representative and longtime City Council Member Carolyn Maloney.

Virginia Maloney's presence in the Council continues a family legacy of public service on Manhattan's East Side, and Seawright congratulated her on stepping into this important role and looks forward to working with her on issues that matter to New Yorkers.

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# Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright *is seeking nominations for the* **2026** **WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS**



***TOGETHER, LET'S RECOGNIZE THE  
EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN WHO ARE  
MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES STRONGER.***

Nominations must be submitted by 03/27/26.  
Nominees must live/work in the 76th Assembly District, which includes Upper  
East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island.



Please visit  
[nyassembly.gov/seawright](https://nyassembly.gov/seawright)  
or scan the QR code to  
nominate a woman you know  
who has made a difference in  
your life or the lives of others.



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1485 York Avenue, New York, NY 10075  
212-288-4607 • [SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov)

[Click here to make your nomination](#)

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**February 14 Deadline to Change Parties for Primary Voting in  
New York State**



New York is a closed primary state, which means you must be registered with a political party to vote in that party's primary election. If you wish to participate in a primary this year, February 14 is the deadline to register with a party or to change your party enrollment.

Voters who are not enrolled in a party—or who wish to switch parties—must submit their updated registration by this date to be eligible to vote in a primary. If you miss the deadline, you will still be able to vote in the general election, but not in a party primary.

You can check your current registration status or update your party enrollment through the NYC Board of Elections website.

Check your registration status [here](#).  
Register to vote [here](#).

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### Installation of New York's 11th Archbishop



At St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ronald A. Hicks was installed as the 11th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York, assuming spiritual leadership of more than 2.5 million Catholics across the region. In a ceremony attended by clergy, parishioners, and civic leaders, Archbishop Hicks emphasized his role as a "pastor and shepherd," delivering remarks in both English and Spanish that focused on compassion, dignity, and service to immigrants, the poor, and those on the margins. Describing New York as "the parish of America," he begins his tenure with a message of hope, inclusion, and faith for the city's diverse communities.

Housing affordability remains a top concern for many New Yorkers. In 2024, New York enacted the Good Cause Eviction law, expanding tenant protections against unreasonable rent increases and unjust evictions. However, understanding whether you are covered — and how to assert those rights — can be confusing.

**JustFix**, in collaboration with the **Housing Justice for All coalition**, has launched **Good Cause NYC**, a free online tool designed to help tenants determine their eligibility and take action with confidence.

#### **What's New: The Good Cause Rent Protections Letter**

JustFix has added a powerful new feature to the platform: a tool that generates a formal Good Cause Rent Protections Letter if:

- Your landlord raises your rent above the legal Good Cause limit, or
- Your landlord refuses to offer a lease you are legally entitled to

JustFix will send the letter to your landlord via USPS Certified Mail at no cost, creating a clear legal paper trail to support your rights.

#### **Other Tools Available on Good Cause NYC**

- Eligibility Screener – Check if your building and tenancy are likely covered under Good Cause
- Rent Increase Calculator – Determine if a rent increase exceeds the legal limit

More than 6,000 tenants have already used the Good Cause NYC platform to understand and assert their rights.

If you believe you may be affected by a rent increase or lease issue, this tool can help you take the next step.

[Visit Good Cause NYC to learn more and access the tools.](#)

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## **Medical Aid in Dying Act**

### **THE MEDICAL AID IN DYING ACT IS NOW LAW,**

expanding end-of-life options for terminally ill New Yorkers. With thoughtful safeguards in place, the Assembly Majority acted to promote dignity, choice, and compassionate care.



New York's Medical Aid in Dying Act (Ch. 714 of 2025 and Ch. 1 of 2026) is now law, expanding compassionate end-of-life options for terminally ill adults. Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright was a proud cosponsor of this legislation, which allows mentally competent patients with a prognosis of six months or less to request self-administered medication, while establishing strict safeguards to ensure informed, voluntary decision-making. Two physicians must independently confirm eligibility, a mental health professional must assess capacity, and patients must complete both oral and written requests witnessed by adults. The law also protects providers acting in good faith and ensures that a patient's insurance coverage is not impacted by their choice. This measure affirms dignity, autonomy, and care at life's end for New Yorkers facing terminal illness.

**Consider Our Office Your Resource**

## **Spotlight on Aging: Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library**



The Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library is a vital New York Public Library branch dedicated to serving people who are blind, have low vision, or have physical or reading disabilities that make it difficult to read standard print. Serving residents of New York City and Long Island, the library provides free access to more than 160,000 audiobooks, braille books, magazines, and large print materials delivered directly to patrons' homes with no postage required.

Patrons can borrow talking book players, access books through the BARD and BARD Mobile apps, and even receive free refreshable braille displays. Beyond its collections, the library is a hub for assistive technology, offering hands-on equipment, technology coaching, workshops, and the innovative Dimensions Lab for tactile creation. With programs for adults and children, services for institutions, and an audio recording studio that produces books of special interest to New Yorkers, the Andrew Heiskell Library is an essential resource advancing accessibility, literacy, and independence for older adults and people with print disabilities.

# BENEFITS SCREENING & APPLICATION ASSISTANCE



**Wednesday, March 18**

**10:00am-1:00pm**

**at**

**The Office of AM Rebecca Seawright  
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)**

**By appointment only!**

**Please call 212-288-4607 or  
seawright@nyassembly.gov to register**

## **GET SCREENED TO SEE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE**

**FOR:**

**SNAP, SCRIE/DRIE,  
SCHE, STAR, HEAP,  
Lifeline, Medicaid,  
Medicare Savings  
Program (MSP), Low  
Income Subsidy**

In order to be screened for benefits, please bring the following documents, if possible:

- ID, Social Security card & Medicare card
- Proof of current monthly income (2026 Social Security award letter, pension statement, paystubs)
- Rent/maintenance/mortgage statement
- Current and previous leases (for SCRIE/DRIE)
- Utility bills
- Medical bills within the last 3 months (if applicable)

**Thursday, April 16, 2026**

9:00am to 4:30pm

**The Office of Assembly Member**

**Rebecca Seawright**

1485 York Avenue

New York, NY 10075



**Call to schedule a no-cost mammogram!**

**212-288-4607**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Women ages 40- 75

Currently living in NYC

- No mammogram in the past 12 months



**Our services are at no-cost**

- No co-pays or deductibles required. Uninsured patients are welcome
- Please bring a photo ID and insurance card (if insured)
- Medical services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services

Funded by a grant from New York State Department of Health **Cancer Services Program** Your partner for cancer screening, support and information Additional funding provided by the generous support of the JALBCA, NBCF, NYC Council, NYC DOHMH, NYS Senate, RAR Foundation, and individual patrons.



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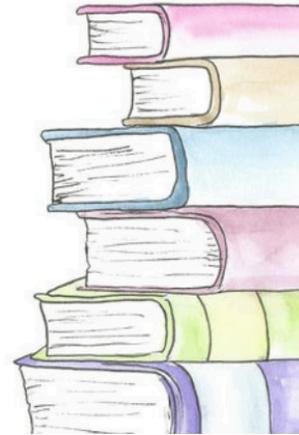
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for kids in under-resourced NYC Schools  
through March 4, 2026

District Office of Assembly Member  
Rebecca Seawright  
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

- ✓ **Yes:** new and gently used books for pre-school through high school
- ✗ **NO:** Adult books, textbooks, library discards, or out-of-date non-fiction/reference books

Want to order books from the Project Cicero wishlist?  
Visit [projectcicero.org/wish-list](http://projectcicero.org/wish-list)



# TAX PREPARATION RESOURCES 2026

**SINGLE STOP OF FEDCAP GROUP @ ROOSEVELT  
ISLAND OLDER ADULT CENTER  
546 MAIN STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10044  
TUESDAYS FROM FEBRUARY 4TH UNTIL APRIL 14TH**

PLEASE MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT ONLINE



**NYC FREE TAX PREP @ AARP AT  
THE 58TH STREET BRANCH LIBRARY  
127 EAST 58TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10022  
FEB 05, 2026 TO APR 09, 2026; THURSDAY: 10:15AM TO 2:30PM  
MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT 914-363-8510**

**NYC FREE TAX PREP @ UNION SETTLEMENT  
237 EAST 104TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10029  
FEDCAP/SINGLE STOP AT UNION SETTLEMENT (237  
EAST 104 STREET)  
WEEKDAYS, 9AM - 5PM  
MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT (800) 290-7189 OR ONLINE**

PLEASE MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT ONLINE



**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY**

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 3:30 PM ATTORNEYS FROM  
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE  
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL  
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-  
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST  
FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE  
76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL  
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE SESSION  
WITH ATTENDEES.**



**SCAN ME TO  
RSVP!**

**RSVP REQUIRED:  
CALL: 212-288-4607  
EMAIL: SEAWRIGHT@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord-tenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.*

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**OMNY BUS  
STOPS HERE  
(79/YORK):**

**WED. 2/18, 3/4**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**REFILL YOUR  
OMNY CARD**

**APPLY FOR  
REDUCED FARE**



**Virtual Rat Academy**

Sponsored by

**NYS Assembly Member  
Rebecca Seawright**

**Friday, March 27th, 2026**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.**

**Free training for:**

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

**Learn about:**

- Rat prevention methods

To sign up  
Scan QR code below



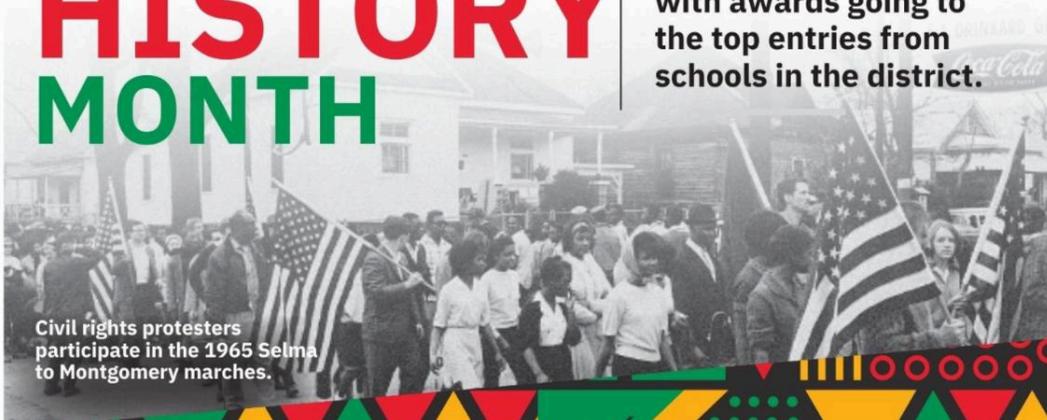
**\* ATTENDEES WILL BE  
ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE TO  
WIN A RODENT-RESISTANT  
NYC GARBAGE BIN! \***

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Assembly Member Seawright

is sponsoring a  
National Black History  
Month essay contest,  
with awards going to  
the top entries from  
schools in the district.



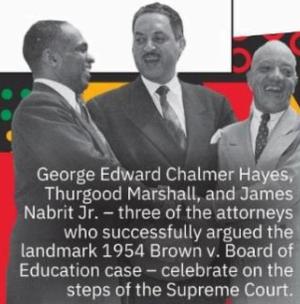
Civil rights protesters participate in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches.

## ESSAY CONTEST

Tell us about a Black American who stood up to injustice or broke down barriers. Or tell us about a significant moment or event that helped shape American history.



Send your essay by 02/27/26 to:  
**Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright**  
1485 York Avenue, New York, NY 10075  
212-288-4607, [SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov)



George Edward Chalmer Hayes, Thurgood Marshall, and James Nabrit Jr. – three of the attorneys who successfully argued the landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of Education case – celebrate on the steps of the Supreme Court.

**DMV Offices Scheduled Shutdown**

**All NYS DMV services  
will be unavailable from**

**Feb. 13-17**

**as the agency launches  
a new, upgraded  
technology system.**

From Feb. 13-17, the New York State DMV will temporarily suspend all operations to implement a new, modernized technology system. Plan ahead and complete necessary transactions before the scheduled shutdown. <https://dmv.ny.gov/news/nys-dmv-prepares-for-launch-of-new-modernized-system>

## Upcoming Events



# Family OPEN HOUSE

WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Roosevelt Island Residents Only!

Join us on Wednesday, Feb 18 from 10 am-4 pm for a FREE day of fitness and wellness. Come and experience all that Sportspark has to offer at our Winter Open House. With an exciting lineup of activities, events, and classes from each of our departments, you'll get to sample every corner of our vibrant athletic complex!

## Sportspark

### SPECIAL FEATURES

- Basketball Shootout
- Water Aerobics
- Spin the Wheel
- Children's Swim Classes
- Children's Sports Classes
- Children's Self Defense Class



Address: 250 Main St, New York, NY 10044

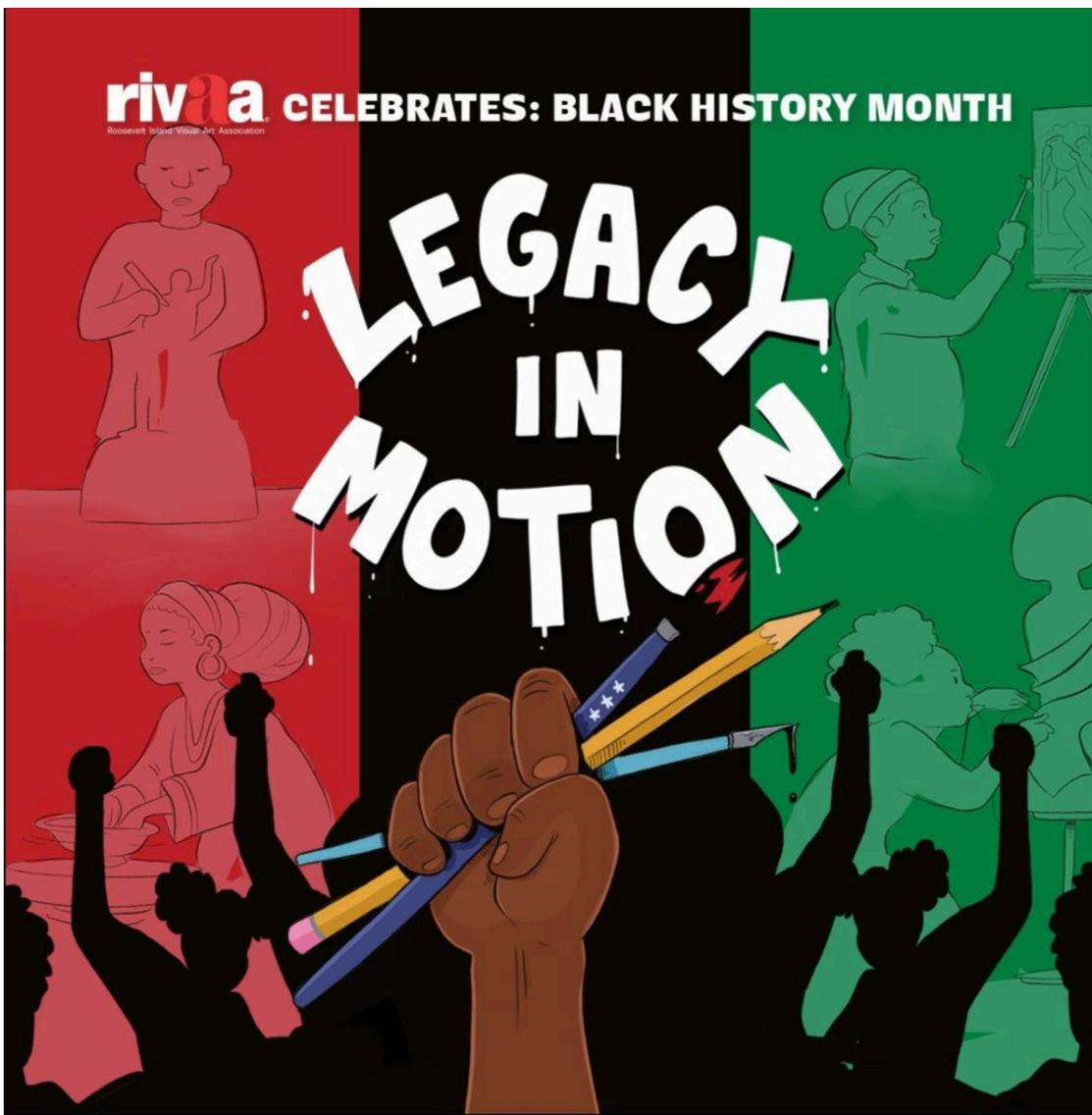
Phone: (212) 832-4569

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**riva**  
Roosevelt Island Visual Art Association

**CELEBRATES: BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

# LEGACY IN MOTION



**FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> - MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**  
**OPENING CEREMONY - FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 9PM**

527 Main Street Roosevelt Island New York, NY 10044

Email: [info@rivaagallery.org](mailto:info@rivaagallery.org) Instagram: [@rivaagallery](https://www.instagram.com/rivaagallery)



**Council on  
the Arts**

RIVA A programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.



Explore Legacy in Motion, a powerful exhibition highlighting the tools, techniques, and creative labor of Black artists and creators whose contributions have shaped the artistic mediums we celebrate today. This exhibit honors both the creations and the creators, bringing forward histories too often overlooked.

📅 On view through March 1, 2026

📍 RIVA A Gallery, 527 Main Street, Roosevelt Island

Stop by during gallery hours and experience this meaningful showcase of art, history, and innovation.

**HSS**

**Register today!**  
Program is free of charge.

Greenberg Academy for  
Successful Aging

## **Shoulder and Elbow Pain**

Thursday  
February 26, 2026  
10:30–11:30 am



### **Join Online or In-person**

Register online at: [communityed.hss.edu](https://communityed.hss.edu)

For more information: call **212.774.7622** or email us at [communityed@hss.edu](mailto:communityed@hss.edu)

Not all shoulder and elbow pain is the same.  
Join us to learn:

- Different causes, symptoms of shoulder and elbow pain.
- Management and treatments options at HSS, followed by a question and answer session.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Tyler Khilnani, MD  
Billy Kim, MD

Department of Orthopedic Surgery, HSS

Join our monthly email list to be notified of future programming  
To sign up: [bit.ly/learn\\_with\\_us](https://bit.ly/learn_with_us)  
or call: **212.774.7622**.

This program is designed to give general information and does not provide individual medical advice.

[HSS Education Institute](#)

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# Community

The Community Education Council for District 2 presents

## A Town Hall Event



with Chancellor  
Kamar H. Samuels



Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



M.S. 131  
100 Hester Street, New York, NY 10002

Town Hall will also be live-streamed. Please register for this event at the following link: [learndoe.org/cec](https://learndoe.org/cec)

Don't miss this excellent opportunity. Issues and concerns will be addressed.

**English Conference Line:**

Dial 646 828 7666 (Local NYC) and enter Webinar ID: 160 090 5783

**Spanish Conference Line:**

Dial 646 964 1167 (Local NYC) and enter Meeting ID: 160 759 8991

**Mandarin Conference Line:**

Dial 646 828 7666 (Local NYC) and enter Meeting ID: 160 007 2661

**Cantonese Conference Line:**

Dial 646 828 7666 and (Local NYC) enter Meeting ID: 160 062 1338

Register for ASL Service at [learndoe.org/cec](https://learndoe.org/cec)

Office of Family and  
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# FOOD STORIES EXHIBITION

JOIN US AND CELEBRATE THE RESIDENT-CENTERED CAMPAIGN THAT IS TRANSFORMING WHAT FOOD CAN MEAN INSIDE AN INSTITUTION - IT'S IMPORTANCE TO OUR WELLBEING, CULTURE, AND CONNECTION

& SHARE THE FOOD THAT MEANS THE MOST TO COLER'S RESIDENTS!

COLER | 900 MAIN ST, ROOSEVELT ISLAND  
APRIL 2ND, 5PM - 7PM

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EMAIL: [SUPPORT@OPENDOORSNYC.ORG](mailto:support@opendoorsnyc.org)



A GATHERING OF ALL THE RESIDENT STORIES  
SHARED THROUGH OUR EVENTS

## Department of Health Notice

### The Cherokee: Legionella Test Results & Guidance

The NYC Health Department has notified residents of The Cherokee (509 & 517 E. 77th St. and 508 & 516 E. 78th St.) that Legionella bacteria has been detected in the building's water system following two reported cases of Legionnaires' disease in the past year.

Legionnaires' disease is a form of pneumonia caused by bacteria that can grow in warm water. It can occur when people breathe in water vapor or mist from showers, faucets, or cooling equipment. It is not contagious and cannot be spread from person to person or by drinking water.

The NYC Health Department is working closely with building management to address the issue. The overall risk to healthy individuals remains very low, and the illness is treatable with antibiotics. Symptoms to watch for:

- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Cough

Residents who are 50 or older, smoke or vape, have chronic lung disease, or have weakened immune systems should be especially cautious and seek medical attention promptly if symptoms develop.

## In Case You Missed It: Past Editions of the Community Report

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