



Assembly Member

Rebecca A. Seawright

Assembly District 76

Please visit your new district Community Office at 1485 York Avenue between 78th and 79th Streets, next to the Post Office.



This Memorial Day, let's honor the brave men and women who gave their lives to protect our freedom.



#NYSAssemblyMajority #MemorialDay

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Let's take a moment to acknowledge that our liberty and national identity was hard-won by soldiers who sacrificed so much and gave their lives to secure the principles of our country's foundation. We should always be thankful for the men and women who served our nation, but especially on Memorial Day – a time when we all stand together.

New York was the first state to enact Memorial Day as an official holiday, in 1873. The tradition of decorating soldiers' graves in spring began even earlier. In Waterloo, NY, residents hosted one of the first observances in 1866. We continue that spirit today, especially because our state is home to nearly 900,000 members of the military who served as far back as World War II. Here in our community, it's important to remember local soldiers who gave their lives in battle to protect and serve our country. These courageous men and women must be recognized for their sacrifices, alongside the loved ones they left behind.

One way we can show our appreciation is by observing the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. At this time, take a minute of silence with loved ones to recall the meaning of the holiday and honor those who gave their lives for our nation.

We hope you will sign up for the mammogram screening on June 1st, and attend the film viewing of "Hidden Figures" on June 9th, the Marine

Corps Band concert on Roosevelt Island on June 16th, and our Book Drive on June 17th during Roosevelt Island Day.

Please contact or visit our community office if we can be of any assistance:

212-288-4607 or 518-455-5676

1485 York Avenue, between 78th and 79th Streets

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,



IN OUR COMMUNITY...

Seawright Partners with the National Foundation for Women Legislators and Google's Made with Code to Bring A Free Movie Screening and Coding Class to the Community



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

presents



FREE PUBLIC FILM VIEWING

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (RSVP Required)

CODING PARTY FOR STUDENTS AGES 13-18

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (RSVP Required)

FRIDAY JUNE 9, 2017

Julia Richman Education Complex – Auditorium

317 East 67th Street (*between First and Second Avenues*)

Each participant in the coding class will receive a certificate of completion for learning to code and a free tote bag!

RSVP TO: Seawrightr@nyassembly.gov or call 212-288-4607

All attendees encouraged to invite a woman who inspires them!

**Wheelchair Accessible
Refreshments Provided**

Made possible in partnership with:



For more information on this concert or any other community issue please contact
Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright at 212-288-4607.

Read our Second Avenue Subway Update!

After the opening of the Second Avenue Subway, and the unacceptable breakdowns of the elevators that followed, our office has talked to many constituents about the issue with delays. In order to ensure that subway service meets public demand, we are pleased to inform you of the proposed schedule adjustments to the Q line recently announced by the MTA:

- One additional weekday southbound Q trip would be operated from 96th Street- 2nd Avenue, between 8am and 9am, resulting in shorter average headways throughout the morning peak hour.
- One additional weekday northbound Q trip would be operated to 96th Street- 2nd Avenue, between 6:30pm and 7pm, resulting in shorter average headways during the latter part of the evening peak period.

Please let us know about your experience on the Q and any other subway or bus line in the district so we may share your feedback with the MTA.

Seawright and Upper Green Side Welcome Neighborhood Gardners at Mount Vernon Museum Garden Party



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Upper Green Side's Sarah Gallagher thanking the community of gardeners for their dedication to preserving nature and for coming together to beautify our neighborhood.

On Wednesday, May 24th, Seawright hosted the Garden Party with the Upper Green Side, Councilmember Dan Garodnick, and Councilmember Ben Kallos. Garden lovers from the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island gathered at Mount Vernon Hotel Museum to share green thumb wisdom, tips, and ideas. Tell us where you garden!

Seawright's Office Brings You Updates From May 25th RIOC Board Meeting



Updates:

- The Board approved a contract to replace the leaking roof at the Roosevelt Island Youth Center. RIOC authorized the contract with a unanimous vote and chose the least expensive option. The project will last 40 days.
- RIOC President Susan Rosenthal reported that the rat infestation around P.S./I.S. 217 is being addressed. An exterminator inspected the site and rodent poison was placed in the area.
- The Board agreed to ratify the contract with Regimental Contracting for the purchase and installation of water fountains, benches, barbecue grills, and picnic tables at Roosevelt Island Parks. The project will take 90 days to complete with benches being the first priority. Grills will be placed just in time for Memorial Day.
- Authorization of Expenditure of Funds for Roosevelt Island Senior Association.

Senior Field Day at Asphalt Green



On May 25th, Seawright's office attended the Senior Field Day at Asphalt Green. The rainy weather didn't stop the fun day of activities including volleyball, zumba, racquet ball, yoga, and meditation. In the photo: Asphalt Green's Executive Director Maggy Siegel and Courtney Ferrissey, Community Liaison at Seawright's office.

Upper East Side Elected Officials Demand IMMEDIATE Action to Address East River Esplanade Collapse

Concerned electeds Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Comptroller Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Senator Liz Krueger, Senator Jose Serrano, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Assembly Member Robert Rodriguez, and Councilmen Dan Garodnick and Ben Kallos were outraged that a significant portion of the East River Esplanade has collapsed into the East River. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright recently allocated \$500,000 for renovations of the Esplanade from 61st to 79th streets.

The joint letter stated that in late November, a 20 by 10 foot sinkhole opened up, leading to the closure of the Esplanade between 89th and 96th for several weeks. The fact that another collapse has now occurred in the same part of the Esplanade suggests that the problems are more urgent than previously thought and need to be addressed now. The elected officials posed many questions to the Commissioner of New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Mitchell Silver, including: Why was nothing done to correct the problem before the area deteriorated so badly that there was a collapse? What is the Parks Department's plan to restore and renovate this area? What is being done to ensure that the resources are in place to fix the Esplanade now before any further deterioration occurs? Is the Parks Department conducting a survey to ensure that other places along the Esplanade are not similarly weakened? And, how long will it take for the Parks Department to make the necessary repairs?

"I am committed to working with the Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver, Community Board 8 and local elected officials to identify and repair other parts of the esplanade that are susceptible to damage. Our favorite place to play is also our community's first line of defense against flooding. I am pleased to inform you that the Parks Department is currently working to expedite reconstruction which addresses the current condition and a timeline for work is being determined. The site is part of the first phase (\$15M) of the East River Esplanade project. There are two phases, totaling \$41M including \$35M/Mayoral and \$6M City Council. We must make this our priority and bring minds and resources together to address our crumbling esplanade immediately," said Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright.

Seawright Receives Elizabeth Rohatyn Community Service Award





Rohatyn Awards Honor Community Service and Volunteer Work at the Neighborhood House

Our annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration featured the presentation of the Elizabeth Rohatyn Awards for outstanding community service and volunteer work, reflections from volunteers and a performance by members of our Tap Dancing Class at the Center @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House. This year's Rohatyn Award recipients were the law firm Dechert LLP, Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright and The Women's Association of The Brick Presbyterian Church. We are so grateful for the support of these wonderful honorees and our many outstanding volunteers.

For information on volunteering with Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, visit our [website](#)!

IN ALBANY

Seawright Introduces New York State Constitutional Amendment in a Continued Fight for Equal Rights for Women

In April, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced that her resolution calling on Congress to pass the Equal Rights Amendment had passed the Assembly with bipartisan support.

Now, Assembly Member Seawright is building on that initiative and continuing the fight for equal rights for women. To that end, she has introduced a New York State Constitutional Amendment, A7990, to guarantee equal rights for women.

While New York State is one of the most progressive states in the nation and has tackled issues such as paid family leave, equal rights are not explicitly provided for in the State's constitution.

"It is unacceptable that the New York Constitution doesn't prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex," Assembly Member Seawright said. "With the federal political atmosphere changing, there is a renewed call to ensure that basic equal rights are guaranteed for women. It may seem like a fundamental American value, but we can not simply hope that we are treated equally, it must be guaranteed."

Rebecca Seawright Introduces Bill to Protect Consumer Privacy

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Chair of the Subcommittee on Consumer Fraud Protection, recently introduced a bill, A7915, which prohibits businesses from requiring personal information to complete a credit or debit card transaction unless such information is required by the credit or debit card issuer.

At present, many businesses in New York and other states across the country require personal information, such as a zip code, when consumers complete credit or debit card transactions, despite the fact that such information is unnecessary when completing an in-person transaction. Such personal information can then be used in customized computer software to perform reverse searches from databases that contain millions of names, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, and street addresses that are indexed in a manner resembling a reverse phonebook. The software can then match a person's name and zip code with their previously undisclosed address, giving the business the ability to market products to customers and to sell this information to other businesses.

By further defining what constitutes "personal identification information," consumer interests in New York can be better protected. Additionally, by prohibiting such information from being entered electronically, the statute becomes current with the technological advances made since the statute was originally passed in 1987. The bill is on the Consumer Affairs Committee agenda.

Hearing on Quality Child Care



On Tuesday May 23, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Children and Families and the Assembly Task Force on Women's Issues held a joint hearing with the Senate to examine access to quality child care. Seawright, along with her Assembly colleagues called for an investigation into the barriers to accessing quality child day care and examining how such lack of access relates to a variety of issues including child development, family stability, and the economy.

Research suggests that safe and reliable child care is critical to a family's ability to maintain employment and self-sufficiency while promoting positive child development. Despite this evidence, many working families across the state are unable to access quality child care. The lack of affordable day care adversely impacts working mothers and is a barrier for women re-entering or remaining in the workforce. A high percentage of salaries are attributed to child care, which is difficult to find if for those who do not work a traditional nine to five day. The lack of affordable, accessible child care is also an economic concern since it has a direct impact not only on the employee but the employer as well.

Seawright Co-Sponsors 3 Bills on Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day to Improve Quality of Life for Disabled New Yorkers

*"A disability should never stand in the way of any New Yorker living a life full of opportunity and equality," **Assembly Member Seawright said.***

A.2546 was introduced by Assembly Member Barbara Lifton and would ensure that New York State employees can exercise their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

A.6287 was introduced by Didi Barrett and guarantees that New Yorkers with disabilities are properly protected in the event of an emergency. It requires owners of high-rise buildings to establish an emergency evacuation plan for occupants and visitors with disabilities, update and maintain the plan as necessary, and ensure the evacuation plan is available to emergency personnel.

A.6865 was introduced by David Weprin and demands counties with local emergency management plans to maintain a confidential, voluntary registry of residents with disabilities who may need assistance or shelter during a disaster.

*"When it comes to natural disasters – which we are unfortunately experiencing all too frequently these days – and other emergencies, there is no such thing as being too prepared," **Assembly Member Seawright said.** "These bills will make sure that first responders can better protect and assist people with disabilities."*

Seawright Passes RIOC CEO Residency Bill

On May 24, 2017, The New York State Assembly took the lead of Rebecca Seawright and passed Assembly Bill 5481, implementing requirements for the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC). The legislation requires that the next RIOC CEO be a resident of Roosevelt Island or become a resident within six months of appointment, unless the RIOC Board waives this requirement due to extraordinary circumstances.

*"Roosevelt Island residents are deeply committed to their community," **Assembly Member Seawright said.** "The majority of the RIOC Board of Directors are required to live on Roosevelt Island. It is fitting that the Chief Executive Officer, who is entrusted with daily life operations on Roosevelt Island, also has a residency requirement. This is a pivotal step towards self-governance for Roosevelt Island residents, creating accountability and requiring greater transparency."*

This bill allows the Board to appoint the CEO of RIOC, determine the term of office and requires that the CEO complies with the rules that apply to public officers. This bill is introduced in the Senate by Senator Jose Serrano.

Events and Announcements



Mobile Mammography Free Screening Mammograms

For Eligible Women



Thursday, June 1, 2017

Hosted by:

**New York State Assembly Member
Rebecca A. Seawright**

Funded by:

Cancer Services Program of Manhattan and
Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert

78th Street (Between York and First Avenues)

Appointments are necessary and start at 9 a.m.

Please call 1-800-564-6868

ALL insurance plans accepted. Co-payments and deductibles are waived.

FREE for uninsured women 40 and older who have not had a mammogram in the past year.

For more information about this or any state or local issue, contact
Assembly Member Seawright's District Office at 212-288-4607 or SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov

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& Student Volunteers Present

COMPUTER COMFORT FOR SENIORS

Volunteers offer computer comfort to help seniors learn to use computers, phones or other electronic devices!

Seniors may use a computer in the lab or bring their own device.

**First Saturday of the Month
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.**

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY



Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Senior Center Dining Room

343 East 70th Street

(Between First and Second Avenues)

For information about this or any state or local issue, contact Assembly Member Seawright's District Office at 212-288-4607 or SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov

Seawright's Third Annual Summer Reading Challenge in Partnership with Local Public Libraries

The challenge asks children to read a book for a minimum of 15 minutes a day for at least 40 days during July and August. Children can read alone or with a partner or caregiver and mark off days on the calendar provided. Once they've completed 40 days or more, they submit the calendar to Assembly Member Seawright and then receive a certificate in the mail.

*"Encouraging reading is so important to our kids, and summer is a time when they can really follow their own interests," said **Seawright**. "The memories made getting lost in a good book will stay with them forever."*

Contact the District Office at 212-288-4607 to receive the Summer Reading Challenge materials.

Summer with Seawright:

Meet us at Upcoming Community Fairs!



Saturday, June 3rd

First Avenue Festival

First Avenue, 68th - 79th Streets

10:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday, August 20th

Second Avenue Community Benefit Festival

Second Avenue, 66th - 86th Streets

10:00 am-5:00 pm

Reading Reflections Book Drive and Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff



brought to you by...

**Assembly Member
Rebecca A. Seawright**

Come visit our table on
Roosevelt Island Day to kick off the
annual Assembly Summer Reading Challenge with a
FREE book drive for children and young adults!

Chapel of the Good Shepard

543 Main Street

**Saturday, June 10, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

In partnership with student volunteers

For more information on this or
any other community issue please contact
Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright at 212-288-4607.



SAVE THE DATE

THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BAND NEW ORLEANS



Proudly presents a public concert at



FDR FOUR FREEDOMS STATE PARK,
ROOSEVELT ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY

FRIDAY JUNE 16, 2017 7:00 PM

In partnership with:

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright
New York Assembly District 76



ALWAYS FAITHFUL
ALWAYS READY.



ROOSEVELT ISLAND
OPERATING CORP.



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
FOUR FREEDOMS PARK

Message from the Department of Sanitation



No Garbage, Recycling, Organic Collection, or Street Cleaning on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced that in observance of Memorial Day, there will be no garbage, recycling, or organics collection, nor street cleaning on Monday, May 29, 2017.

Residents who normally receive Monday trash, organics or recycling collection should place their material out at curbside after 4 p.m. on Monday, May 29 for pickup. The Department previously collected recyclables the week following the holiday, but is modifying its holiday service at this time.

Additionally, all Sanitation Department administrative offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of the holiday.

Community Board 8 Manhattan

June 2017 Calendar, Agenda, and Bulletin

Calendar: <https://www.cb8m.com/calendar/2017-06/>

Agenda: <http://cb8m.com/content/june-2017>

Bulletin: <http://cb8m.com/updates/june-2017>



Free Classes for Newcomers to Medicare:

If you are new to Medicare or soon will be eligible, join one of DFTA's upcoming monthly orientation classes. The class includes information on Medicare Part A and Part B, Medigap insurance, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Part D drug coverage and the Medicare Savings Programs. Orientation is held at 2 Lafayette Street, room 624 once a month throughout the year. Here is the current schedule of classes – each class covers the same material.

Monday, June 26: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Space is limited so please register in advance by emailing ehausman@aging.nyc.gov.



New York State Board of Elections Free Campaign Finance Seminar

Wednesday, May 31, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

42 Broadway 6th Floor New York, NY

212-868-3692 (212 VOTE-NYC)

The seminar will include a presentation on campaign financial disclosure requirements as defined in New York State Election Law. Conducted by NYSBOE's Compliance Unit, this seminar is designed to assist candidates and committees in understanding the law and the disclosure process.

Those interested in attending a seminar should register on the NYSBOE website at www.elections.ny.gov.



IMMIGRANT HEALTH CARE RIGHTS!

Thursday, June 8 – 6:30-8:00 pm
NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan

6th floor Auditorium, 1901 First Avenue at 97th Street, Manhattan.
Q or 6 to 96th St, walk north to 97th Street and east to First Avenue.

You will learn about:

- + Your legal rights as an immigrant
- + Ways you as an immigrant can access health care
- + Immigrants' right to privacy
- + Programs and services available to you, regardless of immigration status
- + Tools for protecting immigrants' access to health care

Translation available in Spanish

Legal experts will be on site

Get signed up for insurance

Event Contact: [Claudia Duarte](mailto:Claudia.Duarte@nyc.hc.org), Claudia.duarte@nyc.hc.org, 212-423-6166



Brought to you by NYC Health + Hospitals in partnership with Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York Immigration Coalition, and New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG).



Learn to Swim at Roosevelt Island's Sportspark

Master Swim Program

Master Swim focuses on teaching more advanced swimming techniques (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly stroke) as well as providing a high-quality, low-impact workout.

Mondays & Wednesdays 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Learn To Swim Adult Program

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Visit <http://rioc.recdesk.com> and click on "Program Registration."

For questions, please email Eddie.Perez@rioc.ny.gov or call (212) 832-4569.

Summer is Almost Here!

Apply Today for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

The HEAP Cooling Assistance program provides for the purchase and installation of air conditioners or a fan to eligible households. (If an air conditioner cannot be safely installed, a fan will be provided.) Only one air conditioner or fan, not to exceed

\$800 with installation, will be provided per dwelling.

To begin an application, call HRA at (212) 331-2126

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES



New York City Transit

To find subway service advisories, as well as travel directions during a diversion and a listing of all bus and subway service changes, visit www.mta.info

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station

TWO WEEK LOOK-AHEAD													
Monday, May 22 - Sunday, June 4 2017													
East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station													
Deliveries - including concrete with pump at all Zones													Scheduled
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26	5/27	5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31	6/1	6/2	6/3	6/4
X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
<u>ZONE 1: Ramp Work (Along field) & York Ave/91st Street</u>													
Install utilities													
Prep ramp slab, grade, rebar and pour concrete													
Chop out S barrier wall for guard booth, formwork, pour concrete													
<u>ZONE 2A: Ramp Work (Along field)</u>													
Install utilities													
Prep ramp slab, grade, rebar and pour concrete													
<u>ZONE 2B: Ramp Work (Asphalt Green back door)</u>													
Install utilities													
<u>ZONE 2C: Ramp Work (FDR overpass & Esplanade)</u>													
Install utilities													
Fit out ConEd Transformer Vault (night*)													
<u>ZONE 3: Marine Work</u>													
MTS building interior walls and stairs													
Mechanical, electrical and plumbing installation													
Building envelope including metal & translucent panels & roof													
Fit out ConEd Transformer Vault (night*)													
<i>Note: 1) Night shift from 2PM - 10PM.</i>													

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