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A MESSAGE FROM

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

Dear Neighbor,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is off to a great start in 2018!

This week marked the beginning of Legislative Session. We attended the State of the State and it is clear that there is much to do locally and throughout the State of New York.

As your voice in Albany, I am honored to continue to be the Chair of the Assembly's Subcommittee on Consumer Fraud Protection and to serve on the Banks, Consumer Affairs and Protection, Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, Education, and Judiciary Committees. I recently was appointed to the Codes Committee which plays an important role in consideration of the State's Criminal and Civil justice systems.

In the New Year, New Yorkers are now benefitting from the passage of a new higher minimum wage and Paid Family Leave. Additionally, my bill to provide 3-D Mammograms at no additional cost to patients has taken effect.

Looking forward to this session, I have submitted legislation to honor Marriage Equality Icon Edie Windsor by commemorating June 20th as Edie Windsor Day, consumer awareness education and election reform among others.

It is going to be a challenging year for the State Budget considering the federal climate. New York State Comptroller DiNapoli estimates the budget will be facing a 4.4 billion dollar deficit. A draft of the state budget will be released on January 16.

I will continue to keep you informed of our work in Albany to fight for equitable resources and much needed legislation for the Upper East Side, Yorkville and Roosevelt Island. Please stay in touch with my office about any issues that are important to you. As always, we are just a visit, call or email away.

Sincerely,

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

IN ALBANY

Legislative Opening Day



Chief of Staff Audrey Tannen, Legislative Director Maryann White and Assembly Member Seawright in Chambers on opening day.



President of Queens College Felix V. Matos Rodriguez, Congresswoman Grace Meng and Seawright.



New York State Nurses Association

Seawright Named to Codes Committee

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Seawright's 3D Mammogram Legislation Taking Effect

New Laws Taking Effect – January 2018			
Effective Date	Chapter Number	Bill Number	Summary
1/1/2018	Ch. 54 of 2016 Part SS	A.9006-C S.6406-C	Provides for paid family leave benefits, allowing workers to care for a new child or sick family member.
1/1/2018	Ch. 60 of 2016 Part TT	A.9009-C S.6409-C	Reduces income tax rates for middle-income families.
1/1/2018	Ch. 245 of 2016	A.10201 S.7851	Lowers the match requirement for state funding of a classic or neighborhood naturally occurring retirement community (NORC).
1/1/2018	Ch. 56 of 2017	A.3006-C S.2006-C	Increases the age of youth eligible to be served in runaway and homeless youth programs and

	Part M		longer stays for youth in residential programs.
1/1/2018	Ch. 294 of 2017	A.7089 S.5785	Increases transparency in the contract negotiation process for fire protection contracts between incorporated fire companies and fire districts, towns or villages.
1/1/2018	Ch. 305 of 2017	A.8261-A S.6652-A	Requires condominium and cooperative housing corporations to submit an annual report to the members of the governing board to prevent conflicts of interest regarding contracts.
1/1/2018	Ch. 336 of 2017	A.260 S.4069	Encourages the installation of micro-hydroelectric energy systems, fuel cell electric-generating systems, micro-combined heat and power-generating equipment systems, and electric energy storage equipment and systems by making those systems eligible for real property tax exemptions available to solar, wind and farm waste energy systems.
1/1/2018	Ch. 341 of 2017	A.1584-C S.4542-B	Increases the amount of state aid for snowmobile law enforcement purposes and strengthens penalties for the operation of an unregistered snowmobile and the improper display of snowmobile registration numbers.
1/1/2018	Ch. 425 of 2017	A.7117 S.688	Makes geothermal energy systems eligible for funding and on-bill financing under the Green Jobs/Green NY program.
1/1/2018	Ch. 426 of 2017	A.6873 S.899	Makes changes to the volunteer ambulance service award program, including requiring mandatory referendums and lowering the entitlement age to 55.
1/1/2018	Ch. 449 of 2017	A.2623 S.3213	Requires water quality testing for commercial land clearing debris and compost facilities on Long Island.
1/1/2018	Ch. 463 of 2017	A.8308 S.4000	Creates a database of providers and community resources which treat maternal depression and invests in treatment, including a hotline, peer support, referral networks and telehealth services.
1/1/2018	Ch. 487 of 2017	A.8098 S.5152	Holds banks and lenders accountable in automobile financing transactions by providing that plaintiffs may be entitled to attorney's fees at the court's discretion.
1/11/2018	Ch. 308 of 2017	A.8166-A S.1789-A	Requires the NYC Human Resources Administration to make a certification of payment available through an online client portal whenever rent is paid to a landlord on behalf of a tenant receiving public assistance.
1/17/2018	Ch. 484 of 2017	A.4818 S.2720	Gives preference to mobility-impaired tenants in NYC Housing Authority apartments to move to a lower floor if a unit becomes available.
1/17/2018	Ch. 489 of 2017	A.7572 S.5562-A	Requires mandatory testing of breath, blood or urine in the event of a motor vehicle collision

			resulting in death or injury.
1/21/2018	Ch. 105 of 2017	A.282-A S.3936-A	Issues specialty license plates for American Veterans (AMVETS).
1/21/2018	Ch. 117 of 2017	A.7281 S.5408	Expands the list of surviving family members eligible for reimbursement of crime scene cleanup expenses when a family member is killed in a shared residence to include: grandparent, parent, stepparent, guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister and grandchild.
1/21/2018	Ch. 119 of 2017	A.7532 S.5718	Clarifies that any qualified health care practitioner, including physician assistants and nurse practitioners, may enter into a collaborative agreement with a person or entity seeking to possess and operate an automated external defibrillator.
1/21/2018	Ch. 350 of 2017	A.6515-A S.4831-A	Enhances funding for the Readers Aid program which provides support for college students who are deaf, blind or hard of hearing.
1/21/2018	Ch. 359 of 2017	A.7553 S.4835	Facilitates contact by siblings in foster care, surrender, destitute child and permanency proceedings.
1/21/2018	Ch. 371 of 2017	A.2290-C S.724-A	Authorizes sparklers outside of New York City and permits cities and counties to adopt local laws that prohibit the use and sale of such devices.
1/28/2018	Ch. 414 of 2017	A.5677 S.4150	***SEAWRIGHT SPONSORED LEGISLATION*** Requires insurance companies to cover 3D mammography screening by breast tomosynthesis in New York State.
1/28/2018	Ch. 436 of 2017	A.7225-B S.5500-C	Establishes the Adolescent Suicide Prevention Advisory Council within the Office of Mental Health to ensure resources are available for all at-risk youths, as well as to evaluate existing services for adolescents of minority groups.
1/28/2018	Ch. 438 of 2017	A.2882 S.5627	Requires the name and contact information of practitioners registered to certify patients for medical marijuana be publicly available on a searchable database on the Department of Health's website.

January 2018 Grants Action News



2018 Parking Calendar

**2018
New York City
Parking Calendar**



Assembly Member
Rebecca A. Seawright

Click the [link](#) or contact our community office for your copy.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Seawright Statement on New Council Speaker Hon. Corey Johnson



"Congratulations to Corey Johnson on his election to New York City Council Speaker. I look forward to working with our new Speaker and the City as we enter the next legislative session to help progress the priorities of the City of New York -- affordable housing, criminal justice reform, reliable transit and equality for all. These are issues that Corey has always championed for his constituents," said Seawright.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

East 72nd Street Neighborhood Association President Valerie Mason Shares Her Vision for Council District 5 with Our Town

"We need the Council to come out and support what local communities want vis-a-vis development. We need their support to help us make the city planning commission listen to what community boards are advocating on behalf of their constituents. East 50s [rezoning] and Community Board 8 resolution to limit height to 210 feet are two examples.

Council also needs to be active on issues relating to transportation, bike safety issues being a priority. How are bike lanes, bus-only lanes, creation of pedestrian malls and the influx of Uber and Lyft-type services adding to congestion? Transportation also includes making our sidewalks safe for pedestrians with as much room for them as possible.

We are lucky to be in a time that violent crime is not a major issue so we and the City Council should take the opportunity to focus on issues that affect New York City residents' quality of life, zoning, transportation, pedestrian safety, sanitation, education and maintain our city's reputation as the number one city in the world."

[Read the full article in Our Town here.](#)



2018 ANNUAL AWARDS

Call for Entries

- Deadline Monday, January 8th -

This spring, FRIENDS of the Upper East Side Historic Districts will celebrate outstanding achievement in preservation, architecture, and advocacy on the Upper East Side during our 35th Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony.

The award categories are flexible and can vary each year. Among other areas of accomplishment, previous winners have demonstrated excellence in Restoration, Rehabilitation, Design, and Stewardship. Individuals and advocacy groups who have

displayed extraordinary achievement in the field of preservation are also eligible.

FRIENDS seeks nominations for both architecture and advocacy. The awards committee will consider all submissions, large and small, that have furthered the cause of maintaining the special sense of place of the Upper East Side.

x Please read our eligibility requirements below and submit nominations by January 8, 2018.

Eligibility

1. Projects must be located between 59th and 110th Streets, and between 5th Avenue and the East River, including Central Park.
2. Projects must have been substantially completed between December 1, 2016 and December 1, 2017.
3. Only the exteriors of architectural projects and/or historically significant interiors will be considered.
4. Preservation projects should be for restoration, rehabilitation, or adaptive re-use of historic buildings (including Post World War II architecture). The buildings may be located either in or out of the historic districts.
5. New construction is also eligible.
6. Individuals or advocacy groups must have contributed to the preservation of the Upper East Side's built environment.

Contact efagan@friends-ues.org for more information,

or click [here](#) to download the nomination form.

WINTER WEATHER UPDATES

PlowNYC

Track the Progress of DSNY



Seawright clears snow from a crosswalk on the Upper East Side.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Come apply for DOF Exemption Programs for Homeowners and Renters.
To apply please bring copies of the following documents:**

- Government Issued Photo ID
- 2016 Income Documents for all owners (i.e. tax returns, SSA, SSDI, pension and annuity statements, W2, etc)
- SSA Disability Notice of Award Letter or other proof of disability
- Trust documents (if applicable)
- Death Certificate (if applicable)
- All owners must be present to sign application

For questions or to check on additional dates, please call **311**

Upcoming Events

Wednesday December 20, 2017

11:00am-1:00pm
Councilmember Matteo Homeowner's
Enrollment Event
Jewish Community Center
1466 Manor Road
Staten Island, NY 103014

Thursday January 04, 2017

10:00am-1:00pm
Senator Comrie Enrollment Event
11343 Farmers Blvd
Jamaica, NY 11412

Thursday January 04, 2017

1:00pm-4:00pm
CM Treyger Enrollment Event
2015 Stillwell Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11223

Friday January 05, 2018

11:00am-1:00pm
Senator Savino Enrollment Event
Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
2801 W. 8th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11224

Tuesday January 09, 2018

10:00am-12:00pm
AM Barnwell Enrollment Event
Maspeth Town Hall
53-37 72nd Street
Maspeth, NY 11378

Tuesday January 09, 2018

2:00pm-5:00pm
BP Gale Brewer Renters and Homeowners
Enrollment Event
Manhattan Borough President's Harlem Office
431 W. 125th Street
NY, NY 10027

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday January 10, 2018

10:00am-1:00pm
CM Debie Rose Enrollment Event
Stapleton Library
132 Canal Street
Staten Island, NY 10304

Thursday January 11, 2018

10:00am-12:00pm
CM Andrew Cohen Enrollment Event
Riverdale Y
5625 Arlington Avenue
Bronx, NY 10471

Thursday January 11, 2018

2:00pm-4:00pm
Senator Savino Enrollment Event
Arrochar Senior Center
44 Bionia Avenue
Staten Island NY 10305

Thursday January 11, 2018

6:00pm-8:00pm
CM Matteo Enrollment Event
Jewish Community Center
1466 Manor Road
Staten Island, NY 10314

Saturday January 13, 2018

10:00am-2:00pm
NYS Senator James Sanders Jr.
Enrollment Event
142-01 Rockaway Blvd
South Ozone Park, NY 11436

Monday January 29, 2018

NHS Enrollment Event
2806 Church Avenue
(bet. Nostrand & Rogers Aves.)
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Additional SCHE/DHE help available at our Business Centers

Manhattan Walk-In Center – Tuesdays Only

66 John Street, 3rd Floor
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/about/contact-us-visit-manhattan.page>

Brooklyn Walk-In Center – Tuesdays Only

210 Joralemon Street, 2nd Floor
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/about/contact-us-visit-brooklyn.page>

Bronx Walk-In Center – Wednesdays Only

3030 Third Avenue, 2nd Floor
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/about/contact-us-visit-bronx.page>

Queens Walk-In Center – Mondays and Tuesdays Only

144-06 94th Avenue, 1st Floor (Property Office)
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/about/contact-us-visit-queens.page>

Staten Island Walk-In Center – Monday through Friday

350 St. Marks Place, 4th Floor
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/about/contact-us-visit-statenisland.page>

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TREECYCLE!

Saturday and Sunday, January 6 and 7,
2018

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bring your holiday tree to a designated city park to be recycled into mulch that will nourish plantings across the city!

New York City Department of Sanitation would begin its annual Christmas tree curbside collection on Tuesday, January 2. Collection will run through Saturday, January 13, 2018, weather permitting.

City residents should remove all stands, tinsel, lights and ornaments before putting trees out for collection. Clean, non-bagged Christmas trees left on the curb between Tuesday, January 2 and Saturday, January 13, will be chipped, mixed with leaves, and recycled into compost for the city's parks, institutions and community gardens.



Free Lecture:
The FDNY on Blackwell's and Welfare Island

Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

524 Main Street

New York Public Library – Roosevelt Island Branch

The Fire Department of New York (FDNY) has a long and storied presence on Roosevelt Island, according to FDNY historian and author Gary R. Urbanowicz. Walk back in time when only one family lived on Blackwell's Island, (now known as Roosevelt Island) and trace the development of the firefighters' presence in the island's community, up to today's Special Operations Command.

Mr. Urbanowicz is the author of *Badges of the Bravest: A Pictorial History of Fire Departments of New York City*.

The event, free and open to the public, is the fourth in the Society's annual series of Fall Lectures.

DIRECTIONS: Take the Tram at 59th Street and Second Avenue, the F train, or the NYC Ferry (Astoria route) to Roosevelt Island. Take the island's free Red Bus or walk eight minutes north to 524 Main Street.

The Roosevelt Island Historical Society promotes awareness of the Island's unique story and pursues preservation of its landmarks and artifacts.

Mayoral Town Hall:

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 - 7:00 pm

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

MSK/CUNY

Necessary construction activity will take place at the site on **Saturday, January 6th and Sunday, January 7th, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm.**

91st Street Waste Transfer Station

TWO WEEK LOOK-AHEAD

Monday, January 8 - Sunday, January 21 2018
 East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station

Deliveries - including concrete with pump at all Zones

ZONE 1: Ramp Work (Along field) & York Ave/91st Street
 Install utilities
 Install gas meter assembly
 Con Ed work at property line manholes¹

ZONE 2A: Ramp Work (Along field)

Install utilities

ZONE 2B: Ramp Work (Asphalt Green back door)

Install utilities

ZONE 2C: Ramp Work (FDR overpass & Esplanade)

Install utilities

ZONE 3: Marine Work

MTS building interior walls and ceilings
 Mechanical, electrical and plumbing installation
 Building envelope and roof

X Scheduled

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1/8	1/9	1/10	1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15	1/16	1/17	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21
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¹ Utility work schedule to be confirmed by Con Ed.





