

Rebecca Seawright



Happy Easter

April 4

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

To those of you who are celebrating Easter, I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday.

On Wednesday, we announced the passage and signing of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) to legalize adult use of marijuana in New York State. The Act will advance a new era of equity and fairness, provide the necessary safeguards to ensure health and safety, erase most marijuana convictions, create thousands of jobs and provide millions of dollars in new funding to localities.

Our office has been receiving and responding to complaints on the lack of street cleaning, and reduced trash collection. I have spoken to Commissioner Edward Grayson about your concerns and we led a walk through in our neighborhood to address areas of concern and need for improvement. If you have areas in mind for improvement, please don't hesitate to contact our office. Please also consider participating in our Virtual Town Hall Tuesday on April 6 at 7 pm with a particular focus on Environment and Sanitation concerns including the prevalence of graffiti.

Join us for one of the events that I am pleased to sponsor:

- *Tuesday, April 6 from 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm on Facebook live and Zoom- **Town***

Hall Tuesday on Environment and Sanitation. [RSVP here.](#)

- *Thursday, April 8 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)- **No-Cost Face Covering Giveaway.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Thursday, April 8 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom- **Virtual Knitting Social.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Tuesday, April 13 at 2:00 pm by telephone- **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic.** [RSVP here.](#)*

Our office will be closed on Friday, April 2, for a legal State government holiday. We will re-open on Monday, April 5 at 9:30am.

Stay safe, wash your hands frequently, keep your social distance, and wear your face-covering! Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT
VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS**



**ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION
APRIL 6 @ 7:00PM**



**New York City
Department of
Sanitation
Commissioner
Edward Grayson**



**19th Precinct
Police Officers:
Nuccio, Larkin,
& Scherpich**



**Member of
Community Board
8 Manhattan
Environment and
Sanitation
Committee
Cochair**

Cosponsored by:



**The East Sixties
Neighborhood Assn.**



E72NA

**East 72 Street
Neighborhood Assn.**



**East 79th Street
Neighborhood Association**

P.O. BOX 20052 CHEROKEE STATION, NEW YORK, NY 10021-0052

East 79 Street Neighborhood Assn.

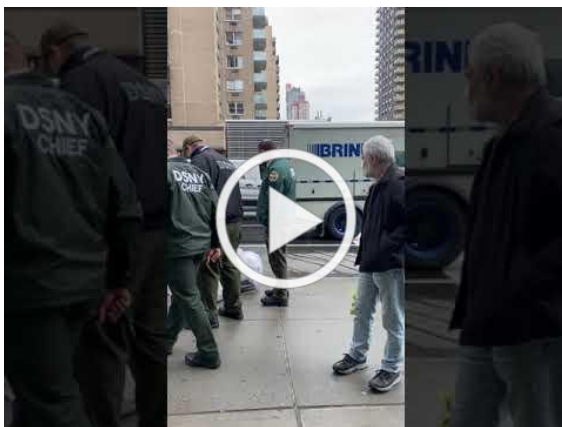
**JOIN US! WATCH LIVE ON
FACEBOOK: WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/REBECCAASEAWRIGHT/LIVE**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED
CALL 212.288.4607 OR
EMAIL SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

Seawright Leads Walk-through of Upper East Side With Department of Sanitation of New York (DSNY) Officials



DSNY Manhattan Deputy Chief Jeff Pitts, Community Board 8 Manhattan Environment and Sanitation Co-chair Barbara Rudder, Rebecca Seawright, Deputy Chief Ryan Dempsey, Deputy Chief James Leavy, and Assistant Director of Community Affairs Nicholas Circharo.



Community Board 8 Manhattan Co-chairs of the Environment and Sanitation Committee Cos Spagnoletti and Barbara Rudder help Deputy Chief Ryan Dempsey to identify areas for improvement on the Upper East Side with regards to street cleanliness and trash collection.

Around the clock full basket service has resumed with Sunday service to be restored on April 4, 2021. If you see conditions around the Upper East Side that need DSNY's attention, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Speaker Carl Heastie Announce Passage and Signing of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act

Legalizing Adult Use of Marijuana in New York State



Watch as Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright casts her vote for the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA)

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Speaker Carl Heastie announced the passage and signing of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) to legalize adult use of marijuana in New York State on Wednesday.

Seawright said the Act will advance a new era of equity and fairness, provide the necessary safeguards to ensure health and safety, erase most marijuana convictions, create thousands of jobs and provide millions of dollars in new funding to localities.

"We take a major step forward today in our fight for equity and fairness for all," said Assembly Member Seawright. *"No longer will any community bear the burden of indiscriminate enforcement, incarceration, and so many other human harms too great to be calculated."*

"Passage of this bill will mean not just legalizing marijuana, but investing in education and our communities, and bring to an end decades of disproportionately targeting people of

color under state and federal drug laws," Speaker Heastie said.

Judiciary Committee Chair Lavine Announces Details of Hotline for Assembly Investigation of Governor's Conduct

Judiciary Committee Chair Charles D. Lavine today announced the establishment of a hotline for members of the public to provide information relevant to the Assembly's impeachment investigation of Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Individuals who wish to provide information relevant to the investigation may contact Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, the law firm leading the investigation, either by email at NY.Assembly.Investigation@davispolk.com or by phone (212) 450-3600. Information provided will remain confidential.

On March 11, 2021, Speaker Carl Heastie authorized the Assembly Judiciary Committee to begin an impeachment investigation to examine allegations of misconduct against Governor Cuomo. Speaker Heastie announced that the committee would have the authority to interview witnesses, subpoena documents and evaluate evidence, as is allowed by the New York State Constitution. On March 17, 2021, Speaker Heastie and Chair Lavine announced that the Assembly had retained the law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP to lead the impeachment investigation.

Statement of Opposition to the Capital Base Tax Proposal

"Our office has been contacted by thousands of co-op shareholders with their concerns for the proposal of a Capital Base Tax in our New York State budget. I welcome this opportunity to provide information and clarity on this important matter.

I am absolutely opposed to this Capital Base Tax. We are informed by the Budget Office that there is an oversight in the draft budget, inadvertently including language that would raise the tax on co-ops and owners' dues by thousands of dollars a year. While co-ops are corporations, there was meant to be a carve out in the language to exclude middle class co-op owners from being taxed. You will be pleased to know that I have insisted that the issue will be corrected as we work toward finalizing the budget in the coming days."

Extending the Utility Moratorium

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON

*Assembly extends utility moratorium for
New Yorkers impacted by COVID-19*

(A.6255-A)

Extends the moratorium until December 31, 2021, unless the state of emergency is lifted prior, and for an additional 180 days after to allow customers still facing financial hardship to enter into payment agreements to avoid shutoffs

Applies to services provided by utility corporations, municipalities, telephone and cable companies, broadband providers and water authorities

Expands moratorium eligibility to include certain small businesses with 25 or fewer employees

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright is proud to cosponsor this critical legislation passed by the Assembly to expand the existing moratorium on utility termination of services to protect New Yorkers struggling financially during the COVID-19 emergency (A.6255-A, Richardson).

International Transgender Day of Visibility



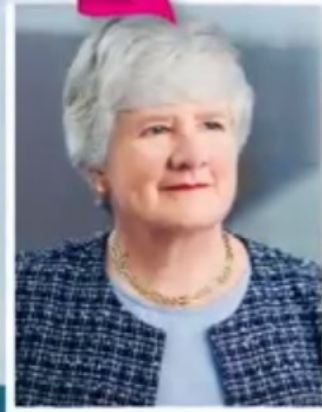
On International Transgender Day of Visibility, we honor the pride, power and resilience of the trans and non-binary community across our State and Nation! Seawright is proud to sponsor an LGBTQI curriculum bill to ensure that all New York students are educated on the contributions of trans-New Yorkers who are often marginalized and discriminated against in our society.

**The New York State Legislative Women's Caucus
Releases 2021 Women's History Month Honors**

**Seawright Honors MSK Senior VP for Hospital
Administration Cynthia McCollum As An *Essential*
Woman of Distinction**

Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright

Honors



Cynthia McCollum

Senior VP, Hospital Admin. & Hospital Incident Commander, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE WOMEN'S CAUCUS

In her more than 30 years at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK), Cynthia has been administratively responsible for numerous hospital clinical departments and programs.

But her role during the pandemic as Incident Commander for the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS), which deploys a special chain of command at the hospital to respond to emergencies, made her truly essential to MSK over the last year, as the hospital responded to COVID-19 and addressed everything from changing infection control needs to supply shortages to employee and patient vaccination programs.

Watch the Full Video of New York State Essential Women of Distinction



COVID-19 Vaccination Information

COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update:

All New Yorkers who are 30+ are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

On April 6, universal eligibility for New Yorkers who are 16+ goes into effect.



For more information, visit: am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov

Visit the New York State Vaccine Site Locator

Call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829)

or Visit the New York City Vaccine Site Locator

Call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692)

Sites in the 76th Assembly District:

AdvantageCare Physicians - 215 East 95th Street, Manhattan, 10128

Lenox Hill Hospital - Einhorn Auditorium- 131 East 76th Street, Manhattan, 10021(844) 919-8222

Rite Aid Pharmacy

1535 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

Site only serves those age 50 and older and/or P-12 school faculty and staff and childcare workers and/or those with eligible underlying conditions

Walgreens/Duane Reade

Sites only serves those age 50 and older and/or P-12 school faculty and staff and childcare workers and/or those with eligible underlying conditions
(800) 925-4733

1524 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10075
1328 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10021
401 East 86th Street, Manhattan, 10028
1111 3rd Avenue, Manhattan, 10065
1498 York Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

Small Business Spotlight

Mellow Yellow



The name says it all!
Mellow Yellow coffee and vibes is an authentic coffee shop with great food!
Stop by 1729 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10128 (between 89/90 Streets).
(212) 722-7220
Mellow Yellow on [Facebook](#).

Submit your favorite small business here to be featured in our next e-newsletter!

Carl Schurz Park Presents

Live From Carl Schurz Park

Carl Schurz Park Conservancy is delighted to present the next in a series of videos, **LIVE FROM CARL SCHURZ PARK**", which we have created to share fascinating aspects of park life with you.

This video is focused on **Native Bees** and is introduced by Master Horticulturist, Banford Weissmann who recently worked with The American Museum of Natural History to document our bee population.



Upcoming Events



E72NA

E72NA LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DAY



E72NA

E72NA invites you to our second Love Your Neighborhood Community Service Day. We will be spending the morning giving back to our community by picking up trash and handing out masks on 72nd Street.

Please join us in our day of community actions! This is a great opportunity to give back to our neighborhood and to meet your neighbors!

WHEN: Saturday, April 10th

TIME: 10 am

RSVP THROUGH QR CODE OR BY EMAILING
e72na10021@gmail.com



SCAN ME

- TRASH CLEAN UP SQUAD ON EAST 72ND STREET BETWEEN LEX AND THE EAST RIVER
- TRASH CLEAN UP SQUAD ON EAST RIVER ESPLANADE WITH FRIENDS OF THE ESPLANADE
- HAND SANITIZER HANDOUT ON EAST 72ND STREET AND SECOND AVENUE
- ALL SOULS SOUP KITCHEN FOOD DRIVE



NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
BEN KALLOS



NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

KEITH POWERS



**FRIENDS
OF THE
EAST
RIVER
ESPLANADE
60TH - 120TH STREETS**

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**



**PROTECTIVE
FACE MASK
GIVEAWAY**



THURSDAYS

12:00PM-2:00PM

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

SCAN ME TO RSVP!

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RSVP to the Face Covering Giveaway on 4/8



Assembly
Member
Rebecca
Seawright

VIRTUAL KNITTING SOCIAL

JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD
KNITTERS FOR CRAFTING
AND CONVERSATION

EVERY THURSDAY ON
ZOOM
2PM-4PM

ALL SKILL LEVELS
WELCOME

Contact the Office of Assembly
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RSVP for Virtual Knitting Social on 4/8

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. APRIL 13

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 2:00 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**

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!

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE
SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.**



**SCAN ME TO
RSVP!**

RSVP REQUIRED:

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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.

RSVP to the Legal Clinic on 4/13

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