

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy LGBT Pride Month! I hope you will march with us in the Pride Parade to celebrate equality and love on Sunday, June 25th. More details to RSVP are below. I also look forward to seeing you at the Marine Corps Band concert on Roosevelt Island on Friday, June 16th, and our Book Giveaway on Saturday, June 17th during Roosevelt Island Day.

I am pleased to share with you exciting news from Albany! Below you can read details on the First Annual Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises Legislative Day, the new speed camera bill that I co-sponsored, and the passage of my Election Reform bill.

There are only two more weeks until the end of session so stay tuned!

Please contact or visit our community office if we may be of 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,

Rebecca a Seautiful





# IN OUR COMMUNITY...

### Fun at the First Avenue Festival!



(Left) Community Board 8 Member Dave Rosenstein, Vice President of the East Sixties Neighborhood Association Judy Schneider, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, President of the East Sixties Neighborhood Association Barry Schneider, and President of the East 86th Street Association Elaine Walsh. (Right) Community Board 8 Member Daniel Dornbaum, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, President of the East 86th Street Association Elaine Walsh, and Community Board 8 Member Michele Birnbaum.

At the First Avenue Festival on Saturday, June 3rd, Seawright spoke to constituents on a number of issues of concern such as affordable housing, transportation, services for seniors, and overdevelopment on the Upper East Side.

# Seawright Encourages Children up to 18 Years old to Apply for a Grant for Civic Engagement

Karma for Cara Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded by 21-year-old Cara Becker and her family while she was undergoing treatment for leukemia at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. Cara and her two brothers began volunteering at a young age as part of their family's commitment to community service. She and her family saw a tremendous need to help support other patients and their families who were also challenged by cancer. Tragically, Cara passed away four months after her diagnosis, yet her wish to help others through K4C lives on with the support of an ever-growing circle of family and friends. The Youth Microgrant Program promotes and supports youth volunteerism throughout the United States. Examples of fundable projects include – but are not limited to – turning a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuilding a school playground or helping senior citizens get their homes ready for winter.

Kids 18 and under can apply for a community service project they feel passionate about.

Grants are awarded in amounts between \$250 and \$1,000.

Deadline: July 1, 2017

Contact:

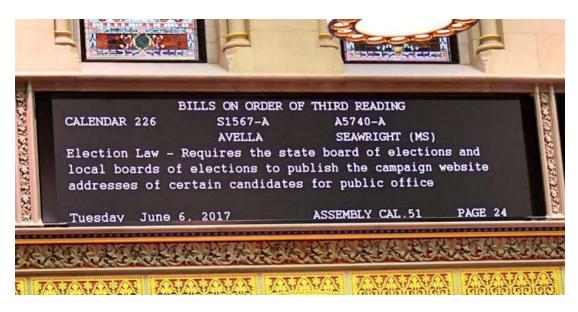
Phone: 312-967-3469

Email: k4cmicrogrants@livingclassrooms.org

Website: www.karmaforcara.org

## **IN ALBANY**

### Seawright's Election Reform Bill Promoting Transparency Passes Both Houses



On Tuesday, June 6, 2017 Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright obtained passage of Assembly bill 5740-A, which would provide the public with increased access to information on political candidates in a centralized location. The bill passed with bipartisan support in the Assembly by a vote of 102-1. This bill, introduced by Senator Tony Avella, also passed in the Senate and will be delivered to the Governor at an agreed upon date.

"This bill provides voters with additional resources to research and evaluate candidates for political office. By including a link on the New York State Board of Elections website, we are increasing access to information about candidates that wish to represent them. This is a win-win for the voter," said **Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright**.

Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Senate and Assembly. Candidates who do not provide their campaign website when they file to run for public office will be listed on the webpage as not having declared a website.

If signed into law, this legislation would make campaign websites easily accessible for state candidates running for Governor,

"I will continue to introduce and support bills that demonstrate my commitment to increasing transparency and easy access of information to the residents of the State of New York," said **Seawright**.

# Seawright Joins Assembly Member Deborah Glick to Fight for New Speed Cameras to Keep Children Safe

Assembly Member Seawright is co-sponsoring Assembly Member Glick's bill, A7798, to expand and improve speed safety cameras in New York City. This legislation would allow speed safety cameras in up to 750 school zones in New York City. It would also expand the radius to ½ mile from a school within which such a camera can operate and would allow the cameras to operate from 6 AM to 10 PM on all days. It will prohibit cameras within 300 feet of a highway exit ramp and will require signage within 300 feet of a school zone to alert drivers.

The New York City Department of Transportation is limited under state law and is currently only permitted to operate cameras in 140 school zones, on a ¼-mile stretch, and only on school days an hour before and after school hours. This leaves more than 93% of New York City schools unprotected, and 1 million students at risk.

"I commend my colleague Assembly Member Deborah Glick, Senator Jose Peralta, Transportation Alternatives and advocates for continuing the fight for the safety of our children with the Speed Safety Camera Act. According to Transportation Alternatives, speeding kills more New Yorkers than drunk driving and cell phone use combined. The numbers don't lie — in the 150 school zones where cameras have been installed, they have been impactful, decreasing speeding violations. I am proud to support legislation to keep our children out of harm's way in every neighborhood across our city. It is our duty to take the necessary steps to prevent tragedy with available technology by expanding, extending, and improving the speed safety program," said **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.** 

Speaking Out in Support of MWBE - Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises



On Tuesday, June 6, Assembly Member Seawright was proud to stand with her Assembly and Senate colleagues as they continue to advocate and champion Minority and Women Business Enterprise issues. At the press conference, she commended Assembly Member Rodneyese Bichotte, chair of the subcommittee on MWBE, for her hard work, dedication, and commitment in addition to Senator Sanders for leading the cause in the Senate as their MWBE Task Force Chair.

"There are several driving goals as we craft legislation to promote Minority and Women Business Enterprises. We must level the playing field, eliminate disparities and create economic opportunity", **Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright said**. "Once we achieve these goals, we will see the continued growth and increased economic vitality of our MWBE community."



Sandra Wilkin, President of an MWBE firm and Co-Founder of Women's Builders Council joined Seawright in the Assembly Chambers on Tuesday, June 6.

### New York State Animal Advocacy Day



At the 7th Annual Animal Advocacy Day on June 6, Assembly Member Seawright joined fellow animal lovers to call for passage of "Kirby & Quigley's Law" and other bills to protect pets and people.

Several bi-partisan public safety measures will be on the agenda including pushing the state Assembly to bring to the Floor for a debate and vote on "Kirby & Quigley's Law" (S.1680/A.3038), which would make it a Buster's Law felony punishable with 2 years in jail and a \$5,000 fine for harming a companion animal during the commission of another felony. "Kirby & Quigley's Law" was named for two Montgomery County dogs that were shot and killed during a burglary last winter that is still an unsolved case. The State Senate voted across party lines to pass "Kirby & Quigley's Law" five times, most recently in January by a 58-2 vote. It was referred from the Assembly Agriculture Committee and is currently in the Codes Committee. The bill has 81 sponsors in the Assembly, **including Seawright**, and 76 votes are needed to pass the bill on the Floor of the Assembly.

Assembly Member Seawright is a strong advocate for animals. She fought tirelessly to save a coyote pup near Laguardia Airport when authorities had been attempting to capture and euthanize the animal. Seawright partnered with animal advocates to provide transportation and a safe habitat for the coyote without burdening the taxpayers of New York.

"Animals do not have a voice, and it is up to us to identify ways to deal with coexisting in nature," Seawright said.

Recently, <u>Assembly Member Seawright called on the Department of Environmental Conservation</u> to investigate the cause of 41 whales washing up on the beaches and shores around New York City.

# Seawright Votes for Two Bills that Give a Voice to and Protect Child Victims

### **Childhood Victims Act**

On Wednesday, June 7, 2017, the Assembly passed legislation to ensure that victims of childhood sexual abuse have the opportunity to bring charges against their abusers in a court of law (A.5885-A). The Child Victims Act extends the civil and the criminal statute of limitations and also creates a one-year "window" in which past victims will be able to seek justice in court.

"Victims of childhood sexual abuse carry the trauma and pain with them for the rest of their lives," **Assembly Member Seawright said.** "That's why we must do all we can to empower victims, allow them more time to seek justice and help them move on with their lives. Childhood sexual abuse can leave lifelong scars. The time for talk is over. The time to pass this law is now."

The Assembly bill would amend the criminal procedure law by adding five additional years for criminal charges to be brought – starting the clock at age 23, rather than at age 18 – as well as pushing back the statute of limitations to permit civil actions to be brought up until the victim's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. The measure also creates a one-year window for past sexual abuse victims to commence a civil action. Most importantly, this one-year window would permit courts to consider claims by victims which were previously dismissed or were not brought at all due to the limitations previously contained in the law.

### **Ending Harmful Child Marriages**

Assembly Member Seawright helped pass legislation to outlaw child marriages in New York State by raising the minimum age for

marriage to 18 - or 17 with judicial consent (A.5524-B).

"Children shouldn't be married, and the fact that they can be is both confounding and disturbing," **Seawright said**. "The current law is archaic and it's not in sync with other age restrictions such as for sexual consent, tattoos, smoking, voting, or military service. It's time to put the needs of our children first and protect them from potentially unhealthy and often dangerous relationships that rob them of their innocence and their future."

The Assembly's legislation takes critical steps by abolishing any possibility of marriage for 14-, 15- and 16-year-olds. It would require court approval, pursuant to specified guidelines, under which a judge must consider specific factors, such as the existence of any undue power imbalance and the existence of domestic violence, prior to permitting a 17-year-old to marry.

### Legislative Women's Caucus Dinner



On Wednesday, June 7th, at Legislative Women's Caucus Dinner, Assembly Member Seawright had the opportunity to reflect on the historically high number of women in the Legislature and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Women's Suffrage in New York State. They also congratulated their newly elected Executive Committee and Board members.



# Seawright Elected to the Board of Directors of the Legislative Women's Caucus

"Thank you to former Chair, Assembly Member Donna Lupardo for her service as a leader in bringing to light issues that are important to women across the state. I am proud to serve on the Legislate Women's Caucus as the Director and look forward to continuing the work on behalf of women in our neighborhood, city, and state," said **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.** 

#### Caucus members elected the following slate of officers for a two year term:

<u>Chair</u>

Assemblywoman Crystal Peoples-Stokes

First Vice-Chair

Assemblywoman Didi Barrett

**Second Vice-Chair** 

Assemblywoman Tremaine Wright

#### **Secretary**

Senator Betty Little

#### **Treasurer**

Senator Toby Stavisky

#### **Directors**

Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy, Assemblywoman Carmen De La Rosa, Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean-Pierre, Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, **Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright**, Assemblywoman Jo Anne Simon, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh

# Seawright joins Assembly Member Pat Fahy in Sponsoring A Film Screening of "She's Beautiful When She's Angry"



### ROOSEVELT ISLAND



Please be advised that the NextBus app is now back in service on Roosevelt Island!

You can use the application to track Red Bus service along Roosevelt Island.

# **EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA SEAWRIGHT BRINGS YOU THIS MONTH'S COMMUNITY EVENTS!



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| JUNE 2017   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |
| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |  |
| NATIONAL<br>CANCER<br>SURVIVORS<br>DAY                      | 5  | ANIMAL<br>ADVOCACY<br>DAY  | 7 10:30 AM Songs & Stories @ St. Catherine's Park (Ages 1-6) 11 AM - 1 PM MetroCard Bus @ Seawright's Office   | 8 6 PM Krueger/Brewer/ Kallos Overdevelopment Forum @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House 6:30 PM Immigrant Health Care Forum @ NYC Health + Hospitals | 9 4 PM - 6 PM  Seawright's Free Film Viewing Hidden Figures and 6 PM -Coding Party @ Julia Richman Ed. Complex | 8 AM NYRR Mini 10K<br>Just for Women @<br>Central Park<br>9:30 AM - 12:30 PM<br>Carlz Shurz Park<br>Volunteer Day |  |
| 2 PM Piano Concert<br>@ Lenox Hill<br>Neighborhood<br>House | 11 AM - 12:30 PM<br>MetroCard Van @<br>Roosevelt Island<br>546 Main St.              | 6 PM - 8 PM Free<br>Financial<br>Empowerment<br>Wkshp @ Lenox Hill<br>Neighborhood House       | FLAG DAY 10:30 AM Songs & Stories @ St. Catherine's Park (Ages 1-6) Sunset Garden Party @ Four Freedoms Park   | 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Free<br>Adult Non-Certification<br>Hands-Only CPR Class @<br>Ronald Perelman Heart<br>Institute, 4th floor                     | 7 PM Free Marine<br>Corps Band Concert<br>@ Four Freedoms<br>Park  | ROOSEVELT ISLAND DAY  12 AM - 3 PM  Seawright's Book Drive @ Chapel of the Good Shepherd                          |  |
| FATHER'S DAY  | 19   | 20<br>6 PM - 8 PM Free<br>Financial<br>Empowerment<br>Wkshp @ Lenox Hill<br>Neighborhood House | 21 10:30 AM Songs & Stories @ St. Catherine's Park (Ages 1-6) 11 AM - 1 PM MetroCard Bus @ Seawright's Office 4 PM - 7 PM Make Music New York French Cookin' Blues Band Concert @ Carl Schurz Park | 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Free<br>Adult Non-Certification<br>Hands-Only CPR Class @<br>Ronald Perelman Heart<br>Institute, 4th floor                     | 23   | 24  |  |
| MARCH WITH SEAWRIGHT @ THE PRIDE PARADE                     | 26  10 AM - 12:30 PM Free Classes for Newcomers to Medicare @ 2 Lafayette St. Rm 624 | 6 PM - 8 PM Free<br>Financial<br>Empowerment<br>Wkshp @ Lenox Hill<br>Neighborhood House       | 28<br>10:30 AM Songs & Stories<br>@ St. Catherine's Park<br>(Ages 1-6)   | 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Free<br>Adult Non-Certification<br>Hands-Only CPR Class @<br>Ronald Perelman Heart<br>Institute, 4th floor                     | 30   | JULY 1  1 PM - 2:30 PM Seawright's Computer Comfort for Seniors @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House                   |  |

March in the Pride Parade with Seawright!

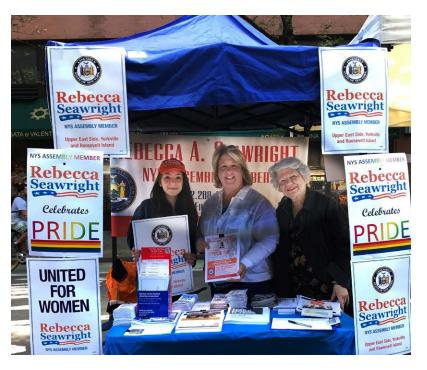


June 25, 2017 10:00 AM

## **CLICK HERE** to RSVP and join our group!

# Summer with Seawright:

# Meet us at the Upcoming Community Fairs and Events!



Seawright at the First Avenue Festival with Violet, a High School Volunteer, and Betty Cooper Wallerstein from the East 79th Street Neighborhood Association.

### Saturday, June 17th

**Roosevelt Island Day** 

Good Shepherd Plaza

9 am - 5 pm

### Wednesday, June 21st

Make Music New York

Carl Shurz Park

4 pm - 7 pm

### Saturday, August 20th

#### **Second Avenue Community Benefit Festival**

Second Avenue, 66th - 86th Streets

10 am - 5 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 17, 2017 12:00 - 3:00 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.





# 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











### Community Board 8 Manhattan

June 2017 Calendar, Agenda, and Bulletin

Calendar: <a href="https://www.cb8m.com/calendar/2017-06/">https://www.cb8m.com/calendar/2017-06/</a>
Agenda: <a href="http://cb8m.com/content/june-2017">http://cb8m.com/calendar/2017-06/</a>
Bulletin: <a href="https://cb8m.com/content/june-2017">http://cb8m.com/calendar/2017-06/</a>

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### The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

### PUBLIC MEETING

# NY HEALTH ACT A Plan for a Universal Single-Payer Healthcare System in NY State

Thursday, June 29, 2017 6:30PM – 9:00PM At the Church of the Holy Trinity 316 East 88<sup>th</sup> Street, Draesal Hall panel:

Richard Gottfried, Assembly member

Chair, NYS Assembly Committee on Health and sponsor of NY Health Act

Liz Krueger, NY State Senator

Oliver Fein, MD, Physicians for a National Health Program

Co-Sponsors: Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Assembly Members Rebecca Seawright and Dan Quart, Council Members Ben Kallos and Dan Garodnick, NY State Senator Jose Serrano

> David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, and Barbara Rudder, Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee, Co-Chairs



# The NYPD brings you updates you to 3 recent burglaries in the 19th Precinct

All 3 burglars have gained access via unlocked windows. 2 were fire escape windows and 1 was a first floor kitchen window.

Saturday, June 3, 2017 - 18:30 - 20:00 Hours

Unlocked Fire Escape Windows on 3rd and 4th Floor. Street facing apartments.

EAST 87 STREET, 1 Ave - York Ave 2 Burglaries in the same building on this block

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 - 08:50-17:45 Hours

Unlocked 1st Floor Kitchen Window

EAST 85 STREET, 2 Ave - 3 Ave

Please also to be sure to lock your windows especially If they are fire escape windows, first floor windows or any windows with easy access from the outside.

We also remind you to make sure you are locking your deadbolt on your apartment door. Not locking the deadbolt with your key after leaving is like leaving your door unlocked.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out and follow us on Twitter (@NYPD19PCT) where we have been posting crime alerts on these incidents and others occurring here in the 19th Precinct.

#### New York City Police Department, 19th Precinct Crime Prevention

153 E 67th Street, New York, NY 10065

Main: (212) 452.0600

### Window safety tips:

- Any window within 18 feet of ground level, a building projection, or a fire escape is considered to be an accessible opening that should be secured.
- If you live or work in a basement apartment, the windows may be secured with safety gates (or grilles) that contain a safety latch to allow for emergency exits.
- Do not assume that the basement windows are too small for entry. They are, in fact, one of the most popular points of entry for a burglar.
- The best and safest way to secure your fire escape or any first floor window is with a New York Fire Department-approved gate. This gate is commonly known as the "ferry" or "safety gate" and is operated by a latch (not a padlock or combination lock). DO NOT ACCEPT SUBSTITUTES.



### Manhattan Animal Care Center Needs Your Help to Keep Animals Out of the Heat



Warmer weather means an influx of animals coming into care. To help accommodate as many of these kittens, cats, and dogs as possible, the Animal Care Centers of NYC really need the community to come forward and help care for these wonderful animals. ACC is asking anyone who has room in their home to foster a medium to large dog, an adult cat, or underage kittens to stop by the Manhattan Care Center this Thursday, June 8th, before 6 pm.

They are asking foster parents to keep their animals for a minimum of two weeks.

As an ACC foster, you will receive all the necessary supplies needed to care for your temporary animal, free veterinary care, as well as 24-hour support if you have any questions or concerns. They will do our best to pair you with an animal that will be a good fit for your household and will take an animal back at any time if it's not a good fit.

If you have any questions, please contact the foster team at accfosters@nycacc.org

### TRANSPORTATION UPDATES



To find subway service advisories, as well as travel directions during a diversion and a listing of all bus and subway service changes, visit <a href="https://www.mta.info">www.mta.info</a>

# MetroCard Bus and Van in Front of Seawright's Office on York Avenue and 79th Street!



MetroCard Buses provide a full range of services, including applying for or refilling a Reduced-Fare MetroCard, buying or refilling a regular MetroCard, or getting answers to a MetroCard-related question. Vans sell Unlimited Ride MetroCards and Pay-Per-Ride MetroCards in addition to refilling MetroCards and Reduced-Fare MetroCards.

#### Monday, June 12

11:00 am - 12:30 pm, Roosevelt Island Senior Association, 546 Main Street - Van

#### Tuesday, June 13

9 - 10:30 am, 92 Street & Lexington Avenue - Bus

11:00 am - 12:30 pm., 86 Street & Lexington Avenue - Bus

1:30 - 2:30 pm, 68 Street & Lexington Avenue - Bus

### Wednesday, June 21

9 - 10:30 am, 79 Street & 3 Avenue - Bus

11 am - 1 pm, 79 Street & York Avenue - Bus

1:30 - 2:30 pm, 72 Street & York Avenue - Bus

### Tuesday, June 27

9 - 10:30 am, 92 Street & Lexington Avenue - Bus

11:00 am - 12:30 pm., 86 Street & Lexington Avenue - Bus

1:30 - 2:30 pm, 68 Street & Lexington Avenue - Bus

#### Wednesday, July 5

9 - 10:30 am, 79 Street & 3 Avenue - Bus

11 am - 1 pm, 79 Street & York Avenue - Bus

1:30 - 2:30 pm, 72 Street & York Avenue - Bus

#### Thursday, July 6

7 - 9 am, 91 Street and York Avenue - Van

### Friday, July 7

12:30 - 2:30 pm, 68 Street and 1 Avenue - Van

The full mobile MetroCard schedule is available at <a href="http://mta.info/metrocard/mms.htm">http://mta.info/metrocard/mms.htm</a>. Please note that MetroCard buses and vans do not take credit cards.

### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

### 91st Street Marine Transfer Station Project

There will be work tomorrow, Saturday, 6/10/17.

From Monday, 6/12 through Friday, 6/16, there will be After Hours work starting from 6:00 AM.

# 81st Street Pedestrian Bridge

Department of Design and Construction

Office of Community Outreach + Notification

## **Weekly Construction Bulletin**

East 81st Street Pedestrian Bridge Manhattan

Project#HBPED100M Friday, June 9, 2017

The following is an anticipated work schedule for the upcoming two weeks. However, due to unforeseen field and weather conditions, it may become necessary to change some scheduled work locations, operations and dates. Please note, parking may be restricted in work area.

| Date    | Location                           | Operation                              | Work Hours       |
|---------|------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| 6/12/17 |                                    |  |                  |
| to      | East 81st Street Pedestrian Bridge | Fence Installation and Electrical Work | 10:00pm - 6:00am |
| 6/16/17 | Last 01 Street 1 edestrial bridge  | Tence installation and Electrical Work |                  |
| (night) |                                    |  |                  |
| 6/19/17 |                                    |  |                  |
| to      | East 81st Street Pedestrian Bridge | Fence Installation and Electrical Work | 10:00pm - 6:00am |
| 6/23/17 | Last 61" Street Fedestrian Bridge  | Fence installation and Electrical Work |                  |
| (night) |                                    |  |                  |

 $\underline{\text{NOTES:}} \ \text{Please be adviced, panel deliveries are scheduled for June 12, 2017 and June 19, 2017}.$ 

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Christopher Esposito-Bernard, Community Construction Liaison, by phone at 646-781-8265 or by email: e81pedbridgeccl@gmail.com.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this construction project.

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DDC WEBSITE: WWW.NYC.GOV/DDC

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DR. FENIOSKY PEÑA-MORA,

DDC VIDEO: WWW.NYC.GOV/WEBUILD