

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Father's Day! I enjoyed seeing everyone at the "Hidden Figures" Screening at the Julia Richman Education Complex. I hope the movie inspired young women to pursue their dreams and reach for the stars!

I look forward to seeing you **tonight** at the Marine Corps Band Concert at Four Freedoms park and **tomorrow** at our Book Giveaway during the Roosevelt Island Day celebration in front of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. I also invite you to march with us in the Pride Parade to celebrate equality next weekend, on Sunday, June 25th. More details to RSVP are below.

I am pleased to share with you exciting news from Albany! Below you can read details on my recently passed bill, which requires the New York State Department of Health to conduct a study on the high incidence of asthma in Manhattan. Health, wellness, and the quality of life for New Yorkers is always my top concern. To that end, I am thrilled to report that my bill requiring insurers to cover 3-D mammograms (A5677) has passed both houses and will be delivered to Governor Cuomo at an agreed upon date.

We are approaching the end of the 2017 Legislative Session so stay tuned for an informational overview.

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,



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IN OUR COMMUNITY...

SPECIAL HEALTH ADVISORY: New York City Department Of Health and Mental Hygiene Investigating Cluster of Legionnaires' Disease in Section of Lenox Hill

Seven cases of Legionnaires' disease have been reported in the last 11 days. Legionnaires' disease cannot be spread from person to person; those at high risk include people aged 50 or older, especially cigarette smokers, people with chronic lung disease or with weakened immune systems. New Yorkers with respiratory symptoms, such as fever, cough, chills and muscle aches, are urged to promptly seek medical attention.

The Health Department is currently investigating a community cluster of Legionnaires' disease in a section of Lenox Hill in Manhattan. A total of seven individuals have been confirmed with Legionnaires' disease in the last 11 days. Four persons are hospitalized and recovering, two have been discharged from the hospital and one person with significant underlying health conditions in their 90s has died. The Health Department is actively investigating these cases and has sampled and is testing water from all cooling tower systems within a half kilometer radius of this section of Lenox Hill. New Yorkers with respiratory symptoms, such as fever, cough, chills and muscle aches, are urged to promptly seek medical attention. The Health Department has alerted health care providers in the area. Legionnaires' disease is treatable with standard antibiotics used to treat pneumonia. Every year, there are between 200 and 400 cases of Legionnaires' disease in the city.

"I am committed to getting to the bottom of this not only as an Assembly Member but as a member of this community," Assembly Member Seawright said. "We will be holding a community meeting and information session at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House on Monday, June 19th at 6 PM. I will relay further details and any new information on this matter as soon as they are available. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions."

Legionnaires' disease is caused by the bacteria Legionella. Symptoms include fever, cough, chills, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, loss of appetite, confusion and diarrhea. Symptoms usually appear two to 10 days after significant exposure to Legionella bacteria. Most cases of Legionnaires' disease can be traced to plumbing systems where conditions are favorable for Legionella growth, such as cooling towers, whirlpool spas, hot tubs, humidifiers, hot water tanks, and evaporative condensers of large air-conditioning systems.

In response to the Legionnaires' disease outbreaks of 2015, the Mayor and City Council passed Local Law 77 to reduce and contain Legionella growth in cooling towers, becoming the first U.S. municipality to adopt a set of robust requirements to ensure cooling tower maintenance. Changes to the Health Code went into effect in May 2016. In June of last year, the Health Department announced a plan to reduce the risk of Legionnaires' disease outbreaks in the city, which, in addition to implementing the most aggressive cooling tower regulation in the nation, included the hiring of more inspectors and training of City personnel to inspect towers and enhanced capacity to conduct lab testing. Since the implementation of the new law, the Department has identified and monitored over 4,000 cooling tower systems (over 6,100 cooling towers) in New York City.

To promote compliance, the Health Department has been educating building owners and managers in best practices for managing their cooling towers. The agency has distributed information about the Management Program and Plan template, how to build a cooling tower system team and general Frequently Asked Questions.

For more information about Legionnaires' disease, please visit the Health Department website.

Seawright Hosts "Hidden Figures" Movie Screening at Julia Richman Education Complex

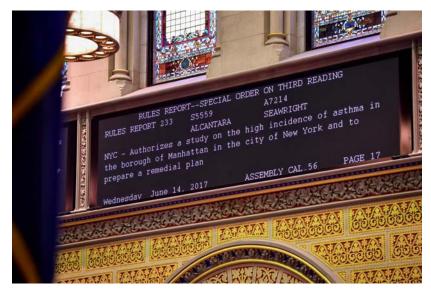




IN ALBANY

Two Seawright Bills Pass Assembly and Senate

91st Street Waste Transfer Station Asthma Study



On Wednesday, June 14, 2017, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright obtained passage of A.7214, legislation requiring the New York State Department of Health to conduct a study on the high incidence of asthma in Manhattan and to prepare a remediation plan. This bill also passed in the Senate and will be delivered to the Governor at an agreed upon date.

"The construction of the 91st Street Waste Transfer Station in our residential community is a looming threat to public health and quality of life for Yorkville residents. Air quality continues to be one of our most important concerns. According to the New York City Department of Health, the community surrounding the 91st Street Marine Transfer Station has disproportionately higher rates of asthma," stated **Assembly Member Rebecca A**. **Seawright**. "It is outrageous that there is no plan to date to remediate the ill effects of such a facility. All of the 2015 Manhattan based air pollutant readings were above the city wide average. Due to the higher than average rates of air pollutants found in Manhattan, it is necessary to conduct this study."

In addition to requiring that the study and the plan be conducted within twelve months of the effective date of becoming law, this legislation requires that the results of the remedial plan be provided to the Governor and the Legislature no later than 18 months from the beginning of the study.

"With health and environmental policy being the epicenter of many discussions across the country and state, we have come together to bring this important legislation to light and fight for passage in the Assembly," said **Seawright**.

Breast Cancer 3-D Mammography Bill

On Thursday, June 15, 2017, Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright announced that A.5677/S.4150, legislation which would expand access to breast cancer screenings without cost sharing, to include breast tomosynthesis screenings or 3-D mammography, passed in the State Senate. In March 2017, Seawright obtained passage of this bill 146-0 in the Assembly and now, it will be delivered to the Governor for consideration.

"It is important to continue to expand access to breast cancer screenings. Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in New York State. Each year in New York, over 15,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer. This bill clarifies that insurers would cover 3-D mammograms without co-pays or deductibles. Early detection is key, "said Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright (D- Upper East Side, Yorkville and Roosevelt Island).

Breast tomosynthesis or 3-D mammography uses x-rays to collect multiple images of the breast from several angles and creates a 3-D image of the breast. Studies have shown It is more effective in detecting cancer in dense breast tissue. Dense breast tissue is one of the strongest predictors of risk for breast cancer.

Equality for Women at Work: Seawright Co-Sponsors Fire Fighters and Police Gender Neutral Bill

On Wednesday, June 14, 2017, Seawright Co-Sponsored a bill introduce by her colleague, Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon, to update antiquated and inaccurate language in state law relating to police officers and firefighters (A8321A). The bill would replace all instances of the words "fireman" or "policeman" with the words "firefighter" or "police officer" in order to update language and promote participation in the professions regardless of gender. The New York City Fire Department (FDNY) and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) joined them in support of this legislation. This bill modernizes the outdated language in the state statue to promote the idea that the professions of law enforcement and firefighting are not exclusive based on gender. Stamping out

gender-specific language will ensure that professions that were once seen as nontraditional for women are more likely to appeal to all people, regardless of gender, and will ensure the broad inclusion of women in every aspect of the police and fire departments.

"I am pleased to join the movement against outdated gender references that are institutionalized in many industries, including our police and fire departments. The number of women in male-dominated fields has increased tremendously. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, almost 47% of U.S. workers are women, and more than 39% of women work in occupations where women make up at least three-quarters of the workforce. It is important that this is reflected in the language used in the workplace and I commend Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon and Senator Betty Little for taking this crucial step in the right direction," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

Fighting for Reproductive Rights: Women <u>Must</u> Be Able to Make Their Own Health Care Decisions

On Monday, June 12, 2017 the Reproductive Health Privacy bill, co-sponsored by Seawright, passed the Assembly. The legislation would prohibit employers from interfering with their workers' health care, including birth control choices (A.566-A). Additionally, employers would be barred from accessing private medical information about their employees without the employee's written consent. While the Assembly has passed this legislation in previous years, it now has even greater importance with an anti-women's health White House and Congress in Washington. The possible repeal of the Affordable Care Act, along with a hostile Supreme Court, threatens many hard-won protections for women and their health care.

"Let me be clear," **Assembly Member Seawright said.** "Women can never be truly equal until they have complete control over their bodies and their health care decisions without the government or their boss stomping on their constitutional rights."

Shining Light on Special Interest Money in our Elections

Assembly Member Seawright voted for legislation that passed on Monday, June 12, 2017 to close the limited liability corporation (LLC) loophole in the state's campaign finance law to help curb the influence of big money in politics (A.1926).

"Our government should always represent the people, and not be at the beck and call of wealthy special interests," said Seawright. "This measure enhances the integrity of our elections and closes a loophole that allows power-hungry mega donors to make nearly unlimited campaign contributions."

Under current election law, individuals and corporations can make unlimited contributions to the same candidate, political party or campaign committee by creating new LLCs for each contribution. Each LLC is treated as an individual donor, even if multiple LLCs are owned by the same person or entity, which makes it harder to determine the real contributor. This issue was compounded by McCutcheon v. FEC, a 2014 U.S. Supreme Court decision that eliminated aggregate contribution limits on individual donations.

The Assembly measure would extend the \$5,000 aggregate contribution limit, already applicable to corporations, to include LLCs, and require LLCs to disclose the names of individuals with membership interests, attributing LLC contributions to them.

The Assembly has continually led the fight to make our elections more transparent and fair so that New Yorkers' concerns aren't drowned out by special interests. Not only has the Assembly repeatedly passed legislation to close the LLC loophole, but a law was passed last year to increase public disclosure requirements for groups that lobby in New York (Ch. 286 of 2016). Further, the Assembly passed a resolution earlier this year requiring legislators to submit information about their outside income to the independent Legislative Ethics Commission (LEC) to determine whether a conflict of interest exists (B.404/C.25).

Addressing the Child Care Crisis

Assembly Member Seawright voted for legislation that passed on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 that would create a child care availability task force to evaluate child care needs and the availability of affordable day care across New York State (A.7726-A).

"There's no denying it – we're facing an affordable child care crisis in this state and we need to do something about it fast," **said Seawright.** "Families that are already struggling to get by shouldn't be forced to quit their jobs or send their kids to an unsafe place while they work because they simply can't afford quality day care. This task force will provide us with the facts and data we need to develop needed reforms to New York's child care system."

In New York State, the average annual cost of center-based child care for just one child is \$14,144, which is nearly twice as much as a year's worth of college tuition at SUNY or CUNY schools. New York has the fourth most expensive child care costs in the nation. An average New York family has to spend over 20 percent of its income to pay for child care for a single infant, and that number skyrockets to 38.7 percent to pay for care for both an infant and a 4-year-old.

The members of the child care availability task force would be appointed by the governor, based on recommendations from the Assembly Speaker and Temporary President of the Senate, and would include at least two parents who have utilized subsidized child care to ensure the people most affected by the affordable care crisis are front and center at the table. The task force would be required to report its findings to the Legislature by the end of the year. Issues under the task force's purview would include access to subsidized child care, the availability of hours outside of the traditional work day and the impact of child care access on employees, economic development and the quality of care.

"Access to affordable child care is essential both for children and their parents," **said Seawright**. "Safe, quality care is critical for a child's early development, and for parents, access to this care allows them to stay in the workforce and ensure their families have food on the table and a roof over their heads. We need to make this legislation law so we can find real solutions to New York's child care crisis."

Thank You to Our Outstanding Legislative Session Intern in Albany, Jeffrey Montoya-Giraldo, for his Dedication to Public Service, Hardwork, and Commitment.



EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



JUNE 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY	5	ANIMAL ADVOCACY 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	10 8 AM NYRR Mini 10K Just for Women @ Central Park 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Carlz Shurz Park Volunteer Day
11 2 PM Piano Concert @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House	11 AM - 12:30 PM MetroCard Van @ Roosevelt Island 546 Main St.	6 PM - 8 PM Free Financial Empowerment Wkshp @ Lenox Hill 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 Adult Non-Certification Hands-Only CPR Class @ Ronald Perelman Heart Institute, 4th floor	7 PM Free Marine Corps Band Concert @ Four Freedoms Park	17 ROOSEVELT ISLAND DAY 12 AM - 3 PM Seawright's Book Drive @ Chapel of the Good Shepherd
18 FATHER'S DAY	19	6 PM - 8 PM Free Financial Empowerment Wkshp @ Lenox Hill 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	2.2 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Free Adult Non-Certification Hands-Only CPR Class @ Ronald Perelman Heart Institute, 4th floor 6 PM Roosevelt Island Town Hall @ Chapel of the Good Shepherd	7 PM Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation's Summer Movie Series: Back to the Future @ Firefighters Field	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 Financial Empowerment Wkshp @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House	28 10:30 AM Songs & Stories @ St Catherine's Park (Ages 1-6) 6 PM-8 PM Homebuying Wkshop @ Westview Lower Community Room	1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Free Adult Non-Certification Hands-Only CPR Class @ Ronald Perelman Heart Institute, 4 th floor	30	JULY 1 1 PM - 2:30 PM Seawright's Computer Comfort for Seniors @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House

See You Tomorrow!

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

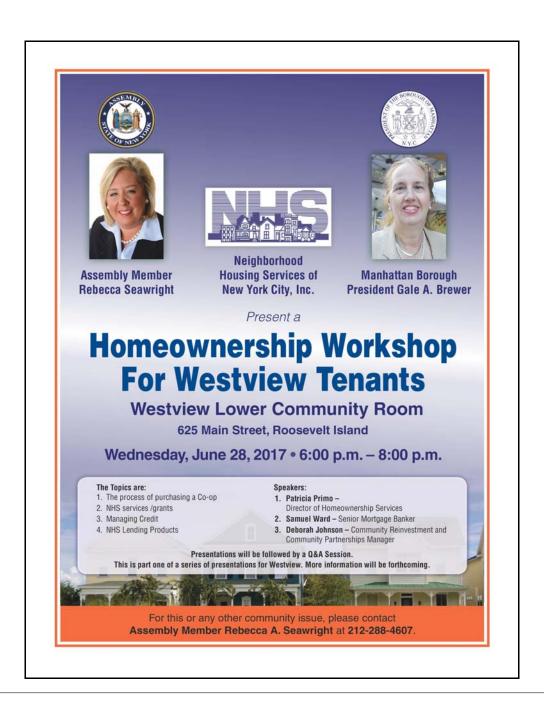
543 Main Street

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.





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.

TOMORROW: Saturday, June 17th

Roosevelt Island Day

Good Shepherd Plaza

Wednesday, June 21st

Make Music New York with Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer

Carl Shurz Park

4 pm - 7 pm

Tuesday, July 11th

Mitch Frohman Latin Jazz Quartet

Carl Shurz Park 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, July 19th

Steve Shaiman and Swingtime Big Band

Carl Shurz Park 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, July 25th

Sunset Film Festival: Disney's Moana Carl Shurz Park 8:30 pm

Tuesday, August 8th

Sunset Film Festival: Erin Brockovich

Carl Shurz Park

8:30 pm

Saturday, August 20th

Second Avenue Community Benefit Festival

Second Avenue, 66th - 86th Streets

10 am - 5 pm

Community Board 8 Manhattan June 2017 Calendar, Agenda, and Bulletin

Calendar: https://www.cb8m.com/calendar/2017-06/
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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 88th 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



Are you taking care of a loved one? Do you need some help or support? Stressed or overwhelmed?

Sunday, July 23, 2017 - 12 noon - 5 pm Fordham Law School, 150 West 62nd Street RSVP online at <u>CaregivingNYC.eventbrite.com</u>

Panels will address key questions: How can caregivers stay healthy? What services are available to you and those you care for? How can assistive technology help? What is the best home design for optimal care? Exhibitors and partners will share information and resources.





- Set your air conditioning to the highest comfortable temperature. Every degree you lower the thermostat drives up your bill by 6 percent;
- When the AC is running, close doors to keep cool air in and hot air out;
- Even when using AC, use ceiling and other fans to provide additional cooling and better circulation;
- Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed. About 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through windows;
- Turn off AC units, lights and other appliances when not at home and use a timer or smart technology to turn on your air conditioner about a half-hour before arriving home;
- · Keep AC filters clean;
- To reduce heat and moisture in your home, run appliances such as ovens, washing machines, dryers and dishwashers in the early morning or late at night when it's cooler outside;
- Con Edison offers a variety of energy-efficiency programs for the hot weather season. The Smart AC Program connects customers with smart technology to control their room air conditioners from their computer or mobile device. Learn more by visiting: https://conedsmartac.com
- Replace old appliances with new energy efficient Energy Star appliances.

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 www.mta.info

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.

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 http://mta.info/metrocard/mms.htm. Please note that MetroCard buses and vans do not take credit cards.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



After last weekend's fire alarm inspection at Chapin, the NYC Fire Department determined that additional testing was necessary. That has, therefore, been scheduled for both this Saturday and Sunday (June 17 and 18), beginning each day at 9:00 a.m.

91st Street Marine Transfer Station Project

Notes: *Asphalt Green Summer Camp starts on Thursday, 6/29 and is over on Friday, 8/18.

Building envelope including metal & translucent panels & roof

MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER & CUNY/HUNTER COLLEGE

East 73rd/74th Street and FDR Drive site

Necessary construction activity will take place at the site on Saturday, June 17th, 7:00 am- 6:00 pm.