

### We welcome you to stop by the new district community office at 1485 York Avenue between 78th and 79th Streets, next to the Post Office.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am pleased to share news from the Capitol:

- A bill I co-sponsored, the New York Health Act, passed Assembly on May 16th and will provide health care for all New Yorkers.
- The Election Reform Package, which aims to modernize the election process by making voting easier and more convenient, passed the Assembly this week.
- I recently introduced bill A7915, which seeks to protect a consumer's privacy by safeguarding any sensitive or personal information.

I co-sponsored legislation to include electronic cigarettes under the Clean Indoor Air Act to help protect New Yorkers, particularly young people, from the dangers they pose. Studies have shown that emissions can contain carcinogens, including formaldehyde and acetaldehyde, unfairly exposing those around e-cigarette users to harmful toxins. Each and every New Yorker has a right to clean air, and if e-cigarettes could threaten that in any way, then they need to be regulated and kept outdoors.

We hope you will visit us tomorrow, May 20th, for the Shred-a-thon! We also hope to see you at the Upper East Side Garden Party on May 24th, Senior Field Day at Asphalt Green on May 25th, the free mammogram screening on June 1st, and the free Marine Corps Band concert on Roosevelt Island on June 16th.

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

212-288-4607 or 518-455-5676

1485 York Avenue

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

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## Seawright and Elected Officials Pose Questions to Developers, MTA, and DOT on Proposed Construction Near 86<sup>th</sup> Street Subway Station



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Senator Liz Krueger, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, and Councilman Ben Kallos, and CB8 Board Member Dr. Elaine Walsh met with the MTA, the DOT, and the developers to discuss mitigation efforts in light of the new development at 147 East 86<sup>th</sup> Street which will impact the entrance and egress of the 86<sup>th</sup> Street and Lexington Avenue Station area. Electeds pushed against taking away parking spots, traffic, and pedestrian congestion and demanded a fully ADA-accessible subway station.

## Seawright Receives Elizabeth Rohatyn Community Service Award and Speaks at Three Events on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Bestows the Elizabeth Rohatyn Award on Rebecca Seawright



(From left): Elizabeth Munson, Chair of Board of Directors at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Helene Goldfarb, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Board Member, and Assembly Member Seawright.

### Seawright Co-Sponsors and Addresses the Crowd At Councilman Kallos' Public Housing Forum at Julia Richman Education Complex



At the public housing forum, tenant's rights, rent increase exemptions, and RGB rent roll back were among the topics covered. The event was held at the Julia Richman Education Complex and hosted by Council Member Ben Kallos, Senator Liz Krueger, and Borough President Gale Brewer.



Communications Coordinator Taylor Friedman and Volunteer Attorney Pauline Dana-Bashian providing resources on upcoming events and important legislation at the Housing Forum.

### Seawright Addresses Local Community Issues at East 79th Street Neighborhood Association



Assembly Member Seawright addresses the East 79th Street Neighborhood Association about her sponsorship of new legislation and the passage of important legislation to benefit seniors including the 3D Mammogram bill, election reforms legislation and the jury retirement bill for seniors over the age of 70.

Seawright Helps Honor Matilda Cuomo and Sandra Wilkin at Business Women Power Awards



THIS WEEK IN ALBANY

New York Health Act Passes Assembly



On May 16, 2017 Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright helped pass the New York Health Act, legislation that would create a universal single-payer plan to provide health coverage to every New Yorker (A.4738).

# "Each session, there is a bill that overwhelmingly resonates with our constituents," Seawright said. "This year, that bill is the NY Health Act. Good quality and affordable health care is a basic necessity that should be available to all."

The New York Health Act would establish a universal health care system within the state, known as New York Health, and expand coverage eligibility to include all residents, regardless of wealth, income, age or pre-existing condition. In addition, every enrollee would have access to the full range of doctors and service providers offered. The plan would provide comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care, primary and preventive care, maternity care, prescription drug costs, laboratory testing, rehabilitative care and dental, vision and hearing care. Providers would be fully paid by New York Health with no co-pays or deductibles to patients. The system would be publicly funded based on a shared 80/20 employer/employee payroll tax contribution. This eliminates the regressive tax of premiums, co-pays, and deductibles. Out-of state health care would also be covered during travel or if there is a clinical reason to receive care outside the state.

Additionally, state funding would be combined with federal funds that are currently received for Medicare, Medicaid and Child Health Plus to create the New York Health Trust Fund. The state would also seek federal waivers that will allow New York to completely fold those programs into New York Health. The local share of Medicaid funding would be ended, offering major property tax relief for New Yorkers.

"I commend Assembly Member Richard Gottfried for continuing the fight for a universal single payer health plan to provide comprehensive health coverage for all New Yorkers," Seawright said. "I would also like to commend my constituents for using their voices to inform me of matters that are important to them. I urge them to continue to do so. It is vitally important that our families all have affordable, accessible health care."

### Seawright Proposes Bill to Put the Equal Rights Amendment in the New York State Constitution

The New York State Constitution currently provides equal rights on the basis of race, color, creed, or religion. A noticeable absence is equal rights for women.

Seawright's proposed legislation is a constitutional amendment which would prohibit denying or abridging equal rights under law by the State of New York on account of gender. This critical amendment would guarantee the equal rights of both men and women in the State of New York. It is crucial to have this provision firmly in our Constitution to guard against a roll back of women's rights in health, employment, domestic violence, and education.

Nationally, the ERA passed Congress in 1972 with a ten year ratification deadline. By 1982, the ERA was three states short of the 38 necessary for ratification. In March 2017, Nevada became the 36th state to ratify the ERA.

Earlier this month, the New York State Assembly passed Assembly Member Seawright's resolution with bi-partisan support and without negative votes calling on Congress to pass the ERA amendment.

### **Protecting Consumers**

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright recently introduced a bill, A7915, which seeks to protect a consumer's privacy. It does so by prohibiting 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. The original section of the General Business Law was enacted in 1987 well before e-mail and the internet. This bill updates the current statute to ensure consumer privacy is protected. As Chair of the Subcommittee on Consumer Fraud and Protection, Seawright is committed to safeguarding the privacy of all New Yorkers.

### Seawright Co-Sponsors Legislation That Passed the Assembly That Would Modernize New York Elections to Help More Voters Make Their Voices Heard

Assembly Member Seawright has co-sponsored a series of bills that will modernize the state's election process and will make voting easier for more New Yorkers, including measures to allow online voter registration and voting by mail.

"The election process is the root of our democracy," Assembly Member Seawright said. "However, far too few people exercise their right to vote in New York State and in the country as a whole. It's time for the government to make changes so that voting can be as easy and as accessible as possible. There is absolutely no reason for our voting system to be anything but convenient, practical, and without barriers."

One piece of the legislative package consolidates the state's election calendar by combining the federal and state primary election dates to a single day in June (A.3052). This move would save the state and taxpayers an estimated \$25 million and means less hassle for county boards of elections. The bill also ensures that military members stationed overseas and their families have enough time to vote by mail by bringing New York State into compliance with the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act, which, among other statutes, mandates that states get ballots to military personnel no later than 45 days before the election.

#### Increasing access to early voting

County boards of elections would see significant savings by holding the state and federal primaries on the same day, and those savings could then be used to implement early voting. The Assembly legislation thus establishes early voting in New York State, which would take place during a seven-day period prior to an election (A.2064). During the early voting period, polling locations would be required to be open for eight hours on weekdays and five hours on weekends and holidays, and to offer evening hours on at least two days.

Whether polls are open on Election Day or during the week prior, the election process can be particularly grueling for election inspectors. Under current law, these invaluable workers must work the entire time polls are open, which can be up to 16 hours. That's why the Assembly is supporting a measure to allow election workers to split shifts and receive prorated compensation (A.6907-A).

#### Voting by mail

To increase access to mail-in ballots at home, the legislative package includes a bill that would amend the New York State Constitution to allow any citizen to receive an absentee ballot upon request (A.7623). Under current election law, residents can only receive absentee ballots if they expect to be absent from the county on the day of the election, or if they have an illness or physical disability. The amendment must be passed by both the Assembly and Senate in consecutive terms before it goes before voters as a ballot referendum.

"It's simple," Assembly Member Seawright said. "If we want more people to vote then the clear solution is to expand voting options so that busy, hardworking New Yorkers can still exercise their right. Voting by mail is an extremely convenient way to vote without sacrificing valuable time spent trekking to polls and waiting in lines."

### Modernizing voter registration

Further, the legislative package includes the Voter Enfranchisement Modernization Act of 2017, which establishes online voter registration in New York State (A.5382). This will streamline the registration process and bring the state's antiquated, paper-based application process into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

To complement these efforts, another piece of legislation requires state and local agencies to include voter registration within their application process (A.6283). Since agencies already get the relevant personal information needed to register to vote, this bill helps facilitate greater voter participation. The Assembly legislation also includes a measure instructing boards of elections to automatically transfer voter enrollment for New Yorkers who move from one county to another (A.3411).

#### **Ensuring successful NYC elections**

The package also includes legislation that extends New York City's run-off election by one week to allow sufficient time to canvas, audit and test optical scanning machines following a primary election (A.7745). These machines have significantly modernized the way elections are administered. The legislation also adjusts several calendar deadlines and allows additional time for receipt of military ballots.

#### Encouraging young people to vote

Finally, the package includes a measure allowing voters who are 17 to vote in presidential primary elections if they will be 18

## Taking Action to Ensure Upper East Side Air Quality is Monitored

Assembly Member Seawright introduced A7870, which requires the Department of Environmental Conservation to regularly monitor the air quality within a half-mile radius of any waste transfer station in the City of New York.

The Marine Waste Transfer Station is located in a highly residential area in close proximity to athletic fields, public schools, the ferry landing, and senior and public housing. Increased emissions through idling trucks, boat discharge, and the operation of the transfer station has the ability to negatively aggravate the air quality on the Upper East Side.

According to the NYC Department of Environmental Conservation, the Upper East Side already experiences high levels of air pollution. Research has shown that air pollution can worsen asthma symptoms. By requiring constant air monitoring and consultation with local elected officials and stakeholders, the residents will be provided with accurate information on the success or failure of pollution-reduction efforts.

## American Association of Retired Persons Meet with Seawright in Albany to Discuss Financial Security Issues



On Tuesday, May 16th, Assembly Member Seawright met with constituents and members of the AARP in Albany. They discussed financial security issues and deliberated on ways to combat elder financial exploitation, the most common form for elder abuse.

## **NEXT WEEK IN ALBANY**

## Seawright To Examine Predatory Lending Practices

On Monday, May 22, 2017 the Assembly Committees on Banks, Consumer Affairs and Protection, and Small Businesses will hold a joint hearing with the Senate to examine the practices of the online lending industry. The purpose of the hearing is to gain insight and determine whether legislative action is necessary to protect consumers and small businesses from predatory lending practices.

"As the Chair of the Subcommittee on Consumer Fraud Protection and a member of the Committee on Banks, I have a strong commitment to stopping phonies who try to scam and take advantage of innocent people," Assembly Member Seawright said.

Online lending is a practice which is rapidly expanding in usage. These lenders issued over \$20 billion in loans in 2015, a number that is expected to grow over the next decade. Although online loans can provide another avenue for entrepreneurs to acquire capital and grow their businesses, there is also significant potential for consumers to be exploited through predatory practices such as unusually high interest rates, lack of disclosure of hidden fees, and unclear loan terms.

This hearing seeks to explore the current state of online lending, the impact on consumers and small businesses in New York State, predatory practices which need to be mitigated, and potential regulatory or legislative action which may be needed to address online lending practices.

## Assessment of Child Care Quality at the Upcoming Hearing

On Tuesday May 23, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Children and Families and the Assembly Task Force on Women's Issues will hold a joint hearing with the Senate to examine access to quality child care.

The purpose of the hearing is to investigate the barriers to accessing quality child day care and how such lack of access relates to a variety of issues including child development, family stability, and the economy.

Per the hearing notice, 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.

### **ROOSEVELT ISLAND**

Seawright Keynotes RIRA Mother's Day Celebration and Gives Citations to Four Extraordinary Mothers and RIRA Organizers, Chair Jeff Escobar and Co-Chairs Adib Mansour and Anne Heskel



(From left): RIRA Children, Youth & Education Committee Co-Chair Adib Mansour, Honoree Patty Falone, Honoree Pat Rivera, R.I. Community Coalition's Wendy Hersh, Rep. Carolyn Maloney, RIOC President Susan Rosenthal, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Honoree Derl-Marie Cole, Honoree Shirley Carrero, and RIRA Vice President Lynne Shinozaki-Strong

On Saturday, May 13, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright along with the Roosevelt Island Resident's Association (RIRA), Carter Burden Network, Roosevelt Island Disabled Association, and the Roosevelt Island Community Collaborative Coalition hosted a Mother's Day Celebration at the Senior Center.

#### As Seen on Roosevelt Islander Online:

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright was happy to be part of this community and delighted to partake in such notable events. She stressed the importance of women and mothers in our society and praised the advancements that women have achieved in business, sciences, arts, and politics. Speaking directly to the over 30 youth participants, Assembly Member Seawright praised them for being active in community service. She spoke about being a proponent of the advancement of women and supporter of women's rights. She was particularly proud of her call for providing feminine hygiene products at no cost to menstruating individuals in schools, homeless shelters, and state & local correctional facilities. "Tampons are not luxury" and should be tax exempt.

As part of the event, Assembly Member Seawright presented 4 mothers and grandmothers with a special Honorary Certificate, including Patty Fallone, Derl-Marie Cole, Shirley Carrero, and Alvie (Pat) Rivera.

Assembly Member Seawright then presented an Honorary Citation to RIRA President Jeffrey Escobar for his leadership and Adib Mansour for bringing our community together

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



MAY 2017										
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
7	8 THANK YOU, EDUCATORS! HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!	9 6:30 PM Weill Cornell Talk on Healthy Hearts @ Uris Auditorium	10	11 10 AM - 2 PM Seawright's Mobile Hours for Health and Wellness Day @ RI Senior Center	12 Check your inbox for Seawright's weekly e-newsletter every Friday!	<b>13</b> <b>10 AM - 5 PM Visit</b> <b>Seawright's Table @</b> <b>the Second Ave.</b> <b>Community Benefit</b> <b>Festival</b> <b>11 AM - 2 PM</b> Mother's Day @ RI Senior Center				
14 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! 2 PM Tap City Youth Ensemble @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House	15 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM Blood Drive @NYP/Weill Cornell Cayuga Room	16 6:30 PM Weill Cornell Talk on Hearing and Ear Health @ Uris Auditorium	17 MARRIAGE EQUALITY ANNIVERSARY	18 2 PM - 6 PM Senior Day @ Riverside Memorial Chapel 6 PM DC 37 Lecture Series: Why Unions Matter @ 125 Barclay Street	19 7 PM Annual Roosevelt Island Shabbat @ Manhattan Park Theater Club	20 10 AM - 2 PM SEAWRIGHT'S SHREDATHON @ 82nd Street Greenmarket				
<b>21</b> 10 AM AIDS WALK NEW YORK @ Central Park	22 1: 30 PM Healthy Eating Presentation @ RI Senior Center	23 9 AM - 1 PM NYP/Weill Cornell Domestic Worker's Health Fair @ St. Catherine's Park	24 6 PM - 8 PM GARDEN PARTY HOSTED BY SEAWRIGHT @ Mount Vernon Hotel	25 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM NYP/Weill Cornell CPR Class @ Greenberg Pavilion	26 10 AM - 12:30 PM DFTA's Free Orientation to Medicare @ 2 Lafayette Street Room 624	27				
28 Reminder: Sign your child up for Seawright's Summer Reading Challenge!	29 MEMORIAL DAY	<b>30</b> 12 PM Senior Week Kickoff Lunch @ RI Senior Center	31 WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY	JUNE 1 9 AM ScanVan FREE MAMMOGRAMS @ Seawright's Office	2	3 10 AM - 5 PM Visit Seawright's Table @ the First Avenue Street Festival 1 PM - 2:30 PM Seawright's Computer Comfort @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House				





PROJECT RENEWAL SCANVAN

## **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



## 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, 68<sup>th</sup> - 79<sup>th</sup> Streets

10:00 am-5:00 pm

#### Saturday, August 20th

#### Second Avenue Community Benefit Festival

Second Avenue, 66<sup>th</sup> - 86<sup>th</sup> Streets

10:00 am-5:00 pm



**Participate in Senior Field Day with Seawright's Office!** 

### ASPHALT GREEN'S THIRD ANNUAL SENIOR FIELD DAY

Join Asphalt Green field for a fun, fitness-filled day.

- Zumba
- New! Dance competition
- Yoga
- Fitness bingo
- Beach volleyball
- Mini-tennis, football
- Obstacle course
- Raffle prizes

WHEN:

### Thursday, May 25

9am – Ipm RAIN OR SHINE!

#### WHERE:

Asphalt Green's Upper East Side campus athletic field (555 E. 90th St.)

No prior registration required.

QUESTIONS? Contact Marcy Simon at msimon@asphaltgreen.org or 212.369.8890 x2283.

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### **Community Board 8 Manhattan**

## May 2017 Calendar, Agenda, and Bulletin

Calendar: https://www.cb8m.com/calendar/2017-05/ Agenda: https://www.cb8m.com/2017/04/may-2017/ Bulletin: https://www.cb8m.com/whats-new/news-bulletin/



#### 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.

#### Friday, May 26: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

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

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



### *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 <u>www.elections.ny.gov</u>.

### 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

# **State of the Resistance**

An Update From The Frontlines with Attorney General Eric Schneiderman & State Senator Liz Krueger

Introduction by Council Member Dan Garodnick

Wednesday, May 24 6pm to 8pm CUNY Graduate Center Porshansky Auditorium 365 Fifth Avenue between 34<sup>th</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup>

In the Trump era, State Attorneys General will be critical in challenging federal policies on a host of issues from immigration to the environment to civil and voting rights.

AG Eric Schneiderman has been at the forefront of many of these efforts. Sen. Liz Krueger will engage him in a conversation about his important work so far, and what more can be done to protect New Yorkers' fundamental rights.



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## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Marine Transfer Station

Monday, May 22 - Sunday, June 4 2017 East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station	X	Schedul	led										
	M 5/22	T 5/23	W 5/24	T 5/25	F 5/26	S 5/27	S 5/28	M 5/29	T 5/30	W 5/31	T 6/1	F 6/2	S 6/3
Deliveries - including concrete with pump at all Zones	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	X	Х
ZONE 1: Ramp Work (Along field) & York Ave/91st Street													
Install utilities Prep ramp slab, grade, rebar and pour concrete	X	X	X X	X X	X X			н	X X	X X	X X	X X	
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ZONE 2A: Ramp Work (Along field)													
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ZONE 2B: Ramp Work (Asphalt Green back door) Install utilities	X	X	Х	Х	Х			1	Х	Х	Х	X	
ZONE 2C: Ramp Work (FDR overpass & Esplanade)													
Install utilities	X	Х	Х	Х	Х			D	Х	Х	Х	X	
Fit out ConEd Transformer Vault (night')	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
ZONE 3: Marine Work													
MTS building interior walls and stairs Mechanical, electrical and plumbing installation	X	XX	X X	X X	X X	X X		Α	X X	X X	X X	X	X X
Building envelope including metal & translucent panels & roof Fit out ConEd Transformer Vault (night)	X	X	Х	Х	Х	X		Y	Х	X	X	Х	X
Fit out Coned Transformer Vault (night )	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
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