SEAWRIGHT SPONSORED EVENTS:

- 19th Precinct Crime Prevention Forum
- Roosevelt Island Cornell
 Tech Townhall
- Air Quality and Asthma
 Forum
- <u>Excelsior Scholarship and</u>
 <u>College Affordability</u>
 Forum
- Shred-a-thon

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- Seawright and Maloney
 Demand ERA Now!
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- Seawright meets with Safer NYC
- Seawright Hears from Pharmacist Constituents
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- York Avenue Sewer Reconstruction
- <u>East 81st Street Pedestrian</u> <u>Bridge</u>



A MESSAGE FROM

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

Dear Neighbor,

This week I joined the office of Council Member Rosie Mendez for a co-naming of Ms. Magazine Way, 32nd Street and Third Avenue, to recognize the 45th Anniversary of the feminist publication founded by Gloria Steinem in 1972. I was also pleased to welcome constituents into the community office. Among some of my meetings, I met with SAFER NYC, a group dedicated to ending street harassment and Pharmacists from Weill Cornell concerned with legislation regarding the licensing of Pharmacy Technicians.

We are working hard to co-host these upcoming resource events for our community:

- Crime Prevention Forum with the 19th Precinct on Monday, November 20
- Roosevelt Island Community Townhall about Cornell Tech on Monday, November 27
- Air Quality and Asthma forum with Community Board 8 featuring my MTS Bill on <u>Tuesday</u>, November 28
- Excelsior Scholarship and College Affordability Forum with CUNY, SUNY, New York State Higher Education Service Corporation and the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities on November 30.
- *Shred-a-thon*, last shred of the season at the East 82nd Street Greenmarket from 10am until 2pm on Saturday, December 2.

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

AS FEATURED IN...

UPCOMING SEAWRIGHT SPONSORED EVENTS

Safety First!

A Message from the Chapin School

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New York, NY 10075

212-288-4607

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LOB 650

Albany, NY 12248

518-455-5676

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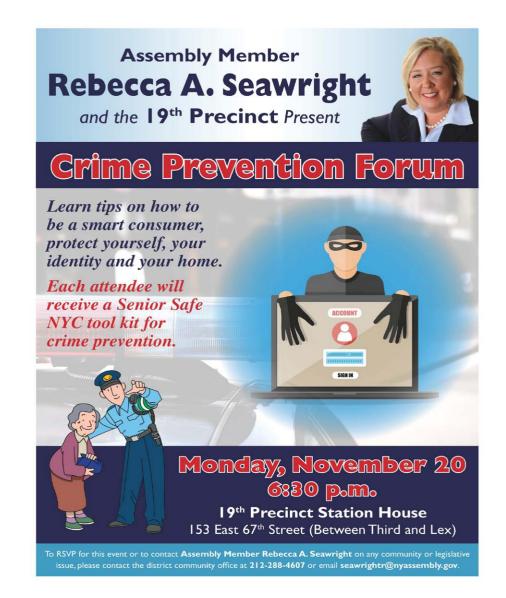
SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov

Social Media:









Please RSVP here.

Join the Conversation!

COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

CORNELL TECH IMPACT ON ROOSEVELT ISLAND

Presentation on the **Past**, **Presen**t and **Future** of Island life with your local elected officials:



Congresswoman
Carolyn Maloney



New York State Senator **José M. Serrano**



New York State
Assembly Member
Rebecca A.
Seawright



New York City Council Member **Ben Kallos**

Monday, November 27, 2017 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd 543 Main Street

You will hear from your local elected officials, Cornell Tech administrators and there will be a "Q & A" following the presentation.

Invited Guests:

Cornell University President **Martha Pollack** Cornell Tech Dean **Dan Huttenlocher**

Refreshments will be served. Wheelchair accessible.

To RSVP please contact the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright **212.288.4607** or email <u>SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov</u>

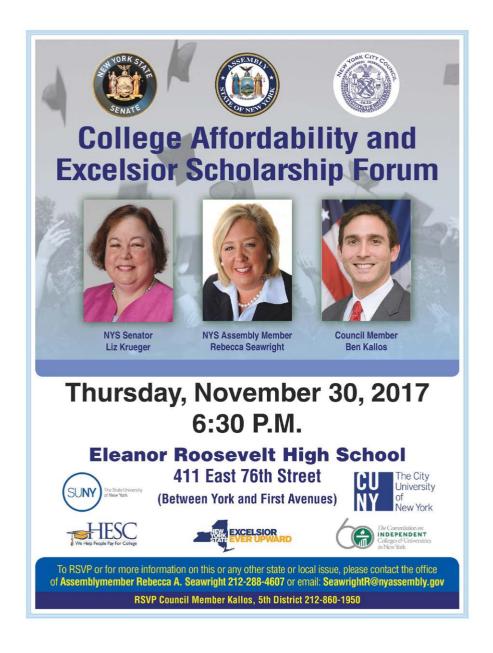
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Air Quality and Asthma Forum



Please RSVP here.

Excelsior Scholarship and College Affordability Forum



Please RSVP here.

Shred-a-thon



No RSVP Necessary. Rain, snow or shine.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Co-Naming of Ms. Magazine Way 32nd Street and Third Avenue



"In honor of Gloria Steinem and her founding of Miss Magazine in 1972 and on the occasion of this year marking the 45th anniversary of a publication by women for women, I join my colleagues and advocates in co-naming the corner of East 32nd Street and Third Avenue after this revolutionary publication. I understand the importance of promoting women in literature to ensure that our narratives on critical social issues such as abortion, sexuality and sexual harassment are heard. I look forward to continuing to read Ms. Magazine as we continue to fight all forms of discrimination as feminists and as civil rights leaders to ensure that the works of women, especially in media, are

equally represented," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.



NOW President Sonia Ossorio, Ms. Magazine Founder Gloria Steinem, Feminist Press President Helene Goldfarb, President of the Feminist Majority Foundation Eleanor Smeal and Seawright at the co-naming ceremony.

Seawright and Maloney Demand the ERA Now!



Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, Seawright and Congresswoman Maloney stand with women's activists



Constituent Helene Goldfarb, Assembly Member Seawright and Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney at the Fearless Girl Statue for a press conference to build on the recent momentum for the establishment of a monumental woman monument in Central Park and call on Congress to pass Maloney's ERA bill and New York State to pass the Seawright's Equal Rights Amendment bill, A7990, codifying equal rights for all women under our State's Constitution.



President of the Feminist Press at CUNY, Helene Goldfarb and Marcy Syms, Chair of the ERA Coalition/Fund for Women's Equality.

Seawright Visits Chapin Construction Site



Seawright visits the Chapin Construction Site. Seawright addressed concerns raised by constituents about work hours and the use of a tower crane in our neighborhood.



Safer NYC: Mobilizing to End Street Harassment and Catcalling



Seawright meets with constituents to discuss the prevention of street harassment in our communities.

To learn more about their mission, please visit www.safernyc.org.

Seawright Hears from Weill Cornell New York Presbyterian and Montefiore Pharmacists in the District Office



Pharmacist constituents meet with Seawright to discuss Assembly Bill 4611, to establish requirements for registered and certified pharmacy technicians; requires persons working in a pharmacy who directly assist licensed pharmacists to dispense prescriptions or have authority to add or to modify prescription records maintained in the pharmacy computer system to be registered or certified as a pharmacy technician.

The Holiday Season:

A Time to Give Thanks and Help Those In Need



The holidays are a happy time of year for many, when we can gather with friends and family and end the year with laughter, friendship and good cheer. It's an opportunity to reflect, set new goals and appreciate all that we have. But as we prepare to dig into our Thanksgiving turkey and other holiday feasts, it's important to remember that there are many in our community who are less fortunate and have trouble just getting by.

Hunger is a widespread problem here in New York, where 1 in 5 children struggle with food insecurity, according to the hunger-relief organization Feeding America. These children and their families are at risk of an even more perilous situation as the federal administration is considering cutting funding for vital programs that help low-income residents put food on the table. For instance, earlier this year, President Trump released a proposed budget that slashes federal funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), more commonly known as food stamps, by nearly \$200 billion over the next 10 years. This could aggravate an already desperate situation for millions of families and

overwhelm food banks as more and more are forced to rely on them.

It's up to us. Not only must we continue to pressure the federal administration to protect our most vulnerable residents who face food insecurity, but we also must take immediate action in our own community. That's why the Assembly Majority has continuously been at the forefront of fighting poverty, combating inequality and creating more opportunity. Earlier this year, the Assembly fought to create a 25 percent tax credit on qualified food donations that farms make to food banks, up to \$5,000 per year. We also made it easier for school districts and institutions of higher education to donate excess food to local community organizations, food pantries and soup kitchens (Ch. 316 of 2017).

We can help here at home, too. Since many food banks rely on charitable donations, we can extend the spirit of giving and help others enjoy the holiday season by volunteering our time or donating products to a local food pantry. Our community is strong because we step up and look out for one another.

Food Bank for New York City 39 Broadway, 10th Floor New York, NY 10006 Telephone: (212) 566-7855 Fax: (212) 566-1463

Website: www.foodbanknyc.org

NEW! Family Homelessness and Eviction Supplement (FHEPS)



Last week, the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) began sending this notice in batches to tenants receiving the FEPS, CityFEPS, and LINC III rental-assistance benefits notifying them that a new program called Family Homelessness and Eviction Supplement (FHEPS) will start in early December. Some HRA staff have been trained on the new program, and there is a related HRA call center number: 929-221-0043.

Some persons who had open cases in September/early October will be converted to the new program over Thanksgiving weekend. Problems with the computer conversion may arise, and some families will have to be converted manually. The new benefits will start in December for the

converted cases.

Should any of your clients encounter problems during the conversion process, you should encourage them to contact a legal services office such as <u>The Legal Aid Society</u> for assistance.

HEAP is here to help make heating bills more affordable

Autumn may have blessed us with extra sunshine and warmer-than-average temperatures this year, but that doesn't mean that winter is going to be as kind to us. As New Yorkers, we're all too familiar with the harsh weather the season can bring, as well as the high heating bills that come with it. Fortunately, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help cover those costs.



Call I-800-342-3009 to find out how you can get help with high heating bills.

HEAP, a federally funded program, provides financial assistance to both renters and homeowners and can be used to help cover the costs of electricity, propane, natural gas, wood, oil, kerosene, coal or other heating fuels. Eligible families can also apply for funds to help pay for home heating equipment and repairs.

Eligibility for HEAP relies on a number of factors, including income, household size, primary heating source and whether a member of the household is under the age of 6, over the age of 60 or permanently disabled. For the upcoming winter, a family of four that has a household income of up to \$4,457 a month may qualify for help. Applications are now being accepted, and please note that assistance is granted on a first-come, first-served basis. This year, households can receive up to \$726 in assistance. An extra emergency payment is also available to households that are out of fuel or going to have their service shut off. Applications for an emergency benefit open on Jan. 2, 2018.

Time and again, HEAP has proven to be a critical lifeline to millions of Americans, with about 1.4 million New Yorkers receiving assistance last year. But, in yet another display of his lack of compassion, President Trump has proposed cutting the program. The Trump administration has claimed the program is "no longer a necessity," but that couldn't be further from the truth for the low-income families and the elderly who desperately rely on it to keep their homes warm as energy prices continue to rise. Although cruel proposals like this have become all too common with the Trump White House, I'll keep doing everything I can to protect New York families and ensure they have the assistance they need.

You can learn more or apply for HEAP by visiting www.mybenefits.ny.gov or by contacting the Human Resources Administration's Utility Assistance Program (UAP). UAP assists families or individuals who are elderly, blind, disabled, mentally impaired or those residing in a neglected or hazardous environment who require financial assistance for their energy bills. Contact the Heat Line if you are having trouble paying your utilities bill 212-331-3150. You can also call the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Hotline at 1-800-342-3009. For more information regarding HEAP benefits in New York City, visit www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/services/energy.shtml or call 1-800-692-0557.

No one should be forced to make impossible decisions just to keep their family warm this winter. I encourage anyone who needs assistance to reach out and apply for HEAP. Your well-being and safety should never be at risk. As always, please feel free to contact me with questions about this or any community issue at 212.288.4607 or SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Seawright's Black Friday Consumer Alert

Assembly Member Seawright, Chair of the Subcommittee on Consumer Fraud Protection issued a warning to her constituents before Thanksgiving and the day after, known as Black Friday. Seawright signed on to cosponsor a bill in the Assembly, which would comprehensively update the deceptive acts and practices statute in Section 349 of the General Business Law to increase the penalties for unfair or deceptive acts and practices and lay out factors for courts to consider in determining whether an act or



practice is unfair. This bill also allows consumers to bring civil actions to recover damages from scams.

"As Chair of the Subcomittee on Consumer Fraud Protection, I want to alert my constituents to the fraud that can arise during the holiday season. All too often, consumers are scammed during what is supposed to be the most joyous and generous time of year. Be wary of deals that seem too good to be true and contact our office if you suspect any deceptive practices," said Seawright.

Please visit the Division of Consumer Protection's website, specifically their page "Shopping Tips for Savvy Consumers" or their page alerting consumers to different types of scams.

Additionally, the Attorney General's <u>Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection</u>, part of the Economic Justice Division, prosecutes businesses and individuals engaged in fraudulent, misleading, deceptive or illegal trade practices. The NYC Department of Consumer Affairs <u>holiday shopping tips</u> to protect consumers' identity and money during the holiday season.

ROOSEVELT ISLAND

Transportation Updates

F Train

No F train service from Friday, 11/17/17 at 11:45 PM to Monday, 11/20/17 at 5:00 AM. MTA will run free shuttle buses which will operate between Roosevelt Island and Queens Plaza beginning Friday, 11/17/17 at 11:45 PM thru Monday, 11/20/17 at 5:00 AM. Additionally, RIOC will provide shuttle buses from the Roosevelt Island Tram Plaza to the Manhattan Tram Plaza. The first shuttle bus will operate from Roosevelt Island, Saturday, 11/18/17 at 11:00 AM, last bus from Manhattan will be at 7:30 PM on 11/18/17. Sunday, 11/19/17, bus schedule will be the same as Saturday. Q 102 will operate normal regular schedule.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Krueger Forum on Access-A-Ride



Thursday, December 14th

6:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Location: Mount Sinai Downtown 10 Union Square East 2nd Floor Conference Room

On Thursday, December 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m, Senator Krueger is hosting a Forum on Accessa-Ride, its challenges, and the MTA's plans for its improvement at Mount Sinai Downtown - 10 Union Square East between 14th and 15th Streets, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. To RSVP call (212) 490-9535 or email lkrueger@nysenate.gov.

Map/Directions to: Mount Sinai Downtown10 Union Square East2nd Floor Conference Room

THANKSGIVING UPDATES



No Garbage, Organics, Recycling Collection, or Street Cleaning on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 2017 The New York City Department of Sanitation announced that in observance of Thanksgiving Day, there would be no garbage, organics nor recycling collection, or street cleaning, on Thursday, November 23, 2017.

- Residents who normally receive Thursday **garbage and organics collection** should place their materials out at curbside after 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 23 for pickup.
- Residents who normally receive Thursday **recycling collection** should place their materials out at curbside after 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29 for collection on Thursday, November 30.

In addition, all Sanitation administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23, in observance of the holiday.

NOTE: There is normal collection service on Friday, November 24, 2017.

To help provide city residents with Sanitation-related service reminders, updates and special event schedules, the New York City Department of Sanitation has launched DSNY Info, its smart phone and tablet app. The app also includes tips to reduce, reuse and recycle, making it easier for New Yorkers send zero waste to landfills by 2030. The free app is available for both iOS and Android operating systems, and can be found by searching DSNY Info in the Apple App and Google Play stores.



Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Please be aware that the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will occur on Thursday, November 23, 2017. There will be more than 3.5 million spectators along the parade route.

The parade route will pass through Upper West Side on Central Park West and Central Park South as well as Midtown Manhattan on Sixth Avenue from 59th Street to 34th Street. Closures and traffic interruptions will begin as early as Sunday, November 19, 2017. There will be amplified sound throughout the parade. Please <u>download the community notice</u> for a full list of street closures. We encourage you to share this notice with your constituents and partners.

Please stay informed about events in your area by visiting the Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management's <u>Find Events website</u>.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at info.cecm@cityhall.nyc.gov or 212-788-0025.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

91st Street Waste Transfer Station

TWO WEEK LOOK-AHEAD

Monday, November 13 - Sunday, November 26 2017 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 utilities
Install gas meter assembly
Con Ed work at property line manholes²

ZONE 2A: Ramp Work (Along field)

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

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

Install utilities
Esplanade sidewalk shed repair/removal

ZONE 3: Marine Work
MTS building interior walls and ceilings
Mechanical, electrical and plumbing installation
Building envelope and roof
Install fender and debris barrier with drill

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11/27/17 to 12/1/17 (night)	East 81st Street Pedestrian Bridge	On-site Fence Fabrication and Installation	10:00pm - 6:00am
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OR FURTHER	INFORMATION: Contact Christopher Esposito-	Rernard Community Construction Liaison, by phone at 66	16-781-8265 or by em:
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MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER

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CUNY/HUNTER COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY East 73rd/74th Street and FDR Drive site

Necessary construction activity will take place at the site on **Saturday, November 18th and Sunday,**

¹ Utility work schedule to be confirmed by Con Ed.

November 19th, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm. Please call the project's Construction Information Line at 212-639-4444 with any questions or comments.