

May 10, 2019

Rebecca
Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

Happy Mother's Day weekend!

Today, I heard testimony and voiced my concern for eliminating the Specialized High School Admission Test at an Assembly Education Committee hearing.

This week, we held important events on the future of housing and healthcare in our community.

Please join us at one of the upcoming events I am pleased to sponsor:

Homeowners & Tenants Enrollment Event Sponsored by NYC Department of Finance and State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright

*Friday, May 17 and Friday June 14 from 10:00am-1:00pm
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)*

Family Day at Carl Schurz Park

*Saturday, May 18 from 1:30pm-4:00pm
Carl Schurz Park
84th Street and East End Avenue*

Movies in the Park: Incredibles 2

*Saturday, May 18 at 7:30pm
John Jay Park
77th Street and Cherokee Place*

Third Annual Upper East Side Garden Party

*Monday, May 20 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden
421 East 61st Street (York/First Avenues)*

**East Side World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee Presents
"Coming Home"- Symposium, House Tour and Reception**

Monday, May 20 from 6:00pm-8:30pm

The Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College
47-49 East 65th Street (Park/Madison Avenues)

Coming soon in June...

Celebrate at the Alice Aycock Pavilion

Saturdays in June: 1, 8 from 1:00pm- 4:00pm

60th Street & The East River Waterfront Esplanade

Movies in the Park: Mary Poppins Returns

Saturday, June 1 at 8:00pm

Carl Schurz Park

84th Street and East End Avenue

Twenty-Fifth Annual First Avenue Street Fair

Saturday, June 8 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm

2019 New York City LGBT Pride March

Sunday, June 30

If our office may be of service, remember that we are just a call, email or visit away!

Sincerely,

Rebecca



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NYS Assembly Education Committee Holds Hearing on Specialized High Schools

Seawright Questions Chancellor Carranza on the Proposed Elimination of the Specialized High School Admissions Test



Seawright, Member of the Assembly Education Committee questions Chancellor



Richard Carranza
New York City Department of Education
Schools Chancellor



Josh Wallack
Deputy Chancellor, Early Childhood
Education and Student Enrollment at NYC
Department of Education

On May 10, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Member of the Assembly Education Committee questioned Department of Education Officials, heard and responded to testimony to examine the admission process and access to New York City's specialized high schools. Recent reports have highlighted the issue of diversity among students admitted to these elite schools.

Out of nine specialized high schools in New York City, admission to eight is based solely on the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT). The SHSAT measures a student's ability to comprehend English prose, demonstrate understanding of revising and editing skills central to writing in English, and the use of problem-solving skills in mathematics.

The specialized high schools that use the SHSAT exam are: The Bronx High School of Science; The Brooklyn Latin School; Brooklyn Technical High School; High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at the City College of New York; High School of American Studies at Lehman College; Queens High School for the Sciences at York College; Staten Island Technical High School; and Stuyvesant High School. Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts admission is based on a competitive audition and review of student records.

IMPORTANT MEETING CONCERNING EXTELL'S PLANS FOR COMMERCIAL SPACES

**Please Attend May 14 Meeting of Community
Board 8's Housing and Zoning & Development
Committees to Make Your Opinion Heard!**

Joint Meeting: Housing and Zoning & Development Committees
Tuesday, May 14 - 6:00PM
The Chapin School
100 East End Avenue, Gordon Room

PLEASE NOTE START TIME OF 6 PM

AGENDA:

1. Discussion with Extell Development Company on Extell's development sites between 79th/80th Streets on First Avenue and 85th/86th Streets on First Avenue. At the request of CB8, Extell will attend to hear recommendations from the neighbors, the community,

and members of the Community Board regarding how the two development sites can best incorporate the community's needs and interests in their designs. Please note: Extell has no firm plans for either site. It is interested in hearing from our community.

2. Presentation by Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts regarding their Zoning Challenge to the development at 1059 Third Avenue (at 63rd Street).
3. Community Board 8 Zoning Proposal for First, Second, Third, and York Avenues: In response to numerous community concerns and complaints, the proposal seeks to protect the avenues' scale, character, affordable housing, and local stores.
4. Old Business
5. New Business

Barbara Chocky and Ed Hartzog, Co-Chairs Housing
Elizabeth Ashby and Elaine Walsh, Co-Chairs Zoning & Development

ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA SEAWRIGHT TO RECEIVE THE "FEARLESS GIRL AWARD" IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CONGRESSWOMAN GERALDINE FERRARO

**Award to be Presented on Monday, May 13,
2019
by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney**

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright of the 76th Assembly District, representing the Upper East Side, Yorkville and Roosevelt Island will receive the "Fearless Girl" Award presented in memory of the late Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney.

"It is a special honor to be recognized with an award associated with one of the most fearless leaders of American history and the first female candidate for vice president representing a major political party in a national election. Congresswoman Ferraro often said, 'There are no doors we cannot unlock. We place no limits on achievements.' Those words remain embedded in our hearts and minds as we strive to elect more women to offices at every conceivable level."

Assembly Member Seawright is the first woman to serve in the New York State Assembly from her legislative district and is the Secretary of the Assembly Majority Conference in Albany. She is known for her sponsorship and passage of legislation to protect and expand women's rights, the rights of the LGBTQIA community, election and consumer reforms, support for education and tenants' rights, and her "fearless" advocacy on a host of issues and programs important to the communities she represents.

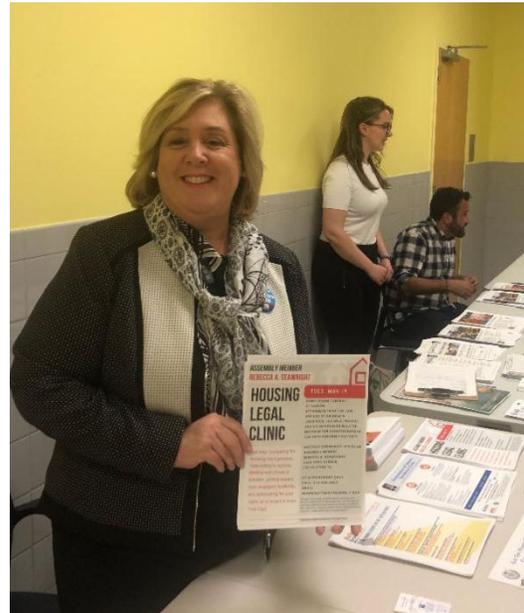
Carolyn Maloney, who represents neighborhoods in Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn is considered by many to be "America's Congresswoman", and is nationally known as a "fearless" champion of numerous human rights causes as well as the enhancement of the quality of life in her district.

Other distinguished honorees will include author and actor Heidi Schreck, Holocaust Survivor and education speaker Judy Altmann, and mountaineer and explorer Vanessa O'Brien.

East Side Housing Forum

Seawright Provides Housing Resources at a forum for renters on May 9

The Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright supports tenants everyday by hosting special events connecting them to resources. Call our office at 212-288-4607 for more information on our Tuesday Housing Legal Clinic and our Department of Finance Homeowners & Tenants Enrollment Events on May 17 and June 14.



Community Board 8 Panel on the New York Health Act

On May 9, Seawright joined the Health, Seniors and Social Services Committee for a panel, "The NY Health Act: Will it Work? What we need to know."

Panelists:

New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera, Chair of the Senate Health Committee and Sponsor of the New York Health Act

Assembly Member Richard Gottfried, Chair of the Assembly Health Committee

Stacey Pedone, patient advocate

Henry Moss, PhD, Board Member of Physicians for a National Health Program- New York Metro Chapter

And Mark Hannay, Executive Director of Metro NY Health Care for All



"Healthcare is a human right. I am a cosponsor of the single-payer healthcare legislation. Under the New York Health Act, all residents would be eligible to enroll in the universal health care system, regardless of wealth, income, age or health status," said Seawright.

Honors Alice Aycock 2019 Esplanade Friend of the Year!

6th Annual Spring Benefit Held at The Bentley Hotel



Alice Aycock, an American Sculptor and installation artist, was an early artist in the land art movement in the 1970s. She has created many large-scale sculptures around the world. Aycock's drawing and sculptures of architectural and mechanical fantasies combine logic and imagination, and intermingle science and magical thinking.



Friends of the East River Esplanade Board
Members Sarah Gallagher and Sari
Chang



New York City Ferry Community Relations
Manager Elana Ehrenberg and
Community Board 8 Member Barbara
Rudder

Upcoming Events

SHRED-A-THON

PRE-MEMORIAL DAY EDITION



Assembly Member
Rebecca Seawright



Council Member
Keith Powers



Council Member
Ben Kallos

SATURDAY, MAY 11

10:00AM-2:00PM

82ND STREET GREENMARKET

(82ND ST. / FIRST & YORK AVE.)



Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 212-288-4607

Office of Council Member Keith Powers, 212-818-0580

Office of Council Member Ben Kallos, 212-860-1950



State Assembly Member
Rebecca Seawright

Homeowners & Tenants Enrollment Event

Sponsored by NYC Department of Finance and State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



HOMEOWNERS

Apply for an exemption and lower your property tax bill.

- **STAR:** homeowners with an annual income of \$500,000 or less.
- **E-Star:** seniors age 65 and over with annual incomes of \$86,300 or less.
- **SCHE/DHE:** seniors age 65 and over, or disabled homeowners with annual incomes of \$58,399 or less.
- **Veterans:** who served in the U.S. military during designated periods of conflict, their unmarried surviving spouse and Gold Star parents.
- **Clergy:** for active and retired members of the clergy and their unmarried surviving spouse. Must be NYS resident.

To Apply Please Bring

- Picture ID
- 2018 tax returns or income documents for all owners
- DD214 or discharge papers (for veterans)
- Trust documents (if applicable)
- Clergy verification letter on official letterhead (clergy)

For more information, visit nyc.gov/finance



TENANTS

Seniors and people with disabilities apply for SCRIE or DRIE and keep your rent from increasing if you:

- Are at least 62 years old or 18 years old with a qualifying disability.
 - Have a household income of \$50,000 or less.
 - Live in a rent-regulated apartment.
 - Spend more than 1/3 of your income on rent.
- **NYCHA AND SECTION 8 RECIPIENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE****

To Apply Please Bring

- Picture ID
- 2018 tax returns, W2, or 1099 statements
- Income documents for all household members
- Copies of your 2 most recent leases
- Social Security disability award letter (if applicable)

MAY 17 AND JUNE 14, 2019

10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

1485 York Avenue, New York, NY 10075
(between 78 and 79 Streets)



We're on social media, too!



For more information and to RSVP please call 212-288-4607
or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov



If due to a disability you need an accommodation in order to apply for and receive a service, or to participate in a program offered by the Department of Finance, please contact the Disability Service Facilitator at nyc.gov/contactdofeeo or by calling 311.

Calling All Upper East Side Gardeners!



The pleasure of your company is requested
At
The Third Annual Upper East Side
Garden Party!!

Get to know fellow/sister UES gardeners... Share green thumb wisdom... All while enjoying light refreshments in the beautiful Mount Vernon Hotel Museum garden!!

Monday, May 20th, 2019 6-8pm

Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden

421 East 61st Street

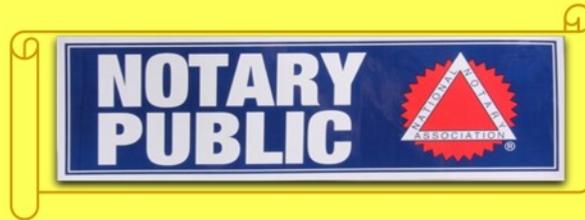
Sponsored by:

**Council Members Ben Kallos & Keith Powers
& Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright**

RSVP (a must): uppergreenside@gmail.com & tell us where you

garden!





**ANNOUNCING A NEW SERVICE
FOR ADULTS 60+**

**NOTARY PUBLIC
AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT**

**\$2.00 per notarized signature
(CASH ONLY)**

9:30AM — 1:30PM

1st FRIDAY EACH MONTH

BEGINNING MAY 3rd, 2019

Search and Care
No one should fall through the cracks

212-289-5300

1844 Second Avenue

(95th/96th)

News You Can Use



An UES playground shortage

A recent study by Comptroller Scott Stringer revealed that the Upper East Side does not have a sufficient number of playgrounds. The UES has eight total playgrounds, or 4.3 per 10,000 children, compared to the UWS, with 21 playgrounds and 9.8 per ...

[Read more](#)

www.ourtownny.com

Construction Notices

A Message from The Chapin School

Dear Neighbors,

The temporary chiller (part of the school's heating and cooling system) will now be removed on Saturday, May 11. A mobile hydraulic crane will be present on East 84th Street and will be used to assist in the removal of this equipment. This work will require a street closure of East 84th Street between York and East End Avenues while the removal process is underway.

Permitted work hours for this operation are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Work will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and we anticipate it will be completed by early afternoon.

Parking on East 84th Street will be restricted in the location adjacent to the crane location. "No Parking Saturday" signage will be placed only in the affected areas. In addition, vehicular access to East End Avenue from York Avenue will be temporarily restricted. As always, flag persons will be onsite during the operation to manage pedestrian and vehicular safety.

In the case of a weather delay, we will send an electronic notification on the morning of May 11 that confirms the postponement of work.

Thank you for your ongoing patience.

The Chapin School

Email: Project@Chapin.edu

Community Contact Phone: 212-606-3225



May 9, 2019

WORK ADVISORY: STREET CLOSURE Notice

East 76th Street between 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue

Days of work*

Dear Neighbors of Public School 471M – The Pre - K School

The New York City School Construction Authority (SCA) is issuing this advisement as part of the work at P.S. 471M – The Pre - K School. NYC DOT has issued a crane-operating permit for crane work performance on the following days and hours:

Tuesday May 14, 2019 7:00am – 3:00pm

The crane work will take place at 355 East 76th Street between 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue. This will necessitate closing the street for the duration of the work. The crane will operate on the South elevation of P.S. 471, lifting materials and removing debris from the roof. All safety protocols will be followed during the duration of this work. There will be instances of noise; we will work to minimize it as much as possible. We apologize in advance for any inconveniences that this will cause the community residents.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work at P.S. 471. If you would like further information or if you have any questions please call me at (718) 752.5226.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Tuozzolo

Steven A. Tuozzolo
Project Support Manager

CC: Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
New York City Councilmember Ben Kallos
New York Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
New York State Senator Liz Krueger
Community Board 8 District Manager

*Weather permitting

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