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A MESSAGE FROM

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

Dear Neighbor,

On Sunday, I was alarmed to hear that there was a fire near the East 91st Street Waste Transfer Station. Sixty firefighters responded to the scene to extinguish the fire, and officials from FDNY have confirmed that there was a homeless encampment which set on fire underneath the WTS on the esplanade. It is clear that there needs to be more oversight on the Waste Transfer Station project. I will continue to monitor the conditions at the site and hold agencies accountable for any incidents or lack of oversight. I appreciate the FDNY's quick response to my office in dealing with this emergency situation.

On a more positive note, this week in New York City, we kicked-off magic week. On **Wednesday, October 25**, I joined the Society of American Magicians (S.A.M.) to commemorate Houdini and 100 years since he became President of S.A.M. for a press conference in his childhood home on 79th Street. I hope you will take advantage of the festivities of magic week including a viewing of archival footage and a seance on Halloween, the anniversary of Houdini's death. And remember, scare with care!

On **Friday, October 27**, I joined Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Congressman Ro Khanna and advocates in opposition to Trump Administration's efforts to roll back Title IX protections for victims of sexual assault on campus.

We look forward to hosting:

- [Rat Academy](#) with NYC Department of Health on [Thursday, November 2](#)
- [Crime Prevention Presentation](#) 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 [Tuesday, November 28](#)
- [Excelsior Scholarship and College Affordability Forum](#) with CUNY, SUNY, HESC AND CICU on [November 30](#).

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

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[ABC7, AMNY, EPOCH Times Attend Press Conference at the Childhood Home of Harry Houdini on the Upper East Side](#)

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New York State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, The Society of American Magicians and The Childhood Home of Harry Houdini Foundation kicked-off Magic Week in New York City at a press conference, Wednesday, October 25, at 244 East 79th Street in Manhattan - Houdini's first childhood home in NYC. The Houdini Home announced the return this year of the famous Harry Houdini Seance on the anniversary of his death on October 31, 1926 - Halloween. Magic Week is celebrated in thousands of municipalities around the world.



"On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Harry Houdini becoming the President of the Society of American Magicians. It is my honor to present the State Assembly Citation to the East Coast Regional Vice President of The American Society of Magicians Sara Crasson and to Sammy Musovic, the caretaker of the Houdini Residence," said Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright.



Houdini drew hundreds of thousands of spectators to his death-defying acts that included escaping jail cells, breaking out of straight jackets, handcuffs and even a sealed crate in the waters of the East River. Houdini served as president of The Society of American Magicians from 1917 until his death in 1926. Founded in 1902 in New York City, The Society of American Magicians is the oldest and most prestigious magical society in the world. For over 90 years on Halloween, seances and events take place around the world to try to contact the great Houdini. His wife first organized the seances and held them for over a decade using a secret code but he never responded.

[Statement on the Fire at the East 91st Street Waste Transfer Station](#)

The following statement was issued by **Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright** regarding the fire at the East 91st Street Waste Transfer Station:





*"A fire was extinguished on Sunday, October 22 in the afternoon on the lower level of the East 91st Street Waste Transfer Station construction site according to Skanska and City Department of Design and Construction representatives who spoke with **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright** during her on-site inspection on the evening of October 22. The fire took place on a pedestrian walkway and the cause was not determined at the time. "I visited the site after hearing from nearby constituents concerned about both the fire and the air quality surrounding the construction area. We are of course grateful that no one was harmed. Nevertheless, there should be a full investigation by the appropriate governmental agencies responsible for safety oversight," said **Assembly Member Seawright**, who chairs the Subcommittee on Consumer Fraud Protection. " We remain deeply concerned about the impact of the Waste Transfer Station, being constructed adjacent to Asphalt Green, which serves many families with young children," said **Seawright**, who will be consulting with other elected officials on further actions needed to address safety concerns.*

OUR TOWN

Fire at UES Marine Transfer Station



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright at the site of a fire at the Marine Transfer Station on East 91st Street on Oct. 22. Photo: Office of Rebecca Seawright

FDNY responds to fire Sunday at controversial construction site on East 91st Street
by michael garofalo

Plumes of smoke rose over the Upper East Side after a fire broke out Sunday afternoon at the Marine Transfer Station construction site at East 91st Street and the FDR drive.

At approximately 3 p.m. on Oct. 22, the FDNY received a call that a sidewalk shed at the site on East 91st Street had caught fire. The department responded to the call and controlled the fire at 3:40 p.m. The fire did not impact the transfer station itself and there were no injuries or evacuations, according to an FDNY spokesperson. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The waste transfer station, which is currently under construction, has faced persistent public opposition from residents and local elected officials, who fear that the facility's operation will adversely impact traffic congestion and air quality in the neighborhood, among other concerns.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, whose district includes the transfer station, visited the construction site Sunday after the fire. Seawright, who has opposed the project, said in a statement that she remains "deeply concerned about the impact of the Waste Transfer Station," particularly due to its proximity to youth athletics facilities at the adjacent Asphalt Green recreation center.

"We are of course grateful that no one was harmed," Seawright said. "Nevertheless, there should be a full investigation by the appropriate governmental agencies responsible for safety oversight."

Seawright speaks at Rep. Maloney's Press Conference in opposition to eliminating Title IX protections for student victims of sexual assault



Today, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright joined Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and Congressman Ro Khanna and advocates in opposition to Trump Administration's efforts to take away Title IX protections pertaining to sexual assault on campuses.

*"Just last week, I joined the City Administration in honor of the **NYC GO PURPLE DAY** to raise awareness about domestic violence. We must not underestimate the plague of sexual assault and harassment that happens on campuses, where students should feel safe to pursue their education. The nationwide studies found that **more than 90%** of victims on college campuses do not report assault and this is alarming. As of August 2, 2017 there were **154 sexual violence cases under Title IX investigation** at more than hundred K-12 schools. And these numbers are not going to decrease with taking away Title IX protections. Moreover, women are usually found to be victims in majority of reported assaults. This is why I introduced the Equal Rights Amendment bill in the state Assembly which would undoubtedly help address sexual assault in schools by demanding gender equality. As a Member of the Legislative Women's Caucus and a Member of the Judiciary Committee I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that we strengthen and improve response and assistance available to victims who are experiencing sexual assault on campuses, and to bring awareness so that victims know they are not alone," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.*

IN ALBANY

Constituent Spotlight

Swearing-in of Judge Paul Feinman, Roosevelt Island resident

On Wednesday, October 18, 2017 Assembly Member Seawright attended Paul Feinman's swearing in as Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, to the seat left vacant by the death of Sheila Abdus-Salaam. Feinman is the first openly LGBT person to serve on New York's highest court.

In 1996, he won an election to the New York City Civil Court bench, and at times was an acting New York Supreme Court justice. In 2007, Feinman was elected to the Supreme Court; in 2012, Governor Andrew Cuomo elevated to the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department. Feinman was a member of the Supreme Court Justices Association of the State of New York, serving first as its first vice president and then as its president. Feinman also served as treasurer of the Citywide Association of Supreme Court Justices in New York, and was president of the International Association of LGBT Judges from 2008 to 2011.

In June 2017, Cuomo nominated Feinman to the New York Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, to the seat left vacant by the death of Sheila Abdus-Salaam. He was unanimously confirmed by the New York Senate the same month. Feinman is the first openly LGBT person to serve on New York's highest court.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

[The U.S. Mint Is Introducing a Pink-Gold Coin to Benefit Breast Cancer Research](#)

[MTA Plans To Phase Out MetroCards](#)

ROOSEVELT ISLAND



Roosevelt Island's 2017
**HALLOWEEN PARADE
AND EXTRAVAGANZA**
Fun for Free! Games . Rides . Music . Treats
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017
12 NOON - 3PM
Begins at Blackwell House, 500 Main Street
Ends at Capobianco Field
(in the event of rain, festivities will be held at PS/IS 217, 645 Main Street)
For more info, call 212-838-4747

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Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation

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Roosevelt Island Youth Program

The poster features two glowing jack-o'-lanterns at the bottom. The background is a dark, atmospheric image of a building, likely Blackwell House, with a fence in the foreground.

Transportation Updates

Queens Midtown Tunnel Weekend Tube Closure

Weekend tube closure will take place at the Queens Midtown Tunnel, for ongoing Sandy Restoration, Friday from 10 PM through Monday at 6 AM; this work also entails weeknight Monday to Thursday tube closures. During these periods two-way traffic runs in the other tube. This weekend we've been advised that Con Edison and AT&T will be working in the streets adjacent to the QMT's Manhattan side, so please be advised to expect major delays and either plan additional time or consider using an alternate route. Please feel free to share this info with your neighbors and constituents. As always, we appreciate your patience as we progress with this challenging work, in addition to the installation of Flood Doors at either portal, a long-term future storm mitigation.

Sign up for MTA Customer Alerts at mta.inf

RIOC Advisory: Traffic

Please be advised that, due to the Halloween Parade on Sat., October 28th, traffic on Main St. will be held starting at 12 PM, until the end of the parade at approximately 12:30 PM. The parade begins at Blackwell House (500 Main St.) and ends at Capobianco Field.

Weather Alert

NYC Flash Flood Emergency Plan Activation in Anticipation of Heavy Rain on Sunday, October 29th

New York City Emergency Management advises residents and property owners to clear any trash or debris on top of or adjacent to catch basins near their property, if possible, in order to allow the basin to collect stormwater continuously. Street flooding and

UPCOMING EVENTS



In partnership with
Assembly Member
Rebecca A. Seawright

FREE RAT ACADEMY



Do you see rats around your building or neighborhood?

Do you want to learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention?

Rodent-resistant garbage cans will be raffled to participants attending the full event

Thursday, November 2, 2017

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Brearley School Common Room

610 East 83rd Street, New York NY 10028

(between East End Avenue and FDR Drive)



FREE training for:

- Building supers
- Maintenance personnel
- Homeowners
- Tenants
- Managing companies
- Business

Please RSVP at 212-288-4607

Interpretation available on request



For this or any other community or legislative issue please contact Assembly Member Seawright's district community office at 212-288-4607 or email Seawright@nyassembly.gov.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday,
October 28

Help protect our families, environment and public safety by turning in your unused or unwanted prescriptions for safe disposal.



#TakeBack
#NYSAsemblyMajority

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

National Prescription Drug **TAKE BACK DAY**

Saturday, October 28th
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Turn in your unused or expired
prescription medication
for safe disposal.

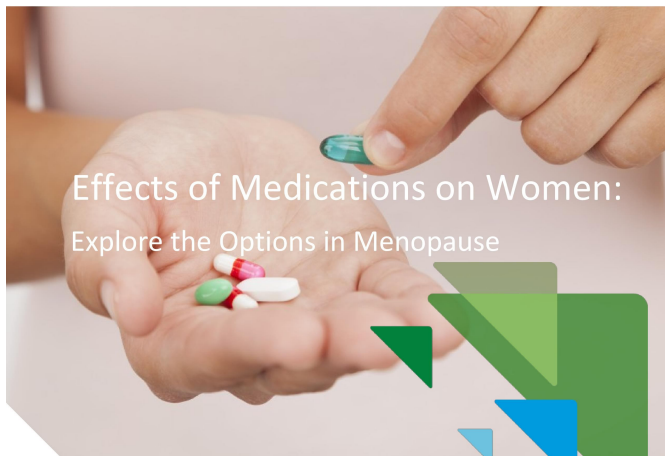
Lenox Hill Hospital
100 E 77th Street
New York, NY 10075

Lenox Health
Greenwich Village
30 7th Avenue
New York, NY 10011



Visit www.dea.gov or call 800-882-9539
for a collection site near you.

Katz Institute for Women's Health



Effects of Medications on Women: Explore the Options in Menopause

Join us as Swati Shroff, MD discusses
hormone replacement therapy (HRT) use
in women going through menopause and
the pros and cons of this therapy.

Wednesday, November 8
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

- Free event
Register online at:
medicationsandwomen.eventbrite.com


Lenox Hill Hospital
Northwell Health®

Friedman Diabetes Institute
110 East 59 Street 8th Fl.
Room 807
New York, NY 10022
(855) 850-KIWH (5494).



HALLOWEEN EVENTS IN NEW YORK CITY

YCS Fall Festival: October 28th

Yorkville's most popular block party, the YCS Fall Festival, will happen on **October 28th from 11 AM – 3 PM**, on East 88th Street between 1st and York (right in front of YCS). Activities include inflatables, carnival games, arts & crafts and a student designed life-sized maze! There will be grilled burgers, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and lots of other sweet treats. All proceeds benefit the YCS PTA, and support enrichment and other important programs for YCS students.

Halloween Parade and Party

Sunday, Oct. 29, 1-3pm

Washington Market Park, 199 Chambers St., Tribeca

AGES: All

Tribeca families adore this annual Halloween party and costume parade. Volunteers will run a dozen free events, including penny-in-a-haystack, a bone dig in the sandbox, crafts, juggling, hula hooping, and a hay circle on the lawn. Strollers are not permitted in the park during the event. A free stroller-check will be available at Duane and Greenwich Streets.

WANT TO GO? 212-408-0100. washingtonmarketpark.org.

Halloween Pumpkin Flotilla

Sunday, Oct. 29, 4-7pm

Charles A. Dana Discovery Center, 110th Street between Fifth and Lenox avenues, Central Park

AGES: All

Make a spooky jack-o'-lantern and then sent it floating in the open waters of the Harlem Meer at twilight as part of this annual Halloween festival. The family fun usually includes live music and scary stories too.

WANT TO GO? 212-860-1370. centralparknyc.org.

27th Annual Children's Halloween Parade

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 3-6pm

Washington Square Park, University Place, from East 13th to West 3rd streets, Washington Square

AGES: All

Gather at the fountain in Washington Square Park for a family-friendly Halloween parade, hosted by NYU and Manhattan Community Board 2. Then, kids can snag free trick-or-treat bags, play games, and experience rides on West 3rd Street between LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street. There will be entertainment and performances on West 3rd Street following the parade.

WANT TO GO? 212-982-6255. nyu.edu.

Haunted High Line Halloween

Saturday, Oct. 28, 11am-3pm

The High Line, West 14th to West 16th streets between Tenth and Twelfth avenues, Chelsea

AGES: All

Spend an afternoon enjoying artistic face painting, a candy scavenger hunt, an old-time photo booth, and live performances. There will be a cookie factory art project, a Halloween Magic Show, music and dancing with the Bilingual Birdies, a safe streets

art project, a ghost tunnel, creepy crawlers in a mobile garden, a DJ/Karaoke station, and more. RSVP: <http://www.thehighline.org/activities/haunted-high-line-halloween-family-event> RSVP doesn't guarantee entry. Entrance is first-come, first-served.
WANT TO GO? 212-500-6035. thehighline.org.

Inwood Pumpkin Pageant

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 5pm

Isham Park, 1 Park Terrace E., Inwood

AGES: All

WHAT: Responsibly recycle your Halloween pumpkins at the 4th annual Inwood Pumpkin Pageant. Bring your old gourds and jack-o'-lanterns to the park where volunteers will light up the offerings at dusk in a beautiful display of holiday light. The remains will be composted with the help of the New York Restoration Project. Prize ribbons will be awarded to crowd favorites.

WANT TO GO? [facebook.com/inwoodpumpkin](https://www.facebook.com/inwoodpumpkin).

NYPD Halloween Safety Tips


Safety Tips for Children.

What Can I Do?


The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that Halloween is consistently one of the top three days of the year for pedestrian injuries and fatalities. In addition, 48% of all motor vehicle crash fatalities on Halloween night in 2012 (latest available data) involved a drunk driver. And according to the Center for Disease Control, children ages 5 to 14 are four times more likely to be killed by a motor vehicle accident on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

Sound scary?


It doesn't have to be. Parents should always emphasize safety precautions, and accompany children on their rounds after dark. Here are some guidelines to follow: motor vehicle accident on Halloween than on any other day of the year.




Keep costumes light and bright, so children are clearly visible to motorists and other pedestrians. Trim costumes, bags and even hats with reflective tape.




Costumes should be flame-resistant and fit properly. Be sure the child's vision is unobstructed by face masks, paint, or head gear like hats.



Costumes that are too long may cause kids to trip and fall. Trim or hem their costumes, as necessary. Children should wear sturdy, comfortable, slip-resistant shoes to avoid falls.



It is important that children walk on sidewalks and never cut across yards or driveways. They should also obey all traffic signals and remain in designated crosswalks when crossing the street.



It's also a good idea to carry a cell phone while trick-or-treating in case of an emergency.

For more information on child safety, or for other crime prevention and personal safety tips, please visit our website at: www.nypdcommunityaffairs.org.

NYPD
www.nypd.gov

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

A Message from The Chapin School

Dear Neighbors,

Please be advised that, following the installation of the tower crane this weekend, the test weights, which will be used in the testing of the crane later this week, have been delivered to the site.

In order to place the test weights in the work area/shed, our construction team will need to close the street to vehicular traffic for 15-20 minutes at approximately 12:30PM.

We will keep you informed about the schedule for crane testing.

Thank you for your continued patience.

The Chapin School

Community Contact Info: 212-606-3225

Email: project@chapin.edu

MEMORIALIAL 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, October 28th, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm.**

Please call the project's Construction Information Line at 212-639-4444 with any questions or comments.

91st Street Waste Transfer Station

TWO WEEK LOOK-AHEAD

Monday, October 23 - Sunday, November 5 2017
East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station

X Scheduled

M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5
X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		

Deliveries - including concrete with pump at all Zones

ZONE 1: Ramp Work (Along field) & York Ave/91st Street

Install utilities
Install gas meter assembly
Con Ed work at property line manholes¹

X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		

ZONE 2A: Ramp Work (Along field)

Install utilities

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

Install utilities
Inspection for piping installation (night²)

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			X										

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

Install utilities

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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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X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		

¹ Utility work schedule to be confirmed by Con Ed.

² To be confirmed with special inspector.

York Avenue Sewer Reconstruction



Office of Community Outreach & Notification

WEEKLY CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN

10/28/17 - 11/3/17

RECONSTRUCTION OF YORK AVE COMBINED SEWERS AND WATER MAINS PROJECT- PROJECT#: SEN002169 BOROUGH: MANHATTAN DATE ISSUED: 10/27/17

The following is an anticipated work schedule for the upcoming week. However, due to unforeseen field and weather conditions, it may become necessary to change some scheduled work locations, operations and dates.

DATE	WORK HOURS	LOCATION	OPERATION
10/28/17 SATURDAY	9:00 am- 4:00 pm	E. 62 nd Street between York Ave and 1 st Ave	Excavations for water main work
10/30/17- 11/3/17	9:00 am- 3:00 pm	York Ave. between E. 61 st and E. 62 nd Streets (West side)	Con Edison utility work in preparation for sewer installation

WATER SHUT-OFF NOTIFICATIONS: In addition to a 72-hour Advisory, a prior 24-hour notification will be distributed / posted to any / all affected location(s).
NO PARKING SIGNS: Will be distributed / posted 72 hours prior to the temporary elimination of street parking. Please observe posted parking regulations in construction areas.
TRAFFIC PATTERN: On York Ave. between E. 60th and E. 63rd Streets - South and North bound Streets will be reduced to two (2) lanes of traffic in each direction during and after working hours.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Laura Rivers, the Community Construction Liaison at (646) 838-7942 or by email YorkAvecccl@mail.com

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Acting Commissioner

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East 81st Street Pedestrian Bridge



Office of Community Outreach + Notification

Weekly Construction Bulletin

East 81st Street Pedestrian Bridge
Manhattan

Project#HBPED100M
Friday, October 20, 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
10/23/17 to 10/27/17	East 81 st Street Pedestrian Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On-site Fence Fabrication and Installation	7:00am - 3:30pm
10/28/17 (Saturday)	East 81 st Street Pedestrian Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On-site Fence Fabrication and Installation	7:00am - 3:30pm
10/30/17 to 11/3/17 (night)	East 81 st Street Pedestrian Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On-site Fence Fabrication and Installation	10:00pm - 6:00am

NOTES:

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: December 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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ANA BARRO
ACTING COMMISSIONER
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