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A MESSAGE FROM

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

One of the most important pieces of legislation that we passed in the last week is the New York State DREAM act. We must now call on the State Senate to pass it.

I want to congratulate City Council Member Ben Kallos and his wife, Irene on the birth of their daughter. Councilman Kallos has been a true champion in fighting for 3-K and additional Pre-K seats. Remember, NOW is the time to register to enroll for Fall 2018.

Pre-K registration is happening now through March 30th. Please consult the DOE website, HERE, for information.

I look forward to co-sponsoring the following upcoming events:

- Friday, March 16 - ***Rent Freeze Clinic with the New York City Department of Finance***, 11am-1pm at Seawright's District Community Office. Space is limited, call 212-288-4607 to make an appointment.

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

Please Join Assembly Member

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT
Women's History Month Celebration

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 AT 6:00PM

Church Of The Holy Trinity
Lower Meeting Room
316 East 88th Street
Between 1st and 2nd Avenues

Space is limited, please RSVP at
212.288.4607 or
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IN OUR COMMUNITY

Seawright Hosts Fire Safety Presentation by FDNY in District Community Office

Lieutenant Joseph Delligatti of the FDNY's Fire Safety Education Unit conducted a seminar at our Community Office. Three important points that Lt. Delligatti wants to be certain we all know:

1. "Get Alarm NYC"-Any NYC resident can have a Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarm put in their home at NO CHARGE for either the alarm or the installation. Call 1-877-RED CROS (1-877-733-2767), then PRESS * to schedule an appointment for installation at your home.
2. When purchasing appliances look for UNDERWRITER'S LABORATORY   (UL) approval. This will indicate products of the highest quality which will "turn off" before overheating.
3. Always have a box of baking soda in your kitchen! For kitchen fires on stove top or in oven

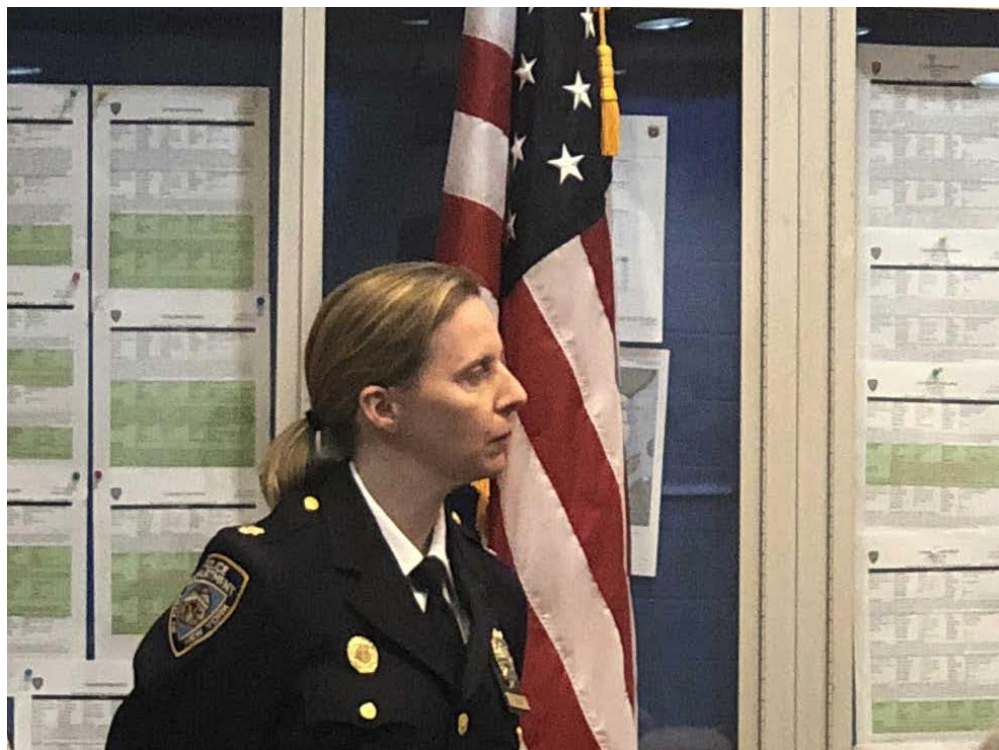(any grease fire), baking soda will stop the fire; water will not.

Sign the Pet Promise

As Honorary Chairperson of the AKC Meet the Breeds® educational event, and a pet lover, I have shown my support for responsible pet ownership. You can too! Please join me by signing the Pet Promise and sharing on your social media profiles to show that you are as dedicated as I am to responsible pet ownership.

Want to learn more about responsible pet ownership? Come play with thousands of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens at AKC Meet the Breeds® during the 2018 Meet and Compete. Meet experts of more than 150 breeds, watch fun fast-paced dog agility, and more! Don't miss the family friendly fun and engaging education on February 10th at Piers 92 and 94 in NYC.

Inspector Kathleen Walsh Returns to the 19th Precinct as The Commanding Officer

Walsh, who left the 19th Precinct as a Sergeant, returns as Commanding Officer! Inspector Walsh will be one of the Women of Distinction, Assembly Member Seawright will be recognizing at her Women's History Event on March 8th

NYC Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is Accepting Applications Now

We are happy to inform you that NYC Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is accepting applications for the summer of 2018. If you are an NYC youth between the ages of 14-24 who is looking for valuable work experience and earning money this summer, please complete the SYEP application and take the first step to landing your dream summer job.

What The Program Offers?

Career Readiness Training: Learn essential workplace readiness skills, business etiquette, financial literacy, and many other skills that will help jumpstart your career.

Work Experience: Participants work in a variety of entry-level jobs at government agencies, hospitals, summer camps, nonprofits, small businesses, law firms, museums, sports enterprises, and retail organizations

Earn Extra Money: Get paid while gaining skills that will help develop your career. All SYEP participants are **paid** at NYS minimum wage.

Who is Eligible?

Youth between the ages of 14-24

Resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City

Legally allowed to work in New York City

How to Apply?

Please visit https://application.nycsyep.com to apply to SYEP. If you have any questions, please call 1.800.246.4646.

Application Deadline: March 16th, 2018

Read what some of our notable alumni have to say:

"Getting your foot in the door at a young age and being heard is the first step in business. It played an important role in my professional growth, but more importantly as a person,"

- **Daymond John, American entrepreneur, investor, television personality, author and motivational speaker.**

"The Summer Youth Employment Program was an important outlet for me as a teenager eager to gain some work experience at a young age. It set a precedent for me that resonates till this day with my chosen career path,"

- **Riggs Morales**, **Atlantic Records VP of A&R and Artist Development.**

Best Regards,

The SYEP Team

Seawright Plans Expanded Community Programming with Weill Cornell Medical School

Weill Cornell Director of Government & Community Affairs Daniel Pollay, Lenox Hill Neighboorhood House Board Member Helene Goldfarb, Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright, and Weill Cornell Manager of Government & Community Affairs Alyessa Danielle met in our District Office to discuss community programming and women in science.

Our District Community Office Gets A New Intern

The Community office welcomes our new intern Theo Spedalle! He will be taking your calls and attending events/meetings throughout the community.

IN ALBANY

Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright Votes to Move the 2018 State Primary date to Ensure all New Yorkers can Vote

Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright (D-76th District) voted to move the 2018 state primary election date from Tuesday, Sept. 11, to Thursday, Sept. 13, out of respect for those who lost loved ones in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, as well as those celebrating Rosh Hashanah (A.8917-A).

"Sept. 11 will forever be a day of remembrance, a time to mourn our fellow New Yorkers whose lives were taken far too soon by an unforgiveable act of terrorism," Seawright said. "It is also a day to honor the brave firefighters, EMTs and police officers who showed us the best of America during our darkest hours. Moving the primary election two days allows us to come together to show our respect to those who died and those who came to the rescue."

New York State law requires that the state primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September. This year, that date is Sept. 11, which is also the second day of Rosh Hashanah, marking the Jewish new year. As was done in previous years, this measure recognizes and respects the significance of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks and the Jewish holiday, noted Seawright.

"Voting is our most important civic duty, and each and every New Yorker should be able to exercise this right freely and equally," Seawright said. "This legislation helps break down barriers to voter participation by ensuring that people of all faiths can get to the polls if they choose to do so."

The Assembly has routinely passed legislation to consolidate the state's election calendar by combining the state and federal primary election dates to the fourth Tuesday in June (A.3052). This would not only prevent the primary from falling on Sept. 11 or Rosh Hashanah in the future, but would also save taxpayers an estimated $25 million, reduce the burden on county boards of elections and keep New York State compliant with the federal Military Overseas and Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act. Further, holding both primaries on the same date would make it easier for New Yorkers to vote, increasing voter turnout and strengthening our democracy, concluded Seawright.

Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright Keeps the Dream alive, Co-Sponsors Bill to help 'Dreamers' attend College

With DREAM Act, Assembly emphasizes opportunity, diversity and compassion

Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright (D-76th District) announced that she co-sponsored the New York State Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act to expand access to higher education for the children of immigrants (A.9605-A). This legislation will help more hardworking students earn a college degree, begin successful careers and give back to their communities, Seawright noted.

"Children should not be punished because their parents brought them here in search of a better life, making sacrifices and experiencing hardships many of us couldn't even imagine," Seawright said. "Let me be clear, these are children who know no other home and we are proud to have them here. We will not turn our backs on them. We will not push them into the shadows. To all 'Dreamers': You are New Yorkers, you are valued and you are worthy."

The DREAM Act would give undocumented college-bound students who meet certain eligibility requirements – such as attending high school in New York – access to the state Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and other educational assistance programs, including the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Collegiate Science and Technology Program (C-STEP) and similar programs at community colleges.

These students are already benefiting from public education from pre-K through high school and are eligible for the in-state tuition at SUNY and CUNY schools. Cutting off assistance as they venture on to the next part of their educational journey is both cruel and illogical, noted Seawright.

The bill also establishes a scholarship fund with private donations – the DREAM Fund – and expands access to the New York State College Tuition Assistance Savings (529) Program so that children of undocumented immigrant parents with a valid taxpayer identification number can set up tuition savings accounts, noted Seawright.

"Even though the federal administration is shamefully targeting 'Dreamers' by dismantling the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, New Yorkers know that America was built on dreams," Seawright said. "Expanding access to higher education for the children of immigrants is the right thing to do. They have worked hard, and they deserve every chance to soar and make this state stronger."

TRANSPORTATION

MTA Advisory

ADVISORY: MetroCard Vending Machines to Undergo Software Upgrade During Early AM Hours Saturday

Machines will Accept Cash Only 12:01 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. on Feb. 10; Overnight Weekend Timing Designed to Minimize Customer Inconvenience

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is performing a major upgrade to software responsible for credit and debit card transactions on MetroCard Vending Machines during the very early morning hours Saturday, Feb. 10, between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The overnight timing of the upgrade was chosen for when ridership is at its lowest and minimizes impact on the vast majority of New York City Transit customers. All machines will be accepting credit and debit cards again beginning at 6.am. on Saturday, Feb. 10. This upgrade impacts all MetroCard Vending Machines, in subway stations, PATH stations, the JFK AirTrain system and at LaGuardia Airport.

New York City Transit is also launching an aggressive public outreach campaign that includes station signs, notices on the machines' screens, systemwide announcements, social media messages and direct e-mail and text alerts to customers. Customers may sign up for alerts at www.MyMTAalerts.com.

New York City Transit Subway staff in stations will help any customers with information during the system update. Customers without cash will be accommodated by station personnel during the upgrade if necessary as well. Staff will also be available with information for people who call 511 or use the "information" button on any Help Point kiosk. As always, social media staff will respond 24/7 to any customer concerns on Twitter at @NYCTSubway.

"After hearing clearly from our customers that they needed more information regarding this upgrade, we reassessed the entire process," said MTA Managing Director Veronique Hakim. "We are aggressively communicating with customers about this upgrade to ensure that we avoid confusion, and limiting the disruption to only the very early morning hours Saturday."

The upgrade is being performed centrally on mainframe computers, and is being done to further improve the reliability and security of credit and debit card transactions on all MetroCard Vending Machines, which collectively process approximately 800,000 transactions per day. Cash transactions are unaffected during the upgrade.

The MTA is currently working with the Cubic Corporation to develop a modern, world-class replacement for the MetroCard system. Over the next several years, a new system will be phased in which will allow customers to pay for rides using their own smartphones and state of the art cards linked directly to payment accounts. Fare payment cards purchased with cash will always remain available. For more information about the next-generation replacement to the MetroCard, see here.

Customers currently seeking to use credit, debit or bank accounts to automatically pay for rides without needing MetroCard Vending Machines may sign up for an EasyPayXPress card, at http://web.mta.info/metrocard/EasyPayXpress.htm.
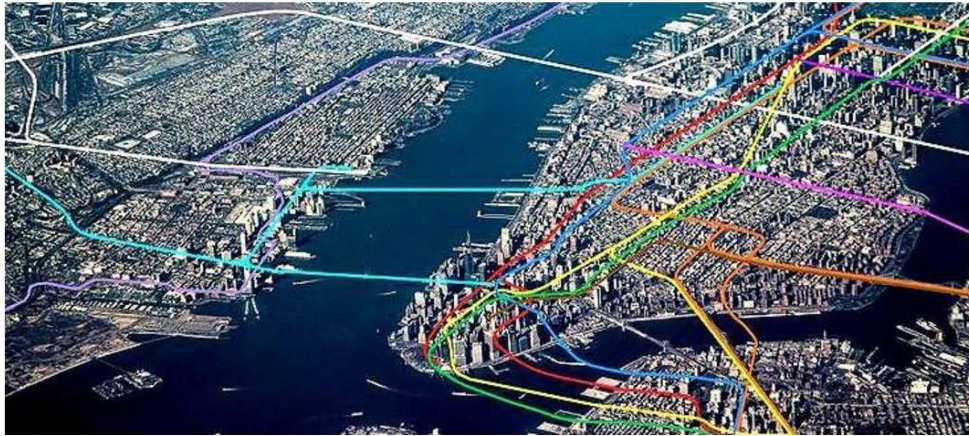
UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 16
11AM- 1PM

ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT
RENT FREEZE
CLINIC

learn about the
senior citizen/
disabled rent
increase exemption
program for renters!

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CALL 212.288.4607

Finding Solutions
To Our Transportation Crisis

Sponsored By: State Senators Liz Krueger and Brad Hoylman

The evidence is clear: New Yorkers' ability to get around their city is becoming increasingly compromised by poor subway service, equally shoddy bus service, and choking congestion. What can we do to address the various elements of this crisis? Join me as I discuss the pros and cons of proposed solutions with a panel of transportation experts and advocates.

**Thursday
March 1st
6pm to 8pm**

**CUNY Graduate Center
Proshansky Auditorium
365 5th Avenue
Btwn 34th and 35th
Manhattan**

Speakers will include:

- **Polly Trottenberg**
  Commissioner, Department of Transportation
- **Alex Matthiessen**
  Move NY
- **Veronica Vanterpool**
  MTA Board Member
- **Nicole Gelinas**
  Manhattan Institute
- **Nick Sifuentes**
  Bus Turnaround Coalition
  Tri-State Transportation Campaign

Co-Sponsored by:
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State Senator José M. Serrano | Assembly Members Carmen De La Rosa,
Daniel O'Donnel, Dan Quart, and Rebecca Seawright | Council Members Ben Kallos,
Mark Levine, Keith Powers, Ydanis Rodriguez, and Helen Rosenthal
Manhattan Community Boards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11 | MoveNY | Riders Alliance
Tri-State Transportation Campaign | Transit Center | Transportation Alternatives

RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/transportation-crisis or by calling (212) 490-9535.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

MSK/CUNY

STREET CLOSURES

1275 York Avenue & 425 East 67th Street

Please be advised that on Friday, February 9th - Sunday, February 11th 2018, there will be a crane lift in operation updating the emergency power system and cooling towers at Memorial Sloan Kettering. The crane lift operation will require road closures as explained in detail below:

York Avenue

Four (out of Six) lanes will be closed on York Avenue, between <u>East 66th Street and East 68thStreet, from 12:01am on Saturday February 10th until 11:59pm on Sunday February 11th</u> (48 hours total). A single lane for northbound vehicle traffic and a single lane for southbound vehicle will be maintained on the eastern side of York Avenue for the aforementioned duration.

East 67thStreet

<u>All lanes of East 67th Street between 1st Avenue and York Avenue will be closed from 12:01am on Saturday February 10th until 11:59pm on Sunday February 11th</u> (48 hours total).

East 73rd/74th Street and FDR Drive site

- Necessary construction activity will take place at the site on **Saturday, February 10th and Sunday, February 11, 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 Statio

TWO WEEK LOOK-AHEAD
Monday, February 12 - Sunday, February 25 2018
East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station

X	Scheduled

	M 2/12	T 2/13	W 2/14	T 2/15	F 2/16	S 2/17	S 2/18	M 2/19	T 2/20	W 2/21	T 2/22	F 2/23	S 2/24	S 2/25
Deliveries - including concrete with pump at all Zones	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		

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

	M 2/12	T 2/13	W 2/14	T 2/15	F 2/16	S 2/17	S 2/18	M 2/19	T 2/20	W 2/21	T 2/22	F 2/23	S 2/24	S 2/25
Install utilities	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
Con Ed - manhole work and excavation for gas line[1]	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

ZONE 2A: Ramp Work (Along field)

	M 2/12	T 2/13	W 2/14	T 2/15	F 2/16	S 2/17	S 2/18	M 2/19	T 2/20	W 2/21	T 2/22	F 2/23	S 2/24	S 2/25
Install utilities	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		

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

	M 2/12	T 2/13	W 2/14	T 2/15	F 2/16	S 2/17	S 2/18	M 2/19	T 2/20	W 2/21	T 2/22	F 2/23	S 2/24	S 2/25
Install utilities	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		

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

	M 2/12	T 2/13	W 2/14	T 2/15	F 2/16	S 2/17	S 2/18	M 2/19	T 2/20	W 2/21	T 2/22	F 2/23	S 2/24	S 2/25
Install utilities	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		

ZONE 3: Marine Work

	M 2/12	T 2/13	W 2/14	T 2/15	F 2/16	S 2/17	S 2/18	M 2/19	T 2/20	W 2/21	T 2/22	F 2/23	S 2/24	S 2/25
MTS building interior walls and ceilings	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
Mechanical, electrical and plumbing installation	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
Building envelope and roof	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		

[1] Utility work schedule to be confirmed by Con Ed.

NYC DOC

WEEKLY CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN

2/10/18 - 2/16/18

RECONSTRUCTION OF YORK AVE COMBINED SEWERS AND WATER MAINS PROJECT- PROJECT#: SEN002169 BOROUGH: MANHATTAN DATE ISSUED: 2/9/18

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
2/10/18 SATURDAY	9:00 am– 4:00 pm	E. 62nd Street between York Ave and 1st Ave	Continue excavation for water main work
2/10/18 SATURDAY	9:00 am– 4:00 pm	Intersection of E. 61st Street and York Ave.	Continue excavation for sewer chamber
2/12/18– 2/16/18	9:00 am– 3:00 pm	York Ave. between E. 61st and E. 62nd Streets (West side)	• Con Edison utility work • Trench sheeting in preparation for sewer work

WATER SHUT-OFF NOTIFICATIONS: In addition to a 72-hour Advisory, a prior 24-hour notification will be distributed / posted to any / all affected locations(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 Rivera**, the **Community Construction Liaison** at **(646) 838-7942 or by email** YorkAveccl@gmail.com

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