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## IN OUR COMMUNITY:

- *Seawright Marches for our lives*

## UPCOMING EVENTS/POSTINGS:

- *Community Board 8 Homlessness Forum*
- *World War I Commemoration of Sgt. Alvin York*
- *Seawright Spring/Summer 2018 Internship*
- *Shred-a-thon*
- *Electronics Recycling*
- *Alzheimers Foundation Brain Health Forum*
- *FALL PREVENTION Presentation*
- *Free Mammogram Screenings*

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- *Chapin School*

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## A MESSAGE FROM

### *Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright*

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Passover, Chag Sameach, and Happy Easter! To all who will celebrate, I wish you and yours a holiday that is rich with meaning and filled with joy!

As we are working diligently to pass a state budget, please stay tuned for further updates. I continue to support programs that will benefit our community including funding for the MTA, aid for our schools and services for our seniors.

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

## IN ALBANY

### *Seawright Speaks at Press Conference in Support of Glick Bill to Increase Speed Cameras in New York City*



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**Seawright stands with grandmother Joan Dean who lost her grandson Sammy Cohen Eckstein in a traffic crash. Ms. Dean advocates for safer streets with Families for Safe Streets.**

Advocates and families of traffic crash victims rallied on the Million Dollar Staircase at the state capitol in Albany alongside state elected officials to call for the extension and expansion of New York City's speed safety camera program.

*"I commend my colleague Assembly Member Deborah Glick for fighting for the safety of our children in school zones by introducing a bill to reduce incidents of speeding, as well as Transportation Alternatives and Families for Safe Streets for their advocacy on this important issue. Having one hundred and forty speed cameras around all New York City schools is just not good enough. The safety of our children is a priority and not just when school is open. We need to do more to prevent road tragedies near schools, and that means making this bill a reality,"* said **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright**.

Speed safety cameras are proven to reduce speeding, and advocates believe more of New York City's schools should be covered by this life-saving technology. Safety advocates are calling on the state legislature and Governor Cuomo to ensure a provision for [speed safety cameras](#) is included in the state budget. The City's speed safety camera authorization will expire in June without action in Albany.



## ***Census Citizenship Question Will Lead to Undercounting, Loss of Federal Funding***

**Seawright commented,** *"The importance of an accurate and full Census count cannot be overstated. Census data is used to allocate hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding for education, health, transportation and social safety net programs – not to mention the number of representatives we have in Congress.*

*That's why the Trump administration's decision to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census will hurt communities – especially immigrant communities and communities of color – throughout New York State. It will undoubtedly reduce Census participation for fear that this information will be used to further the federal government's anti-immigrant agenda.*

*And let's be clear: This policy conflicts with the values of New York State, a place that proudly boasts such symbols of hope and inclusion as Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. For over 200 years, our state has provided a home for millions of immigrant families seeking a better life. Immigration is a fundamental part of the American Dream and a testament to the promise our great nation holds. Hostility to immigrants is not welcome here, and I strongly urge the federal government to reverse its decision so our country can have a fair, accurate Census. Everyone should be counted."*

## **IN OUR COMMUNITY**

### ***Seawright Marches for Our Lives***



*Council Member Ben Kallos and Assembly Member Seawright at the **March for Our Lives**.*



*Assembly Member Michael Blake, Senator Michael Gianaris, New York City Public Advocate Letitia James, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Council Member Helen Rosenthal, Council Member Margaret Chin, Council Member Ben Kallos, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Council Speaker Corey Johnson showing support for the students at the march.*



*Seawright's daughter, Haley.*



*Council Member Carlina Rivera and Seawright.*



*Seawright, Rep. Maloney and Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul in the **March For Our Lives**.*



*Thank you to Congresswoman Maloney for being an advocate on gun violence prevention and hosting a "listening session" this week to hear from her student constituents.*

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## ***PS 158 Annual Auction***



*Assistant Principal Janis Lao, Assembly Member Seawright, Principal Dina Ercolano, Auction Chair and Council Member Kallos.*



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## ***Yorkville Community School***



*Principal Samantha Kaplan, Council Member Ben Kallos, Assembly Member Seawright and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer.*



*PTA Moms and Activists*



## ***Seawright Attends Annual Carl Schurz Park Conservancy Easter Egg Hunt***



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright with three of hundreds of children who enjoyed the annual Carl Schurz Park Conservancy Easter Egg Hunt. Thirty-six thousand eggs were available to the eager young hunters, bringing joy and good cheer to the holiday season.

## ***The Fight for the Queensboro Oval Continues***

***As featured in...***

***The Upper East Side Patch***

## [Queensboro Oval Will Not Become A Park, City Says](#)

Recently, the community was alerted to the fact that the Park's Department has issued a 10 year RFP for the Queensboro Oval Space, an opportunity for the private Sutton Tennis Club to remain in the space. The Queensboro Oval is a 1-acre park below the 59th Street Bridge which currently operates as a private tennis bubble for 9 months of the year. Since 2016, Seawright has been working with Community Board 8 members, residents, local elected officials and the Park's Department to determine what should be done with the space once the Tennis Club contract expired. They rallied together to return the park back to public use, year round and Community Board 8's Parks and Recreation committee passed a resolution to return the park to the public, year-round. The Park's Department decision is disappointing and is contrary to the discussions that were had with community members. Assembly Member Seawright signed onto Senator Krueger's letter below to request an explanation and reconsideration of the decision.



State Senator Liz Krueger  
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright  
Assembly Member Dan Quart



Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney



Council Member Ben Kallos  
Council Member Keith Powers

March 23, 2018

Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP  
New York City Commissioner  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
26 West 61st Street, Arsenal West  
New York, NY 10023

Dear Commissioner Silver,

We are writing in response to the February 16, 2018 issuance by the Department of Parks of a Request for Proposals from private concessionaires for the "Development, Operation, and Maintenance of a Sports and Recreational Facility" at the Queensboro Oval site. For two years, Community Board 8, along with Community Board 6 and much of the Upper East Side community, has strongly urged the City to return the Queensboro Oval space, which sits on publicly owned land, to the public. As we have expressed repeatedly, we continue to believe that use of the space as a public park would serve our community far better than its current use and that the current use constitutes an improper private use of a public space. Your decision to release an RFP, which appears directed towards keeping the site operating as a private tennis club, is contrary to the clearly stated desires of the community and sets a bad precedent of non-park use of Parks-managed land.

In response to the strong advocacy by Community Boards 8 and 6 and support from elected officials representing the area, the Parks Department had engaged with the community and presented numerous options for potential public-park designs for the space. Community Board 8 passed several resolutions supporting the "multiuse park" option, and requested the necessary funding to convert the site, which Council Member Kallos pledged to provide. Every indication was given that the conversion of the site was practically feasible and that you were sympathetic to our argument that the space should be used as a public park.

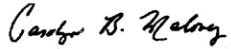
We would like to understand the reasons behind this pivot away from working with the community to return this site to public park use. We represent some of most densely developed areas of the city, and believe that every opportunity to create additional open

public space must be taken. We adamantly urge you to reconsider your decision and wish to meet with you to discuss the matter.

Sincerely,



Liz Krueger  
State Senator



Carolyn Maloney  
U.S. Representative



Ben Kallos  
City Council Member



Keith Powers  
City Council Member



Dan Quart  
Assembly Member



Rebecca Seawright  
Assembly Member

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## ***Seawright Opposes Transfer of Air rights at 1297-1299 Third Avenue***

Developers for 203 East 74<sup>th</sup> Street and 1297-1299 Third Avenue have applied to the BSA, Board of Standards and Appeals to transfer development rights (“air rights”) from 203 East 74<sup>th</sup> Street to 1297-1299 Third Avenue.

Because 203 East 74<sup>th</sup> Street required a Variance for its construction, it must seek approval from the Board of Standards and Appeals to transfer its unused development rights to the adjacent development site. The Community Board 8 Housing Committee and the full board voted unanimously to disapprove the transfer of air rights, citing their past two resolutions in favor of a 210-foot height limit for First, Second, Third and York Avenues as the reason for their disapproval. The development as it is currently proposed on Third Avenue exceeds the 210 ft. limit and any transfer of air rights would result in an even taller building.

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## ***Seawright Opposes Lifting FAR Cap***

This session in Albany, there has been a move by the Senate to remove the 12 FAR (Floor Area Ratio) cap on residential buildings in New York City. Floor area ratio (FAR) is the ratio of a building's total floor area (gross floor area) to the size of the piece of land upon which it is built. Assembly Member Seawright and the local Community Board 8 have continuously opposed the lifting of a cap which would be detrimental to the Upper East Side and Yorkville. At the full board meeting, Community Board 8 passed a resolution to unanimously approve keeping the 12FAR cap on residential development. Seawright continues to oppose lifting the cap in Albany to support the Community Board 8 resolution.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS/POSTINGS**

**Seawright Community  
Events Calendar**

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and share free  
community events!**

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Will Brightbill  
District Manager



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The City of New York  
Manhattan Community Board 8

**Health, Seniors, & Social Services Committee**

Thursday, April 12, 2018 - 6:30PM  
Ramaz School - Heyman Auditorium  
125 East 85<sup>th</sup> Street (Lexington-Park)

**HOMELESSNESS IN NEW YORK CITY:  
WHAT IS BEING DONE AND HOW WE CAN HELP**

Featured Speakers:

- **Council Member Ben Kallos:** Co-founder of the Eastside Taskforce for Homeless Outreach Services (ETHOS)
- **Lori Boozer:** Special Advisor to the Deputy Commissioner, New York City Department of Homeless Services & **Leilani Irvin:** Manhattan Borough Director, New York City Department of Homeless Services
- **Felipe Vargas:** Vice President of Programs, Doe Fund
- **Melissa Flanagan:** Director, Women's Mental Health Shelter Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
- **Rev. Jennifer Reddall:** Rector, Church of the Epiphany
- **Ann Shalof:** Executive Director, Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter
- **Andy Nieto:** Director of Community Health Education and Outreach, New York-Presbyterian Hospital

**David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, and Barbara Rudder**  
Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee, Co-Chairs

Cosponsored by: **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, State Senators Liz Krueger & Jose Serrano, Assembly Members Dan Quart and Rebecca Seawright, Council Members Ben Kallos and Keith Powers**

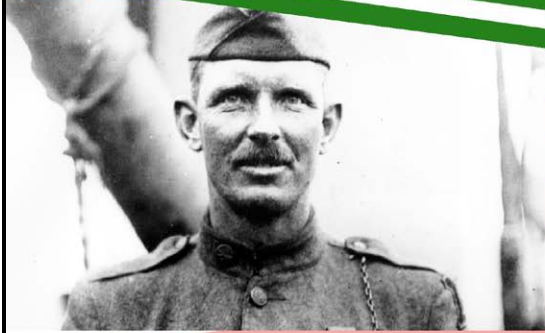
***World War One Centennial  
Commemoration & Celebration of  
Medal of Honor Recipient Sgt. Alvin  
York***



# 4/11 PRESS CONFERENCE

## WWI CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION & CELEBRATION OF...

# YORK AVE.



**11am in front of Webster Library**

**1465 York Avenue (between 77th/78th Streets)**

**Co-Chairs Howard Teich and Assembly Member Seawright partner to recognize the centennial of the end of WWI and the renaming of "Avenue A" to "York Avenue" after War Hero Sergeant Alvin York**



New York State  
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright

## SPRING/SUMMER 2018 INTERNSHIP



Our office is seeking students interested in learning about government and public service for an internship in our district office. Interns learn about various constituent issues and the ways we respond to the needs of our neighborhood. This position provides students with an exciting opportunity for personal and professional growth with exposure to a variety of services and resources. Please see the description and requirements below. I look forward to meeting you!

Best wishes,

### **Description**

Selected students will learn the communication and problem solving skills necessary to become a public servant. Interns will be involved in a number of functions including, but not limited to, legislative research, constituent services, event planning, administrative tasks, and community organizing. All intern positions are unpaid.

### **Requirements**

Opportunities available for high school and college level students. To apply, please send your resume and a cover letter of interest to [seawright@nyassembly.gov](mailto:seawright@nyassembly.gov). We accept interns on a rolling basis until all positions are filled.

Please don't hesitate to call our office with any questions.

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# SHRED-A-THON!

**Earth Day**

**Edition !**

All those yellowing, moldy docs of yours? Tax forms? Checks? Get 'em industrial-grade shredded and for FREE!

Saturday, April 21st, 2018

10am - 2 pm

82nd Street Greenmarket

82nd Street between First & York Avenues!

**PLUS Compost Collection!**

**PLUS** Recycle those eye glasses, corks, batteries & cords!

Huge thanks to AM Seawright & CMs Kallos & Powers for their generous grants!

For more: [thisweekatthemarket.wordpress.com](http://thisweekatthemarket.wordpress.com)



## Electronics Recycling Collection Upper East Side



Friday, April 27

10am-4pm

Carl Schurz Park

East End Ave

(84th/85th Streets)



Responsibly recycle unwanted or broken electronics (no appliances such as microwaves or refrigerators) with the Lower East Side Ecology Center.





Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and the  
Alzheimer's Foundation of America Present

# **BRAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS**

A presentation, free and open to the community. Staff from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America will provide insight into the difference between normal age related changes in the brain and dementia related illness.

Learn how to engage with your doctor about brain health concerns, current treatments for cognitive impairment, and steps to best maintain your overall brain health and wellness.

**Friday, May 11, 2018**  
**10am-12pm**

**Presentation (10am-11am) and Memory Screenings (11am-12pm)**

**Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright**

**1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)**

**RSVP at [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov) or 212.288.4607**



**MAY 16**  
**11AM- 1PM**



ENGAGE AT EVERY AGE: MAY 2018

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**  
**REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**

# FALL PREVENTION

**SCORE REHAB**  
**PHYSICAL THERAPIST**  
**JAMES SHIELDS**  
**PROVIDES FALL**  
**PREVENTION**  
**STRATEGIES TO OLDER**  
**ADULTS**

**COMMUNITY OFFICE**  
**1485 YORK AVENUE**  
**78/79 STREET**

**PLEASE RSVP**  
**CALL 212.288.4607**

## **Assembly Member** **REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**

### **FREE SCREENING** **MAMMOGRAMS** **FOR ELIGIBLE** **WOMEN**

**THURSDAY**  
**JULY 26**

**APPTS. BEGIN**  
**9AM**



MAMMOGRAMS PROVIDED BY **PROJECT RENEWAL SCANVAN**

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888 Main Street; New York, NY 10044

# RACES

March 31st through April 29th, 2018

**OPENING RECEPTION:**  
Saturday April 7th, from 6 PM–9 PM



Presented by  
Gallery RIVAA  
[riva.com](http://riva.com)

# 92Y ART CENTER

## Getting Started: Drawing & Painting at Roosevelt Island Senior Center

Join teaching artist Bethany Robertson for a series of drawing and painting classes. Create your own masterpieces in Drawing, Drawing with Color, and Watercolor and Acrylics. All artists will be invited to participate in a celebratory exhibition at the completion of the series!



### DRAWING

In this four-session class, students will develop introductory drawing skills including proportion, mark making, value, line and line quality is explored. Students will work in black and white media on paper from still-life, photographs, and self-portrait. Materials to be used will be pencil, charcoal, and ink. The principles and techniques will be used in combination to develop a finished self-portrait, approached using some tricks and tips to make the process more accessible to beginners.

**Mondays, April 9, 16, 23, 30. 9:30 AM – 12 PM or 1 – 3:30 PM, 4 Sessions**

### DRAWING WITH COLOR

Using both chalk and oil pastels, students will focus on landscape and observational botanical drawings, with an emphasis on mark-making and line. We will look mostly at Impressionism and how the color and mark-making can be used to convey textures and form. Weather pending, we will go outside to draw a set of botanical studies from life, or draw real plants inside if inclement weather.

**Mondays, May 7 & 14, 9:30 AM – 12 PM or 1 – 3:30 PM, 2 Sessions**

### WATERCOLOR AND ACRYLICS

Covering a variety of techniques for both paints, this course will start with more abstract techniques with watercolor and acrylic and build up to applying paint onto a canvas using a palette knife. Students will be encouraged to explore transparency/opacity, texture, and mixing color with paint. Ending the class we will paint from a found photo or photo of choice, using a simple transfer method to lay out outlines, onto a canvas!

**Mondays, May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 9:30 AM – 12 PM or 1 – 3:30 PM, 4 Sessions**

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY



*Please find this weekend and next week's subway service advisories.*

March 30- April 2

April 2- April 6



*NYC Ferry released new spring 2018 schedules for all existing routes, effective April 2nd.*

Astoria Route

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

### *Chapin School*

Dear Neighbors,

We are writing to provide an update regarding the timing of the upcoming work to add the additional tower sections of the crane. Our note dated March 23rd

indicated our hope to begin this two-day operation on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, with completion on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. **The schedule has shifted slightly and the work will now begin on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, with the second day to complete the added sections tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.** (Chapin will confirm the second work day shortly in an email update. Please know, however, that tower sections will not be added on Friday or over the weekend.)

Here again are the logistical points regarding the new tower sections:

- While the sections are added, there will not be an extended street closure on East 84<sup>th</sup>, however, flagpersons will halt pedestrian and vehicular traffic intermittently on both days;
- The unassembled sections will be unloaded inside the work shed area and will be assembled on site;
- The addition of these sections will occur one time over this two-day period and the crane will not be extended further.

As a reminder, too, exterior work hours will be reduced at the end of both this Friday and Saturday.

- On Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>, exterior work hours will be 7am - 5pm (instead of 7am-8pm);
- On Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, exterior work hours will be 9am - 3pm (instead of 9am-5pm).

We appreciate your continued patience and engagement as our project moves forward.

Respectfully,

The Chapin School

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