

May 31, 2019

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

This week in Albany we passed a comprehensive package of bills to help those living with disabilities to have equal opportunity, live independently, and reach for their goals. We need to ensure that we fulfill the promise to all disabled New Yorkers to be treated with dignity and respect, starting under our state law.

In our community, I am proud to cosponsor the following events:

Roosevelt Island Day (and shred-a-thon) - Saturday, June 8, 11:00am - 2:00pm
Chapel of the Good Shepherd, 543 Main Street

Twenty-Fifth Annual First Avenue Street Fair- Saturday, June 8, 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Roosevelt Island Town Hall - Thursday, June 13, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Chapel of the Good Shepherd, 543 Main Street

Homeowners & Tenants Enrollment Event Cosponsored by NYC Department of Finance and State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright-
Friday June 14 from 10:00am-1:00pm
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

Overdevelopment Forum- Thursday, June 27 at 6:00pm
CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue

March with our contingent in the 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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A Legislative Update from Albany



Opening the \$500 Million Stavros Niarchos Foundation-Rockefeller River Campus

Public-Private Partnership Means \$15 Million in Funding for the East River Esplanade



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright joined Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Council Member Ben Kallos and Rockefeller University Executive Vice President Timothy O'Connor to formally open the Stavros Niarchos Foundation-Rockefeller River Campus dedicated to bio-medical and bioscience research. The 160,000 square foot facility of both bio-medical and bioscience laboratories fits sleekly along the river-edge of their campus.

A public-private partnership between the city and the University included a \$15 million investment in the East River Esplanade from 63rd Street to 68th Street. We cut the ribbon last month and Rockefeller University has agreed as part of our partnership to maintain it in perpetuity.

League of Women Voters Students Inside Albany Conference

Student Jason Bohner Shadows Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



Upper East Side student Jason Bohner participated in the Students Inside Albany conference designed to increase students' awareness of their responsibility in representative government and provide the tools necessary for meeting that responsibility. This interactive conference will bring together high school students from across the state to learn about New York State government and the process by which citizens can participate in the policy making arena. As part of this program, students toured the Capitol and observed both the Senate and Assembly in action by shadowing their legislator.

As Featured In...



A gym to call their own

A longstanding wish of students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School will soon be fulfilled. City officials have announced plans to build a new gymnasium for the East 76th Street high school, which has long held physical education classes in an...

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Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney Hosts Roundtable Discussion on Vaccines and Public

Featuring Congresswoman Donna Shalala, Former Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services



Professor Jason Schwartz, Congresswoman Donna Shalala, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Dr. Adam Ratner, and Council Member Ben Kallos discussed the importance of vaccines in the United States and the rise of vaccination avoidance. Congresswoman Shalala expressed that we must eliminate non-medical exemptions to vaccinations, develop culturally sensitive awareness campaigns, and establish greater access to vaccinations for children, including vaccinations in local pharmacies.

East 79th Street & First Avenue Extell Construction Update

Improvements Made at the Request of East 79 Street Association Activists



(Above) The Southeastern corner of the site was in conformance with the Department of

Buildings regulations.

(Below) Additional netting was put in place on the corner above the construction fence.

Additional improvements and updates from Extell 79th Street & 1st Avenue Project team:

"We understand the neighbors' concerns regarding lighting. We currently have the DOB-required lighting. But in response to the neighbors requests we will be adding additional lighting in the coming 2-3 weeks.

We are strictly adhering to DOB's protocols and regulations for demolition work. The site is required to be enclosed with regulation netting, except at the rear of the buildings where the demolition work is currently being staged. The netting covering the entrance to the site must be opened at times to allow trucks and workers to enter and leave the site.

Windows are being removed in preparation for structural demolition as mandated by DOB regulations.

It is standard practice to keep a site wet to contain dust and to use demolished bricks on site as fill. Other discarded debris is sorted by material, loaded into tarp-covered containers and removed from the site by truck."



**Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
Hosts Community Boards Reception**

Community Board 8 Welcomes New and

Returning Members!



Preparing for the Roosevelt Island Figment Art Festival

Seawright Hosts Planning Meeting With Roosevelt Island Residents Association



Representatives from the office of Emergency Management, 114th Precinct, NYC Ferry, New York

City Transit, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, Public Safety Department, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Senator Jose Serrano, and Council Member Ben Kallos attended a meeting convened by the office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright regarding safety form Roosevelt Island this weekend for FIGMENT and beyond.

Here is some important information for Roosevelt Island residents regarding the FIGMENT Festival, to be held on Saturday, June 1st and Sunday, June 2nd.

According to Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC), Roosevelt Island is expecting a number of visitors this weekend so please allow additional time to get where you need to go.

FIGMENT Details

If you plan on attending the event, please visit the FIGMENT website and get your ticket by clicking here: eventbrite.com/e/figment-nyc-2019-tickets-61309756131.

Portable toilets and water stations will be located at various locations throughout the island. Please note this is not a RIOC event. There will be FIGMENT volunteers throughout the island to direct attendees. For more event info visit newyork.figmentproject.org/

FIGMENT is also a zero-waste event. All visitors and residents of the island are encouraged to carry in and carry out their items to keep Roosevelt Island clean and green. Please bring your reusable water bottles and bags to reduce plastic waste.

Proof of Residency

Due to the anticipated increase in visitors to the island during the event, all residents should carry proof of residency with them to ensure easy access to and from home and to and from the island. Proof of Residency can be a driver's license featuring your Roosevelt Island address, a resident identification card from your building or a bill with your Roosevelt Island address. This will allow you to gain easy access to your building and to the island in the case of overcrowding during the festival.

Tram and Bus Transportation

The Tram will run on a regular weekday schedule throughout the event. Red Bus service will also operate on a weekday rush hour schedule, though some delays may occur due to crowding along parts of the route.

The Roosevelt Island Disabled Association (RIDA) bus will be stationed at Good Shepherd Plaza for disabled individuals who want a direct ride to Lighthouse Park. The RIDA bus will also stop at all Red Bus stops. Anyone requiring RIDA transportation may also contact the Public Safety Department at 212-832-4545.

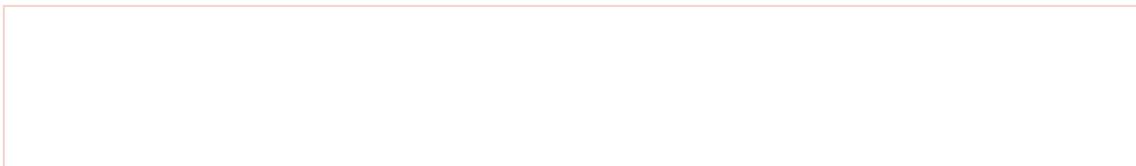
For information on F train subway and Q102 bus service, please go to mta.info. For information on NYC Ferry service to Roosevelt Island please visit ferry.nyc.

Motorgate

All monthly Motorgate parking registrants should pick up a placard from the Motorgate office located on the 4th floor. Be sure to bring your garage card for pick-up. Displaying this placard on your vehicle's dashboard will allow monthly parkers to access Motorgate parking during the event. Please note that vehicle information must match the information on the Motorgate placard. Remember, in case of crowds, residents may be asked to provide proof of residency in order to be allowed over the bridge as they return to the island.

Trespassers

If residents find any non-residents/trespassers in their building during the event, please contact the Public Safety Department at 212-832-4545.





FIGMENT NYC 2019

After 12 years of creating interactive events and experiences on Governors Island, we are excited to announce that FIGMENT NYC is moving to Roosevelt Island! Please join us for our inaugural event on Roosevelt Island in Lighthouse Park, June 1-2, ...

[Read more](#)

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Working to Ensure New Yorkers with Disabilities Receive Equal Opportunities

Seawright Votes to Support Passage of Legislation on Disabilities Awareness Day

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright voted in support of a series of bills to help New Yorkers with disabilities lead full, independent lives by ensuring access to critical resources, expanding disability rights and encouraging more job opportunities. The legislative package was passed in recognition of this year's Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day – May 29.

Strengthening disability rights

People with disabilities may not only face physical and developmental challenges, but also numerous financial burdens. To help manage these costs, the New York Achieving a Better Life Experience (NY ABLE) Program allows New Yorkers with disabilities and their families to save money in tax-advantaged accounts without impacting their eligibility for federal benefit programs like Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. This allows their earnings to grow tax-deferred and ensures they can withdraw their savings tax-free for any expenses related to their disability or intended to better their quality of life, including for education, health, housing and transportation purposes.

While NY ABLE is a critical resource, New York State has the second-lowest maximum account balance in the country, which prevents eligible participants from fully utilizing its many benefits. To ensure we give as much assistance as possible, the Assembly passed a measure that would increase the allowable maximum account balance to an amount equal to the federally authorized level for the 529 College Savings Program, which is currently \$520,000 (A.7473).

The Assembly's legislative package also includes measures to fight discrimination, including a bill that would waive the state's sovereign immunity with regard to application

of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 as they apply to the protection of state employees (A.1092).

Further, the legislative package includes measures to:

- re-establish the Office of Advocate for People with Disabilities (A.4737)
- require public officers and bodies to provide interpreters and assistive listening devices for deaf or hard of hearing individuals at public hearings under certain conditions (A.3385-A).

Helping New Yorkers with disabilities succeed in their education

To support New Yorkers with disabilities on their higher education journey, the Assembly legislation includes a bill that would reauthorize the current law that requires publishers or manufacturers of printed instructional materials for college students to provide them in electronic formats and make them available for purchase for students with disabilities (A.7251). The measure also requires that the electronic version is available at a cost comparable to the printed version.

Providing early access to election ballots

The legislative package includes a measure that would require the state Board of Elections to post a copy of a sample ballot, including electronically for use with a computer screen-reading program, on its website prior to each election as soon as the relevant information becomes available (A.163). This would allow voters to see the layout and options ahead of time and could reduce waiting time at the polls.

Improving emergency preparedness

To ensure New Yorkers with disabilities are protected in case of an emergency, the Assembly passed a measure that would aid localities in preparing for and responding to disasters by requiring counties with local emergency management plans to maintain a confidential registry of people of all ages with disabilities who may require evacuation assistance and shelter during a disaster (A.3923). Those with disabilities would be provided with the option to be included in the registry.

Encouraging job opportunities

Many individuals with disabilities strive to enter the workforce, but are faced with discrimination and are turned away even if they have the necessary skills. In fact, the unemployment rate for people with disabilities is more than twice the rate of those without a disability. To help level the playing field the Assembly passed a measure that would establish a small-business tax credit for the employment of people with disabilities (A.7475).

Ensuring public assistance and health care meet diverse needs

To strengthen services for those with disabilities, the Assembly passed measures to:

- require local social services districts, after considering certain factors, to give controlling weight to a recipient/applicant's regular physician's opinion when determining potential work limitations or exemptions due to a disability (A.4236)
- require the Commissioner of Health to maintain specific reimbursement and billing procedures within Medicaid for complex rehabilitation technology (CRT) products and services to ensure that payments for such products and services permit adequate access to complex needs patients and take into account the significant resources, infrastructure and staff required to meet their needs (A.7492).

A small percentage of New Yorkers need CRT, or individually configured equipment, such as a customized wheelchair. Providing access to this technology can be the difference between immobility and independence, which is why this legislation is extremely vital.

Helping New Yorkers with disabilities stay in their homes

The Assembly legislation also includes a bill that would create a tax credit for either new or retrofitted principal residences that are universally designed to be accessible and adaptable housing (A.2493).

ROOSEVELT ISLAND TOWN HALL



THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019 • 6:00 PM



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CAROLYN MALONEY**



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**State Senator
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**Assembly Member
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**



**Council Member
BEN KALLOS**



**RIOC President
SUSAN ROSENTHAL**

Congress Member Maloney, Council Member Kallos, & RIOC President Rosenthal will be in attendance.

RSVP BY CALLING (212) 860-1950 OR VISIT BENKALLOS.COM/EVENTS

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SO-GLAD-YOU'RE-BACK
92ND STREET EDITION



Assembly Member
Rebecca Seawright



Council Member
Keith Powers



Council Member
Ben Kallos

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

10:00AM-2:00PM

92ND STREET GREENMARKET

(1ST AVENUE BTWN 92ND AND 93RD STREETS)



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

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

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OVERDEVELOPMENT FORUM

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES,
CLOSING LOOPHOLES &
OUR FIGHT AGAINST
OVERDEVELOPMENT

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019 • 6:00 P.M.

CUNY GRADUATE CENTER
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The background of the poster is a vibrant, stylized illustration of a London street scene. At the top, a woman in a large red hat and blue coat (Mary Poppins) is shown in profile, looking towards the viewer. Below her, a man in a brown suit and red vest (James Banks) stands with his arm raised. The scene is filled with various elements: a street lamp, a clock tower (Big Ben), a horse-drawn carriage, a man on a bicycle, and several people floating in the air, some inside bubbles. The overall color palette is a mix of warm and cool tones, with a prominent use of red, blue, and yellow.

Disney
**MARY
POPPINS
RETURNS**

Saturday, June 1, 8PM

Carl Schurz Park

84th & East End Ave

*Come early for free ice cream,
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Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright



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Roosevelt Island Constituent Hours

WE ARE
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Assembly Member
Seawright's staff will be
on Roosevelt Island
every other Monday,
from 1:00pm-3:00pm to
provide resources and
answer your questions!

MONDAYS IN JUNE: 3, 17

1:00PM-3:00PM

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Youth, Education and Libraries Committee

How did they do it? Come hear high school seniors from Riverdale Country School, Bronx Science, Berkeley Carroll, Poly Prep, and LaGuardia High School discuss this year's college application process and how they were accepted to the following schools: Dartmouth, The University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins, Tufts, Amherst, Pomona, Williams, Bates and more!

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: The Ramaz School

125 East 85th Street (Lexington and Park)

Anyone with an interest in this matter is encouraged to attend or contact the Board Office with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Peter Patch and Debra Teitelbaum – Co-Chairs



LENOX HILL
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE



Featuring Members of the
Center @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House

Friday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 22, at 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 23, at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for this special adaptation of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's classic musical Into the Woods, starring members of the Center @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House!

331 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021

This event is free and open to the public.
Space is limited.

RSVP to RSVP@lenoxhill.org or 212-218-0471.

AFA's Care Connection Community Classes

Connecting makes all the difference as we age.
Take advantage of AFA's Education and Resource Center's
community programming.



All classes are
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & FREE!

June 2019

Monday
June 3

An Afternoon
of Therapy Dogs

TIME: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Presented by:
The Good Dog Foundation

Wednesday
June 5

Creative Art
Expressions

TIME: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Presented by:
Jodie Berman

Monday
June 10

Dance with
Jackie

TIME: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Presented by:
AFA's Jackie

Wednesday
June 12

Dramatic
Improv

TIME: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Presented by:
Kate Bell

Monday
June 17

Gardening
for Life

TIME: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Presented by:
NYU Horticultural Therapy Services

Thursday
June 20

Disco-Funk
Chair Fitness

TIME: 10:45am - 11:45am

Presented by:
AFA's Jackie

Register online at:
www.alzfdn.org/events
or call: **866-232-8484**

Monday
June 24

Ballroom
Burn

TIME: 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Presented by:
Rhythm Break Cares

Wednesday
June 26

Dance with
Jackie

TIME: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Presented by:
AFA's Jackie

Thursday
June 27

"I Got Rhythm"
Drum Circle

TIME: 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Presented by:
Berko Music Therapy

All of our programs are located at:
AFA's Education and Resource Center
322 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10001



ARTIST IN RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Margalit Cutler
 Arts Educator

Summer Memories Through Different Mediums

**6 WEEK
SESSION
STARTING
JUNE 27**



1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

This 6-week series on Thursdays will explore summer memories through a variety of creative mediums. Each week, the class will create a summer themed piece and at the end of the six weeks, we will showcase the artwork. Participants can invite friends and family to view the final wall, take pictures, have refreshments, and engage in discussion.

AFA's Education & Resource Center
322 8th Ave.
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Advanced Registration Required
For more information or
to register please call:
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Global Running Day 2019 - 1 Mile Run at NYC City Hall +...

Join us for a 1 mile run at NYC City Hall! We'll start at the foot of the Brooklyn Bridge, run to the first tower, and back. WHAT IS GLOBAL RUNNING DAY? Global Running Day is a worldwide celebration of running that encourages everyone to get moving.

[Read more](#)

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Construction Updates

**MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER
&
CUNY/HUNTER COLLEGE
CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY**

East 73rd/74th Street and FDR Drive site

Necessary construction activity will take place at the site on Saturday, June 1st, 7:00 am– 6:00 pm.

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

Thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience.