

August 2, 2019

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

This week, on Tuesday, August 6 we take to our local parks to celebrate National Night Out: A national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. On the Upper East Side, Carl Schurz Park will host the celebration with the officers of the 19th Precinct and the Precinct's Community Council with free music, activities and refreshments. On Roosevelt Island, the Public Safety Department will gather with neighbors in the Good Shepherd Plaza for music, refreshments and giveaways.

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

Combating Anti-Semitism: A Discussion with Leaders in New York State

*Lenox Hill Neighborhood House: 331 East 70th Street (First/Second Avenues)
Wednesday, August 7 from 6:00pm- 8:00pm*

HPD in Your District: Information on Housing and Right to Repairs

*351 East 74th Street (First/Second Avenues)
Wednesday, August 7 from 10:00am- 6:00pm*

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

Sincerely,

Rebecca



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FEATURED EVENTS!



COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM: A DISCUSSION WITH LEADERS IN NEW YORK STATE

HOSTED BY:



**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLY MEMBER



FEATURED GUESTS:

CHERYL FISHBEIN

President, Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC)

Michael Cohen

Eastern Director, Simon Wiesenthal Center

MODERATED BY:

- ★ Amanda Berman
Founder and Executive Director of the
Zioness Movement

DISTINGUISHED PANEL:

- ★ Rabbi Joseph Potasnik
Executive Vice President, New York Board of
Rabbis
- ★ David Pollock
Associate Executive Director and Director,
Public Policy and Jewish Security at the
Jewish Community Relations Council of
New York (JCRC)
- ★ Jeff Leb
President, Capitol Consulting LLC
- ★ Melissa Weiss
National Campus Outreach Director, Simon
Wiesenthal Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

6:15PM- 8:30PM

LENOX HILL
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
331 EAST 70 STREET
(FIRST/SECOND AVE)

*Please join us for an important
discussion with experts in the
Jewish Community to speak on
combating the rise of anti-semitic
acts and attitudes*

To RSVP, call 212-288-4607
or email

SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

RSVP Here

HPD in Your District

The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), in partnership with **NYC Council Member Ben Kallos** and **Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright**, invites you to *HPD Outreach Van in Your District* where you can learn more about HPD and housing-related issues.

Wednesday, August 7
10am - 6pm

Council District 5
351 East 74th Street,
New York, NY 10128



We can help you:

Prepare to Apply for Affordable Housing

Learn about opportunities and prepare to apply for affordable housing lotteries.

Understand Your Rights and Responsibilities

Learn about the ABCs of Housing and your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or owner.

File a Housing Complaint

Get help filing a complaint about housing code violations or landlord harassment.

Finance Improvements and Repairs

Learn about and apply for financial assistance for property owners.

Register Your Building

Get help registering your building as a property owner.

Remedy a Violation

Learn how to remedy housing code violations at your property.



Visit nyc.gov/hpd or contact hpdoutreach@hpd.nyc.gov for more information about HPD in Your District.

Seawright Denounces Ernst & Young Forced Arbitration Policy

High Cost to Be Heard Means No Justice for Victims of Workplace Harassment

On July 30th, sixty-seven members in the State Assembly and Senate co-signed a letter to Ernst & Young's CEO Carmine Di Sibio. The letter is in response to disturbing sexual harassment workplace allegations made by former partner Karen Ward, and the company limiting Ms. Ward's recourses to forced arbitration instead of hearing the case in a court of law.

Through Ernst & Young limiting Ms. Ward's potential steps to forced arbitration, it denies her the right to seek just justice in a court of law. Forced arbitration puts up barriers for victims of workplace harassment, by establishing absurd arbitration costs that makes seeking justice impossible for so many victims. As part of Ernst & Young policy, Ms. Ward is forced to pay half the cost of arbitration, while her share is already at \$185,000, and only expected to grow since the case is in the discovery phase, as opposed to the \$450 it would cost for her case to be heard in court. It is painstakingly clear that forced

arbitration is only used for employers to make it as difficult as possible for their employees to seek justice.

Assembly Member Seawright and her colleagues are doing all that they can to ensure that Ms. Ward's claims are heard in a fair setting, and Ernst & Young finally abandon its outdated practice of forced arbitration. This egregious example reminds us of the reason New York State passed legislation banning forced arbitration agreements in the first place, and it is deeply saddening to see Ernst & Young unwilling to recognize the disastrous effects of this practice. Study after study shows that in private arbitration, workers are less likely to win their cases, and in the rare case they actually do win, employees are not fairly compensated.

A Continued Commitment to Safety

Waste Transfer Station 91st Street/ York Avenue Intersection Safety Improvements



Our office sent a letter with Congress Member Carolyn Maloney, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, State Senator Liz Krueger, and Council Member Ben Kallos to Department of Sanitation's Acting Commissioner Steven Costas, NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill, Department of Transportation's Commissioner Polly Trottenberg calling attention to the issue requesting immediate action in response to three

traffic collisions since the opening of the facility in March.

New York City Department of Transportation responded with a promise to make improvements including the installation of new pavement markings by the end of August at the 91st Street and York Avenue intersection. The intersection currently has a Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) that provides exclusive green crossing time for pedestrians without traffic entering the intersection. We are committed to keeping this intersection safe.

New York State Attorney General Chelsea Kennel Club Lawsuit

James Takes Action Against Store Lying to Customers About Dogs' Health Conditions

Attorney General Letitia James today announced a lawsuit against the pet store Chelsea Kennel Club, its manager Yardena Derraugh (a/k/a Yardena Rich, Dana Rich) and William Derraugh, the president of Future Enterprises NYC, Inc. for allegedly selling sick, injured, and abused animals to consumers; withholding pertinent medical information about the puppies; and illegally selling animals obtained through unauthorized breeders. They are also accused of false advertising, engaging in veterinary practice without a license, failing to abide by New York City's Pet Lemon Law, and treating animals inhumanely.

When consumers demanded their money back, Chelsea Kennel Club denied their requests—violating the terms of the Chelsea Kennel Club Consumer Protection Plan, as well as New York's Pet Lemon Law, which ensures the good health of cats and dogs sold in the state. Under this law, pet dealers must issue a refund, reimburse veterinary expenses, or replace the animal. To qualify for a refund or a replacement animal, a consumer must obtain a veterinary certification showing that the animal was unfit for sale within fourteen business days of the purchase. Yet, in many of these cases,

Chelsea Kennel Club simply refused to comply with this law.

The investigations into illegal practices at pet stores is ongoing. Please contact our office to share your experience or to report suspicions of inhumane treatment of animals.



State AG sues Chelsea Kennel Club that allegedly sold...

Problems just keep piling up for the already-shuttered Chelsea Kennel Club. The state Attorney General's Office has now filed a lawsuit against the accused former Seventh Avenue puppy mill - citing such allegations as store workers peddling dogs...

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nypost.com](http://www.nypost.com)

Equifax Data Breach Settlement

Check Your Eligibility for Free Credit Monitoring or Settlement Up to \$125



In September of 2017, Equifax announced it experienced a data breach, which impacted the personal information of approximately 147 million people. A federal court is considering a proposed class action settlement submitted on July 22, 2019, that, if approved by the Court, would resolve lawsuits brought by consumers after the data breach. Equifax denies any wrongdoing, and no judgment or finding of wrongdoing has been made.

Home | Equifax Data Breach Settlement

Check eligibility and get your free credit monitoring or \$125

[Read more
www.equifaxbreachsettlement...](http://www.equifaxbreachsettlement...)

Senior Affordable Housing Opportunity



New York City Department of Housing, Preservation and Development announced 84 newly constructed senior affordable housing rental opportunities located at 140 Essex Street in Manhattan. Studios are available for people earning between \$13,303 and \$51,240.

NYC HOUSING CONNECT

Create your housing connect account to apply for affordable housing in New York City.

[Read more](#)

[a806-housingconnect.nyc.gov](tel:a806-housingconnect.nyc.gov)

News You Can Use



As Towers Rise, an Old Neighborhood Fades

Lured in part by Manhattan's Second Avenue subway, developers are erecting high-rises in Yorkville. Some residents say the buildings are erasing their community's character.

[Read more](#)

www.nytimes.com



Proud Boys Stand Trial For UES Street Brawl: Court Records

UPPER EAST SIDE, NY - The criminal trial for two members of the far-right Proud Boys group accused of initiating a 2018 street brawl on the Upper East Side began this week, according to reports and court records. Maxwell Hare and John Kinsman are ...

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Upcoming Events

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Census 2020 Taskforce
In Collaboration With the
United States Census Bureau
Cordially invites you to
Census 2020 Job Opportunities Workshop
Monday, August 5, 2019
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Roosevelt Island Senior Center
546 Main Street, Roosevelt Island
New York, New York 10044

The US Census is coming! Not only is it important that you're counted, but that New Yorkers take full advantage of the wide-ranging positions available (salary from \$25 to \$100 per hour). Apply for job opportunities now. Don't know where to start? Having difficulty or need help navigating the census online system (2020census.gov/jobs)?

Want to see what you may be eligible for in the New York region? Come get onsite help and your questions answered from US Census Bureau representatives. Guidance will be offered with applications for jobs including local field operations and specialized postings that are open. There will be Census staff and computers available to walk you through the online application process for the Census jobs. Get timely updates and share with your neighbors and community networks.

To Reserve a Spot: [212] 758 4340 or Info@CB8M.com

Anyone with an interest in this matter is encouraged to attend.



Lorraine Brown, Chair

ROOSEVELT ISLAND OPERATING CORPORATION

FREE!



RAIN OR SHINE!

Meet Your PSD Officers!

Join the Roosevelt Island Public Safety Department & your neighbors to build a stronger & safer community

Music, Refreshments, Giveaways & More!

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019
5:30-8:00PM**

**GOOD SHEPHERD PLAZA
543 MAIN STREET**



Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation



Call 212-832-4540
rioc.ny.gov |



Save The Date!



19th Precinct

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 6th**

5:30-8PM

Carl Schurz Park

East 86th Street & East End Avenue

Join us for **FREE:**
Live Music • Giveaways

Ice Cream & Cotton Candy • Food & Refreshments

Arts & Crafts • Meet your Neighborhood Police

Activities for All Ages & Pets

For more information call:

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Census 2020 Job Opportunities Workshop
Thursday, August 8, 2019
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Lenox Hill Senior Center
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New York, New York 10021

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Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright



NEED HELP WITH A STATE AGENCY?
HOUSING QUESTIONS?
APPLYING FOR BENEFITS?

Roosevelt Island Constituent Hours

WE ARE
HERE TO HELP!

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 AUGUST: 12, 26

1:00PM-3:00PM

ROOSEVELT ISLAND

SENIOR CENTER

546 MAIN STREET

SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

212.288.4607

MOVIE IN THE PARK: CAPTAIN MARVEL



Captain Marvel

Saturday, August 24, 2019, 7:30pm - 11:00pm
John Jay Park, Cherokee Place & East 77th Street

MILITARY MONDAYS

SSI/SSD BENEFITS

Including applications for benefits and appeals.

CHILD SUPPORT

Downward modifications for noncustodial parents.

HOUSING CONCERNS

Including repairs, evictions, and rent assistance programs.

LIFE PLANNING

Including preparation of wills, living wills, health care proxies, and powers of attorney.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC

First Monday of Each Month (except holidays)

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Manhattan VA Hospital

1st Floor Atrium | 423 E 23rd St, NY, NY 10010

Please call 917-661-4500 to schedule an appointment. Limited appointments are available for walk-ins. For life planning legal needs, please schedule an appointment in advance by calling our hotline.



ARMED FORCES NETWORK



Construction Updates

A Message From The Chapin School

Dear Neighbors,

As discussed at the July 31 Community meeting, the grillage framework that supported the tower crane will be removed beginning August 6, 2019.

It is anticipated that the work will be completed in four to five days, weather permitting. Means and methods to remove the grillage have been planned to mitigate disruption to the neighborhood to the greatest extent possible.

The majority of the work will take place within the shed/yard area with short, intermittent, traffic stops to allow for loading of materials.

Work hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thank you for your ongoing patience as our construction project enters this final phase.

The Chapin School

Email: Project@Chapin.edu

Community Contact Phone: 212-606-3225