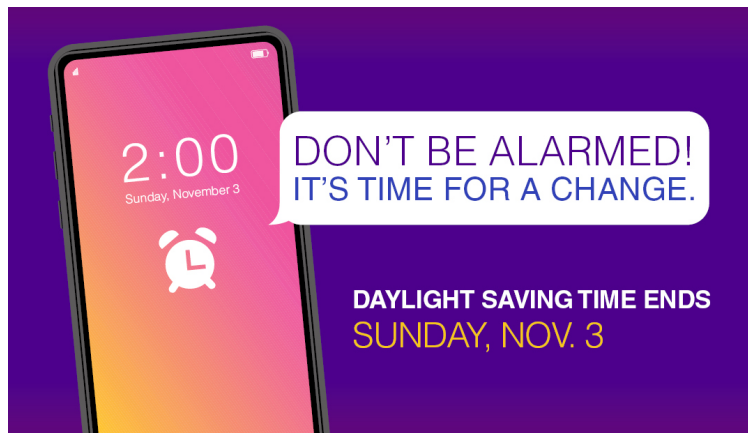


November 1, 2019

# Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

*I am proud to announce this week the Governor signed two pieces of legislation I sponsored this session. Assembly Bill A1641 will streamline campaign finance filings into one electronic reporting system, there will be more transparency and greater compliance for candidates running for statewide office. Assembly Bill A.8033 also signed this week updated family court procedures clarifying responsible parties equitable under New York State Law. This Bill helps New York State law reflect the diverse family structures that exist throughout the State and treats parents and legal guardians equitably under the law.*

*Early Sunday morning, November 3, be sure to set your clock back one hour, as Daylight savings ends.*

*Please join us at any of the upcoming events I am pleased to sponsor:*

**Department of Finance Rent Freeze Clinic**

Wednesday, November 6, from 10:00am-1:00pm  
Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright  
1485 York Avenue (78<sup>th</sup>/79<sup>th</sup> Streets)

**Small Business Workshop with Carnegie Hill Neighbors**

Wednesday, November 6, from 6:00pm-8:00pm  
The Church of the Heavenly Rest  
1085 Fifth Avenue @ 90th Street

**Medicare Matters with AARP**

Wednesday, November 13, at 2:00pm  
Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright  
1485 York Avenue (78<sup>th</sup>/79<sup>th</sup> Streets)

**NYCHA Town Hall Sponsored by the Manhattan Delegation of the New York State Assembly**

Wednesday, November 20, at 6:00pm

Boys and Girls Republic  
888 East 6th Street (Between Avenue D and FDR)

**Upper East Side Shred-a-Thon**

Sunday, November 24, 10am - 2pm  
92nd Street Greenmarket on 1st Avenue  
(Between 91st and 92nd Streets)

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

*Sincerely,*

*Rebecca*



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## Seawright Cuts Ribbon on New Art Room at PS 183



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright is proud to have provided a \$125,000 grant to PS 183 on East 66th Street for renovations to an aging art room. The art room was in need of upgrading and repair to better serve the preK through 5th graders who attend the school. Assembly Member Seawright is dedicated to supporting our communities public schools in any way possible ensuring every student the best education possible.

*Assembly Member  
Seawright and school  
Principal Martin Woodard  
speak with 5th grade  
students at PS 183 who*

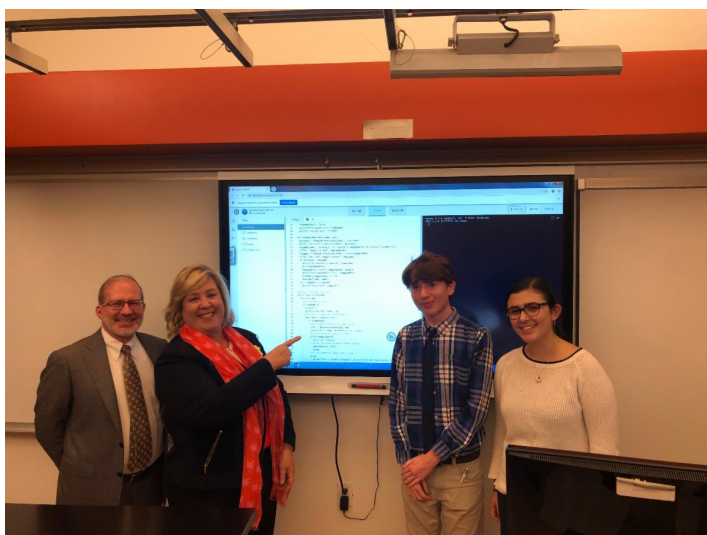
*were excited to have a new space for their art classes.*



*Assembly Member Seawright pictured with PS 183 PTA President Shannon Berkowsky while attending the art room ribbon cutting.*



## Assembly Member Seawright Visits the Ramaz Upper School



*Assembly Member Seawright spoke with two captains of the Ramaz School's Tech Club who gave a presentation on their coding project and a new app they designed to help fellow students stay organized and productive.*

*Assembly Member Seawright spoke with a senior class at the Ramaz School where they were spending the semester talking about space in all sense of the word; urban space, cyber space, outer space and everything in between.*



## Assembly Member Seawright's Office Celebrates Halloween



*Intern Deborah Rios from New York City College of Technology and our local George Washington hand out candy on Halloween.*

## Assembly Member Seawright Spoke at Condo Co-op Forum at Hunter College

*Assembly Member Seawright addressed the crowd at a forum hosted by Senator Liz Krueger to discuss condos and co-ops. Assembly Member*



*Seawright was proud to cosponsor a bill allowing reverse mortgages, it is currently waiting to be delivered to the Governor for his signature.*

## AS FEATURED IN



Watch NY1's coverage of Assembly Member Seawright's Press Conference On Hazardous Extell Site at 79 Street and First Avenue by clicking [here](#).



Seawright Takes on Extell  
East Side Observer by Arlene Kayatt

# SEAWRIGHT TAKES ON EXTELL OVER 79TH ST. SITE

## EAST SIDE OBSERVER

BY ARLENE KAYATT

### **Blights and plights at empty lots**

The so far months-long, empty block-long stretch from 79th to 80th St. on First Ave., where developer Extell will be building a mega residential and commercial structure, has become a dangerous site in the community according to area residents, and their Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright is having none of it. In a letter to Extell dated Sept. 25th, Seawright informed the developer of growing problems at the location. Not having heard back from Extell by the end of Oct., Seawright held a press conference in front of the empty lot with community residents and CB8 Chair Alida Camp. Seawright described the danger to the neighborhood and public and cited a growing list of community complaints existing at the location - including "dark and dangerous sidewalks, rodent infestation, and related air quality concerns," as well as general neglect of the parcel.

Contemporaneously with the press conference, held on Oct. 23rd, Extell apologized "for not getting back sooner" and said it was because they were "observing the Jewish holidays." They noted the steps they had taken, had not taken, or will take to address

the problems, and denied any evidence of the rat activity noted by Seawright, stating that "there have been no complaints filed with 311." Please, Extell, the complaints went to Seawright directly, and she used her bully pulpit to get a response, and one that got a response from you, by email, the very same day.

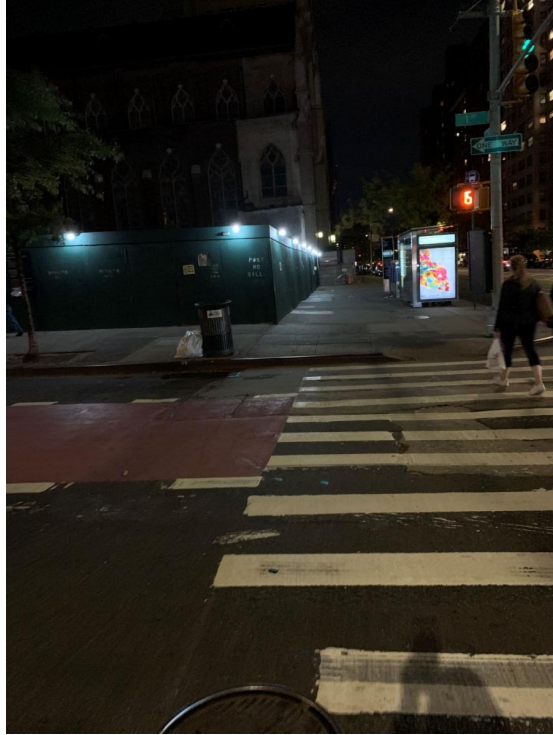
It should be noted that Seawright's letter to Extell was dated Sept. 25th, a Wednesday. The Jewish holidays weren't observed until the evening of Oct. 8th, two weeks later. It wasn't until Seawright went public that Extell had an immediate response. It's a good thing that the Jewish holiday Simchat Torah ended on Oct. 22nd, the day before the press conference, so the developer was able to respond the same day. Excuses aside, and in any event, it's unfortunate that Extell's response to the dangers and complaints at the property are CYA and woefully insufficient. And it's really too bad, because Extell properties are all over the East Side with more to come. A better relationship is in the interest of all.

**Lap time** - Used to be a time when a seated bus rider traveling with a young child would have the child sit on their lap. Not anymore. Haven't checked out whether fare was paid for the child. Not the point here. The point is that, when

there's a standing-room only crowd on the bus, the adult should hold the child on their lap or stand and let the child sit. Either way frees up a seat. Kids learn from doing and from being taught and it's obnoxious IMHO for the adult not to do the right thing. And those kids who are too big or too old for a lap who are seated when the bus is crowded and the elderly are standing should get up and give them a seat. And not to worry kids, cellphones still work for those who stand up.

**Miles to go** - An old saying, "As the crow flies," refers to a straight line, by the shortest route to get you someplace. As opposed to going by a mountain road. Well NY taxi drivers should be able to know that getting from 90th St. and Third Ave. to 13th St. and Third Ave. - an 87-block ride - doesn't necessitate a trip to the East River Drive to get there. When I asked the driver "Why?" he said "There's not so much traffic." Oh. That was before we got to the approach to the Drive at 90th St and didn't get onto the road for another 10 minutes and had to endure the traffic, accident, and construction that took us to an exit near 23rd Street. And not counting the traffic going from the Drive to the next avenue. It may have been worth the \$27+ tip for the driver. Not for moi. Following the crow's route is the way to go.

New Lights on East 79th Street and 1st Avenue



*Assembly Member Seawright is happy to report that new brighter lights have been added to the empty block on 1st Avenue between 79th and 80th streets (Pictured above). The lights were added shortly after the Assembly Member held a press conference demanding Extell Development, owner of the demolished site, provide more light and better conditions.*

## Early Voting Continues Until November 3

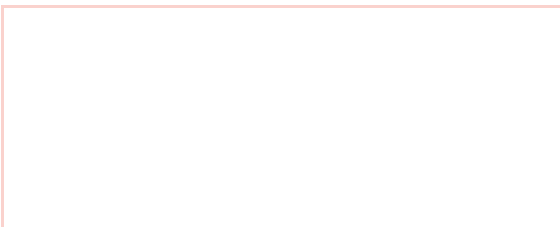
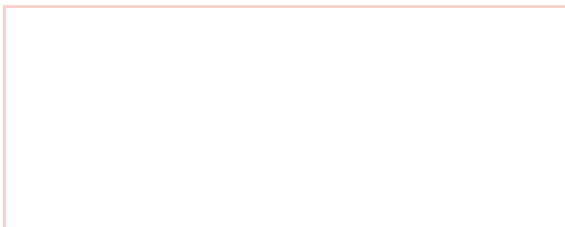
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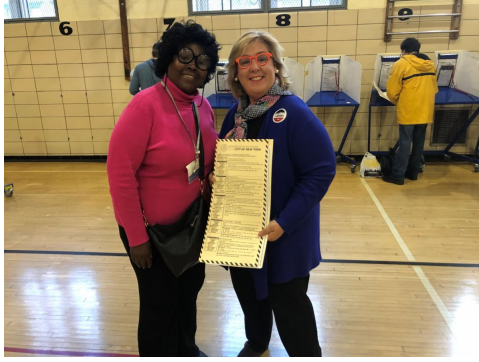
October 26 - November 3

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- 10AM - 4PM
- 9AM - 5PM
- 7AM - 8PM
- 6AM - 9PM

There is still time to cast your vote early for the first time in New York State history. Make your voting plans and visit <http://nyc.pollsitelocator.com/search> to find your early voting poll site which may be different from your normal poll site location.





*Assembly Member Seawright with  
Community Board 8 Member  
Loraine Brown.*



*Assembly Member Seawright  
proudly participated in early voting.*

## Seawright Snapshots



*While attending the Yorkville Community  
School Fall Festival, Assembly Member  
Seawright and Council Member Kallos  
draw raffle tickets to choose what students  
got to throw pies at their gym teachers  
face.*



*Yorkville Community School Principal  
Samantha Kaplan, PTA President Lili  
Lampasona, and Assembly Member  
Seawright at the YCS Fall Festival.*

*Assembly Member Seawright was award  
the Humanitarian Award for Outstanding  
Advocacy by "A Place to Be(ad) Me", a  
nonprofit aimed at helping child victims of  
domestic abuse express their creativity.  
Pictured to the left is Assembly Member  
Seawright with Board Member Jacqueline  
Shafiroff who services The Children's  
Center on East 70th Street.*





*Assembly Member Seawright marches down Main Street in the Roosevelt Island Halloween Parade*



*Assembly Member Seawright and Council Member Kallos join the crowd on Roosevelt Island in the annual Halloween Parade.*

## Upcoming Events

# PUMPKIN SMASH 2019

**Saturday, November 2, 11:00am–2:00pm (rain or shine)**

Roosevelt Island • Manhattan Park Lower Lawn • East River facing Manhattan Skyline Buildings #20 and #30

**Bring Pumpkins, Jack-o-Lanterns, and Gourds for a Smashing Good Time!**

You smash them and the NYC Compost Project will turn them into compost for City parks and green spaces. Join us for refreshments, activities, and more!

Can't make it? You can bring your jack-o-lanterns to a food scrap drop-off site near you!

For a map of food scrap drop-off sites, visit [nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps](http://nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps).

Special thanks to RIOCC, Manhattan Park, Roosevelt Island Garden Club, GRIN, and iDig2Learn.

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*Smashing Pumpkins, again!*

### *Green Park Gardeners 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Smash*

Hey kids (of all ages)! Don't throw away that Jack O' Lantern. Bring your Halloween pumpkins to Andrew Haswell Green Park on the East River Esplanade. We'll help you smash them and turn them into compost to help make our gardens beautiful!

Sunday, November 3, 1-4 PM  
East River Esplanade

Entrance: Pedestrian Bridge @ E 63<sup>rd</sup> St. & York Ave.

[greenparkgardenersNYC@gmail.com](mailto:greenparkgardenersNYC@gmail.com)

Green Park Gardeners NYC  
Upper Green Side



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WED. NOVEMBER 6  
10:00AM - 1:00PM

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# WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6 6:00PM – 8:00PM

The Church of the Heavenly Rest  
1085 Fifth Avenue and 90<sup>th</sup> Street

*(entrance to this event is on 90<sup>th</sup> Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues)*

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**Saturday, Nov 9 • 12pm–3pm**

**Manhattan Park Theatre Club**

8 River Road, Roosevelt Island

Bring clean, reusable, portable items such as clothing, housewares, electronics, books & toys that you no longer need.

Take home something new-to-you, free!

**You don't have to bring something to take something.**

Please do NOT bring: furniture, large items, expired or open food, unsealed personal care products, medicine, dirty or ripped clothing, fabric scraps, incomplete toys and games, non-working electronics, tube TVs, magazines, or sharp objects.



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Hear from NYCHA officials and state elected officials  
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**Tuesday,  
October 29th  
6:00 pm**

Johnson Houses Community Center  
1833 Lexington Avenue  
(Between E 112 and E 115)  
New York, NY 10029  
Closest Transit: 6 train to 116th Street

**Wednesday,  
November 20th  
6:00 pm**

Boys and Girls Republic  
888 East 6th Street  
(Between Avenue D and FDR)  
New York, NY 10009  
Closest Transit: M9 and M14D

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## 2019 FALL EDITION



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Keith Powers



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**Sunday, November 24**

**10:00am - 2:00pm**

**92nd Street Greenmarket  
(on First Avenue Between  
91st and 92nd Streets)**



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