

# Rebecca Seawright

## Seneca Falls Convention

July 19-20, 1848

Activists gathered to demand  
the right to vote for women.

Progress has been made,  
but the fight for full  
equality lives on.

#NYSAssemblyMajority #SenecaFalls  
#womensrights #suffrage



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### A Message From Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright

Dear Neighbor,

This week I joined Public Advocate Letitia James along with Planned Parenthood NYC and other women's advocates at a press conference to oppose the defunding of Title X. The proposed changes to Title X by the Trump-Pence Administration puts our fundamental civil rights, health care and protections for women's bodies, and those who are uninsured at extreme risk. We must stop this threat that would create even larger health divides between people of different gender, race and economic standing.

On Thursday, July 26, I will be hosting a Scan Van outside my office to provide mammograms for women 40 and older. Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-564-6868.

I hope you find this update informative. Please 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,



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- **Movie Night on Roosevelt Island**
- **NYPL Culture Pass At many NYC Museums**
- **Shred-a-Thon at W 72nd St.**
- **MetroCard Bus**
- **Screening Mammograms**
- **Head and Neck Screenings**
- **National Night Out**
- **AARP Fraud Prevention Seminar**

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212-288-4607**

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**Legislative Office  
Building 650  
Albany, NY 12248  
518-455-5676**

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## Community Update...

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### Seawright Gathers Fellow Elected Officials To Discuss Westview



*Senator Jose Serrano, Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Assembly Member Seawright*

On Monday, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright hosted a group of elected officials at our district community office to discuss Roosevelt Island's Westview. Seawright was joined by State Senator Jose Serrano, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and the Commissioner/CEO of NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) RuthAnne Visnauskas. Representatives from Council Member Ben Kallos' and Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney's offices were in attendance.

***"I commend Westview's residents for their patience and perseverance as this process is carried out. We look forward to a productive meeting of RIOC's Board of Directors on Monday. My office stands ready and able to assist residents during this transition."***



*Assembly Member Seawright hosts meeting with HCR and elected officials at the district community office.*



**As Featured in the Main Street Wire: "Westview Deal Coming to a Vote"**

The Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation has scheduled a special Board meeting for Monday, July 23, to vote on an amendment to



the Westview ground lease. This means that years of negotiation regarding Westview's exit from the Mitchell-Lama affordable housing program could finally be coming to a close.

The ground lease negotiation has been one of several issues holding up the building's privatization process. Its

potential resolution suggests that the privatization plan is nearing a deal, as RIOC's ground lease terms have been contingent on the building remaining affordable.

On Wednesday, RIOC's Real Estate Development Advisory Committee spent their entire meeting discussing Westview in executive session. The resulting amendment has not yet been released. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Roosevelt Island Cultural Center, 548 Main Street.

At the June 28 Town Hall meeting with elected officials, many Westview residents turned out to express their frustration with the stalled privatization plan. Tenants carried signs stating "Don't Screw Westview" and "Save Our Homes." One resident, who blamed RIOC for the delay, went so far as to ask whether it wasn't time to give Roosevelt Island back to the City of New York.

***When Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright arrived, she addressed Westview residents, saying, "You should be upset; you should be angry. I'm angry along with you."***

In the intervening weeks, Westview tenants have continued to scramble for information with little success. At a Westview Task Force Meeting, July 10, only one Westview Task Force member attended, explaining there were no updates. Among the issues concerning tenants are potential rent increases and the question of whether they will have the opportunity to downsize or switch apartments prior to purchasing.

A July 16 meeting brought together the Island's elected officials along with New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) Commissioner RuthAnn Visnauskas, Deputy Commissioner Betsy Mallow, and Attorney Mark Colon. The meeting didn't include Westview owner, David Hirschorn, or any representative from the Westview Task Force.



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## Seawright and Krueger Host Forum: "What To Do With All That Stuff"



All of us can say that we have a special relationship with things, sometimes they are things that we cannot part with. For some people, the relationship to items becomes an unhealthy obsession. We hear from constituents every day that their stuff is getting in the way both literally, as they are unable to navigate the inside of their apartment and figuratively, as they

are emotionally unable to detach from their belongings for fear and anxiety. Often times, residents who are struggling with clutter or too much "stuff" present themselves to us at the district community office as someone who is facing a notice to cure or eviction.

That is why on Tuesday, Assembly Member Seawright joined State Senator Liz Krueger to host a forum to help individuals who have accumulated too much stuff, or too much clutter. There were many constituents in attendance which demonstrates the great need for supports for this issue in our community. Information was given by professionals in the social work field to those gathered.



***One presenter at the event said if you don't know whether to keep an item, look at it and say, "do I love it, or do I need it." If the answer is no to both, then it is time to part with the item.***

Thank you to State Senator Liz Krueger, Adult Protective Services, Human Resources Administration, Carter Burden Network, Community Board 6, Community Board 8, DOROT, Educational Alliance, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Met Council on Housing, Search and Care, and Tenants and Neighbors for their partnership on this event.

Resources shared at the event are below:

- [What to do with all that stuff? Resources Part 1](#)
- [What to do with all that stuff? Resources Part 2](#)

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### **Assembly Member Seawright Attends Forum to Protect Title X**

On Thursday, Assembly Member Seawright attended a forum hosted by Public Advocate Letitia James' office on the threat to defund Title X funded programs by the Trump – Pence Administration.

***"The proposed changes to Title X represent just another stunning example of this administration rolling back the clock on women's rights. This change is tantamount to a 'gag rule' and limits a woman's ability to access all medically relevant information to make fully informed decisions about their healthcare. It is appalling that any institution that provides abortion services would be prohibited from participating in the family planning program. I want to thank Public Advocate James for holding this very important forum so that elected officials across New York City can work together to fight against this misguided rule change," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.***

Signed into law by President Nixon in 1970, the Title X National Family Planning Program is the only federal grant program dedicated solely to providing individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services. Without the funding provided from Title X there will be a drastic change in the ability of individuals to receive family planning assistance along with preventative health services. Title X funding currently supports health care services, including pregnancy testing, contraceptive counseling and services, pelvic exams, cancer screenings (including cervical and breast), sexually transmitted disease testing, and infertility services along with health education and referrals for health and social services. This defunding of Title X will significantly impact the way Planned Parenthood and other providers are able to help individuals get the services they need.



***At a press Conference following the round table discussion Rebecca said, "Enough is Enough! we cannot let this Administration take away access to comprehensive family planning."***

When women and men all across the country rely on publicly-funded family planning services to receive health care, defunding the source that provides such help is detrimental to our society.

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# FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER

**Seawright  
Advocates For  
Separated Families  
At A Round Table  
With Manhattan  
Borough President  
Gale Brewer**

On Thursday, Seawright attended a meeting to be an advocate for the immigrant children that are in New York that have separated from their families. The meeting hosted advocacy groups to hear about the ways that we can help reconnect separated families.

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## **Volunteering In Your Neighborhood**

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### **East 79th Street Neighborhood Association Seeking Volunteers for Committees**



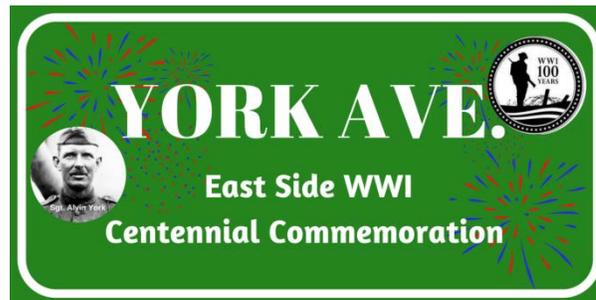
*Betty Wallerstein of the East 79th Street Neighborhood Association hosts an Informational meeting for interested volunteers at our district community office. If you would like to join one of the East 79th Street Association's various committees*

*including the sanitation committee and the development committee among others, please contact our district community office for more information. Stay in touch for notices for another upcoming volunteer interest meeting.*

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## **World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee Updates**

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### **Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden Exhibit Opening New York Women, War and Patriotism: 1812 - 1918**



*The artist, Hildreth Meière and her daughter.*

Monday, July 16 was the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden Exhibit Opening. This new exhibit explores the the role of women in the war effort

throughout our nation's history, with a special focus on the War of 1812 and World War I. Hildreth Meière was one of the thousands of women who enlisted in the Navy during WWI and her story is featured in the exhibit. Free with admission; free for Museum Members. **This exhibit will be open until September 9.**

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## Upcoming Events ...

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### Movie Night on Roosevelt Island

#### Get Set for More Sci-Fi Movie Action at Roosevelt Island This Weekend

ROOSEVELT ISLAND – (July 19, 2018) Are you ready for more movies under the stars?

The next two installments of the free Roosevelt Island Outdoor Summer Movie Series are showing this Friday and Saturday evenings - *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* and *The Fifth Element* – at Southpoint Park on a 40-foot-wide super-HD screen.

*Star Wars: The Last Jedi* is the 2017 American epic space fantasy film, and the eighth installment of the *Star Wars* franchise. *The Fifth Element* is a 1997 science-fiction action film that stars Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman and Milla Jovovich.

At Friday's screening, the Roosevelt Island Operation Corporation (RIOC) welcomes Verizon, who'll be donating trivia contest and raffle prizes, as well as providing information to residents about their customer offers on Roosevelt Island. Verizon will return with more prizes and giveaways at the summer's final two film screenings on August 3 and August 17.

All movie festivities begin at 7 p.m.; the movies air at sundown. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early and bring their own lawn chairs and blankets; pets are welcome.

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This week, NYC's three library systems launched [Culture Pass](#), a program that will enable cardholding library patrons to check out free day passes to over 30 cultural institutions across the City, including MOMA, Wave Hill, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Children's Museum of the Arts and many more! See full list below and a program summary is attached.

Patrons will be able to make reservations online for free access to these

institutions (up to one per person, per institution, per year) and download or print a mobile pass. Some institutions allow one to three additional guests with the Pass. Staff at all library branches throughout the City will also be able to help patrons access the system.

### **Culture Pass Participating Institutions**

- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
  - Brooklyn Children's Museum
  - Brooklyn Historical Society
    - Brooklyn Museum
  - Children's Museum of Manhattan
  - Children's Museum of the Arts
  - Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum
    - The Drawing Center
    - The Frick Collection
    - Historic Richmond Town
  - International Center of Photography
  - Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
  - Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art
    - The Jewish Museum
    - Louis Armstrong House
  - The Metropolitan Museum of Art
  - The Morgan Library & Museum
  - Museum of Modern Art, MoMA PS1
  - Museum of Chinese in America
  - Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust
    - Museum of the City of New York
      - New York Transit Museum
        - Noguchi Museum
      - Queens Historical Society
        - Queens Museum
      - Ruben Museum of Art
        - SculptureCenter
  - Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
    - Society of Illustrators
  - Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
  - Sugar Hill Children's Museum
    - Wave Hill
  - Whitney Museum of American Art
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Linda B. Rosenthal's Office**  
230 West 72nd Street  
New York, NY 10023

If you have any questions, please call Comptroller Stringer's Community Action Center at 212-669-3916.

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JULY 26  
APPTS. BEGIN  
9AM**



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60th Street, Outpatient Center  
16 East 60th Street  
4th Floor (Suite 405)  
New York, NY

#### NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

For further information,  
call **646-497-9161**

#### HEAD AND NECK CANCER

This type of cancer can occur in the nasal passages, mouth, throat, or voice box. There are thousands of new cases of head and neck cancer each year, many of which can be cured. The best chance for a cure is when the cancer is found early.

#### THE WARNING SIGNS

Frequent nose bleeds; ongoing nasal congestion; persistent sore or growth in mouth or throat; constant earaches; lasting change in voice; bloody phlegm lasting several days; lump in neck lasting more than two weeks; or problems swallowing

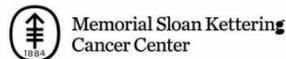
#### SCREENING

- Ten-minute exam by conducted by MSK Head and Surgeons and Nurse Practitioners to look for signs of head and neck cancer.
- Counseling on quitting smoking.
- Nutritional advice on cancer-preventive diets.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Adults who smoke, drink, or spend a lot of time in the sun.
- Adults who notice any of the warning signs of head and neck cancer.

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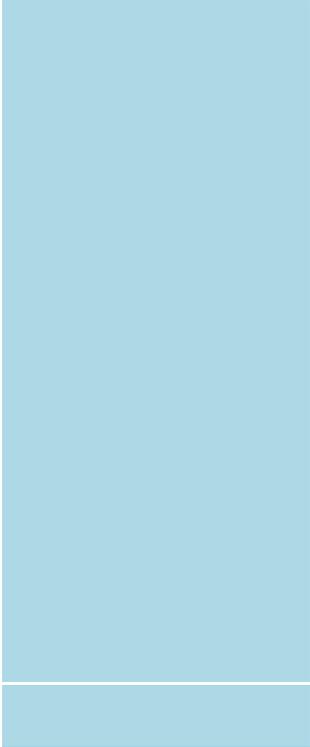
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**Construction Updates**



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**East 73rd/74th Street and FDR Drive site**

Necessary construction activity will take place at the site on **Saturday, July 21st, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm**

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

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