Dear Neighbor,

To those who celebrate, may you be blessed with gifts of love, peace and happiness this Christmas and Kwanzaa.

This week, our office hosted our annual Community Holiday Celebration. It was a pleasure to celebrate with you and enjoy some holiday music and cheer.

As always, we are just a visit, call or email away.

Peace, love and joy to you,

Rebecca A. Seawright

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Community Holiday Celebration and Toy & Book Drive

Assembly Member Seawright
Seawright with constituents Martin and Margaret Dornbaum

Activist Flor de Maria Eilets, District Leader Kim Moscaritolo, constituent Anthony Morenzi, State Committeewoman Ruth Halberg

Roosevelt Island Classical Musicians

92nd Street Y Senior Choir

Seawright, Jean Kim and Anthony Caifano, Upper East Side constituent, retired Teamsters Officer and owner of Hippity Popcorn who
generously donated kettle corn for the Community Holiday Celebration

Volunteers Sharon and Emily, Hunter College Women's Public Service Intern Jessica, and Hunter College Public Service Scholar Eddie with Seawright

Mayor de Blasio Signs Legislation Creating Online Voter Registration System

This week the Mayor signed Council Member Ben Kallos’ legislation allowing for online voter registration for New York City residents. Under this new legislation, the City will create an online portal and mobile application where voters can submit registration information or submit updates to their registrations.

In addition to requiring online and mobile apps for voters to submit their information, this new law requires the Campaign Finance Board (CFB) to provide voters with a mechanism for an electronic signature on the voter registration form. It would also allow CFB to use signatures already provided to other city agencies, including IDNYC, if appropriate. After the voter submits the information online, CFB would print the information onto a voter registration form with an electronically affixed signature and then deliver the printed voter registration form to the New York City Board of Elections. The bill takes effect in 18 months.

This initiative builds upon the work of State Legislators who support early voting, same-day registration and automatic voter registration in Albany. The City has also offered the NYC BOE $20 million in exchange for critical administrative reforms.

“Promoting on-line access to voter registration is in line with the core elements of democracy. The Electronic Voter Registration Bill brings New York City forward into the 21st century by using available technology to make voting easier and is more consistent with the way young people communicate. This is a significant step towards ensuring greater voter participation and turnout and civic involvement, which we urgently need at all levels of the governing process,” said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION SERVICE ALERT

Sanitation Service Alerts for Christmas Day and New Year’s Day

Christmas Day:

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced that there would be no garbage, recycling nor organics collection on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2017.

Residents who normally receive Monday garbage, organics or recycling collection should place their materials out at curbside Monday evening after 4 p.m. for collection. Please note that it is not unusual for collection times to be delayed after a holiday and during the winter season.

In addition, all DSNY administrative offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, in observance of the holiday.

New Year’s Day:

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced that there would be no garbage, recycling nor organics collection on New Year’s Day, Tuesday, December 26, 2017.

Residents who normally receive Tuesday garbage, organics or recycling collection should place their materials out at curbside Tuesday evening after 4 p.m. for collection. Please note that it is not unusual for collection times to be delayed after a holiday and during the winter season.

In addition, all DSNY administrative offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 26, in observance of the holiday.
Residents who normally receive Monday garbage, organics or recycling collection should place their materials out at curbside Monday evening after 4 p.m. for collection. Please note that it is not unusual for collection times to be delayed after a holiday and during the winter season.

In addition, all DSNY administrative offices will be closed on Monday, January 1, in observance of the holiday.