

October 25, 2019

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

I am proud to announce that the Governor signed legislation I sponsored updating the statutes governing the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC). At a press conference this week we called on Extell to improve the sanitation and safety hazards at a post-demolition construction site at 79 Street and First Avenue. We will share updates on our progress with regards to our request for improvements.

On Saturday, October 26 — for the first time in history — New Yorkers can Vote Early. Make your voting plan and visit nyc.pollsitelocator.com/search to find your early voting poll site which may be different from your normal poll site location. Visit vote.nyc to see a sample ballot. See you at the polls!

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

Brain Health and Wellness Talk

Tuesday, October 29, from 11:00am-1:00pm
Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
1485 York Avenue (78th /79th Streets)

Forum on Coops & Condos with Senator Liz Krueger

Tuesday, October 29, from 6:00pm-8:00pm
Hunter College
904 Lexington Avenue @68th Street (West Building)

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

Tuesday, October 29, at 6:00pm
Johnson Houses Community Center
1833 Lexington Avenue (East 112th and East 115th Streets)

Department of Finance Rent Freeze Clinic

Wednesday, November 6, from 10:00am-1:00pm
Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
1485 York Avenue (78th/79th 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 (78th/79th 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 Roosevelt Island Bill Signed Into Law



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright is proud to announce that the Governor signed the Roosevelt Island bill she introduced regarding the management and organizational structure of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC).

Assembly Bill 316 provides updates to the RIOC laws that are outdated and need clarification of the intent of specific provisions in the original laws of 1984. In addition, this legislation will include sexual orientation in the equal employment opportunity section of the laws.

"We worked closely with Senator José Serrano, the community, and the Roosevelt Island Residents Association Government Relations Committee to draft a bill that will support Roosevelt Islanders. The clarification and update of RIOC laws is long overdue and it is important that the laws governing the corporation are added to the Public Authorities Law so anyone with interest can easily find its enabling statute. I envision a Roosevelt Island that is self-governed so that services and programs are fully responsive to the needs of residents. The community must have a say in the decision-making process of how the island is governed, there should be no taxation without representation," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

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Seawright Holds Press Conference On Hazardous Extell Site at 79 Street and First Avenue Featured on Local NY1



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Assemblymember Seawright calls for Extell developer to clean up Upper East Side construction site

BY ALEJANDRA O'CONNELL-DOMENECH

"The lawmaker said that multiple residents have complained about dust, rats and the site's unreliable light fixture stating that some passersby feel unsafe walking on the dark, uneven sidewalks in front of the former demolition site on First Avenue between East 79th and East 80th streets...

... the same day that Seawright stood in front of the lot and called for action, Extell sent a letter to the Assemblymember stating that the company regularly uses a pest-control service to prevent mice or rats from living at the site and have not seen any rodents. The letter also stated that a new lighting fixture will be installed near the site by the end of next week and that the city's parks department is the entity responsible for tending to the lot's surrounding trees."



[Read full article in the Villager](#)

BY ALEJANDRA O'CONNELL-DOMENECH

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www.thevillager.com

Patch

Extell's UES Development Site Is Unsafe: Lawmaker, Seniors Say

"Betty Cooper Wallerstein, the longtime leader of the East 79th Street Neighborhood Association, said Wednesday that conditions at the site are especially troubling because Extell made promises before the demolition. Cooper Wallerstein also stressed that the Upper East Side is a residential neighborhood, so construction practices that may fly in areas such as Midtown Manhattan aren't appropriate for the area.

Shirley Zussman, who turned 105 last week, said that she is concerned to walk near the construction site because it gets



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so dark at night. The area residents also said she fears that dust and other particles are being released from the site that may be harmful to seniors and children.

"I'm concerned not only for myself but my guests, I'd hate to ask somebody to come at night and have to cross this patch here of danger and dust and fear," Sussman said. The centenarian also warned that conditions at the site will be much more dangerous during the winter."

Patch

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patch.com](https://www.patch.com)

Citing Community Complaints, Seawright Demands Clean-Up of the Extell Demolition Site



Community Board 8 Chairwoman Alida Camp, UES residents Helene Goldfarb and Michele Classe, Rebecca Seawright, 79 Street Neighborhood Association Founder and President Betty Wallerstein, and 79 Street resident Dr. Shirley Zussman.



105 year old resident of East 79 Street Shirley Zussman was interviewed by NY1.



The interior of the Extell site.



“Extell is now a part of the community. We encourage them to join in partnership with the community to ensure that the project moves forward in a manner that is in the best interest of our neighbors,” said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

Seawright Senior Summit



Esther Yang, Executive Director of the non-profit "Super Happy Healthy Kids" leads the attendees in a session of chair yoga.



Upper East Side constituent, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Board Member and volunteer Helene Goldfarb welcomes guests to the senior resource fair at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House.

New law lets you

VOTE

when it's convenient for you

Early voting period begins



This session we established a nine-day early voting period before any election, during which polling locations will be open for at least eight hours on weekdays and five hours on weekends (Ch. 6 of 2019).

To help counties implement these changes, Assembly Member Seawright fought for \$10 million in the state budget to help offset the cost of the additional poll hours and \$14.7 million for new electronic poll books and ballot printers.

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Seawright Snapshots

Paws on Parade at the Carl Schurz Park Annual Halloween Howl



Carl Schurz Park Executive Director Patrick McClusky, Chair of the Board of Directors Judy Howard and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Special Assistant-Community Affairs



Special Screening of Sergeant York Featuring a Q&A With Colonel York and Maria Cooper Janis

Col. Gerald York, descendant of Sergeant Alvin York, Maria Cooper Janis, daughter of actor Gary Cooper, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Howard Teich at The Arsenal for the screening.

Seawright Meets with New Roosevelt Island Cornell Tech Dean Greg Morrisett

Seawright met with Dr. Morrisett and Jane Swanson in the district office to discuss community concerns and opportunities to partner with the Roosevelt Island community.

Dr. Greg Morrisett was named the Jack and Rilla Neafsey Dean and Vice Provost of Cornell Tech in June.



Pro-choice legislators Seawright and Krueger attend New York City Planned Parenthood Event



The Disability Rights Advocates of New York

Evan Davis, senior Counsel at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP and member of the East Coast Advisory Board for DRA introduced Assembly Member Seawright at the DRA gala and spoke about the importance of passing Seawright and Krueger's Equal Rights Amendment to the New York State Constitution which would expressly grant equal protections to all persons including those living with disabilities under the new amendment. Mr. Davis has served as President of the New York City Bar Association, Vice Chair of the Columbia University Board of Trustees and Counsel to Governor Mario M. Cuomo.



Upcoming Events

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Trick or
TREAT
ALL AGES!

Saturday, Oct 26
Noon-3:00pm

Sportspark . 250 Main St.
West side entrance
(no pool side access)

Come in costume!
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Roosevelt Island
Operating Corporation

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



Saturday,
Oct. 26

Turn in unused or unwanted prescriptions for safe disposal.

Safe, responsible disposal of prescription medication keeps it out of the wrong hands and helps ensure it doesn't end up in our water supply and landfills. To find a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day collection site in our community, visit: takebackday.dea.gov.



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6 6:00PM – 8:00PM

The Church of the Heavenly Rest
1085 Fifth Avenue and 90th Street

(entrance to this event is on 90th Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues)

Please join Carnegie Hill Neighbors and Manhattan Community Board 8, along with our co-sponsors, to discuss sustainable solutions to our community's small business health.

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SATURDAY 1-4 PM

OCTOBER 26, 2019

(Rain date: Sunday, October 27th)

60th Street &
The East River
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Rain date will be Sunday, October 27th.
**Be sure to check EsplanadeFriends.org and
📷 @esplanadefriends for updates!**

New York State Assembly Manhattan Delegation **NYCHA Town Hall**

*Voice your concerns
Hear from NYCHA officials and state elected officials
Connect to repair ticket support, housing court attorneys, and more*



**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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