

# Rebecca Seawright



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*On Monday, we held our annual Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony honoring ten local women who are doing outstanding work in our community.*

*We continue to press forward with budget negotiations in Albany. In this budget we are committed to the inclusion of funding for a New Deal for CUNY. I am proud to cosponsor the New Deal for CUNY to not only prevent State budget cuts but to reverse decades of underfunding.*

*Today, we stood outside the Ukrainian Institute for a press conference to announce the formation of the East Side Freedom Square Coalition to raise much needed money and supplies for Ukraine and the Ukrainian refugees. The Coalition hopes to be a voice for the East Side's unified support of our community for the extraordinary bravery and enduring spirit of the Ukrainian people. Our office is a drop-off location for collecting supplies for the Ukrainian people.*

*Please join us for one of the events we are pleased to sponsor:*

- *Through April 7 donate to **Project Cicero's Book Drive**. Drop-off new and gently used books for preschool through high school (no textbooks) at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).*
- *Tuesday, March 29 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm - **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic**. RSVP by calling 212-288-4607.*
- *Tuesday, March 29 at 8pm - **Join New York State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright for a monthly television broadcast with an array of special guests**. Watch the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm and first Sunday of each month at 6pm on MNN (Spectrum 34, 1993, 1995, RCN 82, FiOS 33).*

- *Thursday, March 31 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) - **No-Cost Face Covering Giveaway.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Thursday, March 31 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom - **Virtual Knitting Social on zoom.** [RSVP here.](#)*

*Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.*

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*Sincerely,*



**Assembly Member Seawright  
Honored Ten "Women of Distinction"  
During 7th Annual Women's History Month Celebration**





To commemorate Women's History Month, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright honored 10 women leaders of distinction for their achievements, noteworthy contributions, and outstanding work on behalf of the community on the Upper East Side, Yorkville and and Roosevelt Island.

***"Every March, we celebrate Women's History Month to remember the remarkable women who have fought to give the next generation a better future,"*** Assembly Member Seawright said. ***"To the Women of Distinction, we say congratulations! You are an enduring inspiration to our entire community, our beloved city, and our great state of New York!"***

Seawright's seventh annual Women of Distinction Awards ceremony was webcast live on Zoom and Facebook on Monday evening. Holly Buchanan, author of *Selling Financial Services to Women – What Men Need to Know and Even Women Will Be Surprised to Learn*, offered remarks as featured guest speaker

**The 2022 Women of Distinction honorees are:**

**Flor de Maria Eilets** is a 30-year resident of the Upper East Side, works in the Lower East Side as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at Betances Health Center.

**Mary Nell Hawk** is a passionate advocate for free open water rowing for all on the East and Harlem Rivers as a member of the East River C.R.E.W. (Community Recreation & Education on the Water) since 1999.

**Carol Grocki Lewis** is a faculty member of the 92nd Street YM-YWHA Art Center's ceramic program, where she is a Teaching-Artist at the Center for Arts Learning Leaders, in which she has brought the joys of working with clay to numerous children in K-9 public schools in East Harlem. She is also the Founder and Director of the Yorkville Holiday Exhibit & Sale, now in its 10th year, at the Church of the Holy Trinity on East 88th Street.

**Kim Moscaritolo** spent 20 years working in television news before moving into the nonprofit world. She currently works as the Director of Communications and Digital Outreach for Hunger Free America. She also serves as a Democratic District Leader, working to help elect Democrats here in New York and around the country.

**Shirley L. Mow**, an educator, has worked with foundations, corporations, businesses, and local

government and nonprofit organizations to develop, fund, and implement programs to support minority students and encourage girls to study S.T.E.M. fields.

**Joan Roth** was a pioneer in uncovering the problem of homelessness among women. She photographed and interviewed many women who lived on the streets in the 1970s, a time of little interest and virtually no understanding of what was happening to these women.

**Brenda Sauer** has lived and worked on the Upper East Side for over 35 years. She moved to the neighborhood to work at New York-Presbyterian hospital as a nurse and is now the Director of Patient Access. She is also an active volunteer, working with Holy Trinity Church to prepare their community suppers and the Carl Schurz Park Conservancy, where she has co-chaired the very popular Halloween Howl for many years!

**Tricia Shimamura** is a mom, a social worker, a proud Japanese Puerto Rican, and a dedicated community leader who has served her neighbors on the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island for over a decade. Tricia now serves as the Director of Community Affairs at the Manhattan Borough President's Office. In addition to serving on the East 72nd Street Neighborhood Association and being a previous board member to Friends of the East River Esplanade.

**Betty Cooper Wallerstein** is the Organizer and President of the East 79th Street Neighborhood Association.

**Rebecca Weintraub** was born and raised in A.D. 76, where she now represents Part A as District Leader. She's an active community member, fighting for our parks, schools, libraries, and so much more. She has also served as the Vice President of the East River Democratic Club.

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## Funding A New Deal For CUNY



*CUNY Senior Vice Chancellor Glenda Grace, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, and CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez.*

Governor Kathy Hochul's budget proposals for CUNY and SUNY represent a significant shift in the State's budgetary priorities. She recognizes the vital role these two great institutions of higher education play in educating the workforce, preparing graduates for exciting careers and ensuring greater opportunities for service to the community and research to create knowledge. The Governor's emphasis on funding for full-time faculty, community colleges, childcare, and part-time TAP for example move in the right direction. She has flatly ruled out tuition increases, thus helping to avoid the increased burden on students and their families, while further adjusting financial aid availability.

The current budget negotiations give us the chance to build on the progress thus far and move more quickly towards a new deal for CUNY and SUNY. With the support of labor, students, and community leaders, our collective voices are very clear: both systems need more full-time faculty, expanded mental health and academic advisement counselors, graduate student support, services for students with disabilities, special opportunity programs like SEEK and College Discovery, community college aid, and critically, capital construction such as a new and urgently needed Hunter College nursing facility.

We must invest in the future of our city and state. There's no better way to do that than to support a well-funded CUNY and SUNY. We know that has never been sufficiently the case in past years. We all know that college graduates live and work in New York and help pay the taxes for many decades that support valuable services across the board. The time to speak up and act is now--before the budget negotiations are concluded.

## Join Assembly Member Seawright And The East Side Freedom Square Coalition



***"Today, every square...will now be called "Freedom Square" in every city of our country. No one is going to break us."***

**--Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, March 1, 2022.**

*At a time when Ukraine has been attacked and its very survival as a free and independent country and people is at stake, the East Side of Manhattan through its leadership has come together to support efforts to raise much needed money and supplies for Ukraine and the Ukrainian refugees, as well as be a voice for the unified support of our community for the extraordinary bravery and enduring spirit of the Ukrainian people.*

**Coalition Partners [in Formation]:** Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright, State Senator Liz

Krueger, Assemblymember Dan Quart, State Senator Cordell Cleare, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, Councilmember Julie Menin, Councilmember Keith Powers, Howard Teich, East Side WWI Centennial Commemoration, New Democratic Dimensions, Community Board 8, Knickerbocker Grays, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, David Menegon, Russell Squire, Thomas Acosta, Nataliia Ostashyn, Chris O'Brien.



### **East Side Freedom Square Coalition**

Join the East Side Freedom Square Coalition.

[Read more](#)

[\*www.facebook.com\*](http://www.facebook.com)



# Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



## HUMANITARIAN AID DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

*The following is a suggest list of items:*

- **Clothing**
- **Supplies:** Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Mouthwash, Toothbrush, Soap Bars, Feminine Hygiene Products, Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorants, Razor/Shaving Cream.
- **Household:** Toilet Paper Paper Towels, Wet Wipes/Baby Wipes, Baby Diapers, Pots and Pans, New Sheets, Pillowcases.
- **Medical:** Band-Aids, Gauze, Boxes of Masks, Alcohol/Disinfectant Wipes.
- **Miscellaneous:** Hand Warmers, Flashlights, Nail Clippers, Hairbrushes, Shopping Totes/Bags.

*Collected good will be delivered to those in emergency need as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine*

**Donations should be delivered to:**

*District Office of  
Assembly Member  
Rebecca Seawright  
1485 York Avenue  
New York, NY 10075  
(78/79 Street)*

**Drop-off times:**  
*9:30am-5:30pm*

**#StandWithUkraine**

For more information about our drive or any other matter, please call or email Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright at 212-288-4607 or email [SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov).

## Resources

Low-income New York City residents at or below the federal poverty level may qualify for a half-priced transit fare using a Fair Fares MetroCard. Check your eligibility at [nyc.gov/fairfares](http://nyc.gov/fairfares) or call 311 for more information.



## Upcoming Events



# ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA SEAWRIGHT

P R O J E C T  
**CICERO**

## BOOK DRIVE

for kids in under-resourced NYC Schools  
through April 7, 2022

District Office of Assembly Member  
Rebecca Seawright  
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

✓ **Yes: new and gently used books  
for pre-school through high school**

✗ **NO: Adult books, textbooks, library  
discards, or out-of-date non-  
fiction/reference books**

Want to order books from the Project Cicero wishlist?  
Visit [projectcicero.org/wish-list](https://projectcicero.org/wish-list)



# ASPHALT GREEN COMPOST



**Sundays, 7:30am - 12:30pm**

**E 91st St & York Ave, Manhattan**

## What to compost:

### Yes

Fruit & vegetable scraps,  
non-greasy food scraps,  
rice, pasta, bread,  
grains, cereal, coffee  
grounds, tea bags, egg  
shells, nuts, cut flowers,  
houseplants, soiled  
brown paper products

### No

Meat, fish, bones, dairy,  
fat, oil, greasy food  
scraps, animal waste,  
charcoal, coconuts,  
insect-infested plants,  
plastics, twist ties,  
rubber bands, receipts

For more food scrap drop-off locations, visit [on.nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps](https://on.nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps)



**GROW**NYC

zero waste programs  
funded by NYC Sanitation



AsphaltGreen

[gownyc.org/compost](https://gownyc.org/compost)



GrowNYC



Bumble bee on Asters / Photos: iDig2Learn

FREE VIRTUAL ZOOM TALK  
THURSDAY, MARCH 31  
NOON - 1:00PM

Ursula Chanse & Chrissy Word  
present

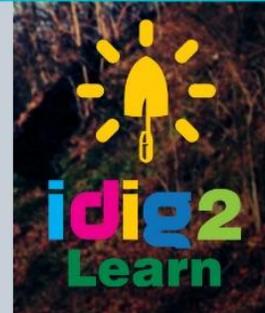
## Design your Garden to Attract Pollinators

Learn how to create and maintain gardens using  
native plants to attract and support  
NYC's local pollinators.

RSVP "POLLINATORS" TO:  
[IDIG2LEARN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:IDIG2LEARN@GMAIL.COM)  
FOR ZOOM LINK

We are honored that this webinar will be facilitated by Ursula Chanse (Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden) and Chrissy Word (City Parks Foundation, NYC Pollinator Working Group & Butterfly Project NYC) in partnership with iDig2Learn.

iDig2Learn celebrates 10 years thanks to you. iDig2Learn is a project of Open Space Institute, Inc. a nonprofit 501(c)3 public charity.



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**TUESDAY MARCH 29**

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 3:30 PM ATTORNEYS FROM THE LAW  
OFFICES OF GRIMBLE & LOGUIDICE, LLC  
WILL PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-  
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST FOR  
CONSTITUENTS OF THE 76TH ASSEMBLY  
DISTRICT**

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

**A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL HOST A  
ONE -ON-ONE SESSION WITH  
ATTENDEES.**

**DISTRICT OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY  
MEMBER REBECCA SEAWRIGHT  
1485 YORK AVENUE  
(78-79 STREETS)**



**SCAN ME TO  
RSVP!**

**RSVP REQUIRED:  
CALL: 212-288-4607  
EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord-tenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.*

**RSVP for the legal clinic here**



Assembly  
Member  
Rebecca  
Seawright

# VIRTUAL KNITTING SOCIAL

JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD  
KNITTERS FOR CRAFTING  
AND CONVERSATION

EVERY THURSDAY ON  
ZOOM  
**2PM-4PM**

ALL SKILL LEVELS  
WELCOME

Contact the Office of Assembly  
Member Rebecca Seawright  
Call: 212.288.4607  
Email: [SeawrightReNYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightReNYAssembly.gov)

**RSVP for the Virtual Knitting Social**

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## METROCARD BUS

STOPS HERE (79/York):

**WED. 4/6, 4/20**

**10:00AM- 12:00PM**

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REFILL YOUR  
METROCARD

APPLY FOR  
REDUCED FARE

CASH ONLY

# CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE & ROOSEVELT ISLAND!

Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Presents

 SUMMER ART SHOW! 

June 11, 2022

James Cagney Place  
(East 91st Street between Second and Third Avenues)

This outdoor exhibition will feature paintings, prints, photography and crafts!

Submit an image of the artwork you wish to display by May 6 to [info@cb8m.com](mailto:info@cb8m.com) using "Art Submission" in the subject line.

All sale proceeds go directly to artists.



@CB8M



@CB8Manhattan





# NO-COST NOTARY

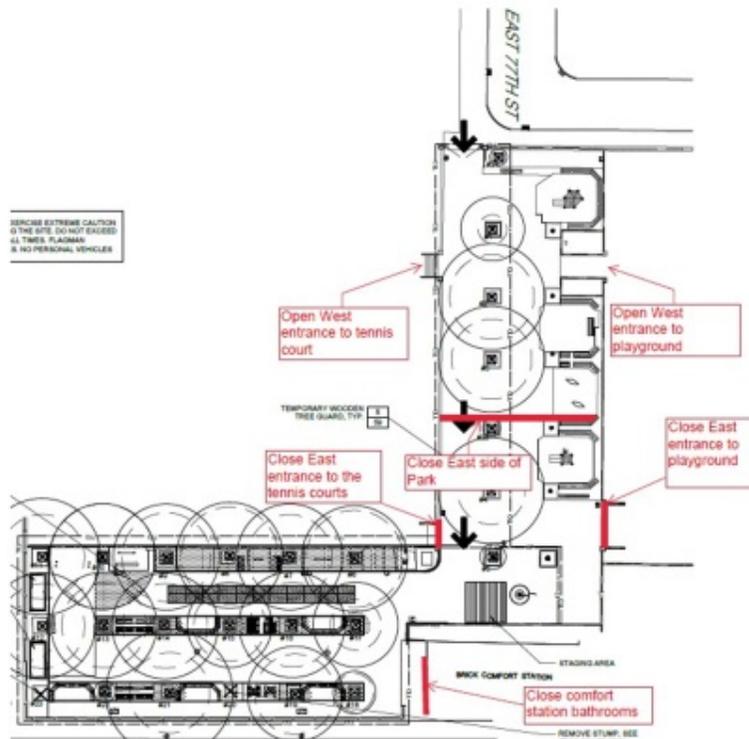
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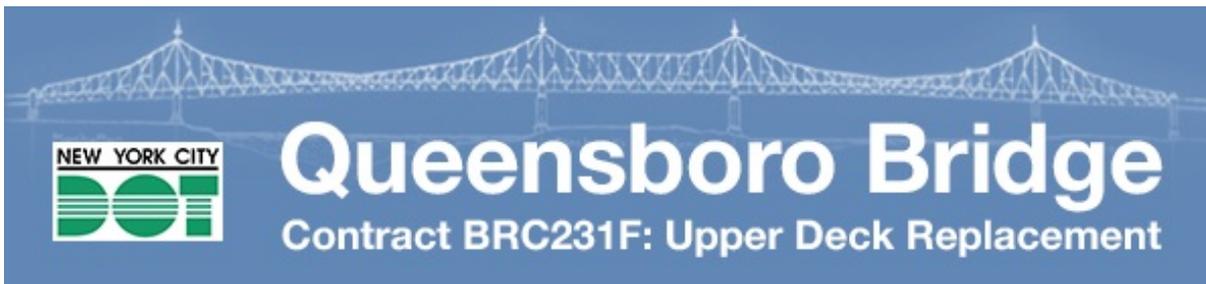
## Construction Advisory

### John Jay Park

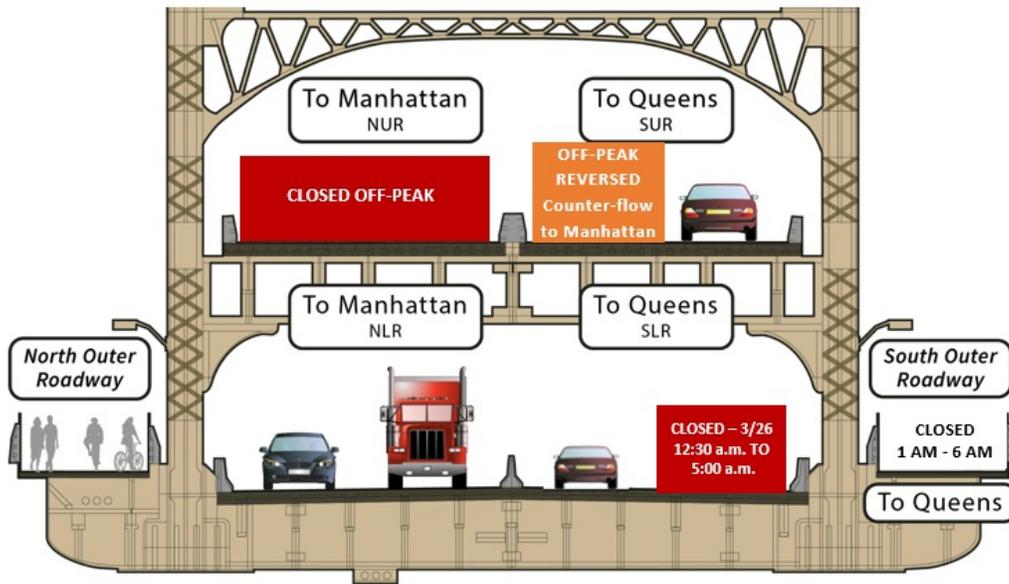
Please be advised that as a result of pavement work being done in front of the bathhouse at John Jay Park, the bathrooms along with one of the entrances to the playground and one to the multi-purpose play area with basketball and tennis courts will be closed for approximately five days from Monday, March 28 until Friday, April 1. See attached plan showing the locations of the closures. The playground and the multi-purpose play area will still be accessible through the west entrances. [Click here to view the plan.](#)



## Queensboro Bridge - Urgent Repairs - Saturday, March 26th



Due to a recent incident when the shielding over the lower level was struck by an over height vehicle, urgent repairs are needed for the protective shielding. To carry out these repairs, one Queens-bound lane on the lower roadway will be closed from 12:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26th. This Queens-bound Lane closure will be in addition to the ongoing lane closures on the upper level. One Queens-bound Lane will be available on the upper and lower level during this closure.



## Roosevelt Island Main Street Paver Repair & Resetting

Please be advised that, beginning Monday, March 28th, RIOC will be performing temporary paver repair and resetting at various isolated locations on Main Street. This work is scheduled to be performed at night to ensure the least interruption to island activities and the community. This work is planned to be performed with mostly hand tools and thus noise disruption is anticipated to be low.

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