

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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NYS SENATOR DAPHNE JORDAN
(R, C, IP, REF) 43RD SENATE DISTRICT



Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the September 10 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- Remembering September 11, 2001
- I'm hosting a second blood drive with the American Red Cross and it's just under 2 weeks away
- I announced \$433,343 in state aid for library construction to help public libraries across the 43rd Senate District
- Trader Joe's is officially open in Halfmoon, NY
- Former congressional candidate, father, and veteran Kyle Van De Water tragically passed away
- Saratoga EMS Council meeting with emergency services representatives

Other important news:

- Opening celebration for Questar III BOCES & HVCC STEM High School
- Saratoga County Office for the Aging's Annual Senior Picnic
- Back to school: Please watch out for buses and schoolchildren
- Report highlights conservation challenges, infrastructure needs in Adirondacks
- Growing school bus driver shortage across New York as school year begins
- Boil water order lifted in Rensselaer, Troy, East Greenbush, Menands
- Asking for feedback on the Weekly Wrap: would love to hear your comments and suggestions

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at jordan@nysenate.gov or call my office at **(518) 371-2751**. Thank you for reading and subscribing to my Weekly Wrap. It's an honor and a privilege serving you!

– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District



Happy Labor Day!

I hope you had a great Labor Day weekend as we celebrated all the achievements made by our hardworking men and women.



Happy Rosh Hashanah!

To all those who celebrated, I'd like to wish you a wonderful Shana Tovah.

Remembering September 11, 2001



"By creating a New York State September Eleventh Service Medal, we will better recognize the selflessness and willingness for sacrifice exemplified by our American heroes."

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Tomorrow marks the 20-year anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on our nation. God bless our first responders and fellow Americans that we lost. We honor their memories and forever hold them in our hearts.

Over session this year, I introduced legislation, [S.6474A](#), that would honor all those who served and put their own lives at risk to help others during 9/11. With this legislation, these individuals would be presented with a New York State

September Eleventh Service Medal. Those who survived and those who were lost will never be forgotten

My video remarks on September 11th, 2001

I'm hosting a blood drive on September 23



**Blood Drive Sponsored by
NYS Senator Daphne Jordan**

Saratoga Knights of Columbus

50 Pine Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
main hall

**Thursday, September 23, 2021
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



Our second blood drive is only two weeks away and I hope to see you there!

REGISTER HERE

Welcoming Trader Joe's to Halfmoon



It's official — The Halfmoon Trader Joe's is officially open to shoppers! It was great to be at the Grand Opening early Wednesday morning and hear the three-piece band playing for all the patrons who were lined up to shop.

In The News



Report highlights conservation challenges, infrastructure needs in Adirondacks

I'm hopeful that Governor Hochul's administration will be different and move forward in a timely fashion in filling unfilled Road Salt Task Force Executive Branch appointments and ensure that it actually meets as required by statute because this issue is critically important to the Adirondacks and our local communities.

ARTICLE



Growing school bus driver shortage across New York as school year begins

Many school districts both state and nationwide are facing school bus driver shortages of 10-15%.

Wages vary between \$13-15 an hour for upstate school bus drivers and about double that for downstate drivers, but the job is only part time. If you are interested or know anyone that may be, please share this information with them.

ARTICLE



Boil water advisory ends for East Greenbush, Rensselaer, Menands

After flood damage, Albany and Rensselaer County residents were advised to boil water until further notice. Yesterday, this advisory was lifted. You can always check my [Facebook page](#) for updates like this.

ARTICLE



NY congressional candidate found dead weeks after dropping out of race

My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Afghanistan war veteran and former congressional candidate Kyle Van De Water.

If you are a veteran that is struggling, please know that there is help available.

[Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255, press 1](#)

ARTICLE

Ensuring our public libraries have the strong support they need



As a Ranking Member on the Senate Libraries Committee, a Director on the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Foundation Board, and a lifelong advocate for our public libraries, I'm thrilled to announce the award of \$433,343 in state aid for libraries across the 43rd Senate District so they can move forward with important construction and facility improvement projects. Read more in my full press release below.

[Read More](#)

Opening celebration for Questar III & HVCC STEM High School



I was happy to join HVCC President Dr. Roger Ramsammy and Superintendent of Questar III BOCES, Dr. Gladys Cruz for the opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Questar III and Hudson Valley Community College STEM High School! (STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.)

Also in attendance were members of The Lang family, The principal of the new school, Kim Sparkman, Board of Trustees Chairman Neil Kelleher, Congressman Paul Tonko, Assembly members Jake Ashby, John McDonald, and Phil Steck, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, Rensselaer County Legislators Tom Grant Sr. and our very own Dan Casale, who is my Director of Constituent Services and a HVCC Foundation Board Member.

This will be the FIRST New York State Pathways in Technology and Smart Scholar Early College High School to be hosted on a community college campus in the Capital Region. It may even be first in the nation and that fact is being checked.

The realization of this project will allow students to earn up to 63 college credits – at no cost – while completing high school.

Key components of this terrific new school are engagement with local companies, such as the Tech Valley Center of Gravity, and countless professional development opportunities, as well as access to college coursework.

This new Questar III and HVCC STEM High School will address that shortfall, and HELP CLOSE the STEM gap, and ensure that our Capital Region continues as a leader in STEM.

Saratoga EMS Council meeting



On Thursday, myself and other state representatives had a meeting with the Saratoga EMS Council in the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services. I had the opportunity to speak with emergency services representatives for an in-depth discussion of important topics for next year's 2022 Legislative session. Thank you for having us!

Also in attendance were Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, Assemblyman Matt Simpson, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Carl Zeilman, Commissioner of Emergency Services for Saratoga County and the respective EMS, Ambulance, and

Emergency Chiefs for the Towns of Wilton, Charlton, Malta, Stillwater, Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Ballston Spa, Milton, Edinburgh and Waterford.

Saratoga County Office for the Aging's Annual Senior Picnic



Saratoga County Office for the Aging's Annual Senior Picnic was held as a drive-thru at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds on Thursday. It was a wonderful event with boxed lunches, music, and playing cards that we got to distribute to all the attendees!

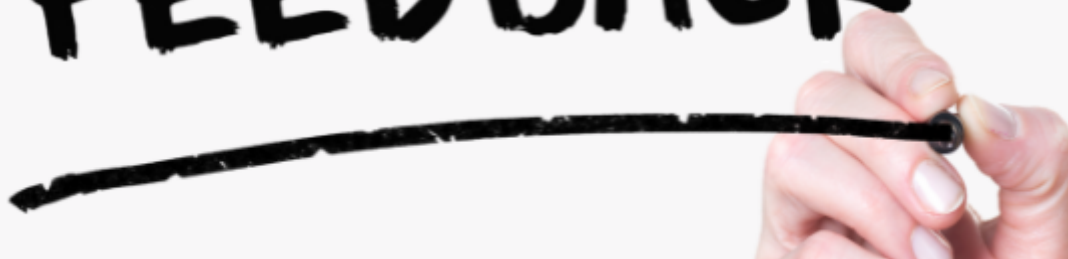
Also at the event were Senator Jim Tedisco, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Assemblyman Matt Simpson, Saratoga County Clerk Craig Hayner, Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo, Saratoga County District Attorney Karen Heggen, and Halfmoon Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen. The Town of Halfmoon's Senior Express with our wonderful Halfmoon Seniors was also on-hand for this special community event!

Back to school!



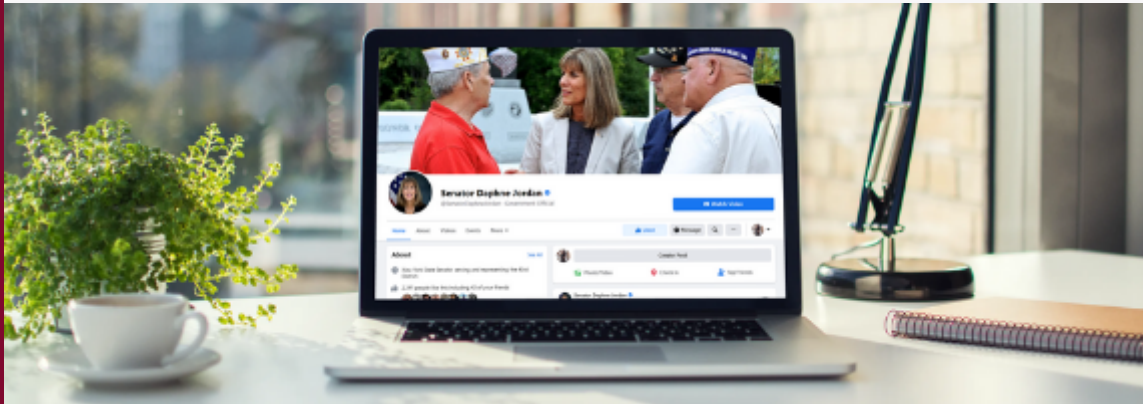
I know we all have places to be in the morning, but please have patience and watch out for our school buses as they have some very precious cargo!! Both sides of traffic are required to stop.

FEEDBACK



I would love to hear your feedback on the Weekly Wrap! If you have any comments or suggestions please email me at jordan@nysenate.gov. Have a great weekend!

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