

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 August 20 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings this week:

- I introduced legislation to prevent any future Governor from destroying or 'misplacing' potentially incriminating records
- I am co-sponsoring legislation alongside Senator Mike Martucci & Senator Dan Stec that would forfeit the pension of an official who stands convicted on an impeachment.
- Touring farms in Columbia and Rensselaer Counties with Marc Molinaro
- My thoughts and prayers are with those in Afghanistan facing the rapid takeover of Taliban control -- there is help for our veterans

Other important news:

- COVID-19 vaccine information/appointments in the 43rd Senate District
- Saratoga is the second fastest growing county in NYS over the past 40 years
- Remembering the great victory at the Battle of Bennington in 1777
- Reading to Children at the Claverack Free Library
- VanNederyn Farm's 100th anniversary
- Honoring men for their service to the Town of Grafton
- NY's future is on the LINE: Here's your chance to help make history

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

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potentially incriminating records -
My press release is below:

NEWS

From NYS Senator Daphne Jordan

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Senator Daphne Jordan introduces legislation requiring Governor's office to retain e-mails, records

Albany, NY – New York State Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C,I-Halfmoon) is introducing a bill on Wednesday which ensures that all records and documents pertaining to the Office of the Governor – including e-mails – are retained for future use.

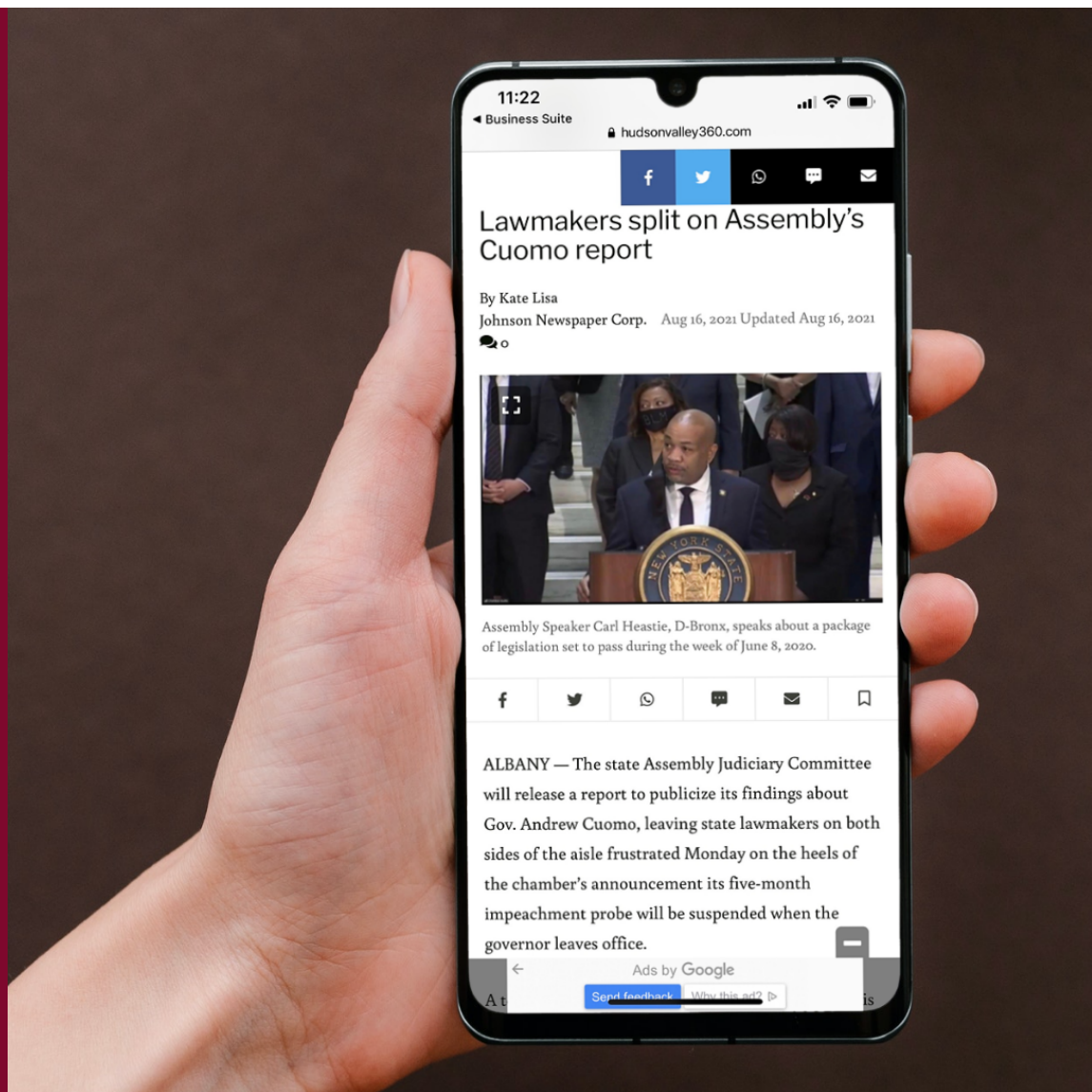
Current New York State law provides significant discretion to the Governor himself as to which documents are kept and which are discarded. Senator Jordan said that the weakness of existing laws became apparent in the midst of Governor Andrew Cuomo's numerous scandals.

"The Governor is leaving in disgrace after his decade-long abuse of power has finally come to light. He has given himself two weeks before he leaves office. Have his office shredders been running all of this time? Are the computers being wiped clean?" said Senator Jordan. "I'm introducing legislation to prevent any future Governor from destroying or 'misplacing' potentially incriminating records as I have no doubt Cuomo's lieutenants have already done. My bill will make sure that every record, be it paper or electronic and including e-mail, of a Governor's administration is retained for two years. This legislation also ensures, should the misdeeds of any future Governor come before a court, that all existing evidence will be available to the court so that justice may be done."

The document retention standards established by the bill would require executive Departments, Agencies, Offices, and Commissions, as well as the Executive Chamber itself, to retain all written and electronic records, including e-mails, as well as electronic metadata. These documents must be retained for two years under this legislation, except if documents are anticipated to be part of litigation, in which case they must be retained for five years or two years after litigation is no longer reasonably anticipated, whichever is later.

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Shutting down an impeachment investigation because of an impending resignation is setting a dangerous precedent when pertaining law has not been interpreted or tested. Perhaps this was the deal made before the Governor resigned... [Read more](#) by clicking the article below:



Touring farms in Columbia and Rensselaer Counties with Marc Molinaro



Monday was well spent touring farms in Columbia and Rensselaer Counties with [Marc Molinaro](#). Our first stop was Trowbridge Farm in Ghent, which is a beef farm, then [A. Ooms & Sons Dairy Farm in Valatie](#), which is a fourth generation family run dairy farm, and Peter's Dairy Farm in Castleton, which was a dairy farm but is now mainly pigs, duck, chickens, turkey, goats and hay. In the photo below you can see one of the robots that [A. Ooms & Sons Dairy](#) uses to milk their 2,500 cows, producing thousands of gallons of milk. The farms we visited had no employees other than family. Hanging on, making it work, tough work! As a member of the Senate Agricultural Committee with 400,000 acres of farmland in my 43rd Senate District, visiting and listening to our hardworking farmers is so important. We must find ways to allow farming to be more profitable. Our farms are selling out. No farms... no food.. no scenic farmland. Great to tour with you Marc!



Veterans, there is help for you.



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We have heard from veterans that are having a hard time dealing with the fall of Kabul and Afghanistan. Please know there is help for you:

Columbia County Veterans Service Department: 518-828-9511
Rensselaer County Veterans Service Department: 518-270-2760
Saratoga County Veterans Service Department: 518-884-4115
Washington County Veterans Service Department: 518-746-2470

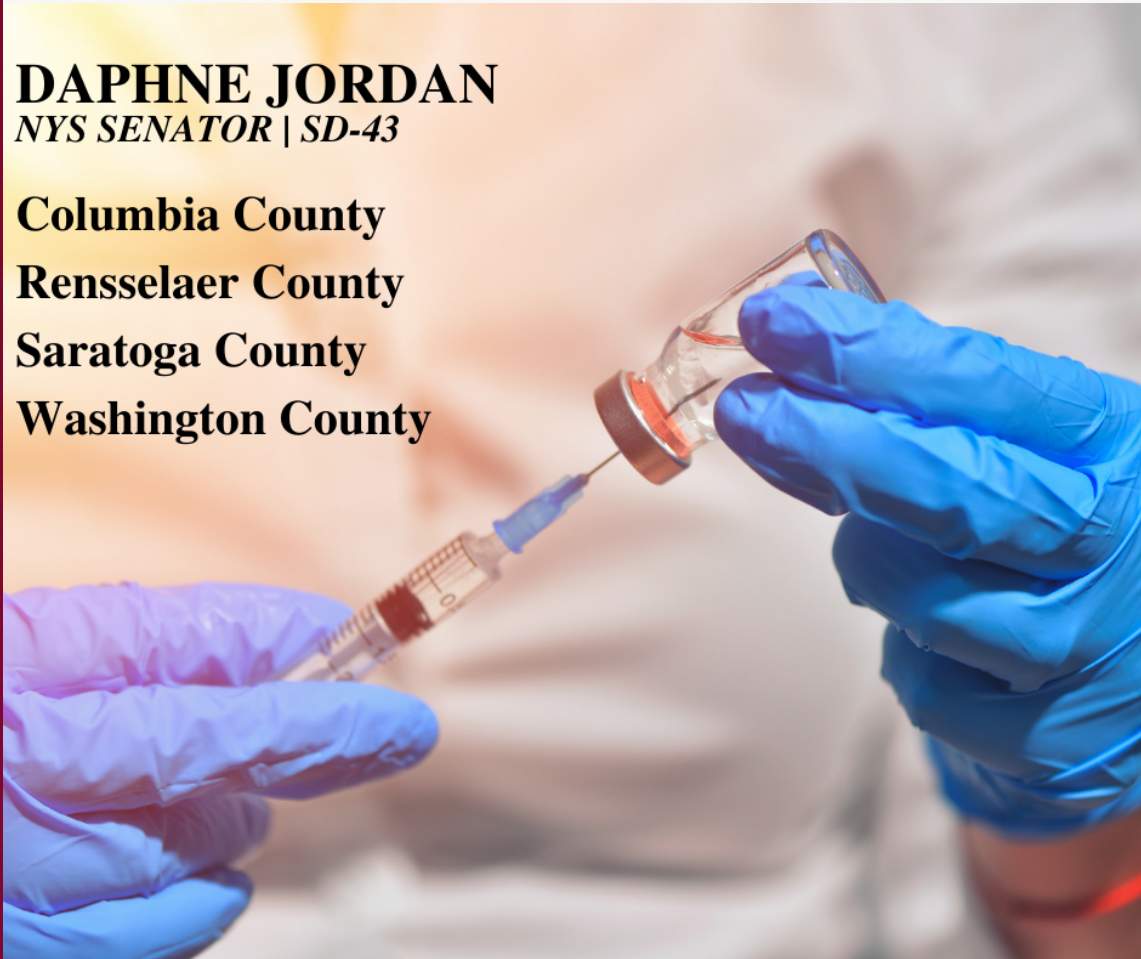
My thoughts and prayers are with those in Afghanistan facing the rapid takeover of Taliban control. My heart breaks for the women who are in grave danger of being taken and forced back under Sharia Law. I pray for the safety of Americans still there and our troops.

Veterans Crisis Line

COVID-19 vaccine information/appointments in the 43rd Senate District

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Rensselaer County
Saratoga County
Washington County



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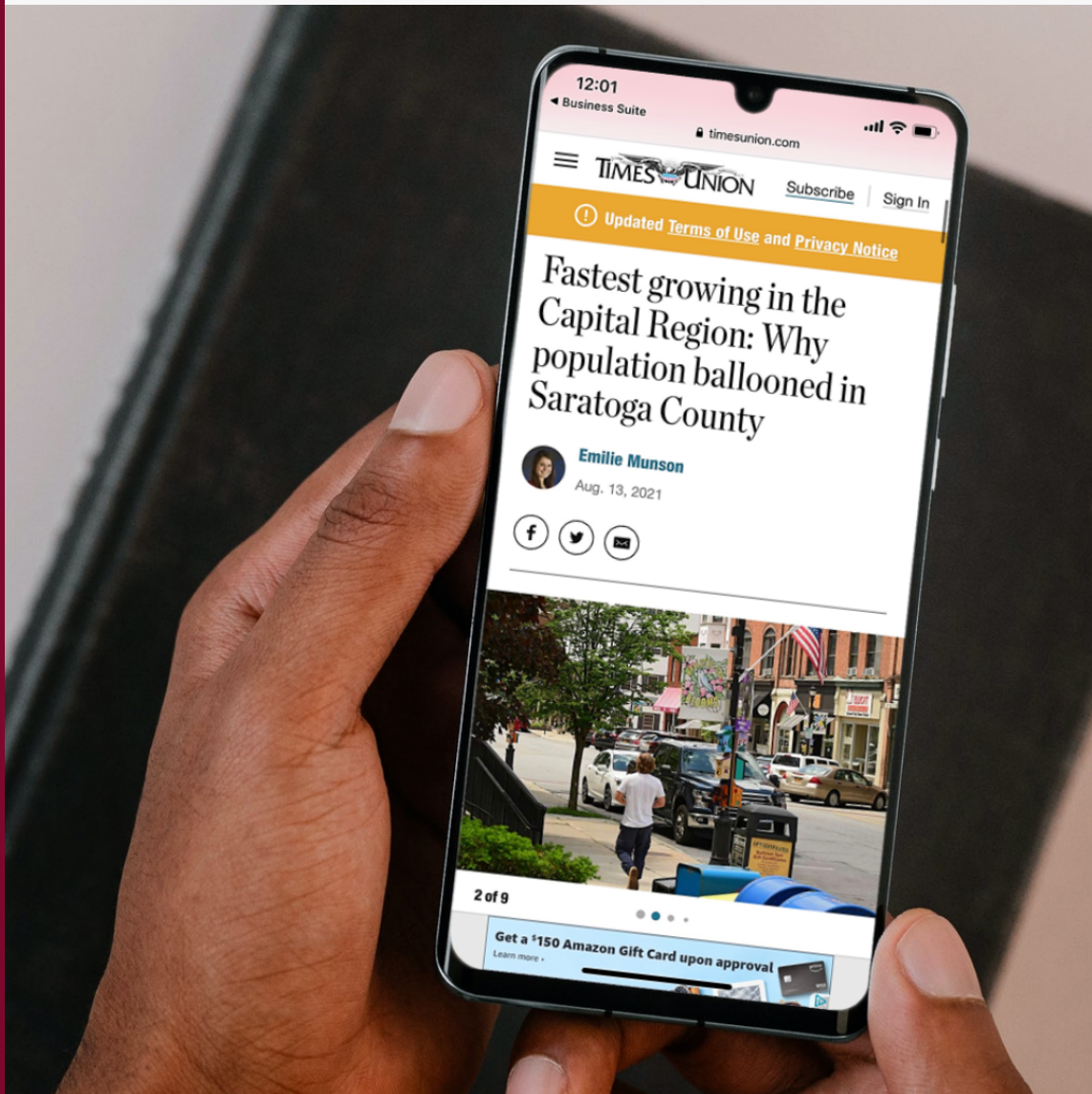
[Columbia County Vaccine Information](#)

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Saratoga County Vaccine Information

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Why?? Chair of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Todd Kusiniez said it best:

“We have the lowest property tax rate of any other county in New York State and coupled with that we have the lowest county sales tax rate. We have a business friendly climate that creates jobs, well-paying jobs that individuals are seeking from outside the area.”

Strong Republican leadership of the county has worked hard to keep taxes low and a great place to live, work, and grow a family. [Read more](#) by clicking the article above.

In the News



Albany had better move fast to get federal funds to tenants and landlords

Extending the eviction ban would leave landlords in an even worse spot than they are now.. the Cuomo Admin MUST distribute this fed aid. Only 7000 families have gotten aid out of the 168000 applicants. There is still \$2.5B in fed rent-bailout available!

[Read More](#)



Despite resigning in disgrace, Cuomo stands to collect substantial pension

I am co-sponsoring legislation ([S7316](#)) alongside Senator Mike Martucci & Senator Dan Stec that would forfeit the pension of an official who stands convicted on an impeachment.

[Read More](#)

Remembering the great victory at the Battle of Bennington in 1777



On Monday evening, I had the opportunity to attend the [Battle of Bennington Commemoration](#) in Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County, to remember the great victory at the Battle of Bennington in 1777. There were cannon salutes, wreath laying and readings by student participants from the annual Summer History Camp.

Thank you to Peter R.W. Schaaphok, President of [Friends of the Bennington Battlefield](#), for the invitation to attend and speak! The Battle of Bennington is seen as part of the turning point of the Revolutionary War, a part of our nation's and region's historical and cultural heritage, as well as a part of our shared American history, a proud history that's worth preserving, protecting, and celebrating. Our history should be learned from and cherished, not torn down or erased, and let us not overlook the service, struggle, and sacrifice of the proud patriots like those who fought in the battle of Bennington.

Thank you to the Friends of the Bennington Battlefield for carrying on this celebration each year...a commemoration that has taken place since August 1778!

Reading to children at the Claverack Free

Library



It was great to be at the Claverack Free Library Wednesday evening to read stories as part of the “Tales and Tails” Summer Reading Program! Thank you to the Board President Stephen King and Library Director Thea Schoep for the library tour and opportunity to come out and read to the children!

VanNederynen Farm's 100th anniversary



On Saturday, I joined the VanNederynen farm to celebrate the 100th anniversary, as well as owner Albert VanNederynen's 92nd birthday, his wife Dot's 88th birthday, and their 70th wedding anniversary! LOTS to celebrate and so glad I could be a part of it by honoring the VanNederynen Farm with a New York State Senate Proclamation!

Honoring men for their service to the Town of Grafton



On Sunday, Dan Casale, my Director of Constituent Services, and local officials joined Tom Withcuskey and James Goyer in honoring them for their service to the Town of Grafton. Thank you Dan for presenting Certificates of Recognition on my behalf.

Tom Withcuskey received this certificate upon the occasion of celebrating 20 years of service to the Town of Grafton as Code Enforcement Officer.

Jeremy Grosse (missing from the picture due to being on a first responder call) received this certificate upon the occasion of celebrating 2 years of service to the Highway Department and dedicated service as 2nd Lieutenant for the Grafton Rescue Squad.

James Goyer received this certificate upon the occasion of celebrating over 40 years of service to the Town of Grafton as Fire Chief and 20 years for dedicated service to the Highway Department.

Thank you gentlemen for your commitment and dedication to keeping our communities safe!

NY's future is on the LINE: Here's your
chance to help make history



Reform gives citizens a greater say in reshaping our government

An historic reform is changing the way NY draws its legislative and congressional district maps—a once-a-decade process that helps decide who will represent you in the halls of state and federal government for the next 10 years.

A new, voter-approved Independent Redistricting Commission will rely on input from citizens—not politicians—to decide how best to divide the state into the required number of Senate, Assembly and Congressional districts while ensuring that individual neighborhoods and communities are fairly represented.

This new process will ensure that no region, special interest or political party gain an unfair advantage or too much power at the expense of the others. But it only works if citizens like you join with neighbors, friends and communities to get involved and make your voices heard.

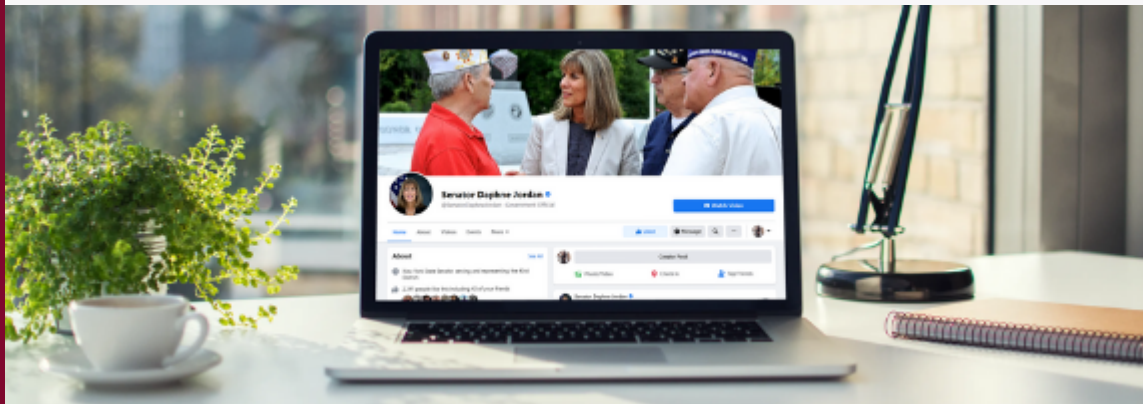
The Commission is planning a series of hearings and any group, community or individual may submit testimony, either in person, or through its website, www.nyirc.gov. This is your chance to learn more and get involved.

Please consider submitting testimony related to how redistricting will affect you, your family and your community. This feedback is critical and is your chance to help steer the future of New York and speak out for the concerns of our communities.

I hope you will visit the Commission's website to see the schedule of hearings and to learn more.

New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

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