

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the July 23 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- I'm hosting a blood drive on August 12 and I hope to see you there
- NY's future is on the LINE: Your input is needed for redistricting
- Health Care Heroes and First Responders Day at the Saratoga Race Course
- Saratoga County Fair Opening Day
- Quad Graphics Tour by SEDC
- Village of Cambridge Volunteer Fire Department Groundbreaking Ceremony

## **Other important news:**

- Change of Command Military Ceremony
- Meeting with Saratoga Springs Officials
- Mechanicville-Stillwater Elks Lodge Celebrates 100 Years
- Saratoga Race Course Kick-Off Celebration
- Mid-Hudson Library Summer Reading Program
- Speaking to Saratoga High School Women about Leadership and Public Office
- The Summer Olympics have begun!
- Ribbon Cuttings!
  - Alliance180
  - McGregor Links Country Club Centennial Restaurant Circa '21 Grand Opening
  - Nashville of Saratoga
  - Saratoga County Fair
  - Death Wish Coffee Co.

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto: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

I want to see you on August 12!



**Blood Drive Sponsored by  
Senator Daphne Jordan**

**Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787**

201 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson  
Meeting Room

**Thursday, August 12, 2021  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



**American  
Red Cross**

I will be sponsoring a blood drive on August 12 and still have a few spots available! With a nationwide shortage, there is certainly someone out there whose life could be saved with YOUR help. I hope to see you on Thursday, August 12 at the Hudson Elks Lodge!

[Register Here!](#)

**Change of Command Military Ceremony**



It was an honor to attend the Change of Command Ceremony by The Naval Support Activity (NSA) Saratoga Springs where Commander Phillip Boice, US Navy was relieved by Commander Raymond Gamicchia, US Navy.

A change of command is when there is a formal transfer of authority and responsibility for a unit from one commanding officer to another. Congratulations to Commander Raymond Gamicchia, and thank you all for your service!

## Meeting with Saratoga Springs Officials



It was great meeting with City of Saratoga Springs Supervisor Matthew E. Veitch and Ryan McMahon, Executive Director/President at Saratoga Springs City Center. We had a terrific discussion of County and City Center issues including finances and some other exciting economic development initiatives. My thanks to Supervisor Veitch, and Executive Director McMahon, I look forward to speaking with you soon!

## Health Care Heroes and First Responders Day at the Saratoga Race Course!





I was honored to take part in the NYRA “Health Care Heroes and First Responders Day” at the historic Saratoga Race Course last Friday afternoon. It was a beautiful day for racing!

This special event recognized the countless contributions and dedicated service of our frontline health care workers and first responders throughout the pandemic. The event featured free Grandstand admission for health care workers and first responders.

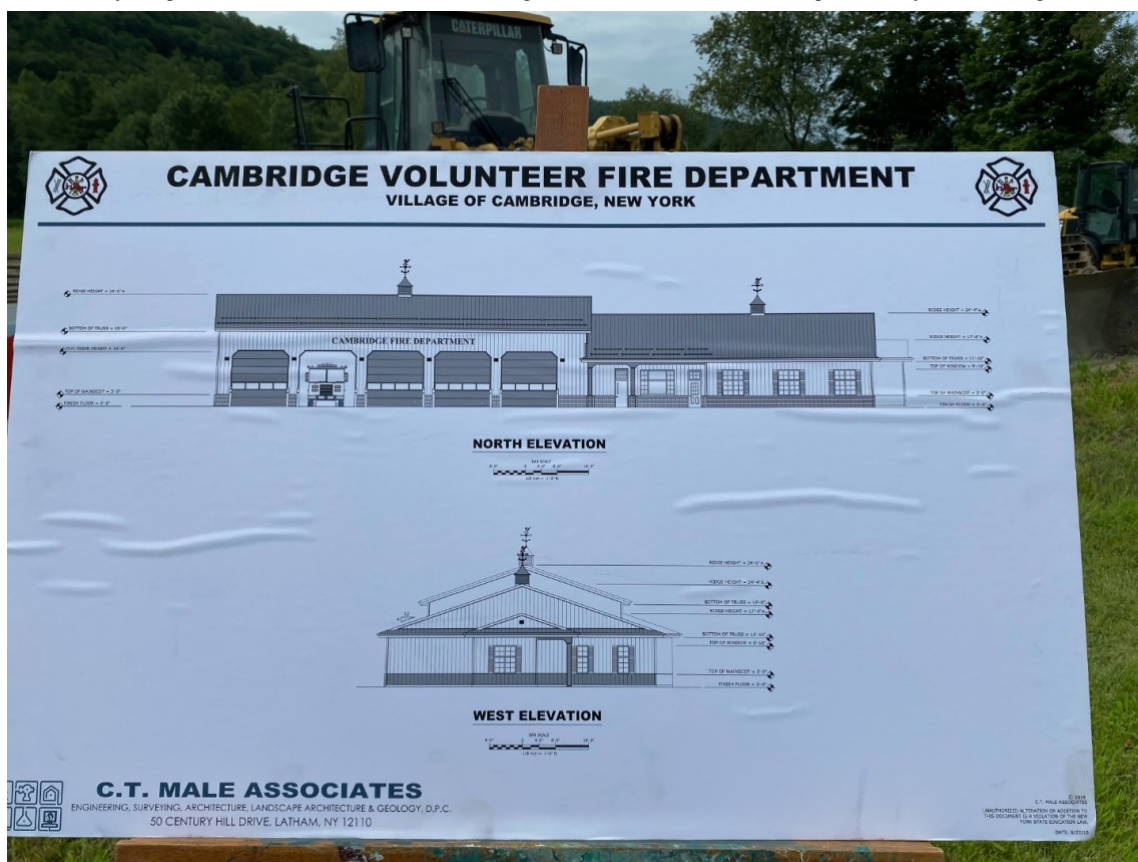
I also had a wonderful opportunity to attend the trophy presentation in the winner’s circle this afternoon. How thrilling! I’m pictured above with NYRA CEO & President David O’Rourke and Luis Saez, the winning Jockey in Friday’s 5th race where horse Absolute Love was victorious!

The New York State Police Pipes and Drums also performed earlier that afternoon. Just the day before, we saw record first day opening with \$22 million bet and 27,000 people in attendance.

Special thanks to Jeffrey Cannizzo, Senior Director of Government Affairs at NYRA, (who I’m pictured with, alongside Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner) for arranging today’s special event. I’m also pictured with Sam the Bugler who played magnificently!

## Village of Cambridge Volunteer Fire Department Groundbreaking Ceremony





Congratulations to the Village of Cambridge Firehouse on their Groundbreaking ceremony Saturday morning! I was happy to celebrate alongside Senator Dan Stec and Assemblyman Jake Ashby! Thank you to the Village of Cambridge Mayor, Carman Bogle, for the invite to this special event along with other leaders and county officials, and thank you to the Village Fire Chief Nash Alexander for all that you and your members do in serving the community. I also want to thank the Board members and all involved in this new firehouse project for making it a reality. While the village is not a part of the 43rd Senate District, the fire department serves the Town of Cambridge which falls within the district.

Without question, this firehouse was absolutely needed. Our volunteer firefighters and fire companies provide an invaluable service to our local communities all across New York, and we thank you for keeping us safe and secure.

## Mechanicville-Stillwater Elks Lodge 100-Year Anniversary Party!



The Mechanicville-Stillwater Elks Lodge #1403 is a special, welcoming place where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up.

Elks continue investing in their communities to ensure that all children grow up healthy and drug free, that communities meet the needs of America's veterans, and that together we protect and improve the quality of life.

That's what Elks do and that's why the Mechanicville-Stillwater Elks Lodge #1403 has been doing it for 100 years. Congratulations!

## Saratoga Race Course Kick-Off Cocktail Party



It was great to be at the Saratoga Kick-Off Cocktail Party on Friday evening for the Saratoga Race Course! The event was hosted by Joe Appelbaum, President of New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA).

The heart of NYTHA's mission is threefold:

- To provide assistance and benevolence to the Backstretch Community;
- To safeguard horsemen's financial and political interests; and
- To advance and fund equine health and welfare reform, research, and aftercare

I really enjoyed visiting with Najja Thompson, Executive Director of the NY Thoroughbred Breeders; David O'Rourke, CEO and President of NYRA; Jeff Cannizzo, NYRA Senior Director of Government Affairs; and James & Tina Bond of Bond Racing Stables and McMahon Thoroughbreds. Track season is the best!

**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](http://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

# Mid-Hudson Library Summer Reading Program

**YOUR LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS A FUN WAY TO GET KIDS EXCITED ABOUT READING AND KEEP THEM SCHOOL-READY FOR NEXT YEAR.**



Stop by your library to learn about the Summer Reading Program!  
<https://midhudson.org/libraries/>

 MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

Your library's Summer Reading Program is a fun way to get kids excited about reading and keep them school-ready for next year. Stop by your library to learn more or visit their website below.

## Mid-Hudson Library System

# Speaking to Saratoga County High School Women about Leadership and Public Office



On Tuesday afternoon, I had a wonderful opportunity to speak to members of the Saratoga County Women in Government Leadership Program! I shared with the Juniors and Seniors from Saratoga County schools about how I got where I am and the responsibilities of public office. It's encouraging to see these young women in this leadership program. They have a bright future ahead of them!

Other guest speakers were Saratoga County District Attorney Karen Heggan, County Clerk Craig Hayner, Deputy County Clerk Shauna Sutton, Treasurer Drew Jarosh, and Public Defender Drew Blumenberg.

Learn more about this great program by clicking below!

Saratoga County Women in Government Leadership Program

Quad Graphics Tour by SEDC





What an incredible tour of the 1.1 million sqft Quad Graphics facility on Wednesday! I had the opportunity to attend along with local company leaders. This tour was part of the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) series of programs to better understand the dynamics of industries across sector lines.

It was wonderful speaking to and learning from Dennis Brobston, President of SEDC; Chad Mckissick, Plant Director at Quad; Michael Emery, Director of Production Support at Quad; and Sue Rowland, Office Administrator of SEDC. It was also a pleasure meeting the other CEOs from companies around the area who attended the tour.

Machinery seen below is part of Quad Graphic's press machine, which prints thousands of copies per minute! They also recycle a huge portion of their products. It was absolutely incredible to see the machine at work. Also seen in pictures below is a gym and a medical facility, both for the use of employees and their families. Thank you Saratoga Economic Development Corp and Quad for your time yesterday and all that you do for Saratoga Springs and beyond!

***Quad is currently hiring! For more information, visit their website at [quad.com](http://quad.com)***

Saratoga Economic Development Corporation

Quad Graphics

## Tokyo Summer Olympics



The Olympics officially start TODAY! After years of training and a delay due to the pandemic, America's athletes finally have their chance to show the entire world what they're capable of. GO U.S.A.!

Who is your favorite Olympian of all-time? Do you have any connection to the Olympics?



Alliance180



Congratulations to such an incredible nonprofit organization, Alliance180, on their ribbon cutting celebration Tuesday. It was an honor to present this wonderful group with a NYS Senate Proclamation recognizing their hard work put into making this program a reality.

Bob Nevins, Melody Squier, and Janelle Huggard have been working for over a decade in creating this equine and human interactive purpose driven program that aims to prevent suicide for veterans, first responders, and front line workers by a transformative equine experience. They partnered with James and Tina Bond, owners of Song Hill Thoroughbreds LLC and Bond Racing Stables.

Alliance180.org

McGregor Links Country Club Restaurant  
Circa '21



Congratulations to the McGregor Links Country Club on their 100th Anniversary and ribbon cutting of Circa '21 Wednesday! The Club is co-owned by Blake Crocitto, William Ahl, and President of the Club Joe Kehn.

Thank you to my Community Liaison Debbie Curto for presenting a Senate Proclamation on my behalf! Debbie also presented the Golf Course's new restaurant, Circa '21, located right at the Golf Course, a Senate Certificate of Recognition to owner Chip Lawrence!

Throughout the years, the McGregor Links Country Club had hosted seven New York State Amateur Gold Championships, two United States Open Championship qualifiers, along with countless other tournaments and events.

The property is undergoing major renovations, and the vision for the second century is to establish a family-oriented inclusive golf club that gives back to the community and local charities.

McGregor Links Country Club

Circa '21

## Nashville of Saratoga



Congratulations to Nashville of Saratoga on their ribbon cutting Thursday! Thank you to my Community Liaison, Halie Northrop, for presenting a Senate Certificate of Recognition on my behalf. Visit them at 39 Phila Street in Saratoga Springs!

Nashville of Saratoga

## Saratoga County Fair



The 2021 Saratoga County Fair is officially up and running until Sunday, July 25! Adult admission is only \$5 and children under 12-years-old are free. It's supposed to be a BEAUTIFUL day tomorrow. Grab some friends and enjoy. visit [saratogacountyfair.org](http://saratogacountyfair.org) for all the details!

This morning was the ribbon cutting ceremony, where my Community Liaison, Halie Northrop said a few words and presented a Senate Certificate of Recognition on my behalf. Thanks Halie!

For a full list of events happening throughout the weekend, visit their website below.

Saratoga County Fair

Death Wish Coffee Co.





Congratulations to Death Wish Coffee Company on the world's strongest coffee AND their official ribbon cutting this morning! Michael Brown is the founder/CEO of the company which began in 2012. Today marks the first retail location on 260 Broadway in Saratoga Springs.

After winning a contest to have an ad during the Super Bowl, the company exploded and they've been able to build upon that success. Take a friend out for coffee this weekend and check them out!

Death Wish Coffee Co.

Stay up-to-date with me throughout the week  
on Social Media!



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## THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE