

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the July 30 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings this week:

- I'm hosting a blood drive in less than 2 weeks and I hope to see you there!
- Ride-along with the Saratoga County Police Department: Lessons and takeaways
- Opening of the Pines at SPAC
- An important victory and step forward for landlord small businesses — with more steps needed!
- NY's future is on the LINE: Here's your chance to help make history

Other important news:

- Lebanon Valley/Rifenburg Construction Night
- It's the People's Seat NOT King Cuomo's
- Local Business Owner Celebrates 30 Years of "Top Dog Grooming"
- Saratoga County Legislative and Research Committee Meeting
- A tour of the wonderful Stewarts Shops!
- Equitas Realty has a new location at the Wilton Mall in Saratoga Springs
- Rockefeller Capital Region Management ribbon cutting celebration of their expanded office on Broadway in Saratoga Springs

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

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 have limited 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!

The American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage that is negatively affecting blood product availability across the country. Donors of all blood types – especially type O – are urged to make an appointment to give now and help ensure hospital shelves are re-stocked with blood products. Please help make it a summer full of life by donating blood.

[**Register Here!**](#)

Lebanon Valley/Rifenburg Construction Night



**SATURDAY
JULY 24TH**

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**PRESENTED BY
RIFENBURG CONSTRUCTION**

TIMES:

PIT GATE	3pm
WARMUPS	5pm
RACING STARTS	6pm

PRICES:

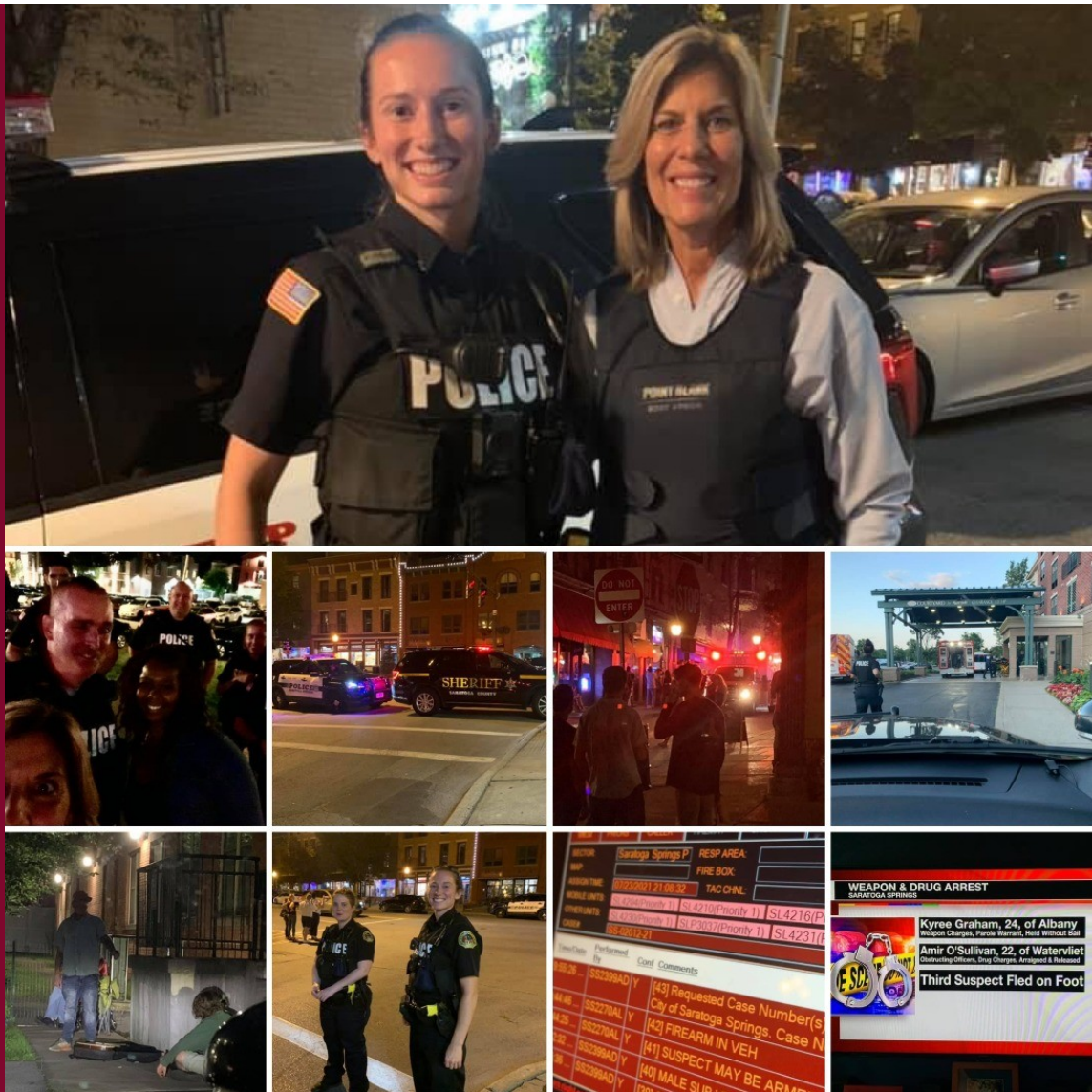
PIT GATE MEMBER	\$25.00
PIT GATE NON MEMBER	\$30.00
DTDtv LIVE COVERAGE	\$17.99
GENERAL ADMISSION	\$11.00

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What a zoomingly great evening with George Rifenburg, his family, the wonderful employees at Rifenburg Construction, the ever kinetic Kenny Tremont and the Rifenburg team at Lebanon Valley Speedway... one of the great gems in the 43rd Senate District that I am so proud to represent! Thank you for the invite!

Ride-Along with the Saratoga County Police Department



God bless the Saratoga Springs Police Department. Thank you for your service and thank you for allowing me to do a ride-along and foot patrol with you which started last Friday evening at 7 pm and ended Saturday morning at 4 am.

In a nutshell...

My night was non-stop action. Four hours of patrol car with Officer Kateri Marotta in which she answered the call for EMS backup, a call for potential sexual assault, a manhunt in a fast patrol SUV ride in city streets for a story that made the news (included in photos), blocking a street to traffic to protect the nightclub crowd and passersby, followed by foot patrol at Broadway and Caroline Street. Officer Marotta had many fans along the way including residents, homeless people whom she has helped and even dogs she knew by name. I am also one of her fans and thank her for her service to the people and visitors of Saratoga Springs and for keeping me safe and allowing me a look at her dangerous job. Thank you Sergeant Veitch for taking me under your watch with the other officers and sheriff deputies for the next five hours for foot patrol at the intersection of Maple and Caroline Streets across from Gaffney's where the crowd is huge, always in motion, containing many intoxicated people and is ripe for things to go wrong in an instant which I witnessed when a fight was swiftly broken up.

Some of my observations:

1. All officers I spent time with are devoted to their jobs and above all, keeping the residents and visitors safe.
2. During the summer season when the population is tripled in size, the officers have no choice but to work 12 and 16 hour shifts. Tough hours!
3. The Department is thankful for the help they are receiving from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office. Thank you Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo and Deputies!
4. People thanked the police and sheriff's deputies all night long for their service and keeping them safe...many fist bumps...I was most thrilled to see this!
5. The officers exhibited great patience when being taunted and did not react to negative behavior directed at them.
6. A strong police presence is necessary to dissuade trouble and to react quickly and effectively when there is trouble.... People liked this because they felt safe.
7. The only people that were dissatisfied with police presence were the troublemakers, and those caught in the act of a crime. This was obvious when an insolent scofflaw that was engaged in a violent fight was being placed in a police car and spit twice on two officers.

I will have more to say about all of this. Stay tuned!

Thank you Chief Shane Crooks and Sergeant Cadoret for arranging my night with the dedicated men and women that keep Saratoga Springs safe!

It's the People's Seat NOT King Cuomo's



Senator Daphne Jordan
@NYSenatorJordan

Calling for truth & transparency in a time when so many NYers lost loved ones is the farthest from "political" and "cruel."

The highest office in NYS should accept investigation without hesitation, it's the people's seat after all.



[spectrumlocalnews.com](https://www.spectrumlocalnews.com)

Cuomo says nursing home probe was political and "cruel"

The nursing home probe was the farthest thing from political and "cruel." When New Yorkers call for investigation because they feel that trust has been broken, government officials must accept without hesitation. Why? Because government officials are the ones representing those people in order to protect their rights to life, liberty, and property. The nursing home probe was meant to protect the right to life and bring justice to the families of thousands of New Yorkers. The Governor's pushback on this only exemplifies his weakness and corruption.

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Local Business Owner Celebrates 30 Years of "Top Dog Grooming"



Congratulations to Jean Ann Vance on Top Dog Grooming's 30th anniversary! Pictured in the pink bow is my "Baby." Jean has lovingly and beautifully groomed our three pups over the last 24 years. Thank you Jean!

An important victory and step forward for mom-and-pop landlord small businesses – with more steps needed!



For over a year, I've advocated for mom-and-pop landlord small businesses that have been financially devastated by Governor Cuomo's eviction moratorium policies. After months of the Governor's denial, delay, and indifference, I'm pleased that my advocacy successfully pushed the administration to **FINALLY** announce a new, streamlined application process for New York's rent relief program and eliminate potential barriers for eligible individuals to be receiving funding.

The improved process will immediately relax documentation standards for both tenants and landlords, and implement a streamlined process for submission of arrears documentation for multi-tenant landlords as I've called for! It's expected that the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) will be able to establish a number of viable applications out of the total of over 150,000 submitted by August 7. That's still incredibly late but it is an improvement.

This is a good start and an important victory, but **MUCH** more work remains. I've heard from so many mom-and-pop landlord small businesses who've shared that they haven't been paid rent for 17 months! These small businesses are struggling and need help **NOW**! We need to ensure that the Emergency Rental Assistance Program is getting real relief to the folks who need it and ensure that the many errors that I identified with OTDA's online portal gets fixed ASAP.

[More Information](#)

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.

They're holding a virtual public meeting this Monday, Aug. 2 at 2pm. They're seeking YOUR comments about redistricting. [View my recent Facebook post to learn more.](#)

New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

Saratoga County Legislative and Research Committee Meeting



On Wednesday afternoon, myself and other members Saratoga County Legislative and Research Committee held a meeting at the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Board Room.

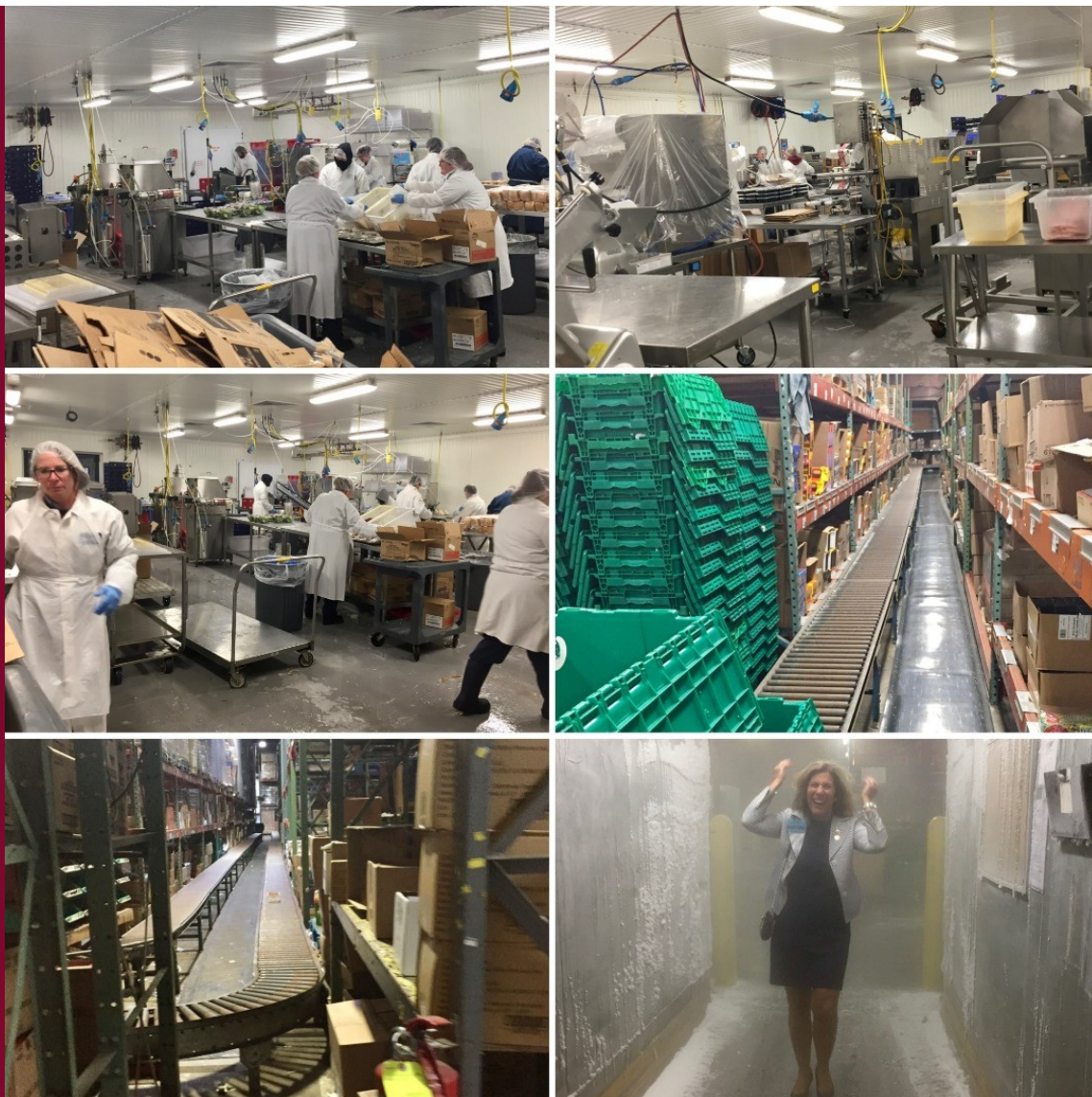
I was joined by Senator Jim Tedisco, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, Assemblyman Matt Simpson, and Assemblymember John McDonald.

We discussed legislative initiatives from the 2021 Session with Members of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, including the urgent need to fix the state's broken ERAP online portal to help mom-and-pop landlord small businesses, along other important public policy issues.

Members of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors that were in attendance included Wilton Town Supervisor John Lant, Edinburgh Town Supervisor and Chairwoman Jean Raymond, Hadley Town Supervisor Arthur Wright, Clifton Park Town Supervisor Phil Barrett, and City of Saratoga Springs Supervisor Tara N. Gaston. Also attending were Saratoga County Treasurer Drew Jarosh, and Saratoga County Administrator Steve Bulger.

Happy National Ice Cream Month!





Celebrating National ice cream month with a tour of the Stewart's facility right in Saratoga Springs!

Stewart's began in Middle Grove NY by the Dake family. This year they will be celebrating 100 years.

The current warehouse is 300,000 sqft. and they are only continuing to expand!

Stewart's utilizes vertical integration strategy. This strategy allows the company to control processed, reduce cost, improve efficiency.

The tour of their ice cream plant included three lines. They produce three-gallon box size, 1/2 gallon, and pint size.

Fun fact: Did you know pint size ice cream has more butter fat than the 1/2 gallon?

Stewart's milk is locally sourced daily, using 20 local farms in Washington county. From the cow to the store in 48 hours!

Stewart's makes all the sandwiches, salads, soup, Mac n' cheese, and chili in house and is sent to stores daily.

Above you can see me walking through their ice cream freezer! These other pictures include the kitchen where the food is prepared. They mold all plastic jugs in house for milk and Stewart beverages and break down all the cardboard boxes and resell them.

The warehouse currently employs over 500 people! What an incredible facility to tour. Thank you to Vice President Jim Norton for taking the time to show us around!



Opening of the Pines at Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC)





Summertime means Saratoga, and there's no place better than SPAC to enjoy the very best in world-class arts, entertainment, and culture!

Tuesday's announcement of the opening of the Pines at SPAC, a \$9.5 million renovation project, is terrific mid-summer news for Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, and our greater Capital Region. Improved visitor services, a new, four-season event space, restoration of park-like aesthetics to the grounds, opening up of original site lines from the Route 50 Gate to Victoria Pool, brand new and vastly expanded restrooms and concessions areas, are just some of the latest wonderful additions to SPAC a beloved venue where so many great memories have been and will continue being, made.

I'm especially thrilled that SPAC's outdoor performance venue will be operating at full capacity this summer because there's nothing better than an outdoor summer concert at SPAC. This is a great project, these are wonderful developments and I encourage everyone to enjoy all that SPAC has to offer this summer.

This was very much a collaborative public-private partnership by all. Pictured are: Erik Kulleseid, Commissioner of NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation; John Huff, Live Nation Entertainment General Manager; Heather Mabee, Saratoga Capital District State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission Chair; Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul; Elizabeth Sobol,

Executive Director of SPAC; Mike Yevoli, Regional Director of Empire State Development; Julie Bonacio of Julie & Co. Reality and Bonacio Construction; and Sonny Bonacio, President of Bonacio Construction.

[Read More](#)

Equitas Realty



Congratulations to Equitas Realty Broker and Owner Janet Besheer who celebrated the opening of a new office location at the Wilton Mall in Saratoga Springs Thursday afternoon! Janet has been in real estate business for 21 years and has been an inspiring leader in the industry. Thank you to my Community Liaison, Debbie Curto, for presenting a Senate Certificate of Recognition on my behalf. I wish you and your business continued success, Janet

Visit the Equitas Realty [Facebook page](#) or visit their website below.

Rockefeller Capital Region Management





Congratulations to Rockefeller Capital Region Management on their expansion into a new office on Broadway in Saratoga Springs, their largest and fastest growing location! They have opened four offices in the last two years.

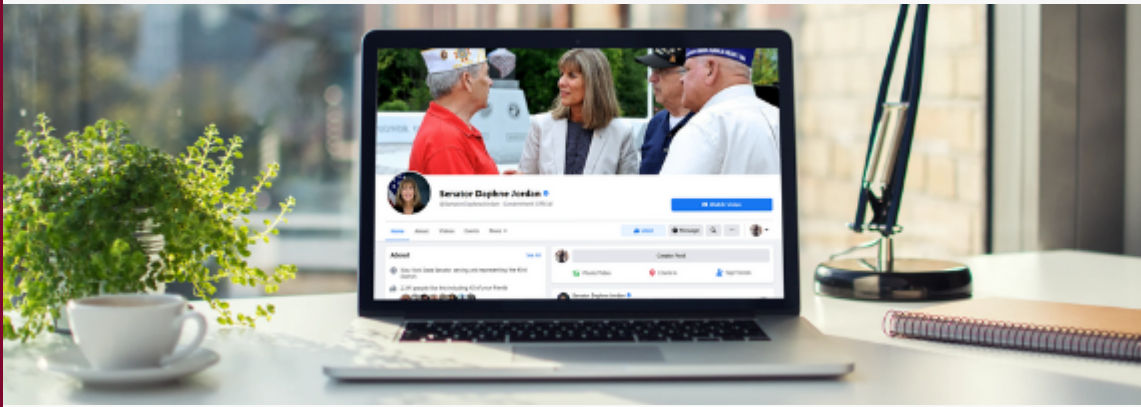
President of Rockefeller Capital Management, Timothy O'Hara leads a team of senior client advisors and multigenerational wealth planning experts. They have served the Rockefeller family since 1882. The Saratoga office will host 40 employees.

The office offers relaxation and stress relief games, complete with meditation room and a full size kitchen for employers to share their cooking skills. Thank you to President Timothy O'Hara for a wonderful and fun tour!

Rockefeller Capital Management

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