

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the June 11 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings this week:**

- This week marked the end of the 2021 Legislative Session
- Naming a local park after Captain David Wallingford, a Vietnam War combat veteran
- Unmask our children NOW
- Fifteen months of one-man rule: still fighting to revoke the Governor's extended emergency powers
- Passed the Senate: My legislation honoring the late Marylou Whitney

## **Other important news:**

- LifeSong Dash 5k: Raising money for those with developmental disabilities
- Dwyer Program officially up and running in Columbia County
- Remembering our heroes of D-Day
- Brent W. Fane sworn in as Rensselaer County Deputy Sheriff
- Businesses to check out:
  - Amigos Cantina
  - Merryman Family Dentistry
  - Schuyler Yacht Basin Kayaks and Paddle Boards
  - Revibe Gifts & Wellness
  - Saratoga Springs Family Dentistry

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

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## End of the 2021 Legislative Session



During the 2021 Legislative Session, one of my main objectives was ensuring that our communities and state could make a strong recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic. To make that happen, I'm proud to have helped secure these meaningful victories:

- Put an end to Gov Cuomo's food and curfew mandates, helping our local restaurants and small businesses save jobs and stay open;
- Preserved an income tax cut for middle-class New Yorkers in this year's State Budget;
- Advocated for small businesses including an \$800 million grant program for businesses and non-profits impacted by COVID-19;
- Advocated for our students and schools, and fought for our fair share of state support;
- Led the successful effort to restore and increase funding for the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Program by 11% (total funding \$5 million);
- Pushed state officials to release federal rent relief funding to assist struggling New Yorkers; and
- Joined parents and educators in successfully pushing back against the Governor's inane mask-on-toddlers mandate;
- Called for a swift, equitable distribution of the coronavirus vaccine for all who sought it.

When this year started, the Coronavirus was surging and our future looked uncertain. As Legislative Session concludes, I'm confident that the worst of the pandemic is finally behind us. Going forward, I'll continue speaking out and standing up for hardworking taxpayers and job creators, and keep fighting for public safety, fiscal responsibility, and our Upstate communities!

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## LifeSong Dash 5k



It was great to be at the LifeSong Dash 5k last Saturday morning at the Town of Halfmoon Park! LifeSong is an organization that helps adults with developmental disabilities attain greater independence and reach their fullest potential. Learn more by clicking below.

[VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

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## Dwyer Open House





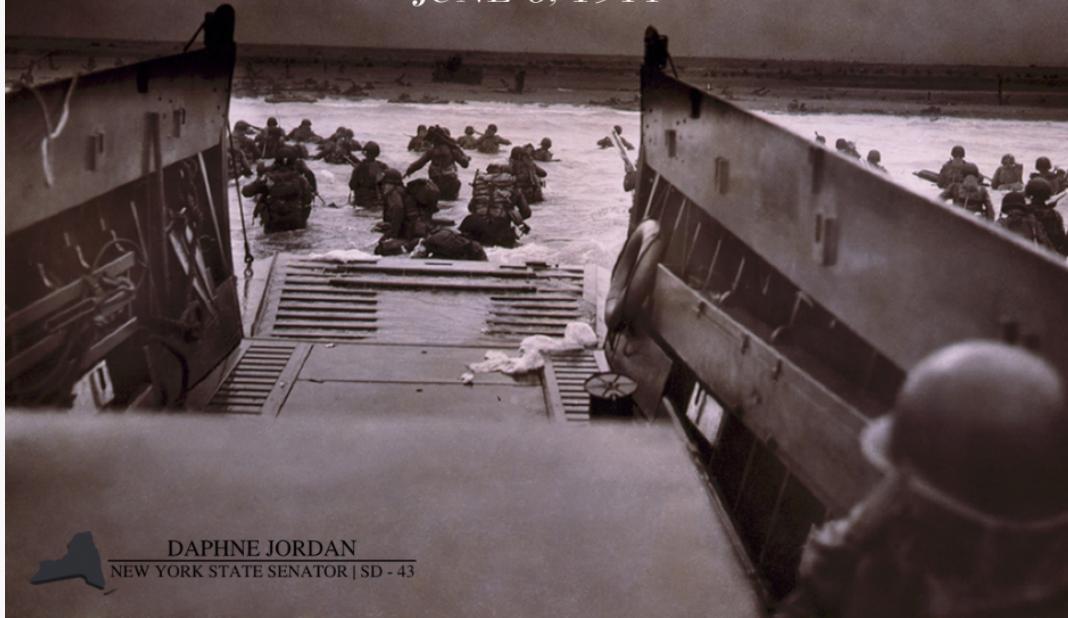
The Columbia County Dwyer Program Open House for veterans, families, widows, and supporters had a GREAT turnout last Saturday afternoon. The event was organized by Command Sergeant Major Gary Flaherty who is the Director of the Columbia County Veteran Services Agency and Dwyer Peer to Peer program. I enjoyed visiting with our veterans at the picnic and stopping in to see what's new at the Dwyer Program's headquarters.

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## Remembering Heroes

# REMEMBERING THE HEROES OF D-DAY

*JUNE 6, 1944*



Sunday marked the 77th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied invasion of Normandy. The largest seaborne invasion in history, this event marked the start of the liberation of France and the final stages of World War II. We honor and remember our heroes of D-Day.

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## David T. Wallingford Park Dedication





It was an absolute honor to be at the David T. Wallingford Park Dedication on Sunday afternoon, where Senator Jim Tedisco and I presented Captain Wallingford with the highest award given by a State Senator, the Liberty Medal. This is a fantastic honor for an incredible American hero.

David Wallingford entered the United States Marine Corps in 1967, serving in combat during the Vietnam War.

During Operation Purple Martin in March of 1969, he worked his way to the front of the column, was shot in his left arm and bandaged with two field dressings, and in shock.

Yet, he kept shooting at the enemy, before being hit in the leg by shrapnel from a grenade that lodged in his shin.

Think about the courage, the willpower, the dedication, the sheer grit of United States Marine David Wallingford.

Shot and in shock – yet he kept on fighting! For his courage under fire, Captain Wallingford was awarded many medals, including the Purple Heart medal - TWICE.

After being honorably discharged in 1970, Captain Wallingford has continued to

serve through the Friends of the New York State Military Museum, the Town of Malta Veterans Committee, and as Commander of Chapter 446 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The American Red Cross named Captain Wallingford their “Military Hero of the Year in 2017” for his work with veterans as a volunteer with the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and Stratton VA Medical Center, and as Executive Director of the Marine Corps Coordinating Council, helping Marines with financial needs and scholarships at local colleges.

Most recently, Captain Wallingford has been an incredible partner in our efforts to establish Purple Heart Communities.

Sunday's dedication of the wonderful park that will bear Captain Wallingford's name is in recognition of EVERYTHING that he has done in service to our community and country.

ALSO a huge thank you to Renee Farley, who worked non-stop in preparing the event!!

Many other officials were in attendance including Congressman Tonko, Assemblywoman Woerner, and our emcee Former Malta Town Supervisor, Vince DeLucia.

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## Unmask our Children!



Last Friday, we were relieved to see that mask mandates in schools would be lifted beginning Monday. Then over the weekend, the Governor and DOH Commissioner did an about face and mandated that children still be required to wear masks knowing that temperatures were going to reach 90 degrees this week. We must continue to push for this unfair mandate to be lifted!

**NBC New York: Masks Still Required in NY Schools Until  
CDC Responds to State's Request**

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# Masks are Harming our Kids



I'm sharing the following email (name and address removed) I received earlier this week in opposition to Cuomo's ongoing mask mandates that are harming our kids and frustrating countless parents. My office has received so MANY of these messages from concerned parents genuinely worried about their children, their physical AND mental health. I've been advocating for kids and calling for an end to corrupt Cuomo's mask mandates – and the expanded emergency powers that he STILL clings to – for months. I'm proud to have been the first state legislator to demand that Cuomo reverse his ridiculous mask mandate for children over age two at daycare facilities (Cuomo walked back that foolish mandate). New Yorkers have done their part, cases are, thankfully, at their LOWEST levels since the pandemic began, it's time to get back to normal. Not a "new normal," but NORMAL! It begins with unmasking our kids.

Good morning-

I'm writing to you today because somebody needs to start advocating for our kids, the future of this state. How did we go from slow the spread of COVID 19 with the sole mission of preserving hospital capacity to where we are now? Infection rate has slowed, the curve has flattened, so why do we still have children wearing masks in schools on 94 degree days with no air conditioning and a policy from Department of Health that says no mask breaks? These kids get a 20 minute mask break to eat lunch and that is it. The teachers cannot even have a fan circulating because it goes against the policy. Not to mention the mental impact the mask wearing has had on children's social development over the past 15 months. Part of learning to socialize and interact with others is being able to read their facial cues. But we now have a system that is not fostering that. It's time that this comes to an end and we start dealing with this virus as we do all other viruses. Please advocate to lift the mask mandate for our children, the ones who do not have the ability or capability to advocate for themselves. Parents should be the ones who make these types of choices for their children, not our elected officials. I would love to see any of our elected officials sit in a classroom with a mask on for 8 hours with only one 20 minute break on a day like today. A classroom with no air conditioning or fan circulation. Please start changing this narrative ASAP.

Thank you-

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Rensselaer County Deputy Sheriff



# Swearing in Ceremony



Congratulations to Brent W. Fane on his swearing in ceremony Monday morning as a Rensselaer County Deputy Sheriff! Thank you to my Director of Constituent Services, Daniel Casale, for presenting a Certificate of Recognition on my behalf!

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## 15 Months of One-Man Rule



On Monday afternoon, I stood with my colleagues in the New York State Senate Republican and Assembly Republican Conference introducing the concurrent resolution to END the state disaster emergency declared by Governor Cuomo and finally REVOKE his extended powers. It has been 15 months!

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## Marylou Whitney Bill Passed the Senate



My Senate Bill S6738, which passed the Senate on Wednesday, renames a portion of Union Avenue in Saratoga Springs as "Marylou Whitney Way." Marylou Whitney played an important part in shaping Saratoga County as it exists today. Her contributions included a key role in ensuring the Saratoga Race Course remained open, and thanks to her efforts, the Saratoga meet typically draws more than a million visitors every year. Click below to read my press release.

**PRESS RELEASE**



# RIBBON CUTTINGS

## Amigos Cantina



Amigos Cantina celebrated the reopening of indoor dining! They're located at 42 Ferry Street in Schuylerville.



VISIT THEIR WEBSITE

## Merryman Family Dentistry



Merryman Family Dentistry opened their practice at 92 Broad Street in Schuylerville. They offer all kinds of Family Dentistry services.

VISIT THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE

## Schuyler Yacht Basin Kayaks and Paddle Boards



Schuyler Yacht Basin Kayaks and Paddle Boards is located on the Hudson River in Schuylerville.

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Revibe Gifts & Wellness





Revibe Gifts & Wellness Alternative & Holistic Health Service is located at 94 Broad Street in Schuylerville. They carry essential oils, stones, crystals, air plants, and offer yoga classes, acupuncture, and more.

[VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

Saratoga Springs Family Dentistry





Congratulations to Saratoga Springs Dentists on their 50th Anniversary and grand opening of their 7th location! This dentistry was started by Dr. Kletter, represented by Mrs. Kletter, and recently purchased by Dr. Gregory Dodd. They're located on Church Street in Saratoga Springs.

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