

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the May 28 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings this week:

- The gas tax is a threat to New York
- Unmasking our kids
- Saratoga Springs men partner to raise money for veteran suicide prevention
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program Applications Accepted THIS Tuesday
- Small Businesses Recovery Grant Program beginning June 10

Other important news:

- Troy Public Library virtual story time
- Cuomo's clinging to power
- Recognizing our dairy farmers
- Clifton Park Fire Chief Arthur Hunsinger Appointed to New York State Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Task Force
- Ulysses S. Grant Cottage National Historic Landmark Designation Ceremony
- Schaghticoke Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade
- Saint Basil's Troy Greek Festival quickly approaching
- Dwyer Program officially running in Columbia County
- Honoring our fallen soldiers this Memorial Day
- Ribbon cutting: Capital City Brew Cycle
- Ribbon cutting: North Greenbush branch of First New York Federal Credit Union
- Ribbon cutting: Fat Pailue's Delicatessen

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

My Recent Article on the Proposed Gas Tax



I wrote an article for the Reader's View section in the Saratogian, talking about the rising gas prices and the Democrat's proposed gas tax hike. This legislation could send New York's already fragile economy into a tailspin and must be defeated if we're ever going to see a true economic recovery, help families, and support small businesses in getting back on track to reopen, and remain open!

[READ THE ARTICLE HERE](#)

Unmasking Our Kids!



On Monday morning, my colleagues in the Senate Republican Conference and I streamed a virtual rally advocating for children that were recently ordered by Governor Cuomo to wear a mask at daycare. New Yorkers were furious that the Governor mandated their children (2 years and up) to wear masks at the same time the CDC lifted the mask mandate.

This move defied logic and science, and Senate Republicans, combined with the voices of our parents, daycare providers and any New Yorker with an ounce of common sense immediately called for its repeal.

Because of the swift reaction and support from honest, concerned New Yorkers such as yourself, toddlers and preschoolers are no longer required to wear face masks and their teachers can get back to what they do best: keep our children safe and ensure their healthy growth and development.

Your efforts sent the Governor a strong message that we demand better for our children.

Later on Monday, Governor Cuomo lifted his ridiculous mandate that children aged 2-to-5 must wear facemasks while at daycare or preschool.

Going forward, I know that by working together, we can continue to make positive change for our state.

Below is the statement from the Department of Health.



Office of Children and Family Services

NYS OCFS & DOH Joint Statement on Revised Mask Guidance for Child Care Programs

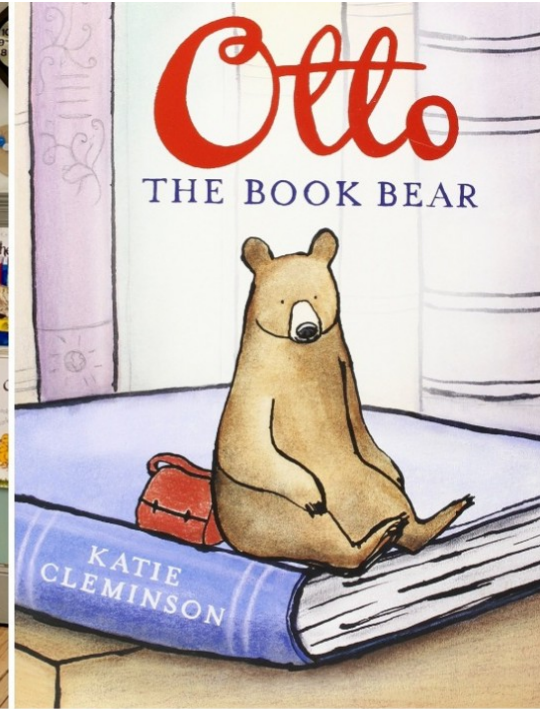
We thank the providers who have worked so hard since the start of the pandemic to remain open to serve the families of those who could not stay home and we recognize their valiant efforts in serving working families who need quality, reliable and safe child care.

Both agencies understand how difficult it is to require the youngest children to wear masks, and have jointly agreed to revise guidance allowing child care providers to continue the practices and protocols that have been in place since the start of the pandemic by encouraging, not requiring, children aged 2-5 to wear masks, effective immediately.

The safety of the children in child care programs is of paramount importance. As more families are returning to work, New York State is investing federal funds in stabilizing the industry and expanding child care programs throughout the state, especially in underserved areas.

We strongly encourage any remaining child care staff who have not been vaccinated to do so as soon as possible to prevent the spread of COVID.

Troy Public Library Virtual Story Time



On Monday morning, I read "Otto the Book Bear," by [Katie Cleminson](#) for the Troy Public Library, Lansingburgh branch!

It was great to speak with the Library Manager, Dale LaGue and the Library Associate Mike Gregg. Thank you for the wonderful opportunity!

TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

OTTO THE BOOK BEAR

Saratoga Springs Men Partner to Raise Money for Veterans



This Memorial Day, two young men, Vincent Sablich and Jack Trimmings, are doing a 30-mile ruck (right here in Saratoga Springs!) in honor of our nation's fallen military members. Specifically, they are raising funds that will go directly to the 22 Warriors Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to addressing the issues that lie behind veteran suicides.

Read more about their effort below and let's help these men reach their goal of donating \$5,000 to the 22 Warriors Foundation through their GoFundMe link below!

[DONATE TO THE CAUSE](#)

[READ FULL ARTICLE](#)

Emergency Rental Assistance Program
Applications Accepted THIS Tuesday



Attention small landlords & tenants: Applications for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program will be accepted starting Tuesday, June 1. This is long past due! Find official government information below.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

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Small Business Recovery Grant Program



Starting June 10, small businesses in NYS can apply for up to \$50k in grants, part of the state's \$800 million small business recovery grant program. Grants will start at \$5,000 and go up to \$50,000, based on annual gross receipts for 2019. Funding must go toward reimbursable pandemic-related expenses incurred between March 1, 2020, and April 1, 2021, including payroll costs, commercial rent or mortgage payments for New York state-based property, payment of local property or school taxes, insurance costs, utility costs. More info and important details in this grant program are in the Albany Business Review story and also via the Empire State Development website below.

[ESD WEBSITE](#)

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Clinging to Power



Corrupt Cuomo still clinging to emergency power. Yet another Executive Order from this Governor affirming EXACTLY what I said about the Senate Democrat's sham rescission decision. "King" Cuomo's expanded powers would've been finished on April 30 if not for the sham bill that the Dems pushed. Their sham rescission decision did nothing but allow him to EXTEND his powers indefinitely...until HE decides the pandemic is over. When will that be? Weeks? Months? Years? Nobody knows!

[READ MORE](#)

Virtual Dairy Day



On Thursday morning I attended the Virtual Dairy Day zoom meeting, where there were presentations from the NY Farm Bureau and the Northeast Dairy Foods Association on the importance of the dairy industry. Thank you cows, dairy farmers and dairy producers for the nourishing, delicious dairy products we enjoy every day! I am committed to working with you to help your industry thrive.

Clifton Park Fire Chief Arthur Hunsinger Appointed to New York State Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Task Force



Chief Hunsinger's proven record of public service, his strong public safety credentials, and his faithful commitment to protecting and serving the community makes him a fantastic choice for the New York State Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Task Force. Chief Hunsinger's life has been dedicated to making a positive difference, expertly leading our firefighters, and helping our fire service be the best it can possibly be. Senator Jim Tedisco and I are thrilled that he will serve in this important, new statewide leadership role. Full press release below!

[READ PRESS RELEASE HERE](#)

Ulysses S. Grant Cottage National Historic Landmark Designation Ceremony



On Thursday night, we celebrated the designation of Grant Cottage as a National Historic Landmark! Thank you to Steve Porto, Executive Director of Grant Cottage and Tim Welch, President of the Board of Trustees for Friends of Grant Cottage. It was an honor to be able to attend and see all the work they've done to preserve such an important part of New York's history. Also, much hard work came from my friend Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, who spent 5 years getting the designation done!

[VISIT GRANT'S COTTAGE](#)

Schaghticoke Memorial Day
Ceremony and Parade



After the Grant Cottage NHL Designation Ceremony on Thursday night, I headed over to Schaghticoke for the Memorial Day Ceremony and parade! It was great to be there and speak along with Assemblyman Jake Ashby, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, and Village of Schaghticoke Mayor Rice. A wonderful event to kick off the Memorial Day Weekend honoring our fallen soldiers.

Troy Greek Festival



June 4- June 5, 2021

Online Order. Pick-up Only.

Fri 3pm-9pm, Sat 11am-9pm

No indoor or outdoor seating will be offered.

The Troy Greek Festival is coming up next weekend! I hope you can come and check it out Friday or Saturday and enjoy Greek culture and food!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Section Columbia County Dwyer Program
Open House

COLUMBIA COUNTY DWYER PROGRAM

JUNE 5TH, 2021

NOON - 4:00PM

389 FAIRVIEW AVE • SUITE 7 • HUDSON



FREE EVENT

**This will be catered for
Veterans, Widows and Families.**

**Please call and confirm
with the number of attendees.
518.828.3610**

The Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Program is officially up and running in Columbia County! There will be an open house event next Saturday, June 5. This is a great way for veterans to meet other veterans within the community and seek helpful resources.

Remembering the Fallen

Memorial Day

Remembering & Honoring our Fallen Heroes



This Monday is Memorial Day, and I'd like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the men and women in our military that lost their lives serving our nation. Our nation is a beacon of hope and freedom around the world because of the service and sacrifices made by these heroes. We will never forget you.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

Capital City Brew Cycle



Capital City Brew Cycle is owned by Anthony Ali and Anthony Teresi. It took several years to get the approval from the City of Saratoga Springs to get licensed. The 16 passenger pedal bus currently is available for 1 1/2 hour rental. They make designated stops at West Side, The Barrel House and The Local. TONIGHT is opening night and all proceeds will be donated to "Kelly's Angels," a charity created by Mark Mulholland in memory of his wife. Also featured in the photo collage is Todd Shimkus, President of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce!

[CAPITAL CITY BREW CYCLE WEBSITE](#)

North Greenbush branch of First New York
Federal Credit Union



The North Greenbush branch of First New York Federal Credit Union's new full-service branch is designed to better accommodate First New York's growing membership in Rensselaer County and features two First New York's Interactive Express Teller Machines.

[FIRST NEW YORK FEDERAL CREDIT UNION WEBSITE](#)

Fat Paulie's Delicatessen



Congratulations to Fat Paulie's Delicatessen on their ribbon cutting today! This old school deli is owned by business partners Jo-ann Lant and Jason Friedman. Everything is made in-house using traditional methods & preparations, and fresh bread is delivered every day. Such a wonderful addition to Saratoga Springs. Thank you to my amazing Community Liaison, Debbie Curto, for presenting them with a Certificate of Recognition on my behalf!

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