

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the October 8 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- It's Fire Prevention Week and there are important tips from the Red Cross
- Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce's Annual B2B Expo was a great success
- My letter to OCFS Commissioner Poole regarding Brookwood Secure Center for Youth
- Letters to Governor Hochul, and NYSDEC Commissioner Zeggos & NYSDOH Commissioner Zucker regarding the PFOAs detected in Town of Poestenkill local drinking water
- Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day is on Saturday, October 16
- Honoring Kyle Bourgault with a Senate Commendation Award

## **Other important news:**

- Stop by DeVoe's Rainbow Orchards!
- New York NOW Interview with WMHT
- New York Donor Enrollment Day
- Profile Piece in Main Street Magazine
- Capital District Transportation Authority on Demand Transit
- The Starting Place Daycare has a new home in the lower level of the Hudson Library

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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# IN THE NEWS



## Friday is deadline to register to vote in November election

Voter registration forms can be completed and submitted at local boards of elections and state agency offices until 5 p.m. TODAY. Your vote matters! [\*\*Register here.\*\*](#)

[Read Article](#)



## National Grid says heating bills to rise 31% this winter

Due to a tight gas supply and higher wholesale gas prices, it will cost Americans more to heat their homes. On top of this, NY Senate Democrats want to pass a "Gas Tax," raising the current tax at the pumps to 98.12 cents per gallon, that's over a 127% increase, and is estimated to raise heating costs 25% on top of this increase that National Grid is reporting. My colleagues and I [\*\*have been fighting this\*\*](#) since the tax was introduced it this year.

[Read Article](#)



## New York State's bail reform law debate rages on

We need to restore law and order, respect for our courageous police, and put a focus on reining in criminals to stop the extreme rise in violence. The debate "rages on" because we won't stop fighting for common sense legislation that protects our law-abiding NYers.

[Read Article](#)



## 91-year-old raising money for Alzheimer's research

I wanted to share some good, inspiring news with you. Mary Socha, 91, has raised over \$50,000 in the past 17 years in honor of her best friend.

[Read Article](#)



## Fresh, local apples from DeVoe's Rainbow Orchards

I stopped by DeVoe's Rainbow Orchards this past Sunday and my family has been enjoying their delicious Gala apples all week! I'm so lucky to have the DeVoe's family orchard as one of my neighbors.

New York is the second-largest apple producing state in the country, which truly makes New York the Big Apple!

Support your local apple orchard and Buy local!

[DeVoe's Rainbow Orchards](#)

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## Fire Prevention Week October 3 - 9

- ✓ Place smoke alarms on each level of your home
- ✓ Check the manufacturer's date of your smoke alarms
- ✓ Include at least two ways to exit every room
- ✓ Select a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home
- ✓ Tailor your escape plan to everyone's needs in your household

Information via [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org)



It's Fire Prevention Week, and the [American Red Cross](https://www.redcross.org) has helpful information as to how we can keep our families safe during the upcoming winter months, when the heat is running and stoves are cooking! Click the link for more information.

Fire Prevention Week

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## New York NOW Interview with WMHT



On Monday, I had a great interview with [Darrell Camp](#) of [New York NOW WMHT](#), discussing broadband internet accessibility in New York.

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# Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce's Annual B2B Expo



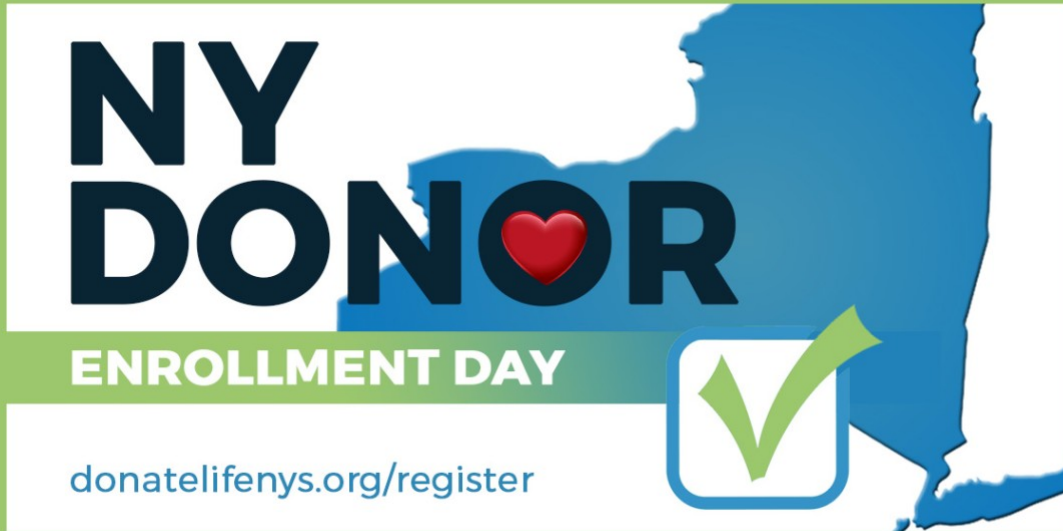
The Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce's 2021 B2B Expo on Tuesday featured safe, socially distant networking to grow your business contacts and future partners for collaboration held at the Saratoga Springs City Center.

This popular event attracted attendees representing a wide range of private, nonprofit and public sector organizations and is traditionally the region's largest B2B networking event of the year!

Hats off to the Chamber Team and the Saratoga County Chamber's fantastic President, Todd Shimkus, for all of their hard work that made Tuesday's event such a success!.

The Saratoga County Chamber

## Donate Life



Wednesday was New York Donor Enrollment Day. There's nearly 10,000 New Yorkers currently awaiting the organ transplant that could save their lives, and by signing up to become a donor, you can help provide hope. If you want to become a donor, or help someone else become one, visit the website below.

[Donate Life New York](https://donatelifenys.org/register)

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## Brookwood Secure Center for Youth



On Wednesday, I sent a letter letter to Sheila Poole, Commissioner, NYS Office of Children and Family Services, concerning the alarming deterioration of workplace safety and conditions at the Brookwood Secure Center. Click the image to read my letter.

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## Profile Piece in Main Street Magazine



Thank you to Main Street Magazine and author Griffin Cooper for writing this piece! Click the image above to read!

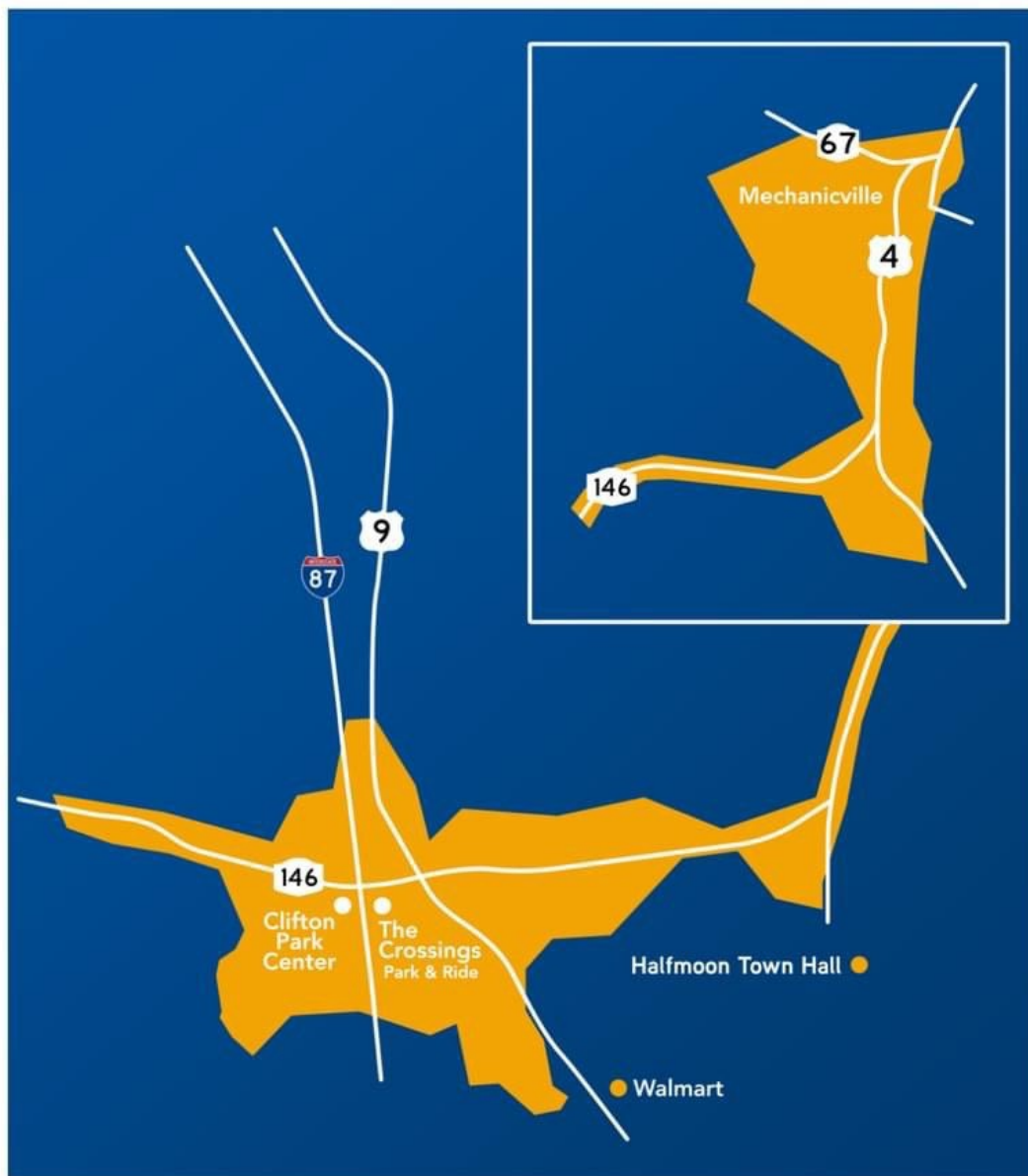
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## Capital District Transportation Authority on Demand Transit



Download the free [TransLoc App](#) or call the CDTA at **(518) 437-8300** and request a ride today covering the Mechanicville, Halfmoon and Clifton Park areas! View the map below for route information.

[Learn more on the CDTA website here](#)



*Flex Service Southern Saratoga Map*

Letters to Governor Hochul, and NYSDEC  
Commissioner Zeggos & NYSDOH  
Commissioner Zucker regarding the PFOAs  
detected in Town of Poestenkill  
local drinking water





Click the image above to read two letters I sent out, one to Governor Hochul, and a second one to Commissioner Seggos of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation & Commissioner Zucker of the NYS Department of Health, advocating for the health and safety of families in the Town of Poestenkill in the wake of PFOAs detected in local drinking water and requesting that DEC and DOH take proactive steps to help protect the health and safety of area families.

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I hope to see you on Saturday, October 16!

*You're Invited:*

# COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY FAMILY FUN DAY



**DAPHNE JORDAN**  
NYS SENATOR

Car Seat Safety Check • Child ID Cards • Senior ID Cards  
UTV Rides & Games with **Columbia County Sheriff's Deputies**  
(Kickball, Basketball, Cornhole and MORE)  
Free Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Ice Cream & Balloons for Kiddos  
Face Painting for Kids  
Drone & K9 Demonstrations  
Sheriff's Office Equipment on Display  
Entertainment For All Ages

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, October 16**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Greenport Town Park**  
**413 Joslen Blvd, Hudson**

**Join Senator Daphne Jordan and the**  
**Columbia County Sheriff's Office**  
**for this Free Outdoor Event.**

**Events, services, and lots of FUN for**  
**Columbia County families and children.**

Please be my guest for Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Greenport Town Park, 413 Joslen Blvd, Hudson. I'm proudly partnering with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to sponsor this family-friendly, FUN event!

Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 16, will have lots of FREE events, services, plenty of FUN for Columbia County families and children, and will feature:

- Car Seat Safety Check
- Child ID Cards
- Senior ID Cards
- UTV Rides
- Face Painting for Kids
- Games with Columbia County Sheriff's Deputies & Correction Officers (Kickball, Basketball, Cornhole & MORE)
- Free Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Ice Cream & Balloons for Kiddos
- Drone & K9 Demonstrations
- Sheriff's Office Equipment on Display
- Entertainment For All Ages



The entire Columbia County community is INVITED and WELCOME to attend this special FREE event (my office recently sent out a mailer invite). To alleviate COVID-19 concerns and ensure attendee safety, our event is being held outdoors. For more details on this special community event, email my office at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov).

See you on Saturday, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Greenport Town Park for Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day!

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## Honoring Kyle Bourgault with a Senate Commendation Award



It was an honor to present Kyle Bourgault with a Senate Commendation Award this week to recognize his outstanding dedication and service to our community! Take a moment and read a little about him and his story...

Kyle hated country music growing up, but after moving to Georgia, he started appreciating it in the early nineties, when artists like Travis Tritt and Alan Jackson made their debut.

He was a truck driver for 13 years before becoming a Deputy with the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office. His musical experience consists of mainly karaoke, a garage band, and two years with Whiskey Highway, a band that sold out Revolution Hall before Bourgault struck out for bigger things...

In 2015, Kyle recorded his self-titled three song extended play, and formed The Kyle Bourgault Band in 2016, following a two year project in Nashville, recording six more songs that created his first album 'Absofreakinlutely.'

All nine songs on his album were penned by some of Nashville's top quality song writers, and the Beaird Music Group captured all the music with some of the best studio musicians the city has to offer.

Since The Kyle Bourgault Band's inception, they have opened for three national acts: Tayla Lynn (Loretta Lynn's granddaughter), The Charlie Daniels Band and Montgomery Gentry.

Kyle continues to play around New York's Capital District, using music to raise money for charitable causes such as Steve Canizzo's Pet Connection Tailgate Party and 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony, and performed at the Rock for Tots event to benefit the USMC Capital Region Toys for Tots, as well as the Tri-Valley Cats Public Safety Day.

Additionally, Kyle Bourgault has donated the proceeds from his own concerts and CD sales to numerous community organizations, such as the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

Just this year, Kyle Bourgault has raised over a thousand dollars from the proceeds of the Band's cds that he will be donating to a disabled American veteran this holiday season.



## The Starting Place





Congratulations to [The Starting Place Preschool](#) on their new home in the lower level of the Hudson Library! The Starting Place is a Special Education Daycare and Preschool Daycare run by [COARC](#).

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Stay up-to-date with me throughout the week  
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