

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the September 3 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings this week:

- The NYS legislature convened for a special session
- Mom-and-pop landlords need ERAP funding NOW
- The eviction moratorium has been extended again until January 15, 2022
- Honoring Officer Frank J. Sorriento for his service to our community
- Honoring the 13 fallen military heroes with photos below

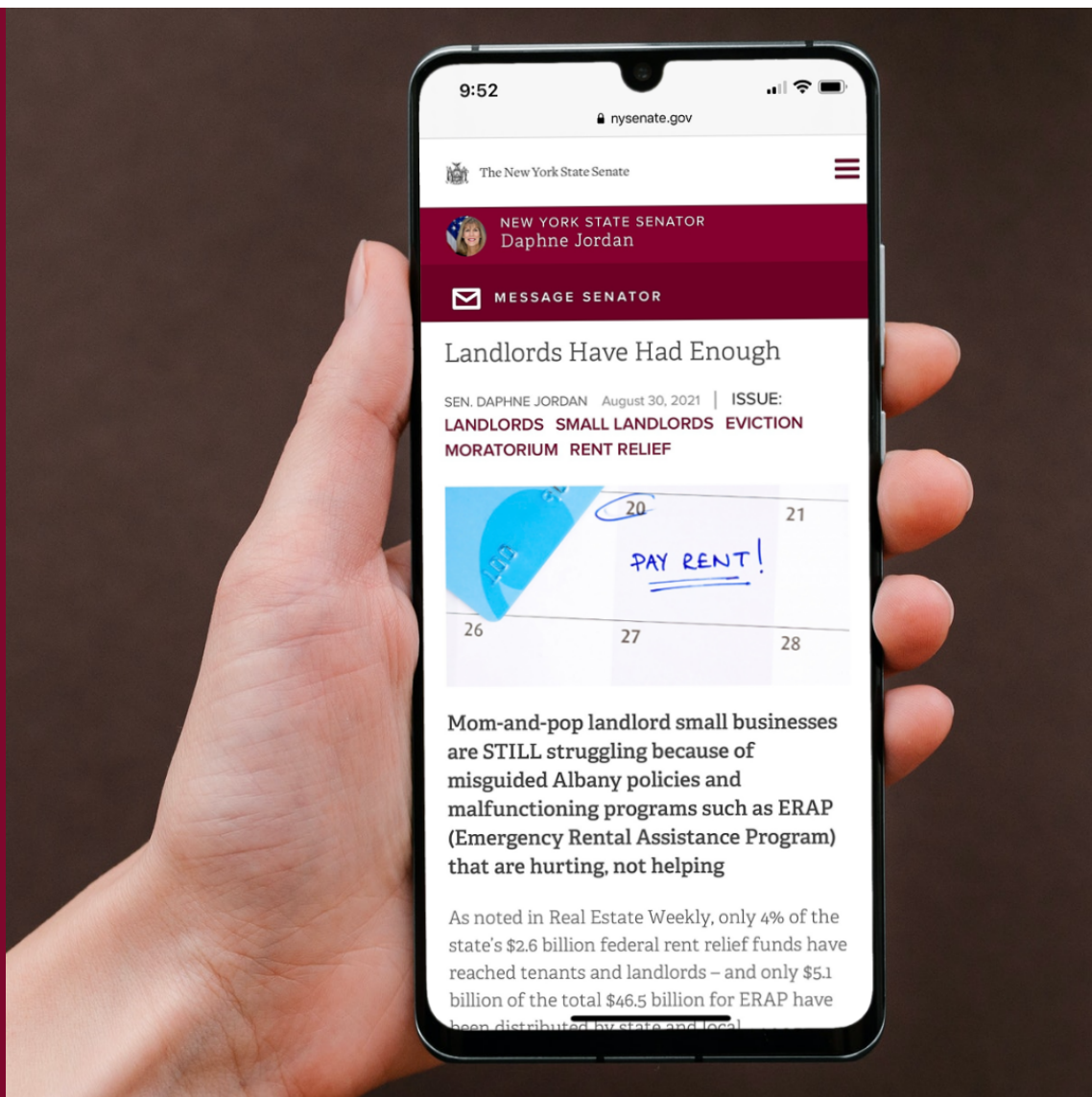
Other important news:

- NYS Trooper applications are now open
- Trader Joe's is opening in Halfmoon this Wednesday
- It's Library Card Signup Month!
- Small landlords face struggles as eviction moratorium extended
- More than 25 deaths after Ida remnants slam Northeast

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

Landlords have had ENOUGH



Mom-and-pop landlord small businesses are STILL struggling because of misguided Albany policies and malfunctioning programs such as ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) that are hurting, not helping.

As noted in Real Estate Weekly, only 4% of the state's \$2.6 billion federal rent relief funds have reached tenants and landlords – and only \$5.1 billion of the total \$46.5 billion for ERAP have been distributed by state and local governments. A new report from the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University shows that nearly 10% of landlords around the country collected less than half of their rent in 2020; landlords who owned fewer than six units (the very folks I've been advocating for) were most affected.

This is completely unacceptable! Mom-and-pop landlord small businesses are hurting and experiencing financial devastation. My office heard from one small business landlord (one of many) who is now going on 21 months of not having received a single rent payment on HIS rental property that was supposed to serve as retirement income for him and his wife. Now, instead of having access to that funding, he works overnights trying to remain above water and mitigate the debilitating financial impact he's endured for close to two years. [The Adirondack Daily Enterprise article](#) outlines the growing numbers of this type of situation in greater detail, it's worth a close read.

The fact of the matter is that there are jobs – many, many unfilled jobs – available to those who need a paycheck and want to work. We must get aid ASAP to our mom-and-pop small business landlords and help unemployed New Yorkers get back to work at the numerous open positions so many small businesses are desperate to fill.

Fixing this problem isn't about a special session. It's about our state government being accountable, addressing the many problems with the ERAP Program (as I pointed out months ago), and getting already appropriated funding out the door to the mom-and-pop small business landlords who've waited close to 20 months for this critical assistance. I'll continue working and advocating for the mom-and-pop small business landlords who need Albany to finally recognize the severity of the economic crisis they're facing!



A special session was called and held on Wednesday. The eviction moratorium has been extended until January 15, 2022. Kicking the can further down the road to the middle of January (very cold) after the holiday season (highest spending of the year for many) only creates more uncertainty. In addition, there is no real strategy with getting ERAP funds out the door quicker. With less than 10% of funds having been used thus far, how can struggling landlords believe these empty promises that aid will be distributed? With obtaining these funds, a tenant must jointly apply for ERAP. What incentive is there for a tenant to agree with this? A piece of the bill passed yesterday now allows landlords to challenge tenant claims of hardship. If a judge rules in the landlord's favor, then they can move forward with eviction. How can this be possible with the incredibly backed up housing courts (with many not even fully open)? There is lots of work to be done and I will keep advocating for

our mom-and-pop landlords facing yet another slap in the face from Albany Democrats. **Watch my floor remarks by clicking the video above.**

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**Eviction
moratorium
puts NY
landlord
\$50K in
debt with
'nowhere to
turn'**

AUGUST 12, 2021



FOX BUSINESS

Since the start of the pandemic, I along with my colleagues in the Senate Republican Conference have been advocating for meaningful rent and mortgage assistance for tenants and property owners.

While Democrats remain focused on an unproductive, unconstitutional agenda of permanent rent cancellation, my colleagues and I have been fighting for a swifter, more efficient distribution of the billions in federal aid.

This has quickly become one of the biggest housing crises New York has faced in years. My colleagues and I are fighting for those who need help. That means immediately putting money in the hands of the tenants and small property owners, the men, women and families struggling to keep a roof over their heads.

Some good news



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Great news for my hometown of [#Halfmoon](#), [#SaratogaCounty](#) and all of the surrounding communities in the [#CapitalRegion](#). Trader Joe's opening in Halfmoon Sept. 8 and I can't wait!
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Trader Joe's opening in Halfmoon Sept. 8

Coming this Wednesday! Are you excited about the new [Trader Joe's](#) coming to Halfmoon? By the way, they are still hiring!

In the News



New York State Trooper applications now open

Application now open! Exams will be administered from January through April of 2022. Apply [HERE](#). (This exam is only offered every 4 years.)

[Read Article](#)



Library Card Signup Month

September is Library Card Signup Month. Your Mid-Hudson Library System card gives you access to technology, resources, and services.

[Get your MHLS card here!](#)



Small landlords face struggles as eviction moratorium extended

Know that myself and my Senate Republican colleagues will continue working and advocating for the mom-and-pop small business landlords who need Albany to finally recognize the severity of the economic crisis they're facing!

[Read Article](#)



More than 25 deaths after Ida remnants slam Northeast

Hurricane Ida became the 5th largest hurricane to hit the U.S.(mainland) and we are praying for all those affected from Louisiana all the way to New York.

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Honoring Officer Frank J. Sorriento for his service to our community



Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office

END OF WATCH

August 30, 2021



Rest easy, brother...

We thank you and your family for your service.

Officer Frank J. Sorriento

The [Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office](#) posted the image above, and I wanted to share in honor of Officer Frank J. Sorriento. God bless his family. We are forever grateful for his service to our community.

For those that wish to donate, a [Venmo](#) account has been set up: [@SorrientoFamily](#)

HONORING THE FALLEN



On Thursday, August 26th, we lost 13 United States service members to a suicide bomber at the Kabul airport in Afghanistan. It was a heavy week with the heartbreaking loss of these young American heroes. God bless the family and friends of every one of them. They will never be forgotten. All of their names and photos were released this week. The ones below are from the MilitaryTimes. [Follow the link](#) to read more about their stories.



Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza, 20



Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz, 20



Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22



Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola, 20



Cpl. Daegan W. Page, 23



Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez, 22



Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum, 20



Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui, 20



Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo, 25



Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover, 31



Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss, 23

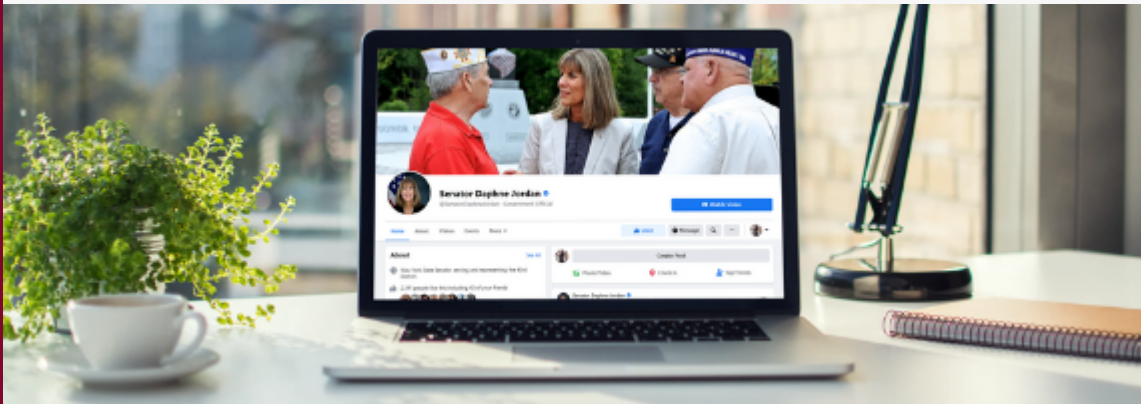


Sgt. Nicole L. Gee, 23



Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak, 22

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