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Dear Friend:

March is here – and so is the latest edition of my Weekly Wrap! Plenty of news you can use in this week's edition including a CDTA survey and information on an American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED course that is free for Halfmoon residents. Of course, my Weekly Wrap also shares some of the latest updates from Albany, including my advocacy for road and bridge funding, honoring the Stillwater Girls Soccer Champions, and meeting with constituent and organizations in my Albany office. Enjoy my latest Weekly Wrap and have a terrific weekend!

– **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

### Here to Help YOU

If you ever need assistance with an issue or problem pertaining to New York State government, have a question about a matter of public policy, or have a charitable, non-profit community event you'd like to publicize, let me know. As your Senator, I'm always here to help YOU! Here is my contact information:

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### **Southern Saratoga County Transit Survey Now Available**

As noted in a recent article by Stephen Williams in the *Daily Gazette*, a new survey from the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) and the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce is seeking whether Southern Saratoga County residents are interested in a flexible, on-demand bus service potentially provided through the CDTA. The survey is being distributed through the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center and focuses on employers and residents of Mechanicville, Halfmoon, Stillwater, and Clifton Park, respectively. The *Daily Gazette* story notes that the CDTA is exploring the operation of pilot flexible service in Southern Saratoga County. You can share your thoughts on this important topic by taking part in the Chamber and CDTA's transit survey at the following link: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07egwlr8xk6ck7toy/a01g7k7gfa4l0/questions>.

### **Spring Ahead for Daylight Saving Time**



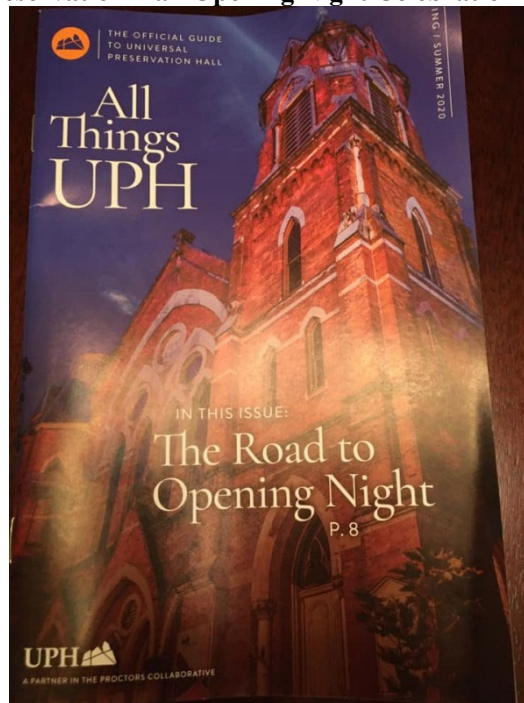
Remember to “spring ahead” during Daylight Saving Time this Sunday, March 8. While you’re setting your clocks to reflect the time change, it’s a great opportunity to also check the batteries in your smoke alarms!

### **American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED Course**

The Town of Halfmoon is offering an American Heart Association (AHA) Heartsaver CPR/AED course, conducted by Clifton Park Halfmoon Emergency Services, free to Town of Halfmoon residents. This course is designed for students with limited or no medical training, who are not

health care providers. It covers CPR/AED use for Adult, Child, and Infant; it also includes instruction for choking for those age groups. At the end of the course, the AHA certifies students for two years. The course will be held at the Halfmoon Town Hall on Saturday, March 7. There will be two sessions: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Class space is limited and open to Town of Halfmoon residents only. For more details, visit the following link: <https://www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov/home/news/cpr-registration>.

### Universal Preservation Hall Opening Night Celebration





Last Saturday was the grand opening of the Universal Preservation Hall in Saratoga Springs. The grand opening of Universal Preservation Hall will continue our Saratoga Springs community's time-honored, proud tradition of supporting, celebrating and displaying the arts. Universal Preservation Hall will also help artists realize their full potential in creating the next exciting chapter of the performing arts in Saratoga Springs! Congratulations to Proctors Collaborative CEO Philip Morris, and Universal Preservation Hall Director Teddy Foster.

#### **Defreestville and Wynantskill Fire Departments 2nd Annual Banquet**



The Defreestville and Wynantskill Fire Department's  
2020 Inspection Banquet







Saturday evening I attended the Defreestville and Wynantskill Fire Departments' Second Annual Banquet to honor and recognize these true heroes who risk their lives and answer the call for assistance. Congratulations to all of the newly installed officers and to Jeff Pirro, Firefighter of the Year! North Greenbush Supervisor Joe Bott administered the oath of office. Councilwoman and Rensselaer County Legislator Kelly Hoffman also recognized the Departments. Thank you for your service and for the invite!

**Honoring the Stillwater Girls Varsity Soccer Team, Class C NYS Girl Soccer Champions**





The Stillwater Girls Soccer Team CHAMPIONS were my very special Senate guests during our session Monday! Team members are pictured above with me on the steps of the Million Dollar Staircase in the State Capitol. Team members and I also signed the special welcome poster that I had prepared for them. The Stillwater Girls Soccer Team captured the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class C Championship on November 17, 2019, in Cortland. Stillwater Lady Warriors concluded a very successful season finishing 21-0-2, ending their historic season with a 1-0 victory over Section 4 Champion Unatego to secure the Class C NYS Girls Soccer Championship. In 2018, the Lady Warriors also won the Class C NYS Girls Soccer Championship. The Lady Warriors have a remarkable record of 43-0-3 over the last 2 years with their back-to-back championship victories! I was proud to congratulate the members of the Stillwater High School Girls Soccer Team: Paige Brinsko, Kiersten Conroy, Mia Corrado, Trinity Cutler, Bella Estill, Caroline Farnan, Sydney Frank, Katelyn Koval, Quinn Lilac, Khali Lux, Kate McEvoy, Gianna Moraci, Kelly Moran, Kara Moran, Jordan Morey, Marley Mueller, Kylie Peacock, Keelyn Peacock, Brooke Pickett, Teya Staie, Lily Tanner, Devon Wagner; Head Coach Christine Ihnatolya, and Assistant Coaches Katie Carlin, Cassidy Chapko, and Chris Stanley. The New York State Senate and I proudly recognize and celebrate your success!

**Fighting for CHIPS Funding to Support our Local Roads and Bridges**







Tuesday was a sea of orange at the State Capitol as more than 700+ local Highway Superintendents and personnel attended our CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) press conference (it was the BIGGEST turnout ever for this event). We called for an increase in CHIPS funding for roads and bridges, a \$65 million restoration of Extreme Winter Recovery funding (which 45 Highway Superintendents and Town Supervisors signed onto my letter and joined me in advocating for), and true funding parity for Upstate because our local roads and bridges matter! My colleagues New York State Senator Tom O'Mara and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano are pictured speaking above. I'm also pictured above with my good friend Halfmoon Highway Superintendent John Pingelski who took part in Tuesday's rally. My thanks to our fantastic Highway Superintendents and personnel who do such an awesome job!

### **Meeting with BOCES**



On Tuesday, I met with Saratoga Springs Superintendent Michael Patton, Brunswick Brittonkill Superintendent Angelina Maloney, and East

Greenbush Superintendent Jeff Simons (all pictured above) as well Shenendehowa. This meeting in my Albany office was on behalf of the QUESTAR and WSHWE BOCES and their constituent school districts. Thank you for visiting and sharing your priorities with me.

**Meeting with our Farm Bureaus to support our local farmers**



It's always good hearing from farmers in my 43rd Senate District. I'm pictured above in my Albany office on Tuesday visiting with Columbia County farmers and agricultural representatives on behalf of the Columbia County Farm Bureau. I'm featured in this photo with Eric Ooms and his father Adrian Ooms of A. Ooms & Sons Dairy Farm. I also met with Farm Bureaus from Saratoga County, Rensselaer County, and Washington County, respectively. I always appreciate learning more about what Albany can do to stop hurting and start helping our hard-working family farmers.

**Meeting with Ichabod Crane Central School District Superintendent Jason Thomson**



On Wednesday, I met with Jason Thomson, the new Ichabod Crane Central School District Superintendent. Superintendent Thomson visited me at my Albany office for an introduction and to share the district's priorities. It was great meeting you Superintendent.

### Meeting with the ARC of Rensselaer County



Thursday, I met with Donald Mullin, CEO of The Arc of Rensselaer County, along with other representatives from the organization. They visited my Albany office to speak with me about the important issues facing direct support habilitation and service staff who fulfill a vital role and do such an excellent job. It was great visiting with you all today and learning more about your priorities!

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