



Dear Friend:

Welcome to this mid-summer edition of my Weekly Wrap, delivered right to your inbox! In this week's newsletter, you'll read about my most recent hand sanitizer distributions, supporting my good friend Senator Sue Serino in her fight against breast cancer, my successful efforts to advocate for residential group home visitation, calling for the re-opening of bowling centers, along with much more!

As we continue our ongoing efforts to battle against the Coronavirus, my office and I are here to answer your questions and hear your concerns. Contact me at jordan@nysenate.gov or call my office at (518) 371-2751 if I can be of assistance. Enjoy your weekend and stay cool during the forecasted hot weather! – **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

More Stops along my 43rd Senate District NYS “Hand Sanitizer Express”



Last Friday, I made more special deliveries of New York State Hand Sanitizer, My first stop was in East Greenbush, my second stop was the East Greenbush Community Library, and my third stop was at Walden Farms & Chatham Small Animal Hospital. I'm pictured above Recreation Director Mike Martin, Library Director Jill Dugas Hughes, and Dr. Jerry Bilinski, DVM. These hand sanitizer deliveries are all about providing these organizations an essential resource that's so important to ensuring public health and safety. These deliveries and visits also afford me a terrific opportunity to hear directly from my constituents as to their ongoing needs as NYS continues moving forward with a safe, sensible reopening. It was great seeing everyone!

Successfully Advocating for Residential Group Home Visitation



Families recently received some great news as NYSOPWDD stated that group home residents may begin resuming visits home with their families, have outings in the community, and, best of all, day habilitation programs will resume!

I strongly advocated for these important successful outcomes in my correspondence to the Governor on June 10 urging these common-sense steps for families who count on these services as NYS continues to move forward with reopening. I'm glad the Governor finally listened.

OPWDD released the following statement confirming this positive development:

“OPWDD understands how challenging the temporary suspension of day services, home visits, and community outings has been for the people we support and their families during the COVID-19 global pandemic response. As regions across New York are now starting to re-open, OPWDD is working closely with the NYS Department of Health to establish a process to safely begin returning to regular activities, including a phased-in approach to the resumption of community-based programs and visitations.”

This great news, along with the provision of on-site summer school for students with specialized needs (which I also advocated for over a month ago), represents a BIG win for families! I'm proud to have advocated for these real results. To read my letter to the Governor, click [here](#).

Supporting my Friend Senator Sue Serino in her Battle Against Breast Cancer



I offered my thoughts, prayers, and 100 percent positivity for my good friend and colleague New York State Senator Sue Serino (who I'm pictured with above) who recently announced she is battling breast cancer. Sue Serino is an incredible public servant and a true fighter — for her constituents, her district, and our state — and I know she's going to win this fight too! This issue is very personal to me, as my mom is a breast cancer survivor. Without question, regular screenings and early detection are critical and help save lives.

More positive news from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America



I'm happy to share some positive news regarding the Foundation's newly expanded helpline hours providing even more support and information for individuals and families. More details below, big thank you to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America for all its good works and continued commitment to helping individuals and families!

Alzheimer's Helpline Expanding Hours to Provide Greater Support to Individuals and Family Members

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) is expanding the hours of its Helpline. The new hours will be 9 am to 9 pm (ET) on weekdays and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (ET) on

weekends.

Families affected by dementia-related illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease, individuals living with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, professional caregivers, and anyone who has questions about brain health can connect with a licensed social worker through the AFA Helpline by:

- Calling 866-232-8484

- Visiting AFA's website, alzfdn.org, and clicking on the blue and white chat icon in the lower righthand corner

- Sending a text message to 646-586-5283

"Having a place to turn for answers, support or even just a sympathetic ear to listen is so important when you're dealing with Alzheimer's disease," said Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr., AFA's President and CEO. "In the constantly changing world we're living in right now, families affected by Alzheimer's disease need help now more than ever. Expanding our helpline hours is another way we can serve them in their time of need."

AFA's Helpline is staffed entirely by licensed social workers trained in dementia care who can answer questions, provide support, and connect callers with a variety of services in their community, no matter where in the United States they live.

To learn more about the AFA Helpline or other services provided by AFA, visit www.alzfdn.org or call 866-232-8484.

Delivering NYS Hand Sanitizer to Halfmoon Jewelers



On Tuesday, I delivered NYS Hand Sanitizer to Art Curto (pictured with me above) at Halfmoon Jewelers in my hometown of Halfmoon. The Curto family has been serving the region for over 60+ years with incredible quality, fantastic customer service, and a well-deserved reputation throughout the U.S. for custom design, repairs, and as a premier distributor of diamonds. Halfmoon Jewelers also buys gold, sterling silver, foreign currency, coin, and diamonds, paying out in cash. This is a terrific family business and I was happy to provide them this hand sanitizer to help ensure that customers and team members are safe!

Cornell Cooperative Extension's Summit Lake Explorers Program



Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties and the Philmont Community Center recently announced their upcoming Summit Lake Explorers Program. More registration details (space is limited, deadline is upcoming) and program announcement are below. Thank you to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties and Philmont Community Center for sharing these details!

Week-Long Summit Lake Explorers Program

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties and the Philmont Community Center are pleased to announce the Summit Lake Explorers Program. This free environmental education program will take place Monday through Friday, August 10 through 14, 9 am to Noon at the Philmont Community Center.

Join professional educators and explore the waters of Summit Lake in Philmont, NY. Learn to collect and identify the insects and fish that live in the lake in this new and exciting hands-on summer program. Open to children ages 8-12, maximum 10 participants. This program is partially funded by the Philmont Community Center and a grant from Stewarts Shops.

To receive a registration packet for the Summit Lake Explorers Program, please contact Anna Harrod-McGrew, 4-H Natural Resources Educator, at 518-318-1180 or ash252@cornell.edu. Participants are expected to participate in every day of the program. Registrations will be confirmed when the completed registration packet is received. The deadline for registration is Monday, August 3rd.

Precautions will be taken to prevent against transmission of COVID-19. All participants will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing when possible. Children exhibiting any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to remain in the program.

Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities. The programs provided by this organization are partially funded by monies received from the Counties of Columbia and Greene.

4-H is New York's only youth development program directly connected to the technological advances and the latest research at Cornell University. 4-H participants learn leadership, citizenship, and lifeskills through hands-on projects in three primary program areas: science and technology; healthy living; and citizenship. To find out more about 4-H and youth programs in Columbia and Greene Counties, contact us at 518-828-3346 or Columbiagreene@cornell.edu or visit our website, www.cceecolumbiagreene.org. You can also "Like" us on Facebook: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties. The photo included with this post is of fishing instruction during a past 4-H environmental education workshop.

Visiting the Halfmoon Celebrations Committee



I'm pictured above with the Halfmoon Celebrations Events Committee that does such a wonderful job planning and organizing public events for our Town. The Committee met this week to discuss having a drive-in family movie night complete with popcorn, which is a great, summertime fun idea!

Advocating for New York State Bowling Centers to Reopen



I recently sent a letter to Governor Cuomo advocating for the Empire State Development Corporation (ESD) to develop a plan for the immediate reopening of bowling centers throughout NYS. Bowling centers are important for recreation, are easily reconfigurable for social distancing, and can abide by indoor occupancy parameters just as easily as restaurants or other businesses which are now open. Much like other “Low-Risk Indoor Arts & Entertainment” venues included for reopening in Phase Four, bowling centers are unlikely to have large, close-quarter crowds which could pose a risk to public health.

Many bowling centers are small businesses operating on small margins of profitability. Those who own and operate bowling centers, like other business owners, are more than willing to make accommodations to ensure that their businesses open in a safe, responsible way.

More details on the 13 specific safety steps bowling centers are prepared to take to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of their guests is included within my correspondence. I’m hopeful the Governor will listen! To read a copy of my letter, click [here](#).

Continuing to Demand Answers about Governor Cuomo’s COVID Nursing Home Policy Failure



My Senate Republican colleagues and I are continuing our push to demand answers and accountability from the Cuomo Administration over its deadly mandate that forced nursing homes to accept COVID-19 positive patients, causing upwards of 6,000 deaths (tragically, that number is likely much higher).

This week, we called on the Senate Democratic Majority to use its subpoena power to compel the administration to testify -- under oath -- about their reckless and irresponsible mandate. To read my full press release on this issue, click [here](#).

Drive-thru Donation Drop-Off at the Capital District YMCA, Troy Branch



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Drive-thru Donation Drop-off

Thursday, July 23rd

5:00—6:30pm

The Capital District YMCA Troy Branch Advisory Council is hosting a drive-thru donation drop-off event to collect non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to support Unity House of Troy and Oakwood Community Center food pantry. Please stay in your car. Volunteers will take the donations from your trunk.

JOIN US!

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The Troy Y Advisory Council is hosting a drive-thru donation drop-off on Thursday, July 23, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Troy Branch. Non-perishable food and personal hygiene items will be collected to support neighbors at Unity House of Troy and the Oakwood Community Center food pantries. All are welcome!

Celebrating Opening Day of Saratoga Race Course



I was honored to take part in Thursday's special event held at the Racing City Brewing Company where we raised a glass and toasted Opening Day at Saratoga Race Course. I'm pictured here with David O'Rourke, President and CEO of NYRA, Todd Shimkus, President of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Shelby Schneider, President and CEO of the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, along with many others. While current circumstances require races without spectators, the 2020 summer racing season won't be without all the drama, majesty, and excitement that we've come to expect from this incredible sport!

For over 150 years, our Saratoga Race Course has been, and remains, a vital part of our community, culture, and character. Saratoga Race Course has an economic impact of nearly \$240 million throughout the nine-county Capital Region, including approximately \$101 million in wages and earnings, while contributing millions to our state and local governments, revenue that is critical for Saratoga Springs and Saratoga County in terms of local services for local residents. Additionally, our Saratoga Race Course is a nationally recognized leader in protecting equine health and safety, while providing supportive programs for backstretch workers and their families. Furthermore, New York's equine

industry has a \$4.2 billion positive effect on the state's economy, generating 33,000 full-time jobs, with equine commerce resulting in \$187 million in state and local taxes. Thousands of horse farms, training centers, and riding stables doing business across our state successfully preserve 1.3 million acres of valuable open space. We need to continue these good outcomes.

The continued success of horse racing is vital to our community and, as the Ranking Republican on the Senate's Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee, I'll continue being an outspoken advocate for Saratoga Race Course, horse racing, and our equine industry.

Troubling Saratogian Story of More Statue Vandalism

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Civil War monument destroyed in Congress Park

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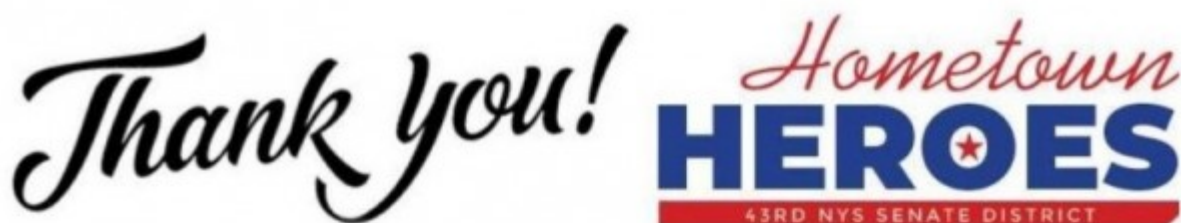
The site of a vandalism incident is investigated on Thursday morning at Congress Park in Saratoga Springs.

Lauren Halligan - Medianews Group

So sad to read The Saratogian story (pictured above) about yet another act of vandalism in Congress Park, this time a Civil War monument memorializing UNION soldiers was destroyed in the latest act of vandalism, the second that's happened within a week.

As noted in the Saratogian article, the monument memorializes the volunteers of the 77th Regiment of NYS, also known as the Bemis Heights Battalion, part of the Army of the Potomac, the principal Union Army in the Eastern Theater of the American Civil War. Tearing down monuments and statues is an attempt to tear down and erase American history. We can't stand for it! I hope law enforcement brings the criminals responsible for these acts of destruction to justice.

Hailing Hometown Heroes for the 43rd Senate District



Proud to again recognize some terrific #HometownHeroes from my 43rd Senate District for all they're doing to help the community.



SENATOR DAPHNE JORDAN
— recognizes the 43rd Senate District's —
Hometown Heroes

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This week marks another week of happily hailing Hometown Heroes from my 43rd Senate District! This week marks the 12th edition of my Hometown Heroes. For this edition, I'm proudly recognizing the Crisp Cannoli Bakery & Cafe in East Greenbush, and Scout Troop 16 of Saratoga Springs. More details about these terrific Hometown Heroes and their community commitment are featured below. My thanks to the Crisp Cannoli and Scout Troop 16 for all you continue doing to make the 43rd Senate District an even better place!

The Crisp Cannoli - Bakery & Cafe, East Greenbush

The Crisp Cannoli Bakery & Cafe wanted to purchase two automated external defibrillator (AED) devices: one for the East Greenbush Police and one for the Schodack Police. They reached out to New York State Automobile Dealers Association (NYSADA) who had some available. When the team at NYSADA found out they were purchasing for donation to the police, they graciously donated them. The Crisp Cannoli supports the police and appreciates all the members of law enforcement who risk their lives every day, many times with little outside appreciation, as they continue protecting and serving our communities. The Crisp Cannoli also launched "Operation Gift Card" where employees used tips from customers and purchased several hundred dollars in gift cards to grocery stores. They then split the cards up between East Greenbush and Schodack police officers who distributed them throughout the community.

Boy Scout Troop 16, Saratoga Springs

On Saturday, June 27, Boy Scout Troop 16 held a food drive to benefit the Wilton Food Pantry in support of the Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge's Senior Outreach Program. Since March, the Scouts were limited to virtual meetings but wanted to help their community and charter organization. They used social media and flyers in their individual neighborhoods, collected donations, and brought them to the Wilton Food Pantry, with seven scouts and their parents participating. According to the food pantry, the troop collected 526 pounds of food. At the standard food bank rate of \$1.62/lb, that's \$852 worth of food! At 45 pounds per family per week, that would be almost 12 families fed for a week. There was a \$200 cash donation as well. An additional box of food was delivered on July 8 from neighbors that missed the original date but wanted to be part of this effort. The troop is led by Scoutmaster Ron Tremper.

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