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Happy Friday, and welcome to the July 31st edition of my Weekly Wrap! It was a busy week here in the 43rd Senate District, and I attended many community events like the demolition of the Rensselaer County Emergency Services tower, the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and a Back the Blue Rally in Saratoga Springs. This week's Wrap contains important information and updates from the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library and my efforts to address litterbugs at the Taconic State Park. I also attended and spoke at a press conference calling on Governor Cuomo to re-open bowling centers in New York State.

I'm proud to represent YOU in Albany and want to hear your thoughts. If you have a question, concern, or comment, please email me at jordan@nysenate.gov, or call my office at 518-371-2751. I hope everyone has a terrific weekend! – **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

Important updates from the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library



LIBRARY HOURS:
M, W, F: 9 am-3 pm
T, Th: 1-7 pm
Saturday 12 - 3 pm

CURBSIDE PICKUP HOURS
M, W, F: 11 am - 1 pm
T, Th: 5 - 7 pm

LIMITED SERVICES OFFERED

- Browse the shelves on the first floor only.
- Pickup materials that you have on hold at our Circulation Desk—no appointment necessary.
- Browse select children's material on display on the first floor.
- Pick up a Print from Anywhere printout at the Circulation Desk.
- Use the photocopier or the scanner.

New limited services are available at the Clifton-Park Halfmoon Library. For more information and an updated note from the Library Director: <https://tinyurl.com/ydxofcam>.

Continuing to get Real Results for 43rd Senate District



Providing constituent services and helping solve problems are important parts of my role as State Senator for the 43rd District. I was recently notified by Copake Town Board Member Dr. Terry Sullivan about an ongoing situation at Taconic State Park regarding thousands of people gathering at the Park and flowing into Town streets afterward with no regard for COVID-19. There has been continuous dumping of garbage in the park and surrounding areas (see pictures above that show the litter, YUCK!).

My office promptly reached out to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, relayed these concerns, and specifically asked for State Parks to address this situation, especially the ongoing dumping of garbage in and around the Park.

Thankfully, my advocacy achieved real results as State Parks has announced the following: “Taconic State Park will be closing when designated parking lots reach capacity this weekend. There will be no overflow parking allowed at the Copake Ironworks Area or in the Hamlet of Copake Falls. Park staff and police patrols will be strictly enforcing no picnics,

grills, coolers, chairs, large speakers, and illegal parking at Bash Bish Falls. All entrances to State Rte. 344 will be closed to day use park traffic once capacity is reached. Please find alternative destinations if possible.”

My thanks to Dr. Sullivan for sharing this important local concern, and for the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for taking prompt, positive steps to address the situation. I’ll continue working to get real results that make a positive difference!

Rensselaer County Emergency Services demolition of the former training tower



I was proud to take part in Rensselaer County Emergency Services demolition of the former Rensselaer County Fire Training Tower in North Greenbush on Tuesday. This successful demolition will allow for the construction of a new training complex to help the next generation of Rensselaer County first responders.

For more than 40 years, the tower successfully trained several generations of Rensselaer

County firefighters and the new tower will continue this important tradition. I'm pictured in the above photos from Tuesday's event with Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, Rensselaer County Legislature Chairman and Rensselaer Mayor Michael Stammel, Vice Chair Kelly Hipwell Hoffman, Rensselaer County Legislators Daniel Casale, Bob Loveridge, Tom Grant, and Carole Weaver, as well as Rensselaer County Director of Public Services Jay Wilson and Assemblyman Jake Ashby.

I'm proud to have supported this important project and look forward to the construction of the new tower! Congratulations to County Executive McLaughlin, Chairman Stammel, and the entire Rensselaer County Legislature Republican Majority, GREAT things are happening in Rensselaer County!

Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act



I was pleased to celebrate with AIM Services, Inc. and honor the 30th Anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at The Adelphi Hotel, Saratoga Springs on Monday. The underlying important tenets of the ADA are equality and inclusion, that all individuals, including those with disabilities, should be guaranteed the right to be productive members of our communities and influence control and choice over their own lives. On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush, signed the ADA into law. Opportunities for Americans with disabilities were expanded by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life. Today, we have fantastic community-based organizations that dedicate themselves to providing services for people with disabilities in the spirit of the ADA. That is what AIM Services does so well, serving individuals in Saratoga, Warren, and Washington counties, focused on promoting each person's "power of potential."

I presented a NYS Senate Proclamation honoring the 30th Anniversary of the ADA, reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recognizing Aim Services, Inc., for the important work that it does. I'm pictured above with Joanne Yepsen, Ramon Dominguez, and many others. I also want to recognize June MacClelland, Senior Director and Compliance Officer for AIM, who also was our fantastic emcee. Once again, congratulations to AIM!

Attending Ribbon-Cutting Event for MACSC's New Van



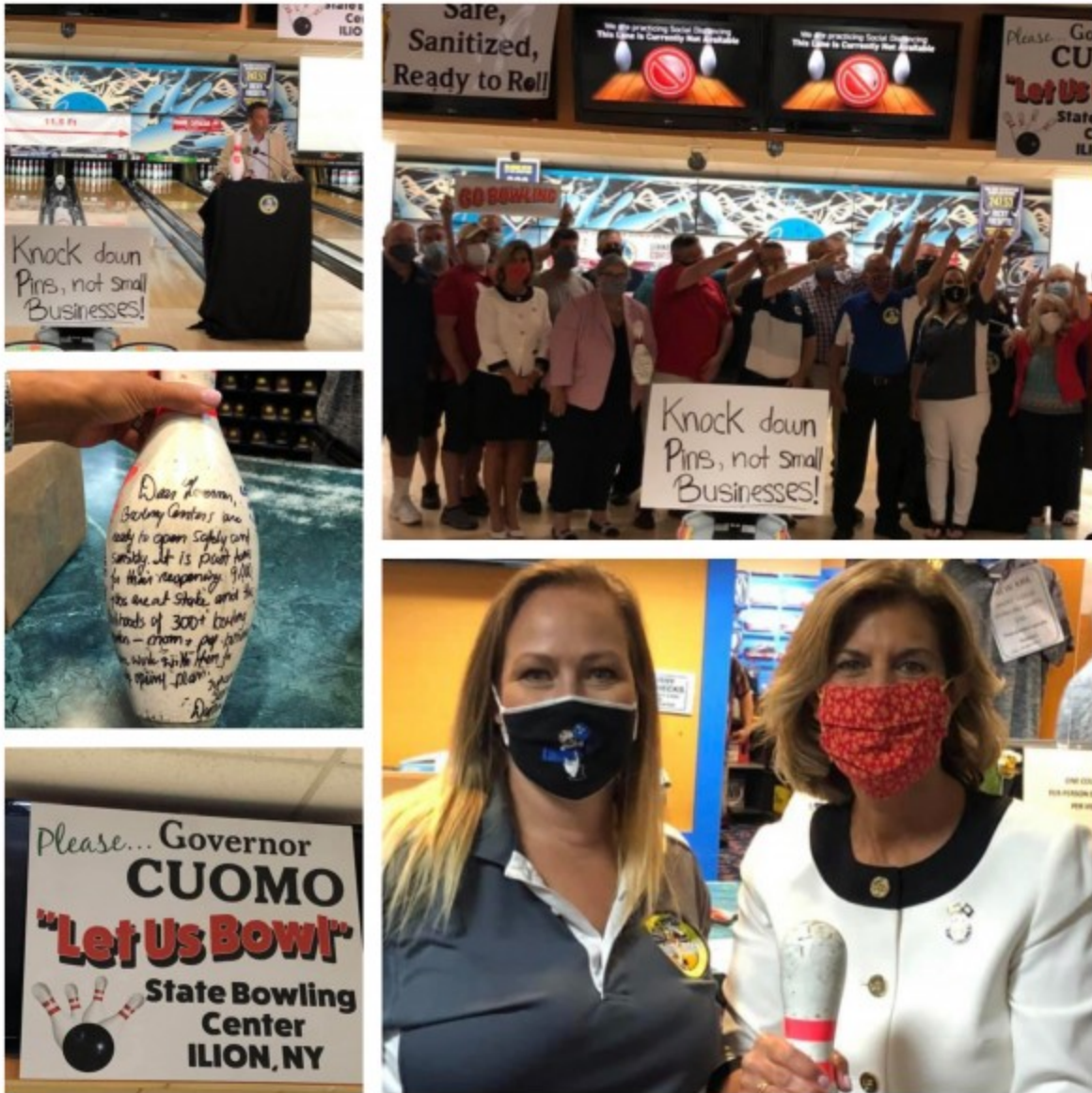
On Thursday, I took part in the ribbon-cutting event for the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc. (MACSC) wonderful new van. The van was secured with the generosity and assistance of MVP Health Care, the United Way, and Jack Byrne Ford. Congratulations to the MACSC and its generous partners in the effort who made this possible!

Back the Blue Rally



I took part in Thursday evening's "BACK THE BLUE" rally in Saratoga Springs! I was honored to speak at this event, and again called for strong support of the courageous men and women of law enforcement who do an incredible job protecting and serving our communities. We are blessed to count on the service and sacrifice of our courageous police officers, and it is vital that we continue to show our strong, public support for them and their public safety mission. Proud to BACK THE BLUE! The men and women of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office and the Saratoga Springs Police Department did an INCREDIBLE job ensuring the safety and security of everyone who attended thank you!

Ready to roll!



Today, I proudly joined bowling center owners and employees from across the Capital Region and Upstate for a press conference at Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center in South Glens Falls to urge Governor Cuomo to allow the safe reopening of bowling centers. The continued closure – 137 days and counting – of nearly 300 bowling centers throughout New York State could place over 9,000 jobs statewide in jeopardy, with bowling centers losing approximately \$90 million in revenue with an estimated economic impact to employees of \$30 million in lost wages. In fact, many bowling centers may close their doors forever unless the Governor acts SOON!

Bowling centers like Kingpin's Alley also have deep, strong roots in the community and are HUGE supporters of charitable and non-profit community causes like Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and many more.

I'm pictured in these photos standing with Alison and Doug Bohannon President, New York State Bowling Proprietors Association, and owners of Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center, along with bowling center owners and managers from across the Capital District and Upstate, as well as Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, at today's press conference, as we advocated for the reopening of bowling centers. The owners are pointing upward to a banner that reads "Please Governor Cuomo Let Us Bowl." Also pictured is my personal message to Governor Cuomo on a bowling pin in support of the safe reopening of 300 bowling centers in NYS. Our signed bowling pins and their personalized messages will be delivered to the Governor.

Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce President Mike Bittel is also pictured above, as is some of the signage that reinforced the positive message of bowling centers like Kingpin's Alley fully embracing best practices like social distancing, cleanliness, reconfiguration of lanes, the wearing of masks and other common sense, proactive steps to ensure the health and safety of guests. Bowling centers should be allowed to reopen because they've proven they are ready, willing, and able to do so with guest and employee safety being first and foremost. Governor, let our bowling centers reopen!

Honoring more Hometown Heroes

Thank you! **Hometown HEROES**
43RD NYS SENATE DISTRICT



I am happy to highlight more fantastic Hometown Heroes from my 43rd Senate District, and their hard work. This week's Hometown Heroes are the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, MVP Healthcare, the United Way of Greater Capital Region, and Jack Byrne Ford! These businesses and non-profit agencies recently worked together to assist the Mechanicville Area Services Center (MACSC) purchase a new vehicle, so that the Center could expand their food distribution program. MVP Healthcare, the United Way and Jack Byrne Ford contributed funds to purchase the vehicle, and Jack Bryne Ford acquired the van for the Center. Without this help, there would have been no van. The staff at MACSC picks up coolers of lunches for distribution and delivers to five sites throughout Mechanicville,

averaging about 100 lunches a day, 5 days a week. With the onset of COVID, there was a need for the Center to increase the number of summer meals program sites, and a van became an absolute necessity! For the summer, the van is primarily being used to deliver healthy summer meals, but will also be utilized for produce and meat pickups from local grocery stores, perusing the Regional Food Bank for fresh donations. The van will be conveniently able to double for victims of domestic violence who need assistance with moving their belongings to safe space. This was a great collaboration between businesses and non-profits, working together in order to support our community.

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