



Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to my pre-Labor Day Weekend edition of the Weekly Wrap. This week I attended important community events across the district, such as the Nopiates Memorial Awareness procession in West Sand Lake, and the Chatham Fire Department's Firemen's Association of the State of New York's (FASNY) award reception, as they were honored with the prestigious 2020 Recruitment and Retention Award by FASNY. Do you know of someone being honored, or have a community event coming up? Let us know! I'm always happy to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of my constituents in the 43rd Senate District!

I am proud to serve as your voice in the New York State Senate! 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. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday weekend! – **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

**Nopiates Committee Memorial Awareness Event**



Monday evening I was honored to take part in the Nopiates Committee Memorial Awareness procession event in recognition of “International Overdose Awareness Day.” This poignant day remembers those we have lost to overdose, celebrates those who are in recovery, and supports friends, families, and those who continue to struggle with substance use disorder. Despite previous declines in fatal overdoses, the painful reality is that our local communities, state, and nation are experiencing a significant increase in fatal drug overdoses, which is a terrible tragedy. The Nopiates Committee is a terrific, non-profit, local organization addressing this trend with the goal of not only remembering lost loved ones, but also promoting awareness, prevention, and support.

The memorial procession turnout was vast and very personal (as evidenced by the messages of remembrance, hope, and healing on so many of the vehicles) reflecting the ongoing seriousness of this issue, and the fantastic work that the Nopiates Committee continues doing in Rensselaer County.

I also recorded a special audio message that was broadcasted on WVCR Radio, along with the personal messages of family members, for the memorial procession. Tim Murdick,

President of the Nopiates Committee, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, Assemblyman Jake Ashby, Albany County Sheriff Craig D. Apple Sr., Rensselaer County Sheriff Pat Russo, Rensselaer County Legislature Members Bob Loveridge and Frank Lewandusky, as well as Town of Sand Lake Supervisor Nancy Perry were all in attendance at this event. My thanks to Tim Murdick and all of the members, volunteers, and families who made Monday's event so special.

### NYS Hand Sanitizer delivery at the Big Moose Deli and Country Store



Tuesday's stop at the Big Moose Deli and Country Store in Hoosick (a terrific veteran-owned business that employs veterans) marked my 46th personal delivery of NYS Hand Sanitizer! I'm pictured above at the store with owner Emil Baker, and manager Shane Hatlee, a decorated Afghanistan Combat Infantry Paratrooper. Emil also serves as State Employer Outreach Director of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program. God bless these two fantastic American patriots!

## Recognizing Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month



September is recognized as “Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month,” a perfect time to find out more about this serious illness, and to learn how to take preventative measures that can help save lives. To learn more, please visit <https://nwhn.org/ovarian-cancer-awareness-month-the-silent-killer-among-us/>.

**Celebrating the Chatham Fire Department being honored by FASNY**



I proudly took part in a terrific event Wednesday night recognizing the Chatham Fire Department on their receiving the Firemen's Association of the State of New York's (FASNY) prestigious "2020 Recruitment and Retention Award." Amid the unprecedented challenges presented by COVID-19, the Chatham Fire Department successfully raised the bar in terms of attracting new recruits! Smartly utilizing social media and advertising via new mediums such as local movie theaters, the Chatham Fire Department demonstrated the continued strength, innovation, and community-centric approach of its recruitment efforts. Between 2019 and 2020, the Department had 7 recruits total, a 20% increase in the number of active firefighters in the Department. This is the second time FASNY has bestowed this award, and the first time that Chatham has received it.

I'm pictured above with FASNY President John Farrell, Chatham Fire Department Chief Eric Barnes, Recruitment Coordinator David Levow (whom I presented a NYS Senate Certificate to and is also featured speaking) FASNY Officers and Chiefs, and Chatham Mayor John Howe. Congratulations to the Chatham Fire Department on receiving this well-deserved award and thank you for your dedicated service to the community!

## Recognizing Prostate Cancer Awareness Month



September is also observed as “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.” In the U.S., 1-in-9 men are diagnosed with this deadly cancer each year, so it’s important for men to consult with their physicians about prostate health, ways to reduce cancer risks, and the importance of screening procedures. To learn more about Prostate Cancer Awareness Month please visit <https://www.pcf.org/blue/>.

**Making the grade: Receiving a 91% pro-small business voting score from NFIB**



As the former owner of two successful small businesses that employed 14 people, I'm proud to be recognized as a strong voice for small businesses that are the backbone of our economy and employ more than half of all New Yorkers. The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) rated my pro-small business legislative voting record at 91% for small business issues. I'm honored to continue standing with, and keep standing up for, small businesses that are the heartbeat of our Upstate economy! Link to the Spectrum News story on NFIB's small business voting scores is below: <https://nystateofpolitics.com/state-of-politics/new-york/ny-state-of-politics/2020/09/03/how-one-small-business-group-is-judging-albany>.

### **NYRA and Saratoga Race Course lend a helping hand**



The Daily Gazette recently ran a positive story regarding NYRA and the Saratoga Race Course successfully teaming up to provide the Saratoga Springs City School District with

175 picnic tables to use this fall and spring for outdoor seating. Great job to NYRA and the Saratoga Race Course for making this happen and for being so responsive to our community's needs! Link to the Daily Gazette story is here:

<https://dailygazette.com/article/2020/09/01/nyra-loans-picnic-tables-to-saratoga-springs-school-district-for-outdoor-eating-classes>.

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.



This week I'm proudly recognizing Ocean State Job Lot and Twin Bridges Waste & Recycling for all they continue doing to help serve and support their respective communities. Thank you to both of these terrific Hometown Heroes for my 43rd Senate District!



## Ocean State Job Lot

Ocean State Job Lot recently donated personal protective equipment to the Troy Police and Fire Departments. The donated items included masks, hand sanitizer, and thermometers. The Troy Police Department and the Troy Fire Department will use these important supplies to help protect their members and those they serve.

## Twin Bridges Waste & Recycling

Twin Bridges Waste & Recycling recently donated 40 large bins to help the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library with the return process. These bins are used to safely quarantine materials that are returned by consumers.

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