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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday, and welcome to the September 18th edition my Weekly Wrap! Last Friday, I was honored to attend the Halfmoon 9/11 Ceremony to honor those we lost in the terror attacks. This week, I participated in the Questar III BOCES Zoom with Superintendent Gladys Cruz about the safety of our students, and the twenty percent cuts to schools proposed by Governor Cuomo, which I strongly oppose. I also teamed up with Senator Jim Tedisco and Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh to launch a new petition urging Governor Cuomo and the Department of Health to release the real number of nursing home deaths due to COVID to provide answers, ensure accountability, and better protect New Yorkers.

**I'm also happy to announce that I'll be hosting a drive-thru flu shot clinic on October 3, at Columbia-Greene Community College.** More details about my flu shot clinic are in this edition of the Weekly Wrap. Additionally, this week I introduced new legislation to increase criminal penalties on drive-by shootings to first degree murder in light of the tragic killing of 11-year-old Ayshawn Davis of Lansingburgh last Sunday. More information on my new bill is included in this Weekly Wrap.

As always, my top priority as State Senator for the 43rd District is serving as your voice in Albany. If you have a comment, question, concern, or need help with a state agency, please contact my office at (518) 371-2751, or email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov). It is an honor and a privilege serving YOU!

## – Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

### Attending the Town of Halfmoon's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony



On Friday evening, I attended a 9/11 remembrance ceremony right in my hometown of Halfmoon at Abele Memorial Park. I was honored to speak at this special event as we remembered and honored the nearly 3,000 of our fellow Americans who were murdered by terrorists 19 years ago. Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo, Saratoga County Clerk Craig Hayner, Halfmoon Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen, Halfmoon Town Justice Joseph Fodera, Halfmoon Deputy Town Supervisor Paul Hotaling, Halfmoon Town Councilmen John Wasielewski, Jeremy Connors, and Eric Catricala, Halfmoon Town Clerk Linda Bryan, and Halfmoon Highway Superintendent John Pingelski were all in attendance at this event. Halfmoon's 9/11 ceremony is always very poignant

and patriotic, and this was no different as we paid tribute to those we lost that fateful day. Judge Fodera's remarks were particularly moving as he was in NYC when the second tower fell, and was there months after, sifting through debris for the fallen.

### **Prayers for LA County Sheriff's Officers**

**NEW YORK POST****NEWS**

# Two LA County Sheriffs officers cling to life after ambush shooting in Compton

On Sunday, two Los Angeles County Sheriff Officers were tragically ambushed and shot at point-blank range through their patrol car. I am hoping and praying



for their full recovery and for the swift apprehension of the cowardly criminal that ambushed them. This was another sad, sobering reminder of the very real dangers that our brave men and women of law enforcement face every single day.

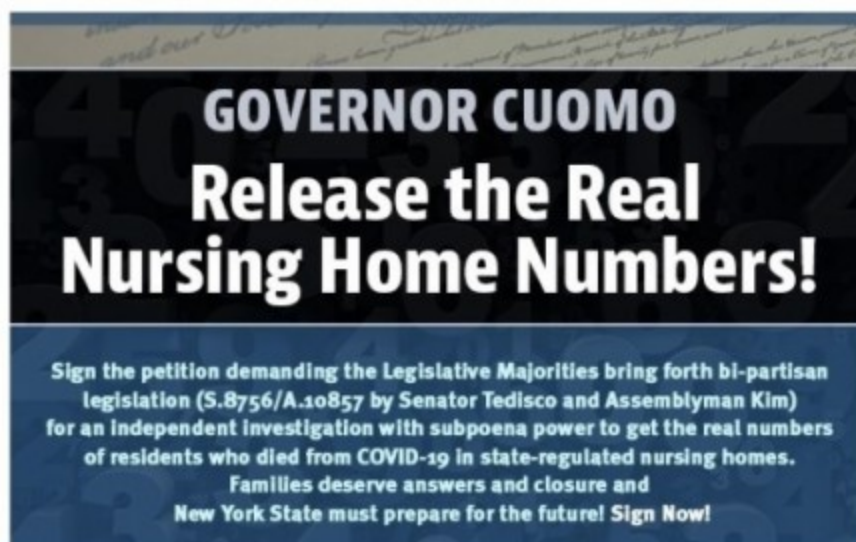
<https://nypost.com/2020/09/13/two-los-angeles-officers-cling-to-life-after-ambush-shooting-in-compton/>

### Participating in the Questar III BOCES Virtual Discussion



Wednesday morning, I participated in a special Legislative Panel Discussion via ZOOM moderated by Dr. Gladys I. Cruz, District Superintendent of Questar III BOCES that included School District Superintendents from Rensselaer, Columbia, and Greene Counties, along with district administrative personnel. Our discussion focused on how our schools and school districts can plan, prepare, and guarantee the best education for all students given the impact of COVID and the Governor's projected 20 percent cut to State School Aid. The Governor's proposed cuts will not only impact our students, but also will have a major financial effect on our communities, regions, local taxpayers, and future workforce. We discussed the importance of a bi-partisan approach going forward to help protect our schools, students, and local taxpayers from the impact of the Governor's proposed cuts to State School Aid. Also taking part in this bi-partisan discussion were Senator Shelley Mayer and Assemblyman John McDonald.

**Sign My New Petition to Get Answers Into COVID-19 Nursing Home Deaths**



I'm proud to be part of a new, bi-partisan petition drive with my colleagues Senator Jim Tedisco and Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh aimed at finding answers and ensuring accountability regarding the tragic deaths of more than 6,400 senior citizens in nursing homes. We need an independent investigation and for the Governor to finally release the real nursing home numbers! You can sign the petition at my Senate webpage:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/petitions/daphne-jordan/tell-governor-cuomo-release-real-nursing-home-numbers>

**You're Invited: My Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic on Saturday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Columbia-Greene Community College!**

# GET YOUR FLU SHOT



Sponsored by **Senator Daphne Jordan**

## **Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic Saturday, October 3, 9 a.m. to Noon**

**Columbia-Greene Community College  
4400 Route 23, Hudson, NY 12534**

**Sponsored by Senator Daphne Jordan & Mid-Hudson Cable**

**Flu shots for all, insured and uninsured  
FREE Tote bags for all  
FREE Flu shots for the uninsured  
If you are insured, bring your health insurance card  
ALL attendees are asked to pre-register**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and because your health, safety, and well-being are my top priority, we unfortunately won't be holding the Golden Gathering (my annual free health and wellness fair) this year. I'm heartbroken over this development. However, since my Golden Gathering always draws a big crowd – well over 1,000 attendees – I'm putting your health, safety, and well-being first. **In lieu of the Golden Gathering, I – along with Mid-Hudson Cablevision – will be sponsoring a Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic on Saturday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson.** This Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic is for the insured and uninsured, will provide FREE flu shots for individuals without health insurance, and will be administered by professionals from the Columbia County Department of Health.

Every possible protocol and precaution will be followed to ensure the health,

safety, and well-being of everyone getting a flu shot. All attendees will receive FREE high-quality tote bags filled with helpful information regarding health care programs and policies. FREE flu shots for the uninsured are being provided courtesy of Mid-Hudson Cable, and individuals with health insurance are asked to bring their health insurance card. The Columbia County Department of Health asks attendees to pre-register for this Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic.

**Visit [www.columbiacountynyhealth.com](http://www.columbiacountynyhealth.com) and click on the link for the clinic at Columbia-Greene Community College. You can also call the Drive-Thru Influenza Clinic registration message line at (518) 828-3358, ext. 1310. Leave your name and phone number and a staff member will contact you. I want you to stay safe and healthy! Be my guest on Saturday, October 3, at Columbia-Greene Community College for this Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic. And yes, my Golden Gathering will return in 2021, bigger and better than ever. If you have questions or would like additional information about this event, call my district office at (518) 371-2751, or email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov). Thank you!**

**This Week's Hometown Heroes for My 43rd Senate District**



# Thank you!

## Hometown HEROES

43RD NYS SENATE DISTRICT

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



## Cuts For a Cause



We are excited and proud to launch our new community support program "Cuts For a Cause".

Current and New clients can choose to donate 50% of their services to the charity being sponsored by using their designated donation code. In these unprecedented times the need to give back and support our local charities has never been more important.

**"Together we can make a difference..."**

Mike Siska



### September's Sponsored Charity Rebuilding Together Saratoga County

The mission of Rebuilding Together Saratoga County is repairing homes, revitalizing communities and rebuilding lives.

Their vision is safe homes and communities for everyone.

Please mention donation code **RTSC2020** when making your appointment to ensure the charity receives 50% of your services.



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This week also featured the latest edition of my Hometown Heroes for the 43rd Senate District! This week I'm proudly recognizing the New York Racing

Association (NYRA) and Siska's Barber Shop of Saratoga Springs. Both NYRA and Siska's Barbershop have gone out of their way to help our community and I thank them for their spirit of generosity and willingness to go above and beyond during these challenging times!

## **NYRA**

NYRA lent 175 picnic tables to the Saratoga Springs City School District to help keep students socially distanced at lunch. The picnic tables from NYRA will be used for outdoor seating at Saratoga Springs High School and Maple Avenue Middle School to help students and staff maintain proper social distancing.

## **Siska's Barbershop, Saratoga Springs**

Siska's Barbershop recently announced its new community support program, "Cuts For a Cause" where current and new clients can choose to donate 50% of their services to a sponsored charity. In these unprecedented times, the need to support our local charities has never been so important. Siska's Barbershop is proudly supporting the charity Rebuilding Together Saratoga County for the month of September.

## **My New Legislation to Increase Penalties for Drive-By Shootings**



On Thursday, I introduced new legislation (Senate Bill S.8988) that would increase criminal penalties on drive-by shootings to first degree murder in light of the tragic killing of 11-year-old Ayshawn Davis of Troy. My press release with more details is below:

For Release: Friday, September 18, 2020

**Senator Daphne Jordan introduces new legislation to increase criminal penalties on drive-by shootings to first degree murder**

**Legislation introduced in light of the tragic shooting of 11-year-old Ayshawn Davis who was murdered during a drive-by shooting in Troy on**

## **Sunday night**

Halfmoon, NY – In light of the tragic shooting of 11-year-old Ayshawn Davis last Sunday night in Troy, New York State Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C,I-Halfmoon) has introduced legislation that would increase criminal penalties on drive-by shootings to first degree murder.

Senator Jordan's new legislation (Senate Bill S.8988) would amend the State Penal Law to establish a "drive by shooting" as being defined when a person, with the intent to cause the death of another person, discharges a firearm from a motor vehicle at another person outside of the motor vehicle.

"Our entire Capital Region was shocked and horrified at the senseless murder of 11-year-old Ayshawn Davis, a beloved child with a bright future. As a mom of two boys, I cannot begin to comprehend the Davis family's pain over this unspeakable loss. We send our prayers to the Davis family and want to see Ayshawn's killer receive swift justice," Senator Jordan said.

"My new legislation would increase penalties on vicious criminals like the one who murdered Ayshawn for committing the cowardly, heinous crime of a drive-by shooting. We have a duty and an obligation to protect the lives of families and especially children. In Ayshawn's memory, the state legislature should embrace my common-sense legislation and take bi-partisan action to do all we can to try and prevent future drive-by shootings and other senseless, violent criminal acts," Senator Jordan stated.

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## **Observing National POW/MIA Recognition Day**



Today, September 18, is observed as “National POW/MIA Recognition Day.” This date remembers and honors the brave men and women who never returned home after serving our nation abroad. To learn more about this occasion, visit <https://www.defense.gov/.../National-POW-MIA-Recognition.../>

### **Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at New Stewart's in Castleton**





Today also was the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Stewart's Shops located at 1540 Columbia Turnpike in Castleton. This new shop features all of the favorite Stewart's products, along with a greater selection of produce, grocery items and easy food items such as freshly made pizza (pie and by the slice). There's also plenty of seating, extensive parking, and fuel service with diesel and premium non-ethanol gas at this new facility.

All-day specials include 50¢ ice cream cones, 99¢ Stewart's Shops sodas and Refreshers and 99¢ hot coffee, pizza slices, hot dogs, and roller grill items. In addition, there will be \$2.00 off whole pizza pies and \$5.99 subs available all day. All patrons will receive 10¢ off gas, including diesel (Castleton shop only).

My Community Liaison Halie Northrop represented me at today's event and presented a New York State Senate Certificate on my behalf to mark the happy occasion. Congratulations to Stewart's and thank you for your ongoing commitment to the community!

### **Celebrating Rosh Hashanah**



To all my friends and residents (and especially my stepdad, Dr. Ed) who will be celebrating Rosh Hashanah, I'd like to give a hearty, "Shana Tovah!"

**Rensselaer County Take Back Event Tomorrow**

# Got DRUGS?

Turn in your unused or expired  
medication for safe disposal

DATE: Sat., Sept 19, 2020

TIME: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Castleton Public  
Library

85 S. Main Street Castleton

DRIVE THROUGH - OUTSIDE DROP OFF ONLY

NO SHARPS

County Executive Steven McLaughlin  
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Tomorrow (Saturday, September 19) is a Take Back Event sponsored by Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and Rensselaer County Sheriff Pat Russo. The event takes place this Saturday and is drive-thru and contactless. Thank you, Rensselaer County!

## **Notice from NYS Department of Transportation Regarding Lane Closures on the Northway**



For Immediate Release: Thursday, September 17, 2020

### **Watch for Lane Closures Saturday on the Northway in Saratoga County**

The New York State Department of Transportation is advising motorists to watch for rolling left-lane closures in both directions on the Adirondack Northway (Interstate 87) between the Twin Bridges and Exit 9 in Saratoga County between 4 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, for pavement repairs.

The mobile work zone and lane reductions are scheduled to begin on the northbound side of the highway. Upon reaching Exit 9, work will proceed in the southbound lanes. Work and lane reductions are weather permitting.

Motorists are reminded to Move Over a lane, if safely possible, or slow down significantly whenever encountering roadside vehicles displaying red, white, blue, amber, or green lights, including maintenance and construction vehicles in work zones. Motorists are urged to slow down and drive responsibly in work zones. Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone. Convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could result in the suspension of an individual's driver license.

For up-to-date travel information, call 511, visit [www.511NY.org](http://www.511NY.org) or download the free 511NY mobile app.

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