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 [Senator Daphne Jordan](#)

Dear Friend:

Happy Friday, and welcome to the September 25th Edition of my Weekly Wrap. This latest edition is loaded with important news and updates, so let's dive right in!

This week, we mourned the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a trailblazing legal pioneer. The outpouring of bi-partisan affection for the late Justice Ginsburg illustrated the outsized impact she had not just on the law, but our society as well.

Also this week, the Daily Gazette published an article highlighting my bi-partisan legislation I introduced with Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara. I'm committed to making New York a safer place to live for our families. You can find the link to the article, as well as more information about my legislation in this Week's Wrap.

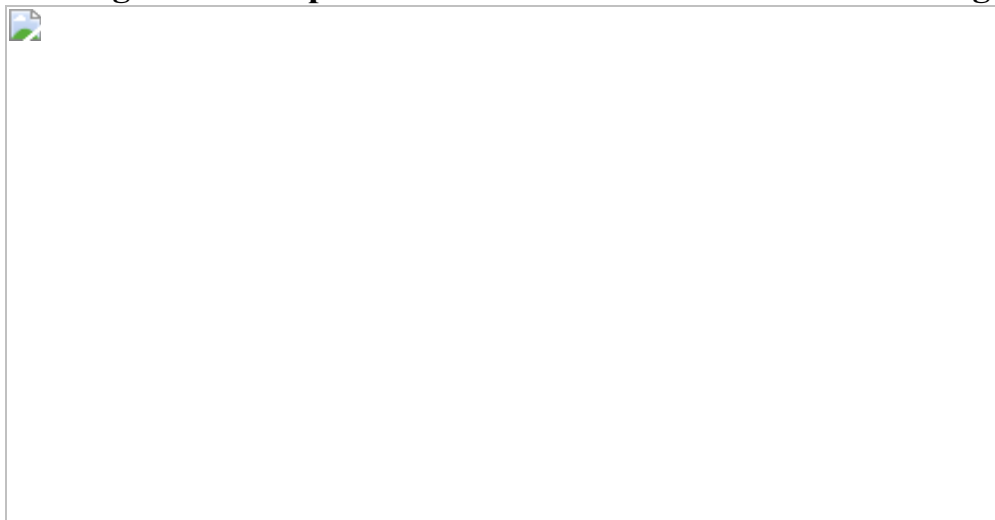
In this Week's Wrap, you'll see more details about my upcoming Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic taking place Saturday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Columbia-Greene Community College. You're invited to this special event that will feature flu shots for the insured and uninsured. More details, and a link to pre-register for this event, are below.

In addition, this week I was happy to take part in some local ribbon cuttings, one for a new section of the Zim Smith Trail, which is near and dear to me, as I was Town Board Liaison to the Trails and Open Spaces Committee for the Town of Halfmoon. Additionally, Saratoga Motorcycle Center and Chow Bella indoor dog park celebrated grand openings this week.

Thank you for reading my Weekly Wrap! Do you have a question, comment, or concern regarding state government? Call my office at 518-371-2715 or at

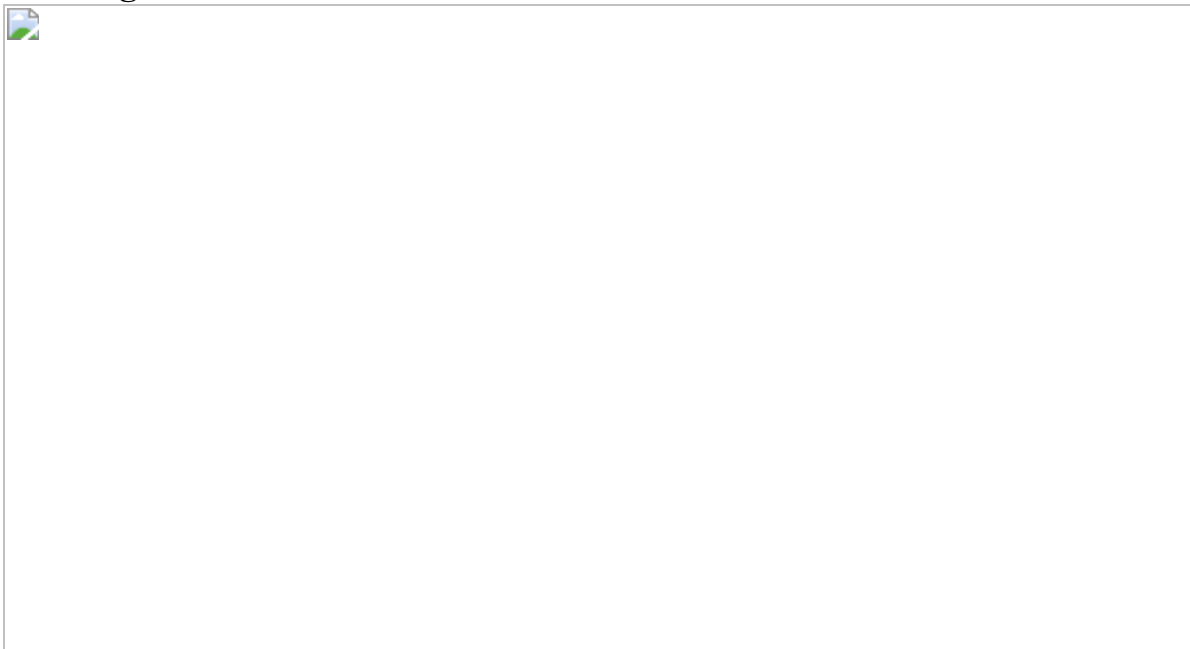
jordan@nysenate.gov. I am proud to be your representative in the New York State Senate! – **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

Remembering the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg



I offered my prayers for the family of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the passing of this trailblazing legal pioneer. You can read more about Justice Ginsburg's life and career here: <https://nypost.com/.../supreme-court-justice-ruth-bader.../>

Daily Gazette coverage of my new legislation combatting drive-by shootings

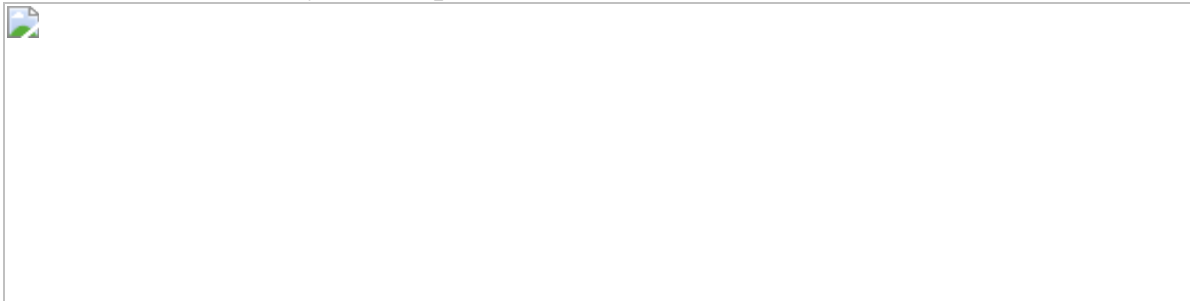


The Daily Gazette reported on my new bi-partisan legislation, Senate Bill S.8988, "Ayshawn's Law," that would increase criminal penalties on drive-by

shootings in light of the tragic murder of 11-year-old Ayshawn Davis who was murdered one week ago.

Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara is also sponsoring my new measure in the Assembly. Read more here: <https://dailygazette.com/.../santabarbara-jordan-offer.../>

You can also read my recent press release on the bill below:



For Release: Thursday, September 24, 2020

Senator Daphne Jordan and Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara continue their bi-partisan push for “Ayshawn’s Law,” new legislation that would increase criminal penalties on drive-by shootings to first-degree murder

In light of this afternoon’s arrest of the suspected killer of 11-year-old Ayshawn Davis by the Troy Police Department, New York State Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C,I-Halfmoon) and Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara (D-Rotterdam) today continued their bi-partisan push for new legislation titled “Ayshawn’s Law” that would increase criminal penalties on drive-by shootings to first-degree murder.

The arrest of the suspect in the case, Jahquay Brown of Cohoes, by the Troy Police Department was reported earlier this afternoon, along with the fact that Brown will be charged with second-degree murder for the killing of Ayshawn Davis.

Senator Jordan and Assemblyman Santabarbara’s new legislation dubbed “Ayshawn’s Law” in memory of Ayshawn Davis, the victim of the senseless crime (Senate Bill S.8988, an Assembly companion bill has been introduced, bill number is being assigned) 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 and carry with it the charge of first-degree murder.

“I thank the excellent work of the Troy Police Department in investigating this horrific, senseless violent crime and making a swift arrest. The murder of Ayshawn Davis, a beloved boy with a bright, boundless future, is a crime so brutal and breathtaking that it’s beyond comprehension. The murder of this innocent 11-year-old boy warrants the greater charge of first-degree murder that our bi-partisan legislation titled ‘Ayshawn’s Law’ would achieve. There have been more than a dozen drive-by shootings that we know of in New York State since July. We have to say – as a community and a state – NO MORE! I’m hopeful that both houses of the state legislature will join us, and stand with us, in calling for enactment of this bi-partisan public safety legislation as soon as possible to provide a further deterrent for criminals who would prey upon the innocent. Our prayers continue going out to the Davis Family,” Senator Jordan said.

“This was an unthinkable crime and an attack on our community, plain and simple,” said Assemblyman Santabarbara. “I thank law enforcement for the work they have done to bring those responsible to justice, but we as legislators have a responsibility to take action as well. We cannot stand by while innocent bystanders continue to become victims, in this case 11-year-old Ayshawn Davis.” Santabarbara said. “There’s a family that will never be the same again. And to know that there are still people out there who would randomly fire shots from a moving car, without regard for who and how many are killed is unthinkable. This bill is tough on crime and we all need to be tough on crimes like this if we want it to stop,” Santabarbara added. “Our communities shouldn’t have to live in fear, wondering every time a car drives by if more shots will be fired at them.”

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Update on the Ayshawn Davis case



On Thursday, news reports shared an update that the Troy Police Department had successfully brought Ayshawn Davis' alleged killer to justice. I'm continuing to send prayers to the Davis Family during this incredibly difficult and painful time.

Celebrating the Grand Opening of the new Mechanicville section of the Zim Smith Trail



Wednesday morning, I was proud to take part in the grand opening of the newly completed Mechanicville section of the Zim Smith Trail. What a terrific trail with incredible scenic beauty!

As noted on Saratoga Plan's website, the Zim Smith Trail will be the backbone of the County trail system, and is a 9-mile, multi-use trail connecting Ballston Spa to Coon's Crossing in Halfmoon, through the towns of Ballston, Malta, and Clifton Park, and the Village of Round Lake. Most of the trail is asphalt, with some hard packed dirt sections south of the Village of Round Lake. The trail is well maintained and is excellent for strollers, wheelchairs, and bicycles. This wonderful trail also runs through the Fairways of Halfmoon.

Individuals at Wednesday's grand opening include Libby Smith, whose late husband the trail is named in memory of, Mr. and Mrs. Floud, who owned some of the property, as well as my good friend Henry O'Grady, who is one of the

original trailblazers in the Town of Halfmoon and Saratoga County, and is still active on the Halfmoon Trails Committee.

Above are some photos of the trail itself so you can see how fantastic it is (riding a golf cart on the trail was a one-time thing because nothing motorized is allowed on the trail). During my remarks, I spoke about this incredible trail being part of the Empire State Trail, and recognized all of the trailblazers, past and present. I also spoke about how trails help provide connectivity to towns and opportunities for people to exercise and enjoy the outdoors, especially during the COVID crisis, as many people who never used trails are now discovering just how great they are. Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard on this important project!

Saratoga Motorcycle grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony



As a former small business owner, I always make it a priority to recognize and celebrate small business ribbon cuttings and grand openings. If you have, or know of, a small business holding a grand opening/ribbon cutting, e-mail me at jordan@nysenate.gov and my office and I will be sure to recognize the special event and help celebrate the good news!

Celebrating the ribbon-cutting for Chow Bella

Pictures from the ribbon cutting for Chow Bella, Saratoga's first indoor dog park, are posted above. The park is located at 50 West Ave, and the 7,500 square foot space includes a 3,000 square foot fenced in, climate controlled, indoor dog park, along with a 2,200 square foot retail space. There are self-wash stations and professional grooming services available within the space. I was represented at the ribbon cutting by my Community Liaison, Halie Northrop, who is pictured above presenting a NYS Senate Certificate on my

behalf to Chow Bella Owner Mary Jo English. Congrats to Chow Bella on this wonderful event!

Mohawk Ambulance Open House



Above is a photo from the Mohawk Ambulance Service Brunswick's recent Open House. My Director of Constituent Services, Daniel Casale, represented me at the event and presented Mohawk Ambulance a NYS Senate Certificate of Recognition on my behalf celebrating their new state of the art building located in the Town of Brunswick. Individuals in the picture with Dan include James McPartland, CEO and President of Mohawk Ambulance, John Large, Rensselaer County Regional Manager, and Rensselaer County Legislature member [Todd Tesman](#).

Don't Forget: My Drive-Thru flu Shot Clinic is Saturday, October 3, 9-noon, at Columbia-Greene Community College



My Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic is less than 2 weeks away! I'm proud to sponsor this public health event taking place on Saturday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Columbia-Greene Community College, located at 4400 Route 23, Hudson.

Flu shots for the insured & uninsured on October 3

My Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic on October 3 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 attendees receiving a flu shot.

Free tote bags for attendees

All attendees will receive a free, high-quality tote bag filled with helpful information regarding health care programs and policies. Free flu shots for the uninsured are being provided thanks to the generosity of Mid-Hudson Cable which is joining me in sponsoring this event. Individuals with health insurance are asked to bring their health insurance card.

Pre-registration is necessary for this special event

The Columbia County Department of Health asks attendees to pre-register for my Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic, visit www.columbiacountynyhealth.com and click on the link for the clinic at Columbia-Greene Community College on October 3. You also can call the Department's Drive-Thru Influenza Clinic registration message line at (518) 828-3358, ext. 1310, leave your name and phone number, and a staff member will call you back.

CDC says getting a flu shot is more important than ever

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has strongly advised individuals to consider receiving a flu shot. In fact, the CDC's website states the following: "Getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever during 2020-2021 to protect yourself and the people around you from flu, and to help reduce the strain on healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic."

(<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/vaccinations.htm>).

I hope to see you at Columbia-Greene Community College on Saturday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, for my Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic! Call my office at (518) 371-2751 or email me at jordan@nysenate.gov with any questions. Thank you!

Recognizing more Hometown Heroes for my 43rd Senate District



The very latest edition of my Hometown Heroes for the 43rd Senate District is here! This week I'm honoring Girl Scout Troop 1261 of Stillwater, and MetzWood Insurance of Chatham for their kindness and support of, and service to, the community. These Hometown Heroes make a positive difference and it's wonderful to recognize all they are doing to make our community a better place

to live, work, and raise a family. Hats off to these newest Hometown Heroes for my 43rd Senate District!

Girl Scout Troop 1261, Stillwater

Members of the Girl Scout Troop 1261, Stillwater, along with their Troop Leader Kim Maynard, recently dropped off some delicious Girl Scout Cookies for members of the Stillwater Police Department to enjoy.

MetzWood Insurance, Chatham

MetzWood Insurance continued #MetzWoodCares this week with Mike Van Allen presenting Tim Stever and Chris Dedrick, from the Niverville Fire Department Inc. with a donation. The Niverville Fire Department provides fire and rescue operations in both the Town of Kinderhook and Town of Chatham. When asked why Niverville Fire Department is important to him, Mike said, "If my family's life is put in danger with a fire or catastrophic event, I know the volunteers will be there."

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