



Dear Friend:

Hello, happy Friday, and welcome to my October 2nd edition of the Weekly Wrap. This week, I was happy to attend a fundraiser to support our local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, and I even rode a tractor! It was great to be out supporting our veterans, a cause that is near and dear to me as a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs.

I also participated in the Halfmoon Outdoor Market in the Park, where I was able to speak with my friends, neighbors, and constituents. This week, I attended the grand opening celebrations of two local businesses, Broken Road BBQ, and the expansion of Saratoga Olive Oil, as they opened their new store, bottling and shipping plant in Moreau. You'll read more about these two great businesses in the Wrap. Do you know of a new business opening or a community event happening in your town? Let me know! Please email me at jordan@nysenate.gov or call me at (518) 371-2751 and I will be proud to recognize the event.

In legislative news, our Senate Republican Conference introduced new legislation, the "Election Protection Act," to safeguard our electoral process. With news of misprinted ballots, ballot harvesting and potential fraud, this legislation is necessary to help secure elections. You can read more about this legislative package in my latest Weekly Wrap.

*****Special Note:** My Weekly Wrap will be taking a short break until the first week of November when it will resume. More details on that announcement are below.

As always, for breaking news and important updates on social media, be sure to like, follow, and visit my Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. I'm proud to serve as your voice in the New York State Senate. Have a fantastic weekend!

- Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

My Weekly Wrap taking a brief hiatus, will return in November



In accordance with New York State Senate guidelines regarding mass emails, my Weekly Wrap will be taking a brief hiatus these next few weeks. Rest assured that my Weekly Wrap will return the first Friday of November, bursting with helpful information and news you can use about our state government and local communities. Thank you for reading my Weekly Wrap, it's wonderful being able to share these regular weekly updates with you. See you soon!

Attending the Disabled American Veterans tractor pull fundraiser in Schaghticoke



On Sunday, I had a great time at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds taking part in the tractor pull! I even had an opportunity to address the crowd. My thanks to my good friend Scott Strobe for facilitating this. The tractor pull is an annual event for Disabled American Veterans (DAV) which empowers veterans to live their best life. Last year, the event raised \$18,000 — and they expected to raise even more this year with more participants. I'm pictured above with my good friends Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and Assemblyman Jake Ashby at the event.

Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and we must endeavor to do everything we can to ensure every woman has access to the treatment and testing they need to battle and defeat this disease. My mother is a breast cancer survivor and this issue is deeply personal to me. Help do your part and visit <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer..> to learn more.

Constituent outreach at the Halfmoon Fall Outdoor Market in the Park



Saturday was the perfect day to be serving the 43rd Senate District at my constituent services table at the Halfmoon Outdoor Market. If you or someone you know needs assistance with a New York State Government Agency, please call my office at 518-371-2751, or email me at jordan@nysenate.gov. My staff and I will do everything we can to be of assistance and help you!

Recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month



October is also recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is never acceptable and if you or someone you know is a victim of abuse, help is available. Call the New York State Domestic Hotlines or visit its website at:

<https://opdv.ny.gov/help/dvhotlines.html>. You are not alone, and people are here for you.

Advocating for the re-opening of Billiard Halls in NYS



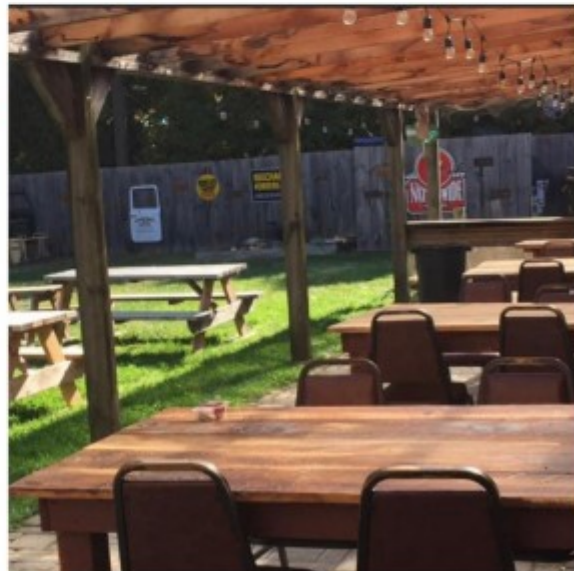
This week, I wrote to Governor Cuomo on behalf of small business owners, and their employees, in my 43rd Senate District asking him to direct the Empire State Development Corporation (ESD) to develop a plan for the immediate reopening of billiard halls throughout our state.

Billiard halls are centered around reserved table spaces and times, and are an experience where groups stay at their table rather than coming and going from their table to other social spaces within the business.

Like other recreational businesses in New York State, billiard halls are ready and willing to cooperate in providing a safe visitor experience, while working to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. I'm hopeful the Governor will listen! To read a copy of my correspondence to the Governor, visit my Senate website at the following link where my letter is posted:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/daphne-jordan/senator-daphne-jordan-advocates-re-opening-billiard-halls-nys>

Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Broken Road BBQ & Bar



I had a great time at Broken Road BBQ & Bar's ribbon-cutting and grand opening in Schaghticoke on Thursday! I'm pictured above with Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, Assemblyman Jake Ashby, and Rensselaer County Legislature Member Daniel Casale.

If you love the food from Chef Heather's Curvy Girls Food Truck & Catering, you're going to crazy love it here! Can't wait to bring the men of my family here... yummy! Congrats to owners Heather and Brian Valade, and the whole team at Broken Road BBQ — and best wishes for incredible success and many well-fed, satisfied, happy customers. GREAT things are happening in Rensselaer County!

Attending the Ribbon Cutting for Saratoga Olive Oil Company's New Location



Thursday also featured the ribbon cutting for Saratoga Olive Oil Company's expanded, brand new store, bottling, and shipping plant in Moreau. Saratoga Olive Oil's new location is an outlet store attached to its bottling and warehouse facility. The business was originally opened in 2011 and has storefronts in downtown Saratoga, Lake Placid, and Burlington, Vermont.

Also in attendance at the ribbon cutting were Moreau Town Supervisor Todd Kusnierz, and Saratoga Olive Oil owners Chad, Barb, and Clint Braidwood. Congratulations to Saratoga Olive Oil on a terrific event, and best wishes for continued success and future growth. The Town of Moreau means business!

New legislation to safeguard the integrity of our elections



NEWS

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I'm proud to support, and have one of my sponsored bills featured in, our Senate Republican Conference's new "Election Protection Act" announced by our Senate Republican Leader Senator Rob Ortt. More details are in the news release featured below.

NYS SENATE REPUBLICANS UNVEIL ELECTION PROTECTION ACT TO ENSURE INTEGRITY IN THE PROCESS

With news of misprinted ballots, ballot harvesting and potential fraud, Republicans propose legislation to secure elections

Albany, NY - The New York State Senate Republican Conference today announced the Election Protection Act of 2020, a package of legislation to secure the integrity of the voting process, and to provide state funding to local election boards for proper PPE and supplies for safe in-person voting. Already, 100,000 mail-in ballots in New York City have been misprinted, 800 ballots on Long Island must be resent, and a ballot harvesting scandal has emerged in Minnesota. On top of mail-in voter problems and the potential for fraud, New York requires no identification at polling sites as a majority of states do for security purposes.

The Election Protection Act of 2020:

S.2091 (Ortt) – Requires voters to present a valid photo identification.

S.7621 (Jordan) - Requires that any application to vote “made simultaneously and integrated with an application for a motor vehicle drivers' license” shall require the applicant to provide their social security number to prevent illegal immigrants from purposefully or inadvertently registering to vote in the wake of the Greenlight Law.

S.8506 (Borrello) - Prohibits ballot harvesting.

S.9006 (Ritchie) - Creates the crime of voter intimidation or harassment. A person would be guilty of voter intimidation or harassment when he or she, with intent to influence how an individual votes in an election: (1) intentionally harasses or intimidates another person or engages in a course of conduct or by committing acts which place such person in reasonable fear of physical injury; or (2) threatens retaliation against such individual based on the individual voting for a certain candidate, proposition or ballot measure.

S.9007 (Ritchie) – Establishes the New York Voter Integrity Fund and repeals the State Campaign Finance Fund. Money from the fund could be used by the Board of Elections for expenses related to personal protective equipment (PPEs), poll worker wages, pre-paid postage for absentee ballots, absentee ballot envelopes, mail notification cards, absentee ballot applications, and absentee ballots.

S.8998 (Funke) - Remove a voter from voting rolls due to death. The State Board of Elections would be required to annually review the social security administration death master file and notify the relevant local board of elections of any and all deceased voters on their registration roll. The local board of elections would then be required to remove the deceased voter from the roll.

“Elections are the lifeblood of our democracy. That’s why ensuring an election process that’s safe, honest, and fair is critically important, and should be a bi-partisan priority. Every vote counts, and the integrity of our elections process must be protected from mistakes and outright election fraud. That cannot be tolerated. Our ‘Election Protection Act’ would do exactly that and help protect our elections from fraud, COVID, and other threats so voters can exercise their civic duty and do so safely and securely with full confidence in the integrity of our electoral process. My bill in particular would ensure that the Green Light Law isn't abused as a gateway to voter fraud that is so corrosive to our democracy,” Senator Daphne Jordan said.

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Calling on the Department of Health to require COVID-19 testing for Health Inspectors before Nursing Home visits



Also on Thursday, I sent a letter to NYS Department of Health Commissioner Howard Zucker asking that DOH require its health inspectors to begin following state requirements and receive COVID-19 testing – and be cleared as not having COVID – before their admittance to a nursing home or adult care facility. Nursing homes need to see proof of their negative timely tests. These are reasonable, rational, fact-based requests that the health professionals at DOH should readily accede to.

Throughout the Coronavirus crisis, Rensselaer County, County Executive Steve McLaughlin, and Van Rensselaer Manor Rehabilitation & Nursing Home have continually taken extraordinary steps to protect and ensure the health, safety, and well-being of residents, especially senior citizens who are among the most at-risk from death or extreme illness due to COVID-19 exposure.

The fact that there has only been a solitary case of COVID-19 at the Van Rensselaer Manor Nursing Home since the outbreak began, illustrates the hard work, dedication, and forward-thinking of the facility staff and Rensselaer County's continued, rigorous adherence to health and safety protocols. You can read a copy of the letter posted on my Senate website by clicking here:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/daphne-jordan/senator-jordan-calls-nys-department-health-require-covid-19>

More Hometown Heroes for my 43rd Senate District!



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





Recognizing the wonderful people, small businesses, and local communities that continue going above – and beyond – in meeting local needs is something I look forward to every week in announcing my Hometown Heroes.

The latest edition of my Hometown Heroes for the 43rd Senate District does exactly this, recognizing and celebrating Prestwick Chase at Saratoga, along with Fidelis Care, United Way and Greene Medical Arts Pharmacy for their positive community contributions. Job well done to all of these terrific, difference-making Hometown Heroes for my 43rd Senate District!

Prestwick Chase, Saratoga

Saratoga Springs High School recently received a donation of 75 Adirondack chairs from Prestwick Chase at Saratoga. The chairs will be placed in the outdoor courtyard of the high school to increase the amount of socially distanced seating and help provide for student health, safety, and well-being.

Fidelis Care, United Way, and Greene Medical Arts Pharmacy

Ichabod Crane Central School District recently received a donation of personal protective equipment (PPE) from Fidelis Care, United Way and Greene Medical Arts Pharmacy. Peter Gannon (United Way) Katie Nelson (United Way), Deb LaDue (Fidelis Care), Chris White (Fidelis Care), Srinivas Velesetty (Greene Medical Arts Pharmacy) all stopped by to drop off their donations to District Superintendent Suzanne Guntlow, High School Principal Craig Shull, and High School TA Robin Sullivan. The sizable donation included face masks, hand sanitizers, antibacterial wipes, and even some backpacks! The district will distribute the PPE items and backpacks to local students in need.

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