



Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the December 4th version of my Weekly Wrap! Earlier this week was “Giving Tuesday,” a special day to give back and help make a positive difference by supporting charitable causes. I have a special message in this week’s Wrap about how you can support the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library, an institution that’s near and dear to me, having served as Trustee, Member of the Executive Committee, and Treasurer for the library, currently serving as a Director on the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Foundation, along with being a proud, long-time, strong supporter of youth literacy programs and our excellent public libraries.

Also this week, I announced new, bipartisan legislation with Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara to support our restaurants and taverns that are struggling during the ongoing COVID outbreak. You can read more about my legislation below.

Additionally, I was glad to participate in the New York State Farm Bureau’s virtual meeting this week via Zoom to discuss legislative priorities with local farmers. As a member of the New York State Senate Agriculture Committee, and as a member of the Farm Bureau’s “Circle of Friends,” I’m proud to support legislation that aids our hard-working family farmers. You’ll also read about a new, bipartisan State Law that I co-sponsored aimed at reducing road salt pollution and protecting drinking water in the Adirondack Park.

As we prepare to enter a new legislative session, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at jordan@nysenate.gov or call my district office at (518) 371-2751. Thank you for reading and subscribing to my Weekly Wrap. It’s an honor and a privilege to serve you!

– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

Supporting “Small Business Saturday”



Last Saturday was “Small Business Saturday” and this year shopping local is more important than ever! As we rebuild from the coronavirus pandemic, our local small businesses need our support and quite frankly, they deserve it. So if you can, make sure to buy gifts from local small businesses this holiday season and throughout next year.

Shopping local at Halfmoon Evergreen



Also, last Saturday, as part of Small Business Saturday, I visited Dave Pingelski at Halfmoon Evergreen when I heard he needed NYS Hand Sanitizer. The fantastic selection of trees and wreaths at Halfmoon Evergreen was impressive, with the perfect one waiting for you to take home! I also learned that wreaths for the Veterans Memorial and First Responders Memorial in Halfmoon are made by Halfmoon Evergreen, as well as hundreds of wreaths for the Halfmoon Baseball and Softball fundraisers. The Halfmoon Gazebo Tree and Memorial Tree will be cut down very soon by Dave as well! I was proud to support this local business, and all of our small businesses, that do so much for our communities.

Introducing the “Save Our New York State Restaurants Act”



Our restaurants and taverns are vital small businesses that are struggling like never before because of the ongoing COVID outbreak. That's why I recently introduced Senate Bill S.9050, the “Save Our New York State Restaurants Act,”

bipartisan legislation that would provide a sales tax holiday for food and beverage sales at restaurants and taverns. A link to the press release from myself and Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara (who is sponsoring this measure in the Assembly) that we issued earlier this week is below.

I'll continue working to advance real solutions designed to help support and strengthen our small businesses (which employ more than half of all New Yorkers!) that need our assistance now, more than ever. To read my press release and learn more about this bipartisan bill click here: <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/daphne-jordan/senator-jordan-and-assemblyman-santabarbara-champion-save-our>.

Speaking with Capital Tonight's Nick Reisman regarding my new bipartisan legislation to help small businesses



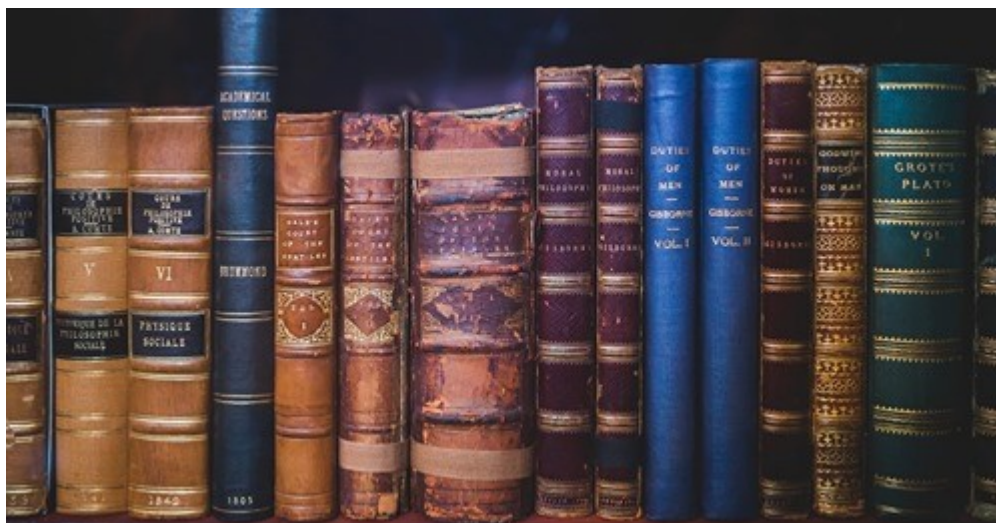
Tuesday morning, I spoke with *Capital Tonight* reporter Nick Reisman regarding my Save Our New York State Restaurants Act. You can read Nick's story in Spectrum News' *State of Politics* blog here:

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/hudson-valley/ny-state-of-politics/2020/12/01/small-businesses-in-new-york-face-covid-reckoning>.

The *Saratogian* also reported on my legislation, you can read the coverage here:

https://www.saratogian.com/news/state-legislators-champion-bipartisan-save-our-new-york-state-restaurants-act/article_8e03e944-3343-11eb-b758-173340e0f2ea.html.

Supporting the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library



In addition to being your State Senator, I also have the privilege of serving as a Director on the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Foundation. In this leadership capacity, I've seen firsthand the library's countless good works in helping our community, promoting a lifelong love of literacy and learning, and connecting children and families with a world of educational and cultural opportunities. I recently shared a recent message from my good friend and colleague Francine Rodger, President of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Foundation regarding "Giving Tuesday," which was Tuesday, December 1.

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving celebrated in the United States on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving that helps encourage acts of generosity during the holidays and on every Tuesday. As part of Giving Tuesday, the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library is specifically seeking community support for its efforts to continue bridging the digital divide in acquiring Hot Spots and Chromebooks for use by residents to help them stay connected with family, work, telehealth, schooling and more during the ongoing COVID outbreak. The Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library recently received a generous grant from Stewarts Shop's that will be utilized to purchase Chromebooks. However, more support is still needed to ensure the continued success of the library's efforts.

I encourage you to join me in supporting the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Foundation and donating to its campaign to acquire more Hot Spots and Chromebooks. Visit the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Foundation at the following link – <https://cphlibrary-foundation.org/> – to learn more and donate. Further details on mail in donations for the Clifton Park-Halfmoon

Library Foundation are listed in Francine Rodger's email below. Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful community resource!



**The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Foundation Invites You to Help Them
Help Our Neighbors**

**Francine Rodger, President of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library
Foundation, has a message for our community:**

A year ago when we formed the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Foundation we had an idea of how we would be proceeding. As you all know, we were quite wrong. In the past nine months, our library has had to adjust to a vastly changing landscape, and the staff and Board have done an amazing job. While making many changes, they have uncovered a need which was less apparent a year ago. You may have heard the term "bridging the digital divide." It means getting access to the Internet for individuals who, for whatever reason, cannot access it.

Libraries once again have found a way to help. They acquire what are known as portable hot spots (cellular access to the internet) and Chromebook computers that can be checked out by patrons, giving them Internet access for the period of the loan. Hot spots cost about \$360 a year and Chromebooks are about \$300. The Friends of the Library recently received a grant from Stewart's Shops that will be used to purchase Chromebooks, and we invite you to make a donation of any size to help as well. While it is not a permanent solution, it does fill a need for a short time, allowing someone to talk with far away family via Zoom or Skype, or do a tele-health visit, or countless other things.

To help the Library meet this need, the Foundation is participating in Giving Tuesday, an international day of community on Tuesday, December 1. Will you help? Your donation, on December 1, or any day, can make a big difference in reaching our goal for this project.

Please make checks payable to the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Foundation. You may leave checks at the Library Welcome Desk (please write Foundation GT Campaign on the envelope) or mail it to the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Foundation, Giving Tuesday Campaign, 475 Moe Rd, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Let's join hands to help a neighbor bridge the digital divide.

Participating in the New York State Farm Bureau Zoom meeting



On Wednesday, I had the privilege of participating in a New York Farm Bureau meeting via Zoom. It was great to speak with Brian Ziehm of Tiashoke Farm in Buskirk, Tony LaPierre of Rusty Creek Farm, LLC, Mike Schwerd of Saratoga Sod Farm in Stillwater, and Kim Trombly, NYFB Field Advisor.

Protecting our environment



This week, Governor Cuomo signed the “Randy Preston Road Salt Reduction Act,” a bipartisan bill aimed at reducing road salt pollution and protecting drinking water in the Adirondack Park into State law. I co-sponsored this common-sense measure that seeks to limit the 300 million pounds of salt dumped annually in the Adirondack Park. As noted in the *Adirondack Almanac*, the new law that I cosponsored creates a Task Force and directs state transportation, public health, and environmental officials to assist with a three-year study that will test new methods to better manage roadways during the winter months. The measure also establishes an Adirondack Road Salt Reduction Task Force and Pilot Program, from October 2021 through 2024, to test alternative measures already shown to work better and cost less than current winter road maintenance practices, while safeguarding highway safety.

NYS DOT notice on State Route 4 Bridge closure



Attention travelers over the State Route 4 bridge: The New York State Department of Transportation has announced that scheduled repairs to the bridge began Thursday, December 3rd, and will continue for the next 3 weeks. More details are in the flyer above.

Tis the Season: Kinderhook December Nights 2020



DECEMBER NIGHTS 2020

A STROLL THROUGH HISTORIC KINDERHOOK VILLAGE

December 1st to January 1st

VILLAGE SQUARE WINTER WONDERLAND HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE & DECORATED DOORS



**EAT, DRINK, AND
BE MERRY!**

Cosmic Donuts • Dyad Wine Bar • Saisonier
Samascott's Garden Market • Unique Nutrition

**SANTA STATIONS
DEC. 4
6pm to 7:30pm**

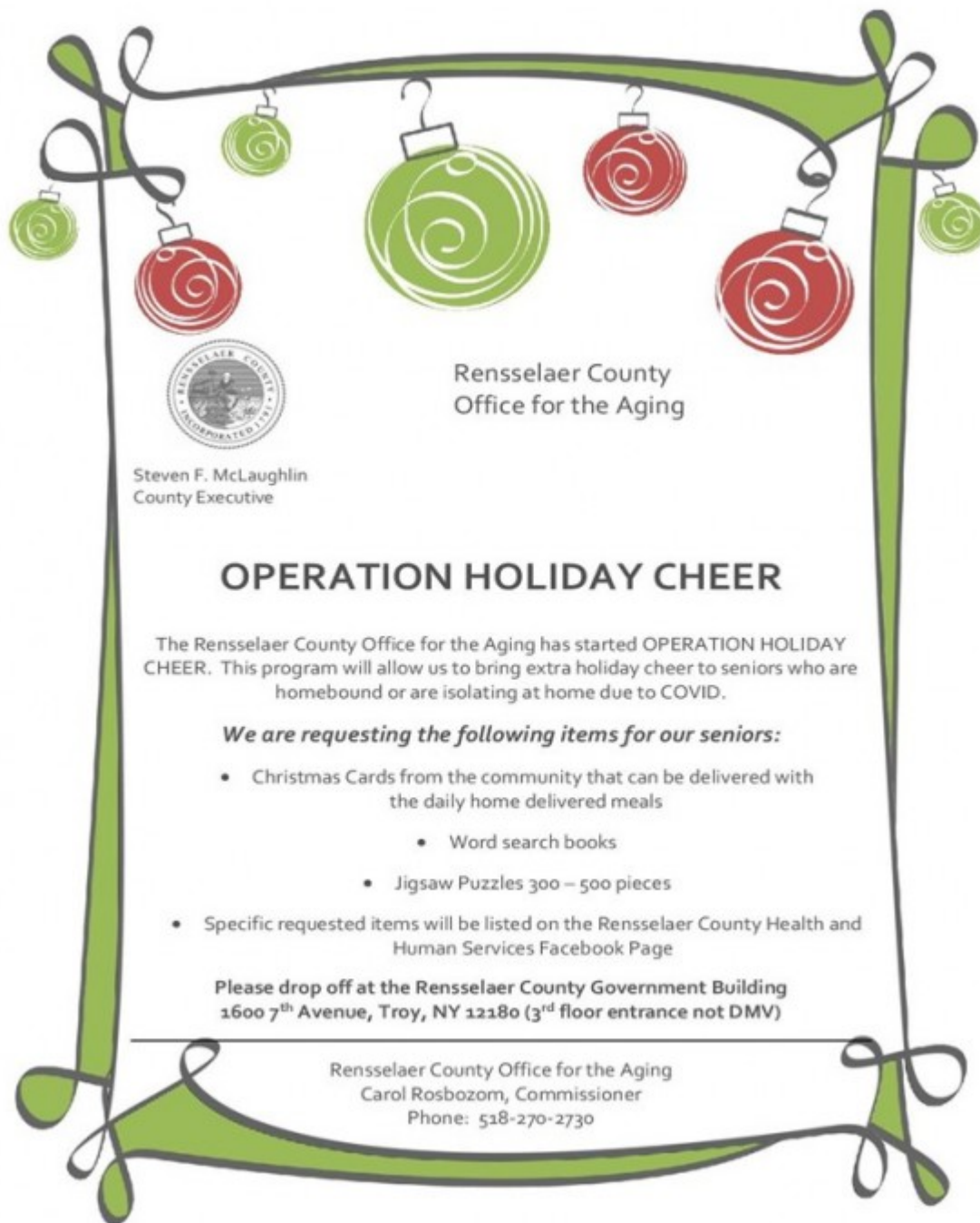
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• CLICK HERE FOR MAP OF DECORATED DOORS •

The holiday season is in full effect in the Village of Kinderhook. In fact, tonight, both Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting! You can find more information about this wonderful event celebrating the spirit of the season at www.villageofkinderhook.org.

Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and the Rensselaer County Office for the Aging launch “Operation Holiday Cheer”



It's the season of giving, and Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and the Rensselaer County Office of the Aging have launched "Operation Holiday Cheer" to help bring the holidays to homebound seniors. More details on Rensselaer County's wonderful program are in the flyer pasted above. Thank you to Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, and the Rensselaer County Office for Aging, for helping make the season brighter!

Halfmoon Celebrations Events: Marketplace on Candy Cane Lane this Saturday



Marketplace
On
Candy Cane Lane

Saturday
December 5, 2020
11:00am-6:30pm
Town of Halfmoon
2 Halfmoon Town Plaza

**Find that special gift
from one of our
Local Crafters or Vendors
at our
Holiday Marketplace**

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Be sure to stop by Marketplace on Candy Cane Lane this Saturday, December 5th, for an outdoor event at the Halfmoon Town Plaza! For more information, view the Facebook event page [here](#).

Special video tribute to Senator Joe Bruno



On Wednesday, November 26, an incredible tribute to an incredible public servant, my good friend, our good friend, Senator Joe Bruno, was shared via social media. My thanks to our Senate Republican Leader, Senator Rob Ortt, for this wonderful, heartfelt video tribute that I was so honored to be part of in remembering Senator Bruno's fantastic legacy of service and leadership. You can watch this special celebration of the life, legacy, and leadership of Senator Joe Bruno via my Senate Facebook page at the following link (you'll need to be signed into Facebook to access the video): www.facebook.com/SenatorDaphneJordan. God bless Senator Joe Bruno!

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