



Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the December 24th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

**BIG happenings:**

- Merry Christmas!
- My Letter to the Governor in support of mom-and-pop landlords
- Retirement Celebration for David Harris Schodack Town Supervisor.

**Other important news:**

- Take my Legislative Questionnaire
- Businesses to check out
  - The Village at Prime at Saratoga National

As always, I want to hear from YOU. 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. Thank you for reading and subscribing to my Weekly Wrap. It's an honor and a privilege serving you!

– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

Merry Christmas!



From the Jordan Family to yours, Merry Christmas! These past two years have been especially challenging for all of us but that is all the more reason to celebrate what we have now. I am especially grateful to be able to spend Christmas with my husband Phil, and my sons, Lane and James. My hope is that this Christmas you will also know the love of family and friends. Once again, Merry Christmas to everyone in the 43rd District!





### Climate Action Council wants to reduce 'Upstate wood smoke'

At a time when rising energy prices are already hurting NY families, we see yet another potential policy from Albany that could drive home heating costs even higher. Did the Council consult with the thousands of people, so many of whom are in upstate, who use wood as fuel to heat their homes?

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### EDITORIAL: Crack down on permit system fraud

Seems that about the only people who didn't anticipate fraud and cheating associated with the state Department of Motor Vehicle's online driver's permit program was the Department of Motor Vehicles itself.

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### Advocates want excluded workers fund to be permanent

Advocates and state lawmakers on Thursday called for a permanent extension of a fund that provided relief for workers who did not qualify for federal unemployment and pandemic aid.

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### Census: New York's population dropped by more than 300,000 people in one year

Census data released Monday found New York state had the steepest annual population decline in the country between from July 2020 to July 2021, losing more than 1.5% of its people during that 12-month period.

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## Supporting Small Landlords



# NEWS

from New York State Senator Daphne Jordan

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Since the start of the pandemic small mom-and-pop landlords have been struggling to get the support they need to stay afloat. For many of these people the monthly rent money from their rental property is the bulk of their income and for many of them they have had to forgo that income since March of 2020. Yet in that time they have still been required to pay their mortgage, pay their utilities, and pay their property taxes. The State promised to cover these costs with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) but has failed to deliver on that promise. Please read my letter to Governor Hochul, urging her to help the mom-and-pop landlords that have been abandoned by Albany.

Read My Letter

## Retirement Celebration for David Harris



Congratulations to David Harris who is retiring as the Supervisor of the Town of Schodack. David was first elected in 2017 and has done a fantastic job leading the town since then. Before being elected as Supervisor, David Harris spent a lifetime in service to his community. He served in law enforcement for over 35 years, at every level from the Town of Schodack, to the Rensselaer County Sheriff, to an Inspector for the NYSDMV, and 5 years at U.S Customs. Throughout that entire time David also served as volunteer Firefighter and EMT with the South Schodack Fire Department and the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Squad. We cannot thank David enough for his incredible dedication and service to the community.

In recognition of his great service to the Town of Schodack, Rensselaer County, New York State, and the United States, I am proud to present a New York State Senate Proclamation to David B. Harris. Thank you to Halie Northrop, my District Community Liaison for presenting the Proclamation, and thank you David for all of your exemplary service to the people of New York.

## Legislative Questionnaire 2022



As your State Senator, my top priority is representing and serving you. Collecting your thoughts and concerns in this survey helps me do that best and will shape my legislative agenda for 2022.

Please note that due to the high volume of surveys received, I cannot respond to each survey individually, but the collective results will inform my votes in Albany. Individual responses will be kept confidential. Completed surveys will be tallied and the results published on my Senate website.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss an issue or if I can ever be of assistance to you and your family. You may call my district office at (518) 371-2751, or email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov).

Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts on the issues facing our state. My best to you and your loved ones for a safe, healthy, and enjoyable holiday season.

Take the Questionnaire





## The Village at Prime



This week Prime at Saratoga National celebrated the grand opening of the Village at Prime. This new outdoor dining experience consists of solar-heated pods that will allow groups to eat outside in comfort even during the cold winter months. A special congratulations to Angelo Mazzone and Antonio Dixon for all of their hard work to bring this unique experience to Saratoga.

I want to thank the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for helping organize the celebration, and thank you to Debbie Curto from my staff for being there today. These pods will be set up until April so be sure to check them out.

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