

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the November 11th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- Congratulations to newly and re-elected Senators:
 - Jake Ashby
 - Michelle Hinchey
 - Jim Tedisco
- Chaplin Paul O'Keefe Commendation Award
- Rensselaer County Veterans Breakfast
- Shenendehowa Veterans Day Program

Other important news:

- Honoring those who have served on Veterans Day
- Happy Birthday to the United State Marine Corps
- Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Giving Tuesday
- Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration
- Thanksgiving Food Drive

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at 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

IN THE NEWS



Red Cross to hold food and sneaker drive for veterans

This Sunday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m, the American Red Cross of Eastern New York Region will be hosting a food drive for the Albany Stratton VA.

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State surpasses \$500M in mobile sports wagering tax revenue

As Ranker of the Senate's Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee, getting Sports Betting right in New York was important. This is good news for the State going forward.

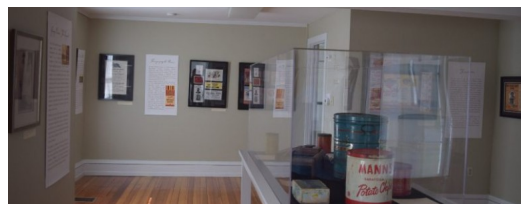
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October inflation breakdown

Inflation remains high at 7.7% but that is down slightly from previous highs. Families are still feeling the pinch of inflation with food and housing costs remaining incredibly high. We must continue to work on mitigating the effects of inflation.

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On Exhibit: History of Saratoga chips explored at Brookside Museum; chips and beer fest set

BALLSTON SPA — Local lore has always abounded surrounding Saratoga's ties to the much-loved crunchy, crispy snack: the potato chip. Some of those stories will be celebrated on Saturday with the Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival at Brookside Museum, home of the Saratoga County History Center.

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Congratulations to all newly and re-elected Senators



This year's redistricting of the legislative maps split the current 43rd Senate District, which I represent, into three new Senate districts effective January 1st, 2023. The three new Senators for these new districts are, Jake Ashby, Michelle Hinchey, and Jim Tedisco.

Assemblyman Jake Ashby won the race for the newly drawn 43rd Senate District and will represent all of Rensselaer County, more than half of Washington County, and the Northeast corner of Albany County in January. Jake has been a member of the Assembly since 2018, and currently represents parts of Rensselaer and Columbia Counties.

Senator Michelle Hinchey won the election for the new 41st Senate District and will represent all of Columbia and Greene Counties, as well as parts of Ulster and Dutchess Counties. Senator Hinchey has represented the existing 46th District since 2020.

Senator Jim Tedisco won the election for the new 44th Senate District and will represent all of Saratoga County, the City of Schenectady and the Town of Niskayuna. As a sitting Senator, Tedisco has represented the existing 49th Senate District since 2016 and was a member of the Assembly from 1983 to 2016.

My staff and I will continue to serve the people of the current 43rd Senate District until December 31st and are ready to handle any questions or concerns you might

have. If, however, you have any long-term requests or concerns that will go into 2023, I recommend reaching out to the people who will represent you going forward.

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Chaplain Paul O'Keefe Commendation Award



Last night, I was proud to present my good friend Paul O'Keefe with a New York State Commendation Award honoring his service to our nation and our veterans.

Mr. O'Keefe is a 90 year young Korean War veteran who served with the 24th Infantry Division. He served for 13 months in South Korea alongside his brothers in the 24th Division as they held off North Korean forces. In the 24th division, there were 3,735 killed in action and 7,395 wounded during the war. Paul O'Keefe was honorably discharged on March 16, 1953, and for his courageous service received the US Army Infantry Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Sharp Shooter Award, and the United Nations Service Medal, among others.

After his military service, Paul O'Keefe has made it a point to serve his community. He is an active member of the Hemstreet Fire Department, served as the Commander and Chaplain of the Adirondack Chapter 60 Korean War Veterans Association and Chaplain at the Saratoga County Honor a Deceased Veteran

Ceremonies. He has been at many community events representing the Chapter, and attends numerous veterans events throughout the Capital Region individually, showing his support for active duty members and his fellow veterans.

Paul O'Keefe has been involved with numerous charitable causes over the years, and he personally pushed a wheel barrel from Mechanicville to Albany to raise awareness for Muscular Dystrophy, which was highlighted by Jerry Lewis, who invited Paul to spend a weekend at his camp located in Star Lake that supports those effected by the disease.

Paul O'Keefe continues to do everything he can to be a humble and active member of the community, and very involved head of his family, which now includes eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

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Rensselaer County Veterans Breakfast



The 23rd Annual Rensselaer County Veterans Breakfast at the American Legion Melvin Roads Post 1231 Sunday morning served up a hearty breakfast to our true heroes - our military veterans. The message sent: We appreciate you, we respect you and we thank you. Thank you for your service. Thank you for your sacrifice and thank you for answering the call to defend our freedoms. We also give a

special thanks to the families of the men and women of our armed forces who have sacrificed and been without loved ones serving far from home. This week let us all honor those who have worn the uniform of the United States.

Shenendehowa Veterans Day Program



Thank you to Superintendent Dr. Oliver Robinson and High School Principal Ron Agostinoni at Shenenedehowa for inviting me to your annual Veterans Day Program at High School East. This morning's event honored local veterans in attendance and featured Chief Master Sergeant Denny Richardson, Command Chief of the NY National Guard as Keynote Speaker. After the program, veterans were going to speak and share their experiences and expertise with many of the high school classes. It is important for all of our students to learn about and recognize the service and selfless sacrifice of our veterans. Serving on the Senate Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee, I have met many veterans in the Capital Region and was happy to see some of them at Shen today including those in VFW Post 1494 who served as Colorguard for today's ceremony, School Resource Officer and Veteran Deputy JE Muller, Lt. Commander Peter O'Connor and father of one of my staff members, and Veteran Alfred Karam who is also Shen's Director of Transportation. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the excellent music honoring the USA and our veterans provided by the Shen Music Department...Mostly a Cappella, High School Wind Ensemble and the High School East Chamber Orchestra. I am happy to thank our veterans not just on Veterans Day, but each and every day. THANK YOU!

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Honoring those who have served on Veterans Day



Each and every American owes our freedom to our nation's brave veterans. With their blood, sweat, and tears, they have served and sacrificed for all of us.

Today and everyday, we honor and thank our American Veterans. Happy Veterans Day.

Happy Birthday to the United State Marine Corps



“The few, the proud, the Marines.”

Yesterday we recognized the Marines’ Birthday. For 247 years, with steadfast loyalty and bravery, the United States Marines have ensured the freedom and safety of all Americans.

Semper Fidelis!

Stay Tuned!



Just in time for Veterans Day the Governor plans to sign two of my statewide Veterans Bills! More news to follow!

Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Giving
Tuesday

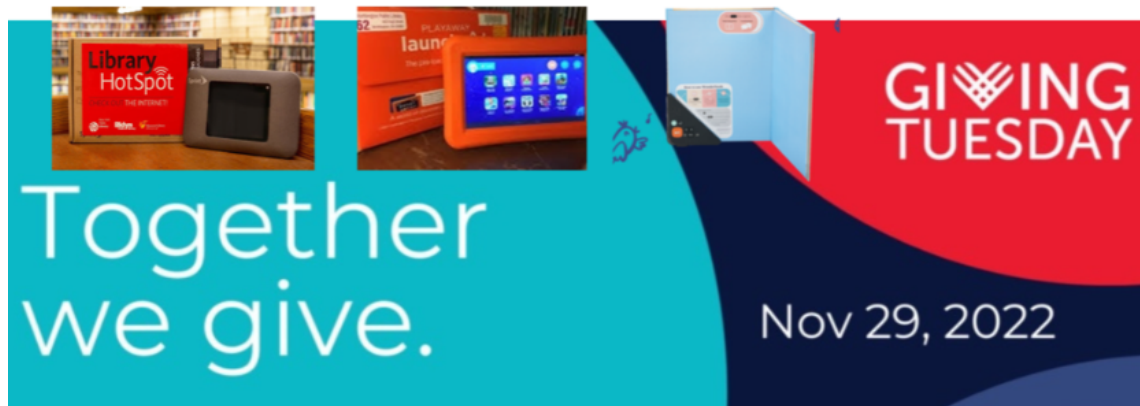


In the 19th century Libraries shared scarce resources, BOOKS, with their communities. In the 21st century the scarce resource is the INTERNET and TECHNOLOGY

Established on the 50th anniversary of the Library, the goal of the Foundation is to enrich the overall services of the Library by funding programs and projects that traditionally are not or would not be financed through local tax dollars or other public resources reflected in the annual library budget.

You Can Help

Make a donation on Giving Tuesday to provide additional funds for Hot Spots, Launchpads and Wonderbooks. Go to our website, www.cphlibrary-foundation.org to make a donation and while there sign up to be on our email list. Or mail your donation to us at CPH Library Foundation, 475 Moe Rd. Clifton Park 12065



Attention Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library patrons! Consider your Giving Tuesday gift to the Library Foundation to purchase Hot Spots, Launchpads and Wonder Books. I'm proud to be a Director of the Clifton Park - Halfmoon Library Foundation. Please Help!

CPH Library Foundation

Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration



To celebrate and honor the Thanksgiving holiday, I will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Day Celebration for students to take part in.

The theme for this year's program is **“What qualities do you have that you are thankful for?”** Participating students will submit electronically—in JPEG or PDF format via my official Senate website—an original poem, short essay, or artwork expressing what qualities they have that they are thankful for. All submissions will be published on the website and participating students will receive a personalized certificate from me.

[Submit Your Entry Here](#)

Thanksgiving Food Drive

16th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Sponsored by: Toyota of Clifton Park, C.J. & Carmine DeCrescente and all employees, John & Amy Pickett, Evolution, Bruce Tanski & Snyder's Restaurant, Scott Earl & Prestige Vending, G.A. Bove Fuels, Vince Laurenzo and Quick Response, CarFax, Hannaford Supermarkets, Ernie Zecca, Charles Dyer & Son Inc., The Richardson Family in Memory of Ann Marie, Nick & Marie Rinaldi & Family, The Mark Mondoux Scholarship, The Express, Rotary E-Club of Upstate NY, Michael & Jane Zurlo, Carol & Al Dorn, Josh & Krista Phelps, Val's Sporting Goods, Arvin Hart Fire Department, New Country Motor Car Corp., William J. Dyer & Son, Carola, Bagnoli, and Tollisen, New Country Lexus of Latham, Greg & Marie Miller, The Izzo Family, The Boucher Family, Jan & Steve Ascenzi, DeVito Salvatore Funeral Home, Del's Wine and Spirits, John Greene

The Challenge: To collect enough food by noon, Nov. 18th to feed over 1,000 families in our local area...
(Mechanicville, Halfmoon, Pittstown, Schaghticoke, Stillwater and Clifton Park)

DROP OFF BOXES ARE SET UP AT:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toyota of Clifton Park • The Express Office • DeCrescente Distributing • The Connors Agency • Bubbles • LaVigna Agency • The End Zone | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legends Barbershop • G.A.Bove Fuels • Très Jolie Hair Salon • Undeniable Nutrition • Valley Falls Library • The Diver Library • Temple Baptist Church | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanicville Chiropractic • Mechanicville Country Living • Nickleback Bottle Return • Town Halls of Halfmoon, Pittstown, Stillwater, and Schaghticoke • Sub King • Highway Tabernacle Church | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Saints on the Hudson • St. Luke's on the Hill (Thurs-Sun) • Kearney's Service Center • United Methodist Church • Commissioner of Accounts Office, Mechanicville City Hall |
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Any other area businesses who would like to have a drop box please call Mike at 664-4444 or Cindy at 664-3335.

In these difficult times, let's all try to help our neighbors who are in great need this Thanksgiving.

All donations are welcome.

Items Needed:

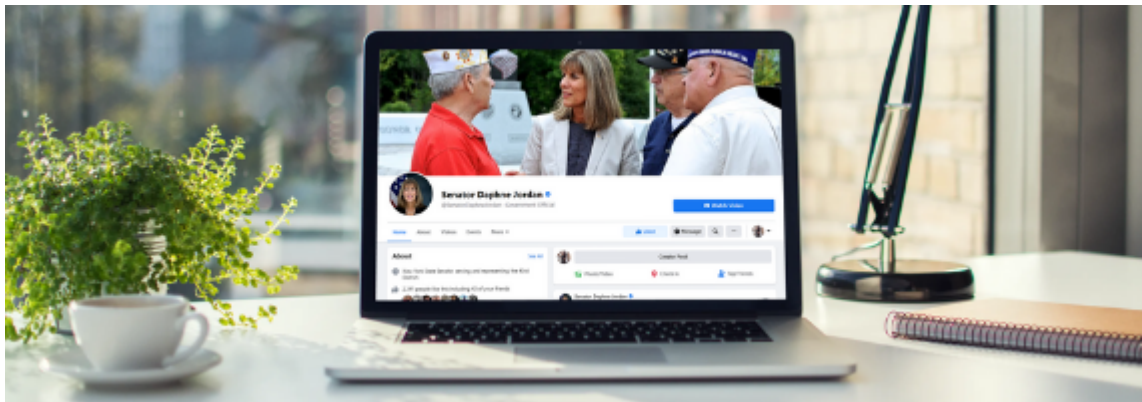
Canned vegetables, potato flakes, stuffing, muffin mixes, jello, pastry shells, gravy, gift cards, coffee, tea, pickles, cranberries, soup, peanut butter, cereal, rice tuna and pasta.

Thank you for your support!

Questions: call Mike Raucci at 664-4444 or Tom & Cindy Mahoney at 664-3335

Thanksgiving is an important time of the year for family and friends to get together and celebrate their blessings in life. If you are able please consider donating to families in need this Thanksgiving at one of the many drop off pints above.

Stay up-to-date with me throughout the week
on Social Media!



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