

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the October 14th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- Hudson Valley Community College Career Jam
- Grand Opening of the Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitors Center
- Halfmoon and Saratoga County Historical Society Countywide Museum Open House
- My article in the Saratogian regarding mom-and-pop landlords who are still hurting from Albany's bureaucratic bungling on ERAP
- Groundbreaking for Saratoga Spa State Park Improvements

## **Other important news:**

- Celebrating Columbus Day
- Happy Birthday US Navy
- Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration
- Ribbon Cuttings:
  - My Lighthouse: Indoor Play Gym at Discovery Place Learning Center
  - Sixth Generation Strings
  - Grand Re-Opening of Comfort Inn & Suites

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

# IN THE NEWS



## U.S. inflation pressures further intensified in September

The pain of inflation is crushing New Yorkers. At a time when families need economic relief, One-Party Albany continues to spend more and regulate more. We need a balanced government that will address the needs of every New Yorker.

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## Churchill: Hochul's answers about \$637M deal fall way short

The Governor has failed in her obligation to be transparent with New Yorkers. Her Pay-to-Play schemes are taken right out of her predecessor's playbook. It seems that the only constant in One-Party Albany is the taxpayers paying, and the politicians playing.

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## Constitutionality of using COVID-19 as excuse to vote absentee on line

It's always great to see my staff make the paper!

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## And the busiest Stewart's Shop is in ... Wilton?

Right here in the 43rd District! Stewart's is one of the best hometown brands the Capital Region has to offer. I know the Stewart's around the corner from my house is always busy thanks to the hard work and friendly faces of the people who work there.

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# Hudson Valley Community College Career Jam



Yesterday Career Jam, Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Hudson Valley Community College joined together with local businesses for one of the biggest career fairs I have ever seen. Thousands of students from across the Capital Region were able to partake in hands-on skill demos with prospective employers to discover and explore their interests and local career pathways. To see so many students fully engaged, excited and inspired leads me to think that the Capital Region will soon be able to fill its workforce needs.

Hudson Valley Community College hosted yesterday's Career Jam. Community colleges like HVCC provide real-world skills to their students and prepare them to enter the workforce.

It was a pleasure to see so many friends. Among them were President of HVCC Dr. Ramsammy, Career Jam Co-founder Bill Teator, Regional Director Workforce Development Institute Crickett Thomas-O'Dell, Capital Region Workforce Development Board Executive Director Brian Williams, Rensselaer County Regional Chamber President Kate Manley, Rensselaer County Director of Operations Rich Crist, and Plug Power Inc. Workforce Development Manger Matt Grattan.

## Grand Opening of the Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitors Center



The Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitors Center is finally finished. Good things rarely come easy and this was a project that took over a decade in the making. Many years, many ideas, legislation, grants and many people methodically brought the Visitors Center about. It introduces locals and visitors to the communities in Rensselaer, Saratoga and Washington Counties and highlights the internationally significant stories of the historic waterways and their role in the formation and development of the United States.

The project was spearheaded by the Historic Hudson Hoosic Partnership representing municipal and non-profit entities along the Hudson and Hoosic waterways. I was happy to join Chairman of the Partnership and Mechanicville Supervisor Tom Richardson, Saratoga Supervisor Tom Wood, Schuylerville Mayor Dan Carpenter, Director of the Canal Corp. Brian Stratton, Senator Roy McDonald, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner and Todd Shimkus, President of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for Saturday's historical ribbon-cutting. I

encourage everyone to visit Schuylerville, you will be impressed with the Visitors Center, enjoy shopping at the new businesses in town and love having a cup of coffee there too!

Historic Hudson Hoosic Partnership Website

## Halfmoon Historical Society and Saratoga County History Center Countywide Museum Open House



This past weekend the Halfmoon Historical Society partnered with Saratoga County History Center to participate in a Countywide Museum Open House. This program ran all weekend from Monday from 11 AM to 2 PM each day. Among the exhibits in Halfmoon were two unique exhibits on display, "The Story of Quilting" featuring quilts from the Underground Railroad and the 1937 Home Bureau Quilt with 600 local names embroidered on it including the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, and "One Room School House Setting" which has school records from Shenendehowa Central School District stretching back over 100 years. Thank you to Town Historian and Town Clerk Lynda Bryan and Nancy Morris for their work putting these interesting exhibits on display.

Halfmoon Historical Society Website

Saratoga County Historical Society Website

## My article in the Saratogian regarding mom-and-pop landlords who are still hurting from Albany's bureaucratic bungling on ERAP



Since the start of the Pandemic and the eviction moratorium, our mom-and-pop landlords have been left holding the bag. In some cases, landlords who rely on rental income, have gone more than 2 years without receiving a dime in rent payments; could you get by without your paycheck for that long? I have been outspoken about this issue since day one. It is past time to make our landlords, who continue to pay expenses for their properties whole.

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## Groundbreaking for Saratoga Spa State Park Improvements



### ROOSEVELT DRIVE

The roadway will be moved away from the classical arcades, making space for a large circular patio as a welcoming gathering place to commence exploration of all the park

On Tuesday, I joined Saratoga Spa State Park as they announced a \$4.2 million redevelopment project for Roosevelt Drive. This project will improve traffic flow, create new pedestrian and bicycle pathways, and upgrade the storm water management system around Geysers Creek. Saratoga Spa State Park is a special place where Capital Region residents can come and appreciate its combination of health, history, cultural venues, and scenic beauty. I commend Governor Kathy Hochul and NY State Parks & Historic Sites Commissioner Erik Kulleseid for their recognition and commitment to Saratoga Spa State Park.

Saratoga Spa State Park Website

Celebrating Columbus Day

HAPPY   
*Columbus*  
 DAY



Monday we celebrated the incredible voyage of Christopher Columbus and Europe's discovery of the Americas. I hope everyone had a happy Columbus Day!

Happy Birthday US Navy



Yesterday, the United States Navy turned 247 years old! Let's wish the world's most elite naval force a very Happy Birthday and thank all Navy veterans for their service – past, present, and future.

Here's to another 247 years of fighting for peace and freedom on the high seas!

## 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](#)

# RIBBON CUTTINGS

## My Lighthouse: Indoor Play Gym at Discovery Place Learning Center



It was great to join Karyn Crannell Morrow for the ribbon cutting of My Lighthouse LLC: Indoor Play Gym. Located on Columbia Turnpike next to Discovery Place Learning Center, LLC in Castleton-on-Hudson, My Lighthouse is a new indoor sensory play gym that will offer open play to the public, drop-in care, birthday parties, special events, and more! Be sure to check them out

[Discover Place Learning Center Website](#)

# Grand Re-Opening of Comfort Inn & Suites



It's always great being able to recognize local businesses! Thursday afternoon I was happy to attend the grand re-opening of Comfort Inn & Suites, East Greenbush. Yesterday's event was the realization of a \$2.5 million renovation project that started back in March. It was shared with me that the Comfort Inn & Suites, East Greenbush was one of the first hotels in the country to receive this particular design package, and the newly renovated spaces and rooms were impressive! As you'll see from these accompanying photos, "spacious" doesn't begin to properly describe some of renovated and redesigned room interiors that are modern, sleek, and offer plenty of space. There are 89 rooms in the hotel, two bridal suites, 24 upgrades, and 63 standards, respectively. It was wonderful being invited by the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce to celebrate this milestone event and present an NYS Senate Certificate to mark the happy occasion.

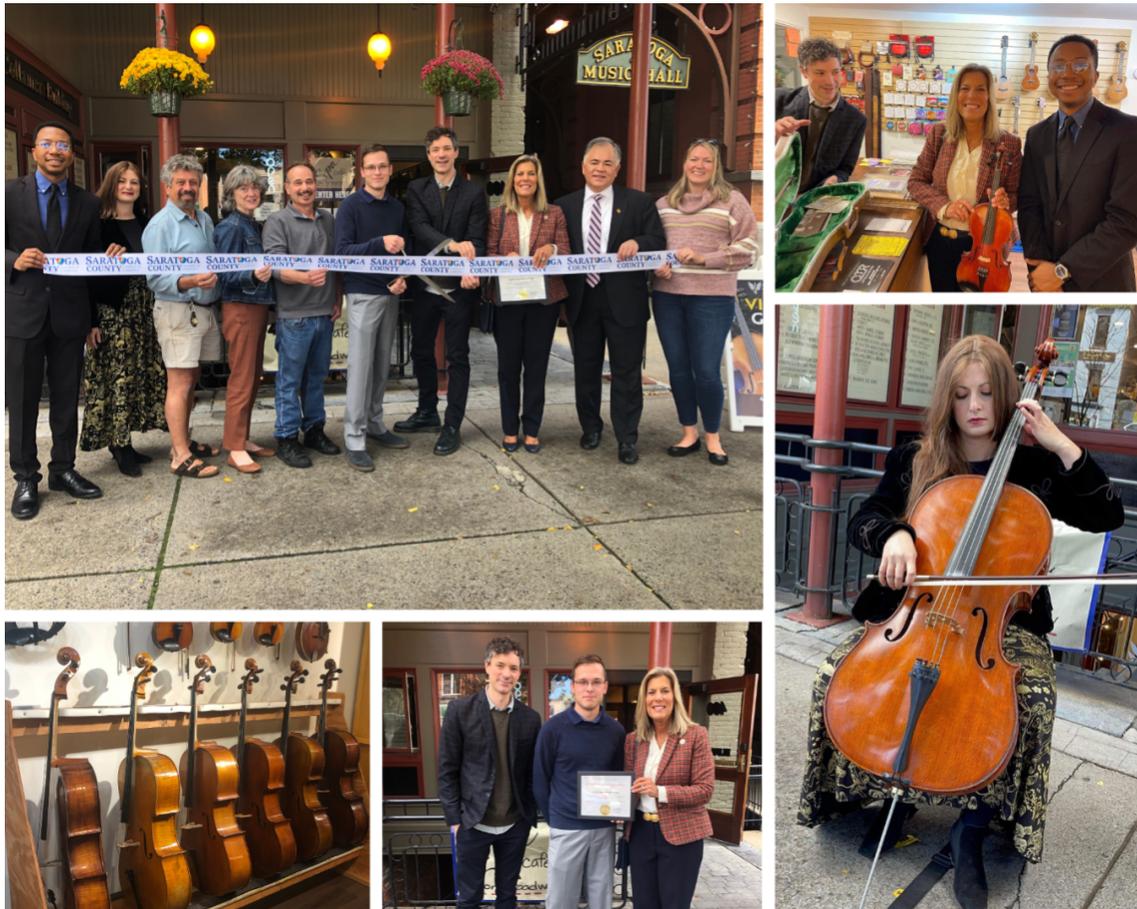
I'm pictured here with Assemblyman Jake Ashby; Rensselaer County Director of Operations Rich Crist; John Burger, Director of Sales; Schodack Town Supervisor Chuck Peter; Rensselaer County Legislator Tom Grant; Kalika Fortman, Comfort Brand Director; Bhavik Jariwala, Hotel Owner; Robert Minto, General Manager; Dan Duvernoy, Regional Operations Manager for Matrix Hotels; Alicia Perez Osur, Director of Events and Engagement for the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce and Matt Jensen, Membership Sales Manager for the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to everyone at Comfort Inn & Suites East Greenbush - Albany and

the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce for yesterday's wonderful event. As I always say, GREAT things are happening in Rensselaer County!

Comfort Inn & Suites Website

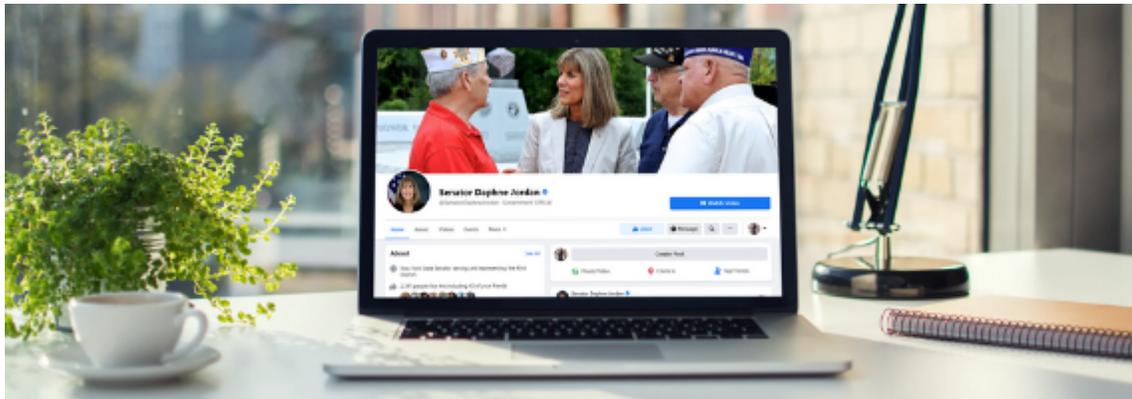
## Sixth Generation Strings



Great to join the Saratoga County Chamber of commerce today for the ribbon cutting of Sixth Generation Strings in Saratoga Springs. Owner Thomas Dunn and his team offer the best in rental instruments and accessories, six generations of family traditions in violin making and repair, and a carefully curated selection of string instruments. Jason Planitzer is Thomas's business partner and is responsible for the incredible selection of used vinyl records. I took my personal violin in to get it reconditioned and can't wait to pick it up! Laura Melincoff did a fantastic job playing the cello at today's ceremony. Congratulations and best wishes for success to the owners and staff!

Sixth Generation Strings Website

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