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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the October 21st edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- New York State Senate Veteran Hall of Fame Induction Celebration
- Cambridge Fire Department Ribbon Cutting
- Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District 1 Fire House Dedication
- Code Blue & Navigation Center for Homeless in Saratoga Press Conference
- Hudson Valley Community College Gala

Other important news:

- National School Bus Safety Week
- National Mammography Day
- Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration

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





Kathy Hochul sits on bill tightening oversight of taxpayer dollars amid alleged pay-to-play

The Governor talked a big game about changing the culture in Albany, but when given a golden opportunity to improve transparency, she balks. New Yorkers deserve accountability in government!

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New York Attorney General Letitia James says state's bail reform should be looked at

The AG has been a champion of NY's bail reform laws since their inception. Yet now, right before she can be held accountable for that position, she flip-flops. New Yorker's safety is not a flippant issue. Bail Reform needs to be repealed!

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Some NY lawmakers want gas tax holiday extended

New York families are struggling thanks to inflation and One-Party Albany refuses to address the problem. I have proposed legislation that would cap the state gas tax at \$2.25 per gallon and suspend the tax in perpetuity at \$3.00 per gallon. A true suspension of the gas tax would provide real relief to New Yorkers when they need it most.

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NY voters rank one issue above others as their biggest concern

One-Party Albany wants to ignore the rising cost of living but New Yorkers are keenly aware. We need a balanced government to address the concerns New Yorkers have for the future.

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New York State Senate Veteran Hall of Fame Induction Celebration



On Monday evening, many family members, veterans, friends, and elected officials came to the The Fairways of Halfmoon to celebrate, recognize and honor Frank McClement as my 2022 New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame inductee. I honor Frank for his service to our nation, his thoughtful, energetic service to Saratoga County's military veterans and his highly effective leadership of the County's Dwyer Peer Connection Program.

In 1995 Frank followed in his father's and both grandfathers' footsteps and enlisted in the Army. After completing his training he became an Airborne Infantryman of the 82nd Airborne Division stationed in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. His time in the 82nd would see him sent to serve as part of a Multinational Force of Observers on the Egypt, Israel border, as well as be a part of the longest Airborne operation in history when his unit deployed directly from North Carolina to Kazakhstan.

For his faithful service and leadership, Specialist Frank McClement earned numerous awards and medals including the Army Achievement Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Multinational Force and Observers Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Russian Parachutist Badge.

When Frank returned home to Waterford he made serving veterans his mission. In September 2010 he started working at the Saratoga County Veterans Services Agency and in less than four years he became the Director. As the head of the agency, he has overseen the creation of the Saratoga County PFC Joseph Dwyer Veterans Peer Connection Program, which aims to combat suicide among veterans by connecting veterans with each other. He also finds additional resources to assist them in moving forward in their lives. Under Frank McClement's leadership,

Saratoga County's Dwyer Program has continually been recognized for excellence and held up as a statewide model for county Dwyer programs.

In addition to his job as Saratoga County Veterans Services Director, Frank is also an elected member of the Waterford Town Council and plays an active role in his local American Legion post.

Frank's dedication to his community and to his fellow veterans is truly awe-inspiring. I was proud to name Frank McClement as my 2022 New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame inductee for our 43rd Senate District.

[Learn more about this year's nominee](#)

Cambridge Fire Department Ribbon Cutting



On Saturday, the Cambridge Fire Department officially opened their new firehouse at 50 Gilbert Street in the Village of Cambridge. It truly took the vision and wherewithal of the entire village to get it done over the last 20 years. Congratulations to Mayor Carmen Bogle, Chief Nash Alexander, the forefathers of the early planning stages, and the committee that worked so diligently to plan and to get support from the Village residents. This new \$4 million dollar facility will allow for new standard-sized firetrucks to fit in its garages, unlike at the previous 71 year-old firehouse. It also provides much improved locker room and equipment

space. New York State Office of Fire Prevention & Control, Executive Officer Dan Baker was on hand to offer remarks on behalf of his office, as well as personal remarks since his first 20 years of service was in the Village of Cambridge. It was my pleasure to celebrate with all my friends in the Town and Village of Cambridge. As always, it was great to partner with Assemblymen Jake Ashby for this celebration. God Bless the volunteer firefighters and their new fire house that protect the Village of Cambridge.

Fire Department Website

Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District 1 Fire House Dedication



Sunday was a beautiful day to officially unveil the Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District No. 1's new Firehouse. The new 18,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility will help meet the needs of our brave firefighters for decades to come. Not only are the firetrucks of today able to fit into the garage, but the trucks can also drive through, rather than having to back in. The new firehouse offers plenty of room to store the marine watercraft, and also offers on-site training facilities. Congratulations to all those who worked so hard over the last ten years to bring this to fruition including the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire Chief Anthony Bonventre, David Cuoco, John D-Alessandro, Earl McMahon, Christopher Putnam, Peter Semenza and

former Chief Jeremy Connors who started the conversation years ago. Thank you to the Halfmoon and Waterford Community for supporting your volunteer fire department. Huge thank you to all that selflessly serve to protect your neighbors and community from fire and emergencies. We feel safe because of you!

Fire District Website

Code Blue & Navigation Center for Homeless in Saratoga Press Conference



Monday morning I attended a press conference in Saratoga Springs where it was announced that a full-time Code Blue and Navigation Center for the Homeless is in the works. The Senior Center at 5 Williams Street will be converted for that purpose. Seniors will have a brand new Center built onto the YMCA. Over the past few years, I've met with Duane Vaughan Executive Director, Shelters of Saratoga who always expressed the need for a large full-time shelter. This mission is made possible by generous donors, Bill Dake of Stewart's and Ed & Lisa Mitzen of Fingerprint in conjunction with City and County funding. The Capital Region is very fortunate to have private people and businesses that give so much to their community.

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Hudson Valley Community College Gala



Phil and I were happy to support Hudson Valley Community College Foundation last Friday evening. The 2022 Foundation Leadership Award was presented to Don Fane, President of Callanan Industries for his dedication and service to HVCC. Over \$100,000* was raised to benefit the creation of a new Applied Technology Education Center (ATEC). A great time was had by all. . . Good food... good music ...lots of dancing ... and great company!

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National School Bus Safety Week



It is National School Bus Safety Week! A very important time to remind ourselves, our neighbors, and our kids about important tips and rules to keep everybody safe.

Learn more and keep our children safe!

National Mammography Day



On this National Mammography Day, let's commit to ensuring the women in our lives are setting up regular mammogram appointments. Early detection is crucial!

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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.

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