

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the October 29 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- Wreath Laying Ceremony by the Northeast District Elks
- Andrew Cuomo facing criminal charges
- Early voting information - your vote matters!
- Propositions you'll find on your ballot this year
- Parks and Trails NY Presentation to Friends of Saratoga Spa State Park
- Eliminating mask mandates for our children of 5 years and under

Other important news:

- Executive Order No. 8 and what it means for our veterans
- The Roeliff Jansen Library is welcoming trick-or-treaters this Saturday!
- NY State Parks is looking for Park Rangers
- The IRC needs your input on redrawing district lines
- Recognizing everyday heroes on National First Responders Day
- Thomas Pest Services new Columbia County location
- Businesses to check out:
 - Thomas Pest Services
 - Stone Corner Minerals

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



Poestenkill Town Board votes down free at-home toxic water testing

Important story from WNYT NewsChannel 13's Dan Levy re: PFOA contamination found in the Town of Poestenkill. At the end of his report, Dan mentioned my ongoing advocacy with Governor Hochul and NYSDEC Commissioner Seggos and my continued call for the State to assume ALL costs associated with the testing of private wells within the community. Also, [I have called on NYSDEC](#) to expedite and expand the scope of testing to identify possible sources of contamination to help ensure the health, safety, and well-being of area families.

[Read Article](#)



What's next for Cuomo following criminal complaint?

Ex-Governor Cuomo is facing a criminal complaint for sexually assaulting an aide. This article explains what's next and possible consequences.

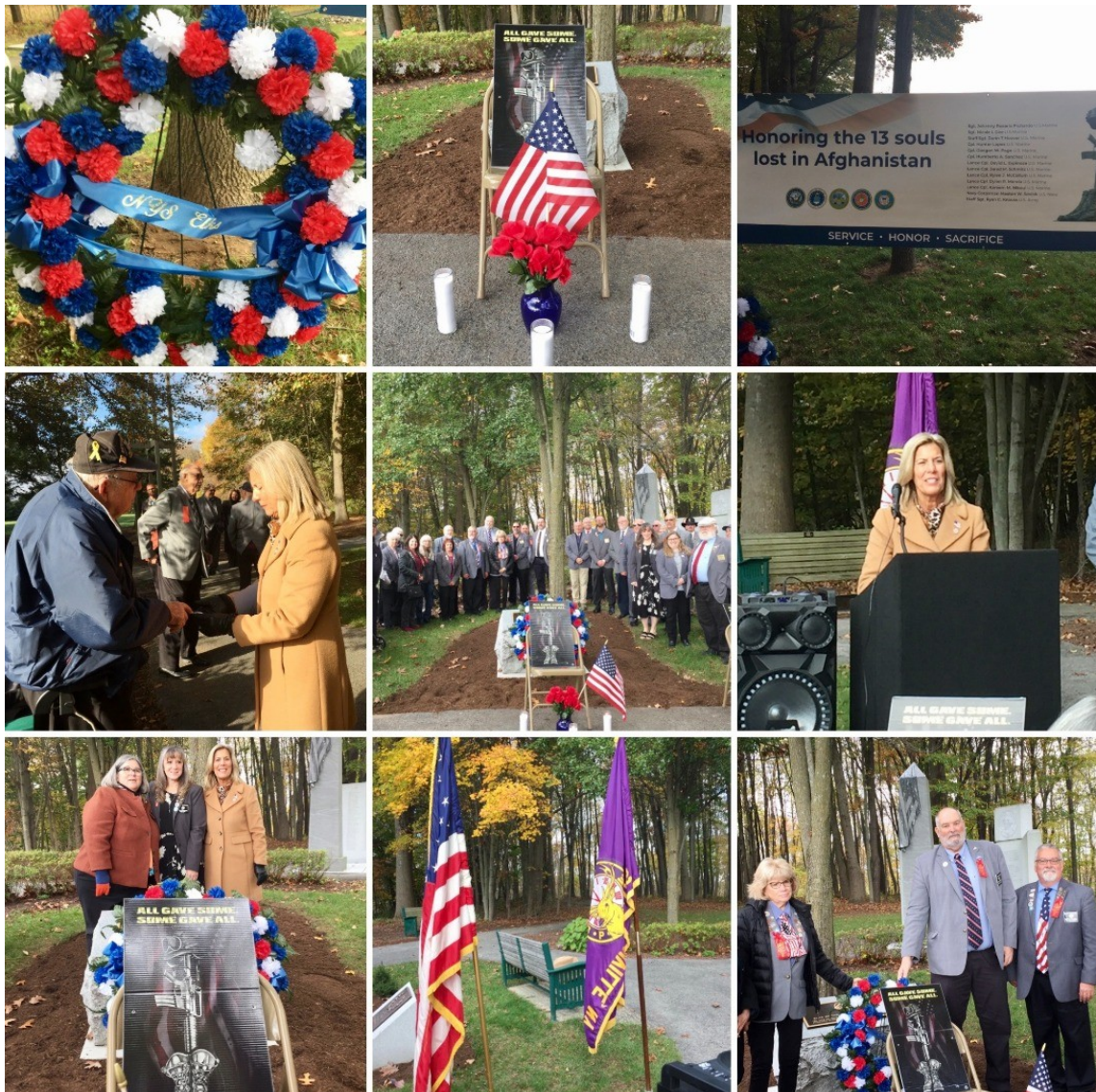
[Read Article](#)



24 years!

This past Sunday, Phil and I celebrated our 24th wedding anniversary! Our roles have changed over the last few years and I am grateful that he is always by my side.

Wreath Laying Ceremony by the Northeast District Elks



It was an honor to be a part of the Wreath Laying Ceremony by the Northeast District Elks this past weekend. The special program and wreath-laying was

dedicated to the 13 American service members killed in a terrorist attack during the withdrawal from Afghanistan. I am pictured above with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner; Justine Crowley-Duncan, Elks Northeast District Veterans Chairwoman; and Barry Griffith, President of the NYS Elks Association.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza

Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole L. Gee

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover

Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss

Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui

Marine Corps Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo

Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz

Navy Hospital Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak

Marine Corps Cpl. Daegan W. Page.

We will never forget their selfless service, their heroic sacrifice, and their legacy of commitment to defending our nation, upholding our ideals, and making the world a safer, better place.

Andrew Cuomo facing criminal charges

Statement from New York State Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C,I-Halfmoon) on ex-Governor Cuomo facing a criminal complaint for sexually assaulting an aide

“Reports that a criminal complaint is being filed against ex-Governor Andrew Cuomo for allegedly sexually assaulting an aide is welcome news and marks another necessary step in the inexorable march toward justice for the many women he repeatedly victimized. I again applaud the courageous women who stood up to this bully. The pending criminal complaint against Cuomo confirms the validity and veracity of the State Attorney General’s report. Cuomo must face justice.”

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DAPHNE JORDAN
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Truth, accountability, and justice must be upheld in our state government.

Eliminating mask mandates for our children 5 years and under



6 Months on – Albany's Daycare Mask Mandate Unfortunately Continues

It was 6 months ago that now ex-Governor Cuomo issued his masks-on-toddlers mandate. I was the very first state legislator to speak out against his ridiculous edict. Cuomo's policy was swiftly repealed thanks to my efforts and the statewide outcry of thousands of parents and daycare providers who stood strong against his daycare mask mandate.

You can listen to the specific, firsthand concerns of daycare providers that my Senate Republican colleagues and I partnered with in May in the following [video here](#).

Unfortunately, in September, New York's new Governor, Kathy Hochul, inexplicably renewed the same unpopular, impossible to enforce masks-on-toddlers mandate for children in daycare. The Finger Lakes Times carried an article several weeks ago on the significant parental pushback against the Governor's misguided policy, pushback that continues to this day: [read article](#).

Governor Hochul's mandate is unrealistic, overly burdensome, and forces daycare providers to spend too much of their time enforcing Albany's mask rule. The daycare mask mandate isn't based on sound science or common sense and exemplifies Albany's misguided micromanagement.

The facts are CLEAR:

- **Peer-reviewed scientific and medical research has shown that children, especially young children, face significantly less risk of COVID, are not major transmitters of the virus**
- **Thankfully, serious COVID-related infections among young children remain much lower than in the general population: data from 49 States**

collected by the American Academy of Pediatrics shows that only 0.1-2.0% of COVID hospitalizations were among young children

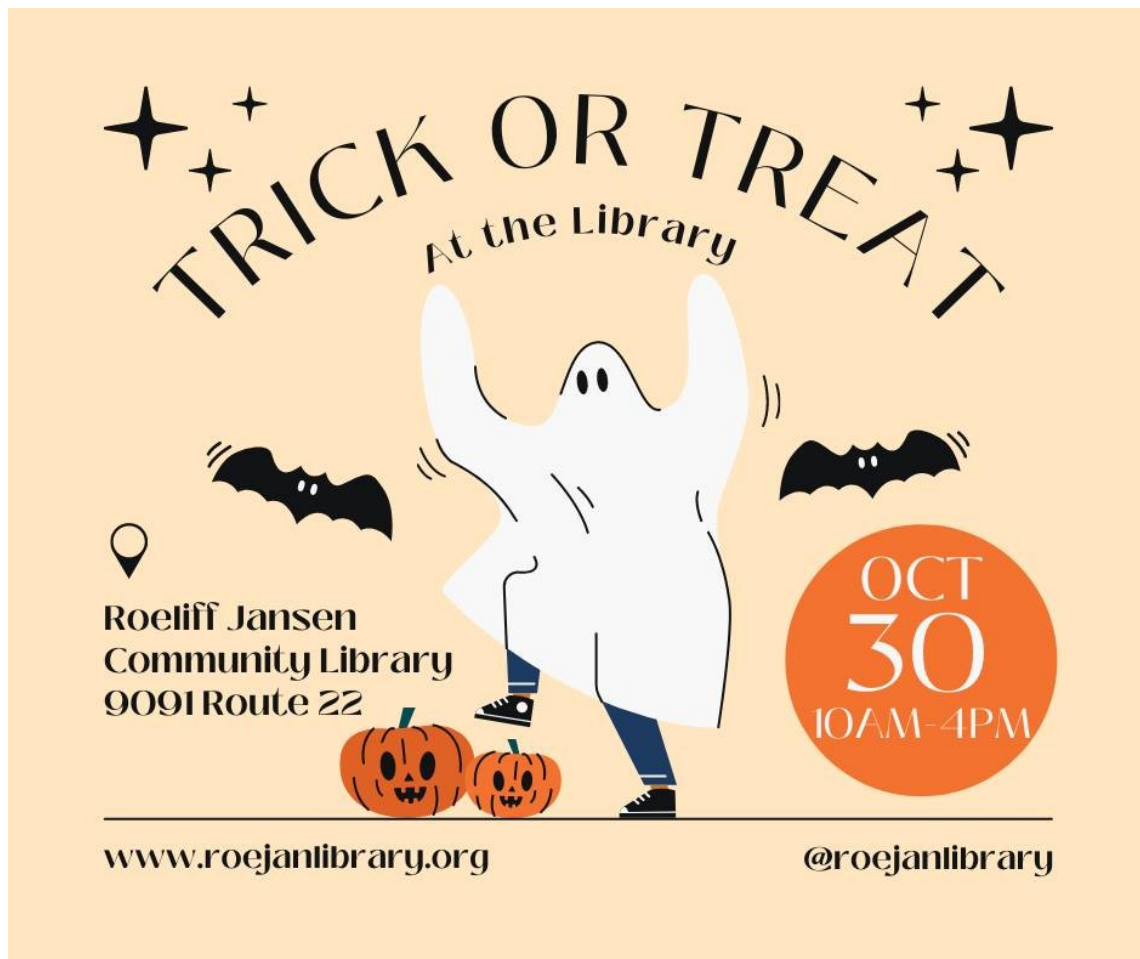
- **Masks often restrict children from effectively communicating with friends and daycare staff**
- **The mask mandate forces daycare staff to spend far too much time policing Albany's edict**
- **Masks obscure children's emotions, including smiles, facial expressions, and other non-verbal communication cues that are important indicators of a child's emotional wellness**
- **Masks are especially restrictive for children with chronic asthma**
- **Masks can quickly become unhygienic and carry discharges**

I believe that parents, in consultation with their doctor, can best make decisions about masks. Without question, parents know, and understand their child's unique, individualized health history far better than the Governor or any state bureaucrat does. Mandates imposed by the federal, state, and local government are not the answer and are counterproductive.

I'm proud to co-sponsor Senate Bill S.7392, new legislation that would rescind emergency regulations issued by the Executive Branch (i.e., the Governor) and prohibit daycare centers from requiring children ages five or under to wear face coverings or face masks. You can view this important bill [here](#).

While Governor Hochul sadly continues to demonstrate an unwillingness to listen to daycare operators and parents and rescind her ridiculous daycare mask mandate, that won't deter me from continuing to oppose this Albany overreach.

Visit the Roeliff Jansen Library this Saturday



Can you believe this Sunday is already Halloween? Children who go trick-or-treating at the [Roeliff Jansen Community Library](https://www.roejanlibrary.org) in costume this Saturday will get a special treat--a free book!

Your vote matters



Early voting is still available today, tomorrow, and Sunday! Your vote matters. Linked below is information on early voting for each county in the 43rd Senate District.

Saratoga County

Washington County

Rensselaer County

Columbia County

What does Executive Order No. 8 mean for our veterans?



Executive Order 8 allows veterans who were vaccinated through the VA to receive an Excelsior pass. This very topic was brought up by veterans in our meeting with the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough last week. Several veterans viewed the non-sharing of data between the VA and NYS as problematic as they were not able to get Excelsior passes. Click the image above for more information.

NY Parks job opportunities

Join Our Team



The Office of New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is currently recruiting for seasonal Park Ranger candidates for the 2022 Summer season.

Duties & Responsibilities:

Park Rangers assist and guide patrons, as well as enforce park rules and regulations through voluntary compliance where possible. Park Rangers patrol campgrounds, beaches, cabin areas, marinas, trails, gorges, picnic areas, and park

buildings. Park Rangers are generally hired to work from mid-May through Labor Day, although some assignments may be extended. Park Rangers act as security guards for NYS Parks and are neither police nor peace officers.

Salary & Hiring:

The recruitment process runs from October-December. Interviews will be conducted in January and February. Current salary for a Park Ranger is \$20.56 an hour.

Positions Available:

Positions for Park Rangers exist in all eleven regions of the NY State Park system: Allegany, Central, Finger Lakes, Genesee, Long Island, New York City, Niagara, Palisades, Saratoga, Taconic, and Thousand Islands.

Qualifications:

- must be at least age 18 at time of appointment
- have a High School Diploma or its equivalent
- have a valid driver's license when expected to drive state vehicles
- meet certain physical and medical requirements
- be of good moral character and successfully complete a background investigation
- successfully complete 24 hours of Security Guard training

For further information, visit their website below.

NYS Parks - Park Rangers

Parks and Trails NY Presentation to Friends of Saratoga Spa State Park



On Wednesday I was thrilled to be at the [Parks and Trails New York](#)'s presentation of a ceremonial check to the [Friends of Saratoga Spa State Park](#), acknowledging their \$75,000 grand award!

Parks and Trails New York is no stranger to good works. They are the leading statewide advocate for parks and trails, dedicated since 1985 to improving our health, economy, and quality of life through the use and enjoyment of green space. They are a leading voice in the protection of our state park system and the creation of more than 1,500 miles of greenways, bike paths, river walks, and trails.

This grant will be put to great use in restoring the historic Coesa Spring House, signage about the Coesa Mineral Spring, and the installation of a historically accurate replica of the original granite fountain.

My friends, I encourage you to unplug from our non-stop, hyper-connected, 24/7 online world and visit this crown jewel of our State Park System.

Thank you to Parks and Trails New York for their support of this effort, as well as the leadership of our State Park System, [Saratoga Spa State Park](#), and of course the Friends of Saratoga Spa State Park.

Recognizing everyday heroes

NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY

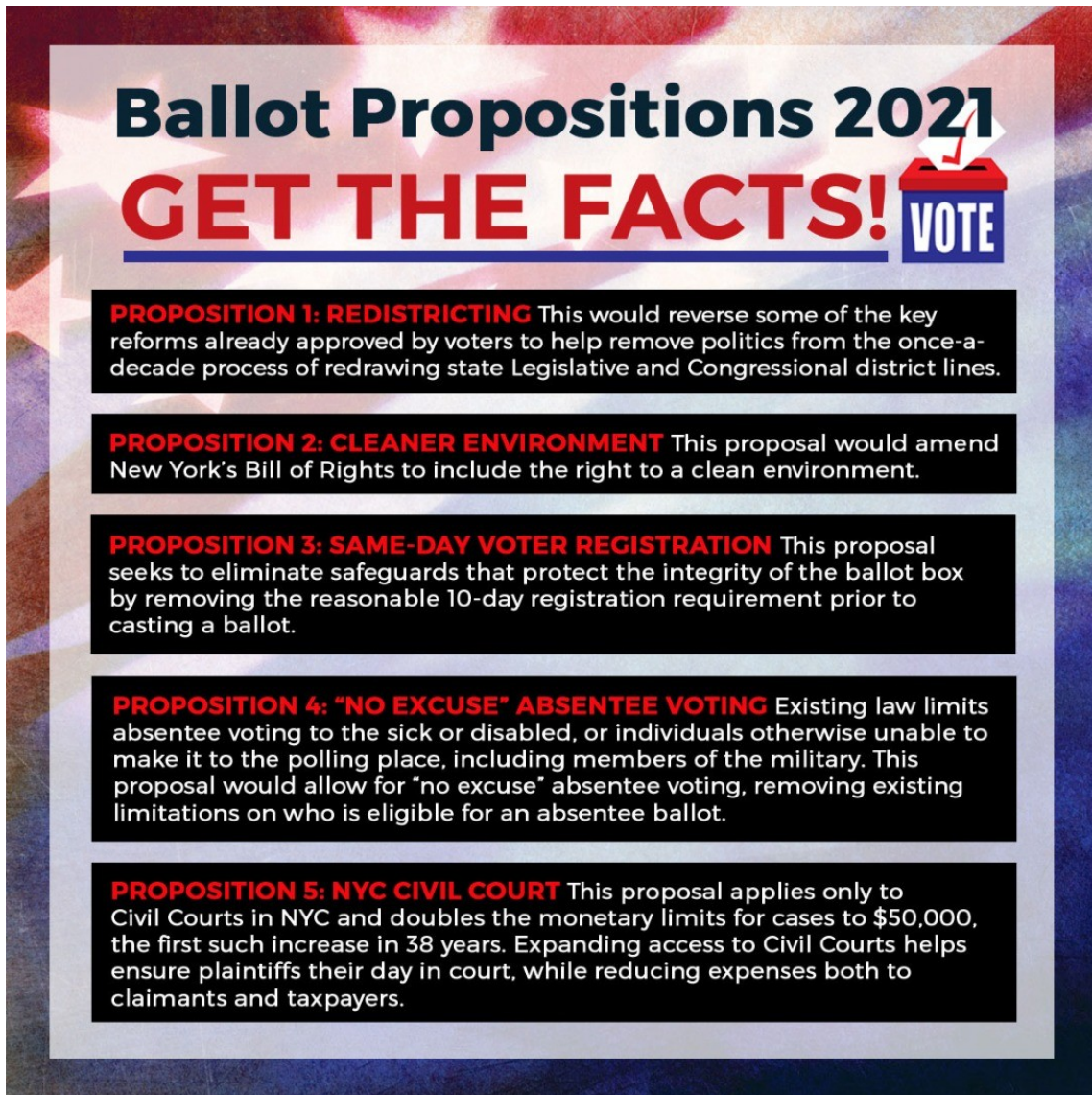
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*thank
you* ❤️

Thursday was National First Responders Day and I want to say THANK YOU to all our firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical service members, and dispatchers. Your everyday bravery, selflessness, and sacrifice help keep our communities safe.

Propositions you'll find on your ballot this year

A graphic titled "Ballot Propositions 2021 GET THE FACTS! VOTE" with a background of red and white stars. It lists five propositions in black boxes with red headers. Proposition 1: REDISTRICTING. Proposition 2: CLEANER ENVIRONMENT. Proposition 3: SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION. Proposition 4: "NO EXCUSE" ABSENTEE VOTING. Proposition 5: NYC CIVIL COURT.

Ballot Propositions 2021

GET THE FACTS!

PROPOSITION 1: REDISTRICTING This would reverse some of the key reforms already approved by voters to help remove politics from the once-a-decade process of redrawing state Legislative and Congressional district lines.

PROPOSITION 2: CLEANER ENVIRONMENT This proposal would amend New York's Bill of Rights to include the right to a clean environment.

PROPOSITION 3: SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION This proposal seeks to eliminate safeguards that protect the integrity of the ballot box by removing the reasonable 10-day registration requirement prior to casting a ballot.

PROPOSITION 4: "NO EXCUSE" ABSENTEE VOTING Existing law limits absentee voting to the sick or disabled, or individuals otherwise unable to make it to the polling place, including members of the military. This proposal would allow for "no excuse" absentee voting, removing existing limitations on who is eligible for an absentee ballot.

PROPOSITION 5: NYC CIVIL COURT This proposal applies only to Civil Courts in NYC and doubles the monetary limits for cases to \$50,000, the first such increase in 38 years. Expanding access to Civil Courts helps ensure plaintiffs their day in court, while reducing expenses both to claimants and taxpayers.

Stay informed and get the facts on the propositions that will be on your 2021 ballot this coming Election Day, so that you know what you're voting before you walk in!

The IRC needs your input on redrawing district lines

New York's **INDEPENDENT** Redistricting



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Monday, November 1, 2021

4:00 PM

**Location: University at Albany (SUNY) Page Hall
Downtown Campus 135 Western Avenue Albany, NY 12203**

The NYS Independent Redistricting Commission is hosting a series of public hearings on the redrawing of district maps. Please consider attending a meeting and encouraging others to as well. It's easy to get involved, just visit the links below.

[Attend a meeting](#)

[Send in a written testimony](#)



Thomas Pest Services



Congratulations to [Thomas Pest Services](#)' new Columbia County location! Thomas Pest Services is owned by Columbia County residents Bill Thomas and Sarah Clark-Thomas. It has been a family-owned business for three generations, serving all over the Capital and Adirondack Regions. Their new shop is located at 205 Fairview Avenue in Hudson.

Also, Thomas Pest Services was recently recognized by the Albany Business Review on their Best Places to Work list!

Thank you to my Community Liaison, Halie Northrop, for presenting a NYS Senate Certificate of Recognition on my behalf.

Thomas Pest Services

Stone Corner Minerals



[Stone Corner Minerals](#), owned by brother-and-sister Jeremy and Susan Beckert, are celebrating the shop's 1 year anniversary! Be on the lookout for special offers and an open house!

Visit them at 5 Main St Chatham, NY 12037

Stone Corner Minerals

Beautiful Autumn



I just wanted to throw in some of the beautiful colors around us this fall! New York is truly the most beautiful state! I hope you have a safe and happy Halloween weekend.

Stay up-to-date with me throughout the week
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