



Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the December 10 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

**BIG happenings:**

- I introduced legislation regarding parole reform
- Legislative Forum on Water Infrastructure
- Honoring Colonel John Brownrigg with a New York State Senate Liberty Medal
- Commemorating the life of U.S. Senator Bob Dole
- Recognizing the 80th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor

**Other important news:**

- Dwyer Veterans Christmas Party
- Commending Hudson Valley Community College Employees as they are honored by ESGR
- Speigeltown Fire Company Toys for Tots Drive
- Businesses to check out:
  - Bucknam & Conley CPA
  - Greenport Emporium
  - Creative Sprouts Childcare Center

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



## **(New York) City Council OKs bill allowing nearly 800,000 non-citizens to vote in local elections**

The City Council on Thursday approved a measure to allow non-citizen, but legal, Big Apple residents to vote in municipal elections — despite vocal opposition to the “irresponsible” and “dangerous” legislation, a procedural obstacle and threat of a legal challenge.

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## **Embattled SUNY Chancellor Jim Malatras resigns**

Embattled SUNY Chancellor James Malatras resigned Thursday morning amid mounting calls for his resignation for smearing one of disgraced ex-Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s sexual harassment accusers.

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### Lawmakers assess horse racing industry in New York

Lawmakers in the state Assembly today will assess the horse racing industry in New York, and a coalition of business organizations, labor unions and those involved in the sport are urging officials to continue backing the industry.

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### Albany Med, Glens Falls, Saratoga to limit non-essential surgeries

ALBANY — Albany Medical Center and its associated hospitals in Glens Falls and Saratoga were among a list of 32 hospitals that are to limit non-essential surgeries, according to the state Department of Health. The restrictions begin Thursday and will remain in place for at least two weeks.

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## Parole Board Reform Bill Introduced



Public safety has been a major concern for New Yorkers as we have seen crime rates skyrocket since January of 2020. While Bail “Reform” often takes center stage in this conversation, another contributor to increased crime is the pro-criminal New York State Parole Board which has released cop-killers and a multitude of felons. This board has the power to determine if an individual is worthy of a second chance in society or if justice demands they remain incarcerated. Too often the Parole Board has released criminals in the name of

equity, who re-offend. To ensure the State Parole Board is considering all the relevant voices on a case, I am sponsoring a bill, S7564, that will require at least one member of the nineteen-member board to have been a victim of a crime, or represented a victim, and one member to have served as a member of law enforcement. It is time for New York to start caring more about the victims of crime rather than criminals. Having these two communities represented on the Parole Board will help ensure justice is served, not equity.

Read the Bill

## Legislative Forum on Water Infrastructure



The issue of water safety is important and personal to my constituents and I. So too, is the vital issue of water infrastructure. Our water infrastructure, critical for families, communities, businesses, and our quality of life, is in serious need of repair, and long-overdue upgrades. This week I joined my Senate Colleagues for a bipartisan Legislative Forum on Water Infrastructure Funding to address the needs of our State's rapidly aging water infrastructure. My hope is that today's forum will help advance real solutions to address this growing need. I want to thank all those who participated and helped to bring attention to this vital issue.



## Honoring Colonel John Brownrigg



On Saturday, I awarded the New York State Liberty Medal to Lieutenant Colonel John Brownrigg for his exemplary service to our nation and our state. My Community Liaison, Halie Northrop made the presentation at the General Peter Gansevort Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution 2nd Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony.

For his actions in Vietnam, John Brownrigg was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, and numerous other commendations. After serving 5 years on active duty John Brownrigg went on to serve 22 years in the National Guard and the Army Reserve. John has also been a steadfast member of his community as a member of the Lake Kiwanis Club for over 30 years. Thank you to the Rev. Francis A Kelly Society of St. Joseph's Church for the invitation and for honoring a great American, and thank you, Colonel Brownrigg, for your faithful service to our nation!

## Commemorating the life of U.S. Senator Bob Dole



This week we lost a great American. Bob Dole was not only a United States Senator from Kansas and the 1996 Republican nominee for President, but he was also a true American hero. Senator Dole served his country honorably in World War II and truly understood the meaning of the words, duty, honor, and sacrifice. Rest in Peace Senator Dole.

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## Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



This week marked the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On December 7th, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy launched a surprise attack that killed over 2,000 Americans and crippled the Pacific Fleet. Thanks to the bravery of our men and women in uniform, the United States was able to fight off the Japanese and eventually turn the tide in the war. On Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, we remembered the sacrifice of all those who lost their lives in the attack and those who answered the call to duty in its aftermath.

## Columbia County Dwyer Program Christmas Party





I had a wonderful time at the Columbia County Dwyer Program Christmas Party. This great event was a time of celebration for Veterans and their families. I want to thank Command Sergeant Major Gary Flaherty, Columbia County Veterans' Services & Dwyer Peer to Peer Director, for his incredible dedication in serving so many veterans. Thank you for inviting me to the festivities!

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A major challenge that members of The National Guard and Reserves face is having their employers understand and accommodate the demands of military service. The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve works to ensure employers support and value the employment of members of the National Guard and Reserves. This week Emil Baker of ESGR presented five Hudson Valley Community College employees with the Patriot Award which recognizes their effort to support a member of the National Guard or Reserve dealing with the challenges of balancing work and military service. Dr. Roger Ramsammy, my dear friend and President of HVCC, VP of Academic Affairs, Judith Delorenzo, Assistant VP of Academic Affairs, Ronalyn Wilson, Daniel Wargo, Veterans Resource and Outreach Center coordinator, and Karen Paquette, Human Resources Director, were nominated by Army Reservist SPC Antoine Johnson, for their assistance as he continues to serve our country and works at HVCC. SPC Johnson works in the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs as the Program Assistant Academics III.

I was honored to present all five Patriot Award recipients with a New York State Senate Proclamation in recognition of their efforts. I also presented a proclamation to SPC Johnson for his continued service to the United States. Thank you to ESGR for all of their hard work to ensure Guardsmen and Reservists have the support they need. Finally, thank you and Godspeed to SPC Johnson on your upcoming deployment.

## Speigeltown Fire Company Toys for Tots Drive



While most 12-year-old pre-teens who are going to be celebrating their 13th birthday usually look forward to being on the receiving end of gifts, one soon-to-be teenager is thinking of needy children this holiday season. Abby Maloney will turn 13 on Christmas Eve and wanted to make sure children in the Capital Region would receive toys for Christmas. Abby's sister and father are firefighters at the Speigletown Fire Department and are also dedicated to serving their community by giving back every day to help those in need. Abby, having the same ambition, came up with a plan to fill 13 boxes full of new, unwrapped toys for her 13th birthday for Toys for Tots. Abby and her brother Finnegan were dedicated hard workers as they filled those boxes. I also want to thank Jay and Jamie, for raising such wonderful children dedicated to helping their community. Abby's plan was a great success and I cannot commend her enough on her thoughtful and generous act.





## Creative Sprouts Childcare Center



The Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce held a welcome ceremony for Creative Sprouts Childcare Center in recognition of their grand opening in November. My Constituent Liaison Debbie Curto was there to help celebrate with the co-founders Morgan Casterline and Kayla Cowell. Creative Sprouts Childcare serves families with children as young as infants up to Pre-K. Congratulations to Morgan and Kayla, I am sure you will make a great addition to the Saratoga Community.

Business Website

## Greenport Emporium





This week was the official Ribbon Cutting of Greenport Emporium! I want to extend my congratulations to Frank and Annette McConnell, who opened Greenport Emporium in May, as they become members of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. Halie Northrop, my District Community Liaison, attended this event and presented a certificate of Senate Recognition on my behalf, helping to celebrate this great addition to the Greenport community. Greenport Emporium carries a wide selection of unique vintage items and specializes in jewelry and art glass. Be sure to check out this great local business during the holiday season!

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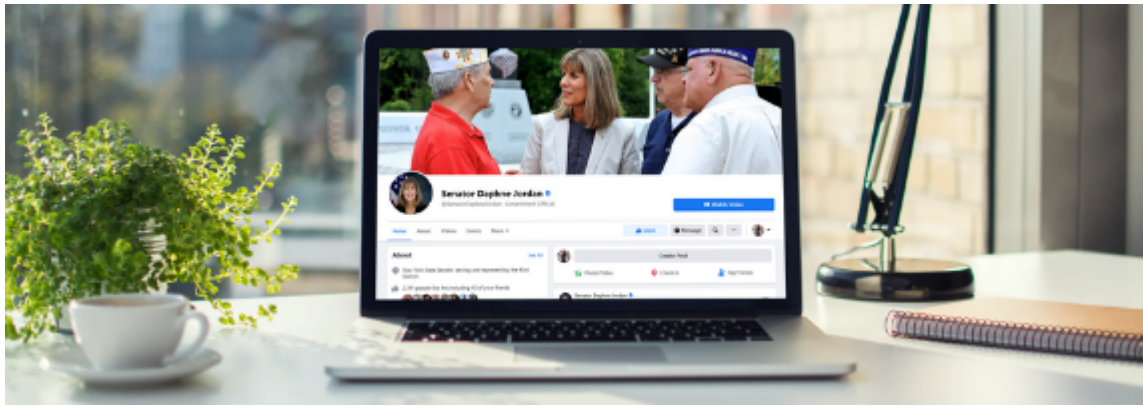
Bucknam & Conley CPA



On Monday, Debbie Curto from my staff attended the grand opening of Bucknam & Conley CPA in Saratoga Springs. Founded by Melinda Bucknam, CPA, Co Managing Partner and Carissa Conley, CPA, Co Managing Partner, together they bring decades of experience to the table. Melinda Bucknam has over 30 years of experience as a CPA advising small-to-medium businesses and their owners on tax planning, tax strategy, accounting, and business operations. Carissa Conley serves as the head of the tax department, utilizing her strong technical knowledge of the tax code and IRS rulings, to assure their clients of the very best tax guidance. Thank you to the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this event. It is great to see businesses continue to choose Saratoga to open their doors.

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