

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the June 25 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings this week:

- Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Van Rensselaer Manor
- Attending Halfmoon Celebrations Concert in the Park
- Community visits to Saratoga Springs with Mayor Meg Kelly and Ghent with Supervisor Michael Benvenuto
- Governor Cuomo's Emergency Powers have FINALLY ended

Other important news:

- My 2021 Summer Reading Challenge
- Many grand openings for new businesses in the 43rd District
- Wishing Columbia County Veterans Services Director Gary Flaherty a Happy Birthday!

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

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Van Rensselaer Manor



It was wonderful taking part in the 25th Anniversary Ceremony for Van Rensselaer Manor Rehabilitation & Nursing this past Friday! I was proud to join my good friend, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, and so many of my Rensselaer County colleagues in celebrating this special milestone event. I also presented a New York State Senate Legislative Proclamation to mark the special occasion. To read more about my remarks and the history of the Van Rensselaer Manor, click [here](#)!

Halfmoon Celebrations Concert in the Park



I was delighted to attend one of the Concert in the Park events sponsored by Halfmoon Celebrations this past Friday. To learn more about this organization, and for a list of upcoming events check out their [website](https://www.halfmooncelebrations.org).

Recognizing our Dads on Fathers Day!



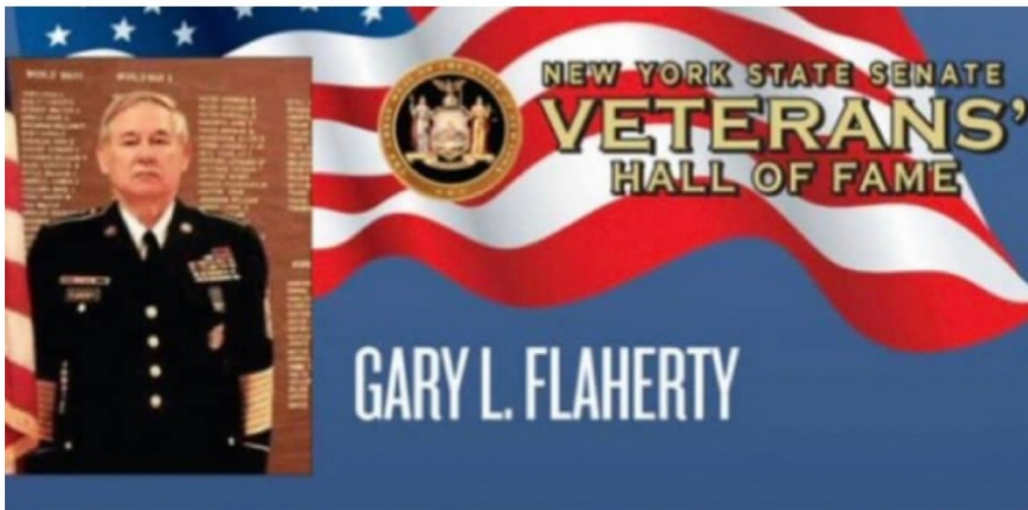
I hope everyone had a Happy Father's Day this past Sunday! A Dad's ♥ plays a VITAL role in children's lives! #dadjokes #LetDadHaveTheRemote

It's officially summer!



Sunday also marked the first day of #SUMMER! With the worst of the pandemic finally behind us, let's make the most of all these months have to offer, let's get outside, see friends, visit family, and get living again! #SummerVibes #Summer2021

Happy Birthday Gary Flaherty!



Monday, I wished a very Happy Birthday to my good friend, United States Army Command Sergeant Major, and Director of the Columbia County Office of Veterans' Services, Gary Flaherty, a genuine American hero and a true patriot! Mr. Flaherty directs Columbia County's successful Dwyer Program (aka, the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Veteran's Counseling Program) and works 24/7 in helping, honoring, and serving America's true heroes. Happy birthday Gary, and best wishes for many more, my friend! To read more about Gary, his incredible service to our country, and to our veterans here in Columbia County, click [here](#).

Visiting the City of Saratoga Springs



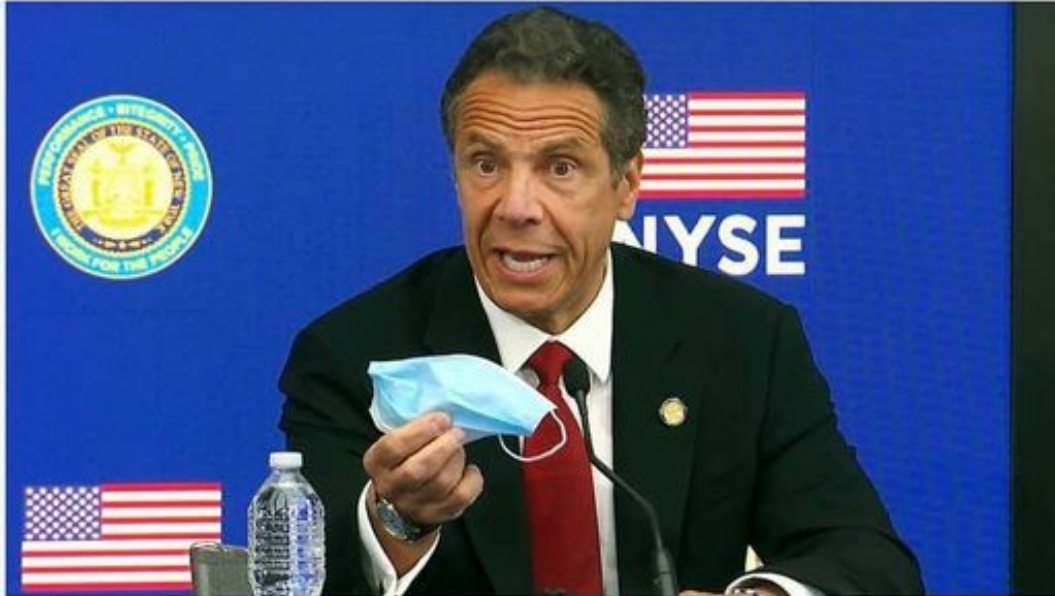
I had a terrific visit with Saratoga Springs Mayor Meg Kelly Monday afternoon. We discussed important issues like public safety, City finances, and many other local priorities. Mayor Kelly also gave me a tour of the recently reopened Saratoga Springs City Hall. My thanks to Mayor Kelly for her insights, leadership, and her dedicated public service to the City of Saratoga Springs!

Visiting the Town of Ghent



Tuesday, I had a wonderful meeting with Ghent Town Supervisor Michael Benvenuto. Supervisor Benvenuto and I discussed local priorities such as Ghent's 75 miles of local roads, and other concerns such as solar power. Ghent also is a proud local Purple Heart Community (their sign is pictured above), a non-partisan project I've been leading across my 43rd Senate District to honor the service and sacrifice of our Purple Heart heroes. My thanks to Supervisor Benvenuto for this informative meeting!

Cuomo's Emergency Powers Expired



BREAKING NEWS

Cuomo: New York COVID-19 state of emergency to expire Thursday, won't be renewed

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Its about time! After repeated attempts this session to end the Governor's Emergency Powers with my Republican colleagues in the Senate and the Assembly, I'm glad to see that New York State's one man rule has FINALLY come to an end. To read the Spectrum News coverage click [here](#).

2021 Summer Reading Program!



Summertime's a GREAT time for reading! As a proud, passionate advocate of reading and literacy programs, I'm thrilled to announce the kickoff of my 2021 Summer Reading Program!

Parents and guardians from across my 43rd Senate District are welcome and invited to enter their children's summer reading activity and take part in this fun program.

By filling in the information at <https://www.nysenate.gov/nyread> — including 3 books read by your child this summer — my office will send them a Certificate of Achievement to mark their reading accomplishments!

The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2021.

More helpful resources and fun facts about summer reading can be found at:

New York's Libraries: www.summerreadingnys.org

Scholastic's Kids and Families Reading Report: www.scholastic.com

While it's so important for kids to get outside and ENJOY their summer break (after an especially long year as we continue getting back to normal), Mom and Dad, don't let the kids' reading skills slide during these summer months! My Summer Reading Program is a terrific way to keep children interested and motivated in reading throughout the summer. Thank you, and happy reading!



This week I was proud to celebrate the ribbon cutting celebrations of several new businesses in New York State's 43rd Senate District! Small businesses are the backbone of our local economies, and I am always proud to recognize the hardworking people who make our communities great! Do you know of a business celebrating a grand opening, ribbon cutting, expansion, or another important milestone? If so, please shoot me an email at jordan@nysenate.gov so I can recognize and help celebrate the GREAT news.

The Barber Lounge



Tuesday was the ribbon cutting celebration for The Barber Lounge in Saratoga Springs. The Barber Lounge is a full-service barber shop providing an exquisite barber experience that is truly one-of-a-kind (and where adults can enjoy a refreshing alcoholic beverage). Proud owners Matt and Melissa Schfelt wanted to create an environment where patrons could come in, get a great haircut, enjoy a good drink, and relax. Sounds wonderful to me! Debbie Curto, my Community Liaison, represented me at Tuesday's ribbon cutting and presented a NYS Senate Certificate of Recognition on my behalf. My thanks to the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for yet another great event. Congrats to Matt and Melissa!

www.thebarberloungesaratoga.com

Shiny Bins Cleaning Service



Wednesday was the official ribbon cutting for Shiny Bins Cleaning Service in Saratoga Springs. Owned by Dominic Refino, Jr., Shiny Bins Cleaning Service cleans residential and commercial trash bins. The service also gets rid of any bacteria and residue that may be left in your trash can. My Community Liaison, Debbie Curto, represented me at this ribbon cutting and presented a NYS Senate Certificate of Recognition on my behalf. Pictured above are Tina Bianco with First New York Federal Credit Union, Lydia Hoffman with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner's office, Dominic Refino Sr., Owner Dominic Refino Jr., Chamber Ambassador Marilee, Debbie Curto, and Todd Shimkus, President of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce. THANK YOU to First New York Federal Credit Union for sponsoring this ribbon cutting. Congrats to Dominic Refino Jr., and the entire team at Shiny Bins Cleaning Service, and best wishes for much success!!

Camp Rockaway Glamping Site



Sharing these pictures from the ribbon cutting for the Camp Rockaway Glamping Site in Schuylerville on Thursday. The Camp is owned by Kent Johnson (pictured above), is located on Old Champlain Canal (Lock 5), and features fully furnished safari-style canvas tents, including solar lights, bedding towels, and blankets (aka “Glamping,” where nature meets luxury). The wonderful camping experience is made possible through the Reimagine the Canals Initiative and will operate from May 28 through September 8. Also pictured in these photos from the ribbon cutting is Brian Stratton, Director of the NYS Canal Corporation. This fun event was a Capital Region Chamber ribbon cutting!

camprockaway.com/schuylerville

Curtis Lumber grand opening and ribbon cutting



This afternoon I was proud to take part in the official ribbon cutting and grand opening of Curtis Lumber Company's 23rd store. Today's event took place in the Town of Schodack.

Curtis Lumber was started back in 1827 by Captain Isaac Henry Curtis and was built a sawmill on Charlton Road.

Curtis Lumber offers building materials, home improvement and home maintenance products including: treated and untreated lumber, decking, roofing, siding, windows, doors, hardware, tools, kitchen and bath design, paints, stains, drywall, and much more!

Since 1890, Curtis Lumber has provided construction professionals and homeowners with quality materials, competitive prices, and superior service. It's been 131 years that Curtis Lumber has been in business and helping customers in its current form.

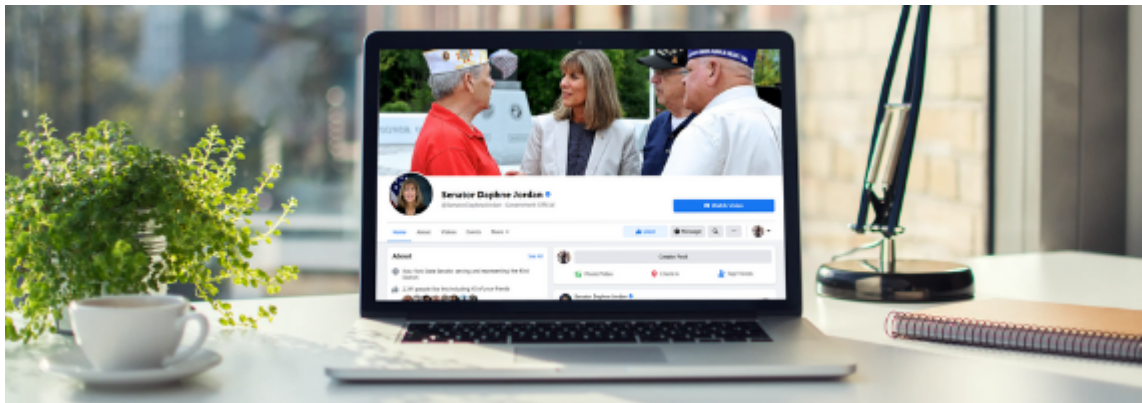
Curtis Lumber is a GREAT American business, a true American success story, and embodies the American Dream (they also have a giant, beautiful American Flag proudly on display outside)!

Also in attendance at today's ribbon cutting event were Assemblyman Jake Ashby, Rensselaer County Legislature Member Tom Grant, Rensselaer County Legislator Leon Fiacco, Rensselaer County Legislator Robert Loveridge, Rensselaer County Director of Operations Richard Crist, and Town of Schodack Supervisor Dave Harris. Today's great event was sponsored by the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce, and emceed by President and CEO Kate Manley. Mark Eagan, President and CEO of the Capital Region Chamber, and Pete Bardunias, Senior Vice President, Community Advancement for the Capital Region Chamber, were also active in today's ribbon cutting.

Congratulations to Jay Curtis and the entire team at Curtis Lumber on today's wonderful grand opening event!

www.curtislumber.com

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