

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the July 1st edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- Columbia County Honor a Veteran Ceremony
- Hudson Valley Community College North Campus Extension Groundbreaking
- My reaction to the verdict in the Ayshawn Davis Case
- My efforts to repeal the HALT Act
- Police union counters shift change proposal in Saratoga Springs
- Halfmoon Summer Concert

Other important news:

- COVID test and hand sanitizer delivery to the NY Race Track Chaplaincy
- Household Hazardous Waste disposal program to be held in Schodack and Nassau
- Ribbon Cuttings:
 - Capital Region Retirees Association
 - Saratoga Lake Wine and Liquor
 - Saratoga Corinth & Hudson Railway

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! I hope everyone has a safe and happy Fourth of July!

– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

IN THE NEWS



Albany kicks off guns special session — without concealed carry bill

Wouldn't it be common sense to have a bill or bills ready before calling an Extraordinary Session? Session was to begin at noon on Thursday. After a quick gavel in, Session was at ease while the Democrat Majorities of both Houses and the Governor's team worked at crafting a bill. Of the two bills to eventually be considered, my Republican Conference received a draft of one bill after 10 pm. At 1:15 am Friday morning, we were sent home and told that Session would resume at 10 am. I will tell you the outcome and give you my analysis of the legislation in next week's Wrap.

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Twin Counties feel squeeze at the pump

HUDSON — A month into a statewide gas tax holiday that was designed to provide relief, Columbia and Greene residents are still feeling the squeeze at the gas pump.

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New York's troubled ethics panel holds final meeting

The Legislature and Gov. Kathy Hochul agreed in April to replace it with the new Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government

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Red Cross offers holiday safety tips

ALBANY, N.Y. — The Red Cross is offering the following safety tips for the upcoming holiday weekend.

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My efforts to repeal the HALT Act



This was the view outside of my Albany office window on Thursday. Due to the complete oversight of Albany Democrats in passing the HALT Act, inmate on corrections staff assaults are up this year 37% and inmate on inmate assaults are up 30%. We are facing record levels of mandatory overtime requirements for our brave correctional officers who are resigning faster than ever due to the undue burdens placed upon them, and morale, which directly affects recruitment, is at an all-time low.

I am proud to join my colleague Senator Dan Stec as a cosponsor of his legislation

S.9378 to REPEAL the HALT Act. It is time Albany starts respecting and standing up for the brave men and women who put on their uniform, and put their lives on the line, every day to keep us safe. #RepealHALT

[Learn more about the legislation](#)

My reaction to the verdict in the Ayshawn Davis Case



I am saddened to hear the verdict of the getaway driver who participated in the devastating, senseless killing of 11-year old Ayshawn Davis in September of 2020. This heinous act rocked our communities and left us, understandably, stunned. For such a young and innocent life to be taken mercilessly at the hands of emotionless criminals is not only wrong, but sickening. The fact that the sentence to be decided for the driver of this horrific act of violence is only 5-15 years, is an injustice to the heartbroken family and innocent victim.

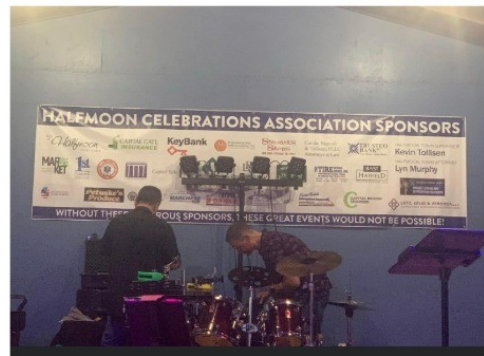
I introduced a bipartisan bill with Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara shortly after this drive by shooting. S2565 /A1590 adds a death as a result of a drive by shooting to the list of offenses that can qualify as murder in the first degree. Murder in the first degree is a class A-I felony that is punishable by life in prison without the possibility of parole.

There have been many drive by shootings statewide in the past several years, so the need for this legislation is there. This year, I forced the bill to be voted on in the Codes Committee via a Notice of Committee Consideration. Every Democrat Majority member shot it down to kill the bill. It is a disgrace that our legislature failed to act on this necessary bill in order to properly dissuade would-be killers and allow for the proper dispensation of justice.

I send my sincerest condolences to the family of Ayshawn Davis as they continue to grieve.

[Read more about the jury's verdict](#)

Halfmoon Summer Concert



We had a great turnout in Halfmoon for the first summer concert brought to all by the Halfmoon Celebrations Events Committee and Halfmoon Recreation Department. Sponsors make it possible to be free of charge for all attendees. I'm proud to be a sponsor. Check out the Celebrations Committee's website for all of their fun events.

[Halfmoon Celebrations Website](#)

Columbia County Honor a Veteran Ceremony



It was my honor to recognize Specialist Third Class John Francis Murphy Junior and present his family with a Senate Proclamation and New York State Liberty Medal, in his honor, recognizing his extraordinary years of service to the United States Army at this month's Honor A Veteran Ceremony at the Columbia County Fire Training Center in Commerce Park, on Monday morning. John Francis Murphy Jr. was born March 14, 1936 to John F. and Marion Margaret (Brand) Murphy in Albany where he grew up and attended high school. Upon graduation, he enlisted for three years in the United States Army and was assigned to the 84th Engineer Aviation Battalion during the Korean War, where he served in combat for ten months and sixteen days. After a cease-fire was signed, he was assigned to the 132 Engineer Aviation brigade and was honorably discharged on February 17, 1956 at Wolters Air Force Base, Mineral Wells, Texas. For his service, SP3 John Francis Murphy Jr was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service medal and the United Nations Service medal. After returning home to Albany on April 12, 1958, John married Helene Jan Van Beusichem, adopted three children: Thomas John, Linda Jean and James. He worked as an electric power lineman for Niagara-Mohawk Power Company until his retirement after 35 years

of service and was a member of A.B Shaw Fire Company, St. John's and St. Thomas' Lutheran Church, the Hudson Elks, Hudson VFW, Hudson American legion, Hudson Power Boat Association and the Hudson Whalers Pop Warner Football. He served on the Hudson City School District Board of Education for 10 years, and was president for 2 years serving as liaison to the NY State Schools Board. Upon his death on July 8, 2021, John Francis Murphy Jr. left behind three children, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. I am proud to recognize our heroic neighbors on a lifetime of service and dedication given to their nation, state, and communities. Specialist John Francis Murphy Jr. is an example to us all on selfless giving of oneself to protect the people and values we care for, and fiercely defend that which we love.

Hudson Valley Community College North Campus STEM Education Center Groundbreaking



Wednesday's ceremonial groundbreaking of the expansion of HVCC North STEM Education Center was a great day for a multitude of reasons, especially for Hudson

Valley Community College President Roger Ramsammy, who I know worked so very hard on getting this project funded and underway. I was happy to help him with that effort. The expansion of HVCC North will allow for upgrades at TEC-SMART, 14,500 square feet of additional state-of-the-art classrooms, science-labs, a clean room with world class semiconductor equipment and student support services, which will help educational and workforce development in Saratoga County.

It was great to see many friends at the event. Pictured above are Todd Kusnierz, Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman and Town of Moreau Supervisor, Johanna Duncan-Poitier, SUNY Senior Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges and the Education Pipeline, Mark Hammond, Town of Malta Supervisor, Dan Casale, my Director of Constituent Services and HVCC Foundation Board Member, Tom Grant and Judith Breselor, HVCC Board members and Dr. Patricia Klimkewicz, HVCC Dean of Health Sciences and my 2020 Woman of Distinction.

Congratulations and thank you to Dr. Ramsammy, HVCC, and all involved!

[Read more about the project here](#)

Police union counters shift change proposal in Saratoga Springs



Happy to participate in CBS 6's report. Saratoga Springs is a destination city for the arts, culture, entertainment, great lodging, dining and our world renowned racing season. When tourists are invited to partake in these treasures, they expect to be safe. The residents of Saratoga Springs expect to be safe. A priority of government is public safety. When I did an overnight drive-along and foot patrol with the Saratoga Springs police last summer, I saw first hand the very long shifts the officers worked with not a second to slack off or rest. There were thousands of people to watch and many sordid activities that they controlled. These men and

women officers work hard each day to keep their treasured city and people safe. A large presence of officers is necessary to do that during the busy summer months and thankfully the Saratoga County Sheriff deputies were on hand to help in the later hours while I was there. It is important that the Saratoga Springs Police Department is able to recruit and retain officers. There is no doubt that that should be a priority.

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COVID Test and hand sanitizer delivery to the NY Race Track Chaplaincy



Wednesday I fulfilled a special request for Covid tests and hand sanitizer to Alberto Matos, who works for the Race Track Chaplaincy NY as Chaplain of the Backstretch. We met at the recreation center right next to the Marylou Whitney Pavilion, both serving as the center of enjoyment for the backstretch community

when the day's work is completed. My friend, Kim Weir, Saratoga Volunteer Coordinator for the NY Race Track Chaplaincy and a driving force for the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, also joined us. There are over 300 backstretch workers that have already arrived in Saratoga Springs. During the next week, more than one thousand workers and their families will be coming to the area. Both Alberto and Kim have been busy preparing for their arrival. I'm happy to help out in a small, but needed way.

NY Race Track Chaplaincy

Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation

Household Hazardous Waste disposal program to be held in Schodack and Nassau



On Saturday, July 30th, Rensselaer county will be partnering on an inter-county Household Hazardous Waste disposal program for 2022. This will consist of six events to provide residents of the participating municipalities the opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous materials not accepted through normal garbage collection services. The disposal event is a free service to residents of the participating municipalities but requires advanced registration. Visit your town or city's website to register, or contact your community's municipal liaison.

[Learn more](#)



Capital Region Retirees Association



It was a lovely summer day to celebrate with the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce the opening of Capital Region Retirees Association's new office in Cropseyville! Congratulations to Candy Defruscio-Marrero for opening this new location and bringing so many great programs, from social engagements and professional educational seminars to guidance through benefit selection with their team of experts, for Capital Region retirees. Dan Casale, from my staff, enjoyed an energetic afternoon meeting with the team and presenting a Senate Certificate of Recognition for this milestone. This is another important step in helping to keep our life long NYers in the state by giving them the tools and resources to help foster a meaningful and productive retirement. To learn more about Capital Region Retirees Association and find all the different benefits they provide, visit their homepage!

Saratoga Lake Wine and Liquor



Congratulations to Katie Dobies on the opening of Saratoga Lake Wine & Liquor on this sunny summer day! We have seen so many wonderful new businesses opening in Saratoga County. Halie Northrop, from my staff, was able to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony to present a Senate Certificate of Recognition, and I know that Katie Dobies will make herself right at home in our beautiful district.

Saratoga Corinth & Hudson Railway



A black bulletin board with a wooden frame, mounted on a green wall. It features the Saratoga Corinth & Hudson Railway logo at the top left. The text on the board reads: "TRAIN BULLETIN", "Date: 7/1/22", "SOUTH BOUND". Below this is a table with three columns: "NO", "DUE", and "REMARKS".

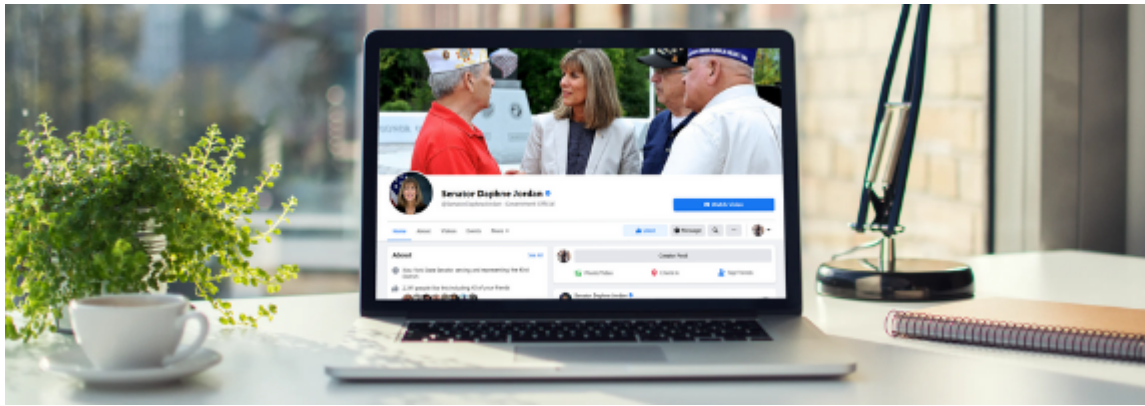
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304	6:30pm	PIZZA EXPRESS



Today was the official ribbon cutting for the Saratoga Corinth & Hudson Railway. The railway offers a variety of train rides suited for friends, families and special outings. The trains operate out of Corinth and make a round trip seven miles through the scenic Adirondacks. The Adirondack Company originally built the line in 1864, and Hal Raven, Jr. worked to bring the railroad back to life. Be sure to enjoy a 90 minute scenic ride this summer. Halie Northrop of my staff was on hand to present a Certificate of Recognition on my behalf. Congratulations to the Saratoga, Corinth, and Hudson Railway!

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