

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the July 8th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- My Analysis of the Extraordinary Session
- Two of my bills in support of Saratoga County have been signed into law
- New York State Sheriffs' Association Statement in response to new gun law
- Happy Independence Day
- Independence Day Naturalization Ceremony
- Hoosick Falls Fire Department 175th Anniversary and Independence Day Parade

Other important news:

- East Greenbush Honor a Veteran Ceremony
- Mechanicville Summer Meals Program Kick-Off
- Big Moose Deli Visit
- July 22nd Blood Drive in Saratoga
- Ribbon Cuttings:
 - Sleep & Spas

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



Saratoga County unveils brand for 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War commemoration

Every year we honor the sacrifices of those who fought during the Revolutionary War right here in Saratoga County. Right in our own backyards the turning point of the War was fought and won by our young nation. It is great to see that the 250th anniversary of these events will get the attention and recognition they deserve.

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Boys' Athlete of the Year: Carter Cukerstein

Congratulations Carter on your fantastic season! It was my honor to present Carter with a New York State Legislative Resolution in honor of his victory at the New York Indoor Track and Field Championship. Good luck to Carter as he moves onto the University of Oklahoma.

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Infamous Hudson murderer paroled, putting city on edge

This is unbelievable but unfortunately, I guess it's not considering the criminal coddling climate one party rule has brought us. The State Parole Board is releasing murderer William Maxwell despite the major concerns of the people of Hudson. Maxwell is a repeat offender who raped and murdered a mother of three in 1986. I have sponsored legislation, Senate Bill S7564, that would address the Parole Board's soft on crime mentality. The Bill "requires the state board of parole to include at least one member who is or was a member of law enforcement and at least one member who is a crime victim or crime victim's representative." The terrible judgement on the part of the Parole Board is proof that reform is needed to protect public safety.

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Cuomo 'overpowered' New York ethics board for \$5.1m book deal, report says

The ethics watchdog in Albany is laughable to say the least. For too long One-Party Rule in New York has made politicians think they can get away with anything. New York needs balanced government that will be honest with the people.

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As I promised in last weeks Weekly Wrap, here is my analysis of the legislation that was passed during the Extraordinary Session:

My Analysis of the Extraordinary Session



Extraordinary Session in Extraordinary Times
By Senator Daphne Jordan

Extraordinary times indeed. Inflation is at its highest in 40 years where gas and food prices are at an all-time high forcing people to choose what needs they can afford. Out of control crime for the past several years is causing nearly 80% of New Yorkers to be concerned that they could be a crime victim. Yes, there should be an Extraordinary Session to address these issues so New Yorkers can afford to live and feel safe to live in New York. An Extraordinary Session to make it more difficult for law-abiding citizens (they are law-abiding if they are going through the process proposed and passed) to get a license for a concealed carry firearm is not the fix.

The Legislative Process

On Friday, June 24 Governor Hochul sent to every Legislator an Executive Chamber Proclamation stating there would be an Extraordinary Session on Thursday, June 30th at noon to address “necessary statutory changes regarding firearm safety, in a way that ensures protection of public safety and health, after the United States Supreme Court decision in NYS Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen.”

[Read My Full Statement](#)

Delivering Results for Saratoga County



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SENATOR DAPHNE JORDAN GETS TWO BILLS PASSED AND SIGNED FOR SARATOGA COUNTY

"On Thursday, June 30, 2022, the Governor signed two bills sponsored by Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C-Halfmoon) and Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh (R,C-Ballston). Senate bill S9350 allows for the electronic appearance of defendants. S9466 will increase the number of family court judges in Saratoga County by one.

The electronic appearance legislation, sponsored by Senator Daphne Jordan and Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh adds Saratoga County to the list of New York counties and boroughs that already utilize this technology. For over two years the Saratoga County Court system has been using electronic appearances to great effect and this legislation makes the benefits to the county permanent.

"I'm pleased to partner with Assemblywoman Walsh to get Senate bill S9350 passed and deliver real results for Saratoga County," said Jordan. "Permitting electronic court appearances was a practice used out of necessity during the COVID pandemic and proved beneficial. It allows for detainees to participate in legal proceedings from a designated space through a two-way, closed-circuit, audio-visual system rather than being physically transported to a Saratoga County Court. Making it permanent for Saratoga County will cut costs by reducing the number of transports while enhancing public safety."

"By utilizing audio-visual technology, defendants will be able to have their cases heard before a judge more expeditiously than what current practices allow," said Walsh. "This measure will not only produce significant cost savings associated with holding and transportation of the defendant, but also an extra level of safety and security in the process."

So proud to work with Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh to get real results for the people of Saratoga County.

Check out my full statement below.

My Statement

New York State Sheriffs' Association Statement



New York has a serious problem with gun crime and the Democrat's latest gun control measure is not a serious way to address the problem. The law enforcement professionals of the New York State Sheriffs' Association are making it clear that this unconstitutional gun control bill is not what New York needs. New York needs common sense policies that will protect our rights and public safety!

"July 6, 2022 — Once again the New York State Legislature has seen fit to pass sweeping new criminal justice laws that affect the rights of millions of New York citizens, and which impose burdensome new duties on local government officials, without any consultation with the people who will be responsible for carrying out the provisions of those new laws. This has become a habit with the Legislature and has resulted in other criminal justice disasters such as New York's so-called Bail Reform Law.

Some action by the Legislature was necessary to fill the firearms licensing vacuum created when the Supreme Court struck down New York's unconstitutional restrictions on our citizens' right to keep and bear arms. But it did not need to be thoughtless, reactionary action, just to make a political statement."

Read the full statement below.

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Happy Independence Day



“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”

Happy Independence Day! On Monday, we celebrated the greatest nation on Earth. Let's honor and remember those who risked everything, including their lives, to declare independence for the sake of our freedom.

Naturalization Ceremony



I was so glad to join the newest group of our extended American family on Independence Day at the Saratoga National Historical Park Naturalization Ceremony. 19 people from 11 different countries including China, Afghanistan, Canada, and Germany, took the oath renouncing allegiance to their former country and pledging allegiance and service to the United States. Our national motto is "E Pluribus Unum", "Out of Many One" and a naturalization ceremony truly demonstrates how we have a nation of many different people and many different stories but we are all Americans. God Bless our new citizens and God Bless the United States of America.

Naturalization Oath

Visit Saratoga National Historical Park

Hoosick Falls Fire Department 175th
Anniversary Ceremony



On Sunday I joined the Village of Hoosick Falls to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Hoosick Falls Fire Department. Congratulations to Village Trustee Kevin O'Malley, Hoosick Falls Fire Department Chairman John Parker, and Chief Carlton Coon on all their hard work that ensures the Hoosick Falls Fire Department continues to serve the community for another 175 years!

Hoosick Falls Fire Department and Independence Day Parade



After the ceremony, the Village of Hoosick Falls continued their celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Hoosick Falls Fire Department and Independence Day with a parade down Main Street. It was great to see so many good friends including Judge Debra Young, Rensselaer County Legislators Jeffrey Wysocki and Bruce Patire, and Kendall Baker, President of the Greater Capital Association of Realtors. It is always important to celebrate and thank our brave first responders and I was glad to join Hoosick Falls as they did just that!

East Greenbush Honor a Veteran Ceremony



On Tuesday, East Greenbush honored the life of World War II Army veteran Stephen Miller. After graduating from Columbia High School, Stephen Miller enlisted in the Army on March 8th, 1942. While serving along the front line in Belgium in November of 1944, Stephen Miller was killed and posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. Thank you to Dan Casale from my staff for presenting a New York State Senate Proclamation on my behalf to the Miller family in recognition of Stephen Miller's service and sacrifice. God Bless Stephen Miller and all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Summer Meals Program Kick-Off



I was proud to join United Way of the Greater Capital Region, CAPTAIN Community Human Services, Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc. and Shenendehowa Central School District Superintendent Dr. Robinson Tuesday morning for the Summer Meals Program Kick-Off at the Park Avenue Playground in Mechanicville. While Saratoga County is one of the fastest-growing counties in New York, there are over 18,000 people who are food insecure, most of them children. Since starting over a decade ago, the Summer Meals program has grown by over 350% and served over 8,400 meals last summer. Currently, Saratoga County has 20 similar lunch sites that serve a free lunch to anyone 18 years old or younger. With the rising cost of food, thanks to inflation, programs like this are an important way for families to make ends meet and ensure children get the healthy lunch they need for brain power and to fuel a healthy, growing body. Thank you to the United Way, CAPTAIN, MACSC and the school districts that provide all of the mechanics to make this program successful! If you are interested in the Summer Meals program, please go to the link below.

[Learn More](#)

Big Moose Deli Visit



Stopped in to visit my friend Emil Baker at Big Moose Deli before Sunday's parade in Hoosick Falls. I along with my crew (Laurie, Matvey and twin brother Max) all left with treats and gift items. If you haven't been to Big Moose, stop in... lots of fun!

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July 22nd Blood Drive



American Legion Post 70 Blood Drive

**Sponsored by
State Senator Daphne Jordan**

34 West Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Friday July 22nd, from 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.



I will proudly be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday July 22nd from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post at 34 West Ave, Saratoga Springs. Our nation is currently experiencing a blood crisis so if you are eligible to give please check out the link below.

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Sleep & Spas



Congratulations to Sleep & Spas on the grand opening of their new location in North Greenbush! They are already a well established business in the area with locations in Saratoga Springs, Latham, Kingston, and Lake George, and offer unique ways to relax. Whether you are looking for a new mattress or a new spa, be sure to check them out!

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