

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the May 13th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- 2022 NYS Police Officers Memorial Remembrance Ceremony
- My Letter to Governor Hochul Demanding Action on Current Baby Formula Shortages
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- W.K. Mansfield Hose Company / West Crescent Fire District Banquet
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- New York State Senate Racing, Gaming & Wagering Committee Tour of Rivers Casino
- Greater Capital Association of Realtors Centennial Celebration

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- Recognizing National Police Week
- I'm hosting a blood drive on May 26th in Saratoga Springs
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- Ribbon Cuttings:
 - Miranda Real Estate Group
 - The Porch at Saratoga National
 - C.R.E.A.T.E. Community Studio

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



Lawmakers want funding for two primaries in New York

Thanks to the Majority's illegal political gerrymandering, New York taxpayers will have to pay millions more for 2 primary elections rather than just 1. Rather than leaving taxpayers with the bill, perhaps the Party responsible should have to pick up the cost of this additional election.

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Village's 28-year struggle for access to waterfront park gains political momentum

Castleton-On-Hudson is a town separated from its namesake. For 28 years the people of Castleton-On-Hudson have been asking the DOT to approve a plan to allow at-grade pedestrian access to the Hudson River. I was proud to stand with the Village on Saturday, and I am proud to have sent a letter to DOT demanding they use common sense to solve this issue.

[Read Article](#)



Yikes: Gas prices jump 17 cents in a week, hit new record high

Gas prices rose \$.17 in a week, hitting a new record high. I sponsor legislation with Senator Jim Tedisco that would cap the state gas tax at \$2.25 per gallon and suspend the tax in perpetuity at \$3.00 per gallon to ease pain at the pump and protect motorists from inflationary spikes in gas prices. New Yorkers are hurting and I will keep fighting for the relief they need.

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Hochul: Resources available to address formula shortage

My colleagues and I are working hard to make sure the current shortage of baby formula is alleviated as quickly as possible. Families are hurting and the state needs to act decisively.

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2022 NYS Police Officers Memorial Remembrance Ceremony



On Tuesday, Law Enforcement agencies from across New York paid homage to those who have been lost in service to the people of New York. I was honored to join the families, and fellow officers of the 49 brave Law Enforcement officers New York has lost in the line of duty since 2018. New York owes a great debt to the men and women of Law Enforcement who protect us everyday. Thank you to all of our courageous officers, and God bless those we have lost and their families.

My Letter to Governor Hochul Demanding Action on Current Baby Formula Shortages



May 12, 2022

Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Commissioner Mary T. Bassett, MD, MPH
NYS Department of Health
Corning Tower
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12237

Dear Governor Hochul and Commissioner Bassett:

We write to you today seeking immediate action and the full resources of the state to address the widespread baby formula shortage affecting New York. As you may or may not be aware, this shortage has reached crisis proportions across our entire country. In recent weeks, we have heard from countless families in our districts about empty store and pharmacy shelves – and parents with nowhere left to turn.

As parents ourselves, we fully understand the struggles facing those raising newborns and infants on a day-to-day basis. No mother or father should ever have to worry about whether or not they can feed their infant child.

Albany Must Use Full Force of the State to Tackle Widespread Formula Shortages Harming Infants & Parents Across NYS.

No mother or father should ever worry about whether or not they can feed their infant child. In recent weeks, I have heard from countless families in my district about empty store and pharmacy shelves where baby formula should be – and parents with nowhere left to turn. New Yorkers are fed up. It's time for Albany to unleash the full strength of our state government to address the crisis. The time to act is now. Read the letter my colleagues Senator Sue Serino, Senator Mike Martucci, and I sent to Governor Hochul, and our press release, below.

[Read the Letter](#)

Rally in support of safe at-grade pedestrian access to the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson Riverfront Park



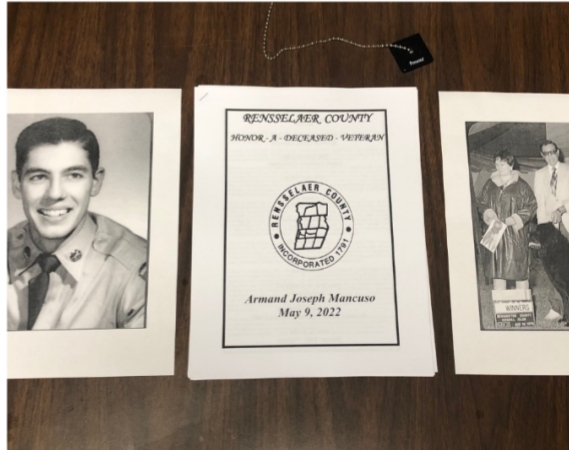
Saturday in the Village of Castleton-On-Hudson I joined Mayor Joe Keegan, Deputy Mayor Jenifer Pratico, Trustees Sharon Martin, and Lissa D'Aquanni, President of Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association Suzanne Donnelly, Schodack Town Supervisor Chuck Peters and Director of Land Use Advocacy for Scenic Hudson Jeffrey Anzevino to rally in support of safe at-grade pedestrian access to the village Riverfront Park. 28 years ago the Village and New York State Department of Transportation agreed to close Scott Ave. crossing to vehicular traffic—as long as pedestrian access was provided to Riverfront Park. Because high-speed rail was considered, fencing and gate were installed. In 2014, a study determined that high-speed rail would not be feasible. Residents are still gated out from their park along the Hudson. NYSDOT's answer is to build a \$5 million dollar overpass with an elevator in which the Village taxpayers would be responsible for its operation and maintenance. The common sense solution to this is for the State to advance a reasonable, responsible, realistic solution that FINALLY provides safe at-grade access to the Hudson River. Local control, local access to their local community is important to reclaim waterfront and in so doing, improve the local economy and strengthen the local quality of life. In the words of an astute observer, "It's time to put Castleton-BACK-On-the-Hudson!"

W.K. Mansfield Hose Company / West Crescent Fire District Banquet



I was honored to attend and celebrate another year of service to Halfmoon and Clifton Park with the W.K. Mansfield Hose Company / West Crescent Fire District. Thank you Chief Bonesteel for your leadership. Special recognition and congratulations to Firefighter of the Year John Cooper who answered the call 121 times in 2021. Thank you to all members for your selfless service to keep the rest of us safe. A great time was had by all Saturday evening and it was good to catch up with Halfmoon Supervisor Kevin Tollisen and Clifton Park Supervisor Phil Barrett. Ed Tremblay was a terrific emcee and host! Thank you for the invite.

Rensselaer County Honor a Veteran Ceremony



I was honored to present a New York State Liberty Medal, the highest honor that a New York Senator can award, to the family of US Army veteran Armand Mancuso as he was honored by Rensselaer County. He enlisted in the Army in 1951 and was deployed to Korea as a member of the 24th Infantry Division. After completing his honorable service in 1953, he attended Syracuse University and became a tax expert. In 1956 he married his wife Helen and together they owned and operated Boradaile Restaurant in Troy, and Boradaile Kennel in Sand Lake, as well as his own "Mancuso Tax Service" that he operated for 30 years. In addition Armand Mancuso was also a dedicated member of the local VFW and Elks lodge.

Our veterans are the bedrock of our nation and Armand Mancuso is a prime example of the hard work and loyalty our veterans exhibit every day. Thank you for your service and God bless your family and all our veterans!

[Read the Biography](#)

New York State Senate Racing, Gaming & Wagering Committee Tour of Rivers Casino



Serving as the Ranking Republican Member on the Senate Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee, I received a tour of Rivers Casino & Resort Schenectady with some of my colleagues Monday afternoon. I want to thank our Committee Chairman, my colleague, Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., for arranging our tour. I'm pictured above with Chairman Addabbo, Senator James Gaughran, and Rick Richards, General Manager of Rivers Casino in the City of Schenectady. The facility was impressive and I appreciated the staff's assistance and insights as we toured the casino.

[Racing, Gaming, and Wagering Committee Website](#)

[Rivers Casino Website](#)

Greater Capital Association of Realtors Centennial Celebration



I was proud to present a New York State Senate Proclamation in recognition of the centennial of the Greater Capital Association of Realtors this evening. Over the course of the last 100 years, they have provided a steady hand for the realtors and property owners of the Capital Region. It was great to see my friends Laura Burns, Kendal Baker, Jennifer Vucetic, Senator Jim Tedisco and Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh. Congratulations and here is to another 100 years!

Greater Capital Association of Realtors Website

Saratoga Builders & CRBRA Mixer



It was wonderful to join the Saratoga Builders Association and Capital Region Builders & Remodelers Association, Inc. (CRBRA) at Prime at Saratoga National Wednesday night. I want to thank Barry Potoker, Executive Director of Saratoga Builders Association, and Kristen Egelston, Executive Officer of CRBRA, for inviting me to speak. I am also pictured here with Julie Maleski Putzel, of JMP Interiors, Todd Vandervort, of The Vandervort Group, LLC, Chris Abele, of Abele Builders, Inc., Doug Ford of Curtis Lumber Company, Patricia Morris, Stillwater School Superintendent, and Adam Feldman of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Saratoga, Warren & Washington Counties. SBA, CBRA and many of their members have joined forces to focus on workforce development in the building and construction trades to make sure builders have trained workers ready to fill the jobs that are available.

[Saratoga Builders Website](#)

[CRBRA Website](#)

Honoring National Nurses Week

THANK YOU NURSES



Our nurses have been true heroes throughout the pandemic. This week let's show our deep appreciation for the hard work and selfless service nurses provide each and every day. Happy National Nurses Week to our amazing New York Nurses!

Recognizing National Police Week



We #BackTheBlue each and everyday - as New Yorkers, we must support and protect those who protect us. During this National Police Week it is so important that we highlight and thank our brave men and women in law enforcement who put their lives and safety on the line for all of us.

I'm hosting a blood drive May 26th



Saratoga Springs City Hall Blood Drive

**Sponsored by
State Senator Daphne Jordan**

474 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Music Hall

**Thursday, May 26, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



Please join me Thursday, May 26, from noon to 6:00 p.m., for a community blood drive that I'm sponsoring with the American Red Cross. Our community blood drive is taking place at Saratoga Springs City Hall, 3rd Floor. There is currently a nationwide blood shortage crisis and all blood types are urgently needed. If you or someone you know is interested in taking part in my community blood drive, visit redcrossblood.org and use code SARATOGACITYHALL. Thank you!

Red Cross Website

**Shenendehowa and Clifton Park & Halfmoon
EMS team up**



Great to see Shenendehowa Central School District and Clifton Park & Halfmoon EMS team up to fill a critical need and prepare students for the real world. The skills they learn can be used to help the community and set them on the path to a fruitful career in the medical field. .

[Learn More](#)



Miranda Real Estate Group



Congratulations to the Miranda Real Estate Group, Inc. on the ribbon cutting of their new office in Saratoga Springs. With over 29 years of experience, 10,000 houses sold, and over \$2 Billion in real estate sales, they bring a lot to the table. Thank you to the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce and Capital Region Chamber for helping celebrate this new chapter for Miranda Real Estate Group.

Business Website

The Porch at Saratoga National



I had a great time at Saratoga National today as they cut the ribbon on The Porch, their new outdoor dinner experience. They will be open from May to October and offer a great selection on their lunch and dinner menus all with a view of the 18th green. Thank you to the Saratoga Chamber of commerce for inviting me to join in the festivities, and good luck to owner Tom Newkirk and operator Angelo Mazzone.

Business Website

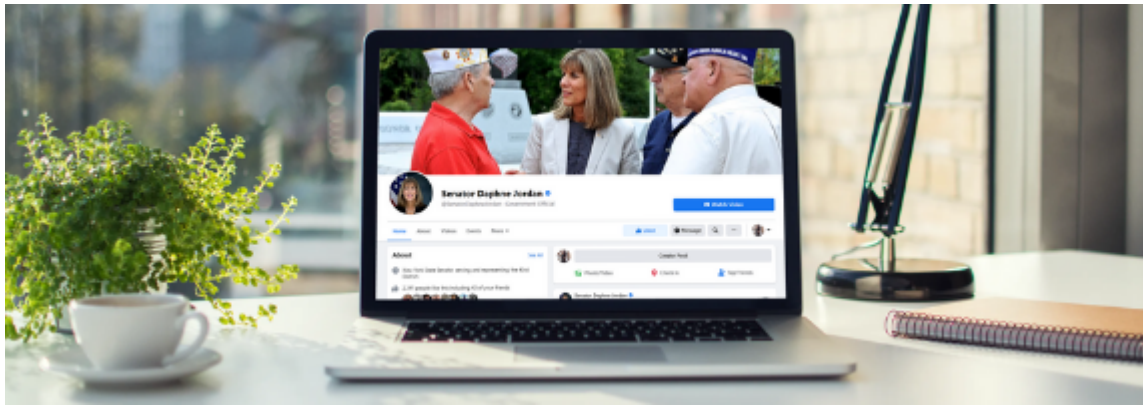
C.R.E.A.T.E. Community Studio



A busy day in Saratoga as the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce helped cut the ribbon on the second location of Create Community Studios. This new community art studio provides low-cost classes and workshops for people of all ages. Congratulations to Executive Director Heather Hutchison, Saratoga Sight Director Julianne Lewis and the entire team at C.R.E.A.T.E. Community Studios. Check them out at the link below.

Business Website

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