

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

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

BIG happenings:

- Update on the 2022-2023 New York State Budget
- Remembering My Friend Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Public Works Anthony "Skip" Scirocco
- My "Family Freedom Inflation Relief Checks" Budget Amendment
- Operation Adopt-A-Soldier Supply Drive
- Abigail Jenks Memorial Supply Drive
- East Greenbush Honor A Veteran Ceremony
- Understanding Heroin and Opioid Abuse Community Forum
- Meeting with Schenectady Landlords Influencing Change

Other important news:

- Celebrating National Library Week
- Recognizing National Donate Life Month
- Halfmoon Celebrations Easter "Egg" Stravaganza
- Great Business to Check Out:
 - Crescent City Mattress

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

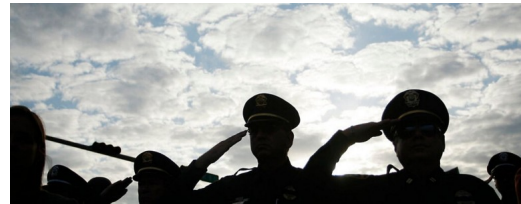
IN THE NEWS



EDITORIAL: Now is not the time for the state to go cheap on tick-borne illnesses

Funding to fight Lyme Disease and Tick-Borne Illnesses is a common sense way to protect the health, safety, and well-being of our fellow New Yorkers. Every year tens of thousands of people suffer from the chronic, and devastating impacts of Lyme Disease and TBI. My Colleagues and I will continue to fight for the funding that is needed to combat this growing threat to public health.

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New York lawmaker wants peer support programs for first responders, health care workers

New York families are fed up with the out of control gas prices. Senator Tedisco and I have introduced legislation that will permanently scale back the gas tax whenever prices begin to rise above \$2.25 and when prices hit \$3, the tax would be suspended. This safety valve will ensure whenever prices begin to rise, New Yorkers won't have to wait for the Legislature to act, the cost reduction will be automatic.

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Torrential rain closes roads, causes flooding across eastern upstate NY

Over the last few days heavy rains have dropped extreme amounts of water on the Capital Region. Please use caution when driving and do not try to drive through standing or rushing water.

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Former Shenendehowa standout Huerter earns team award with NBA's Atlanta Hawks

Congratulations to Clifton Park native Keven Huerter for earning the award for the "player on the team's roster who best represents themselves and the franchise with professionalism and integrity in their interactions with the media." Great job being a positive representative of the Atlanta Hawks and the Capital Region!

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2022-2023 State Budget Update: Missed deadline: Lawmakers still working on budget



This article is from April 3rd. Today is April 8th and we are still working on completing the 2022-23 State Budget. Once voting is completed, I will send out a full update.

[View the Broadcast](#)

Remembering My Friend Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Public Works Anthony “Skip” Scirocco



I was heartbroken to learn about the passing of my dear friend Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Public Works Anthony ‘Skip’ Scirocco. As Senator, I had the privilege of getting to know Commissioner Scirocco and working with him. As Public Works Commissioner, Skip Scirocco led from the front, putting people before politics, and tackling every project, big or small, with energy and excellence, focus and follow-through. Commissioner Scirocco leaves a legacy of successes in public works that will be unmatched as his dedicated, tireless service made Saratoga Springs, the City he so loved, an even better place. Along with being an incredible public servant, Commissioner Scirocco was a total class act, consistently making the time for the most thoughtful gestures and acts of kindness, many of which I experienced and will forever appreciate. My prayers, thoughts, and condolences go out to Commissioner Scirocco’s wife Corinne, and the entire Scirocco Family, during this most difficult time. We share your sorrow and celebrate your beloved husband, father, and friend’s countless contributions to our community.

Saratogian Article

Family Freedom Inflation Relief Checks Amendment



New York families are being crushed by inflation that is driving their cost of living even higher than before. As a mother, I am calling on my colleagues across the aisle to understand the financial strain inflation is having on families across our state. Now is the time to stand up for New York families and ensure they get the relief they so desperately need.

Watch My Remarks

Operation Adopt A Soldier Supply Drive



It was a very special day on Saturday in Milton with an organization I have supported for years, Operation Adopt A Soldier, Inc. Founded in 2003, Operation Adopt a Soldier has sent over 288,000 packages to our soldiers! At Saturday's event at the Milton Fire Department, people were able to donate food and other supplies to send to soldiers serving around the world. I had the honor of catching up with my friend Mary Elizabeth Jenks, whose daughter Abigail was tragically killed while training with the 82nd Airborn Division at Ft. Bragg.

I want to thank Tammy L. Loya for sponsoring this great event as well as my good friend Cliff Sequin, the Chairman and Founder of Operation Adopt a Soldier. They both put in a lot of work to make sure this event was a big success!

To learn more about Operation Adopt a Soldier see the links below:

Website

Abigail Jenks Memorial Supply Drive



Mary Elizabeth Jenks is sponsoring a supply drive for Operation Adopt A Soldier, in memory of her daughter Spc. Abigail Jenks, who passed away during a routine training accident in North Carolina. The supply drive began on April 4th and will run through April 19th. The supplies will go to support troops who are serving around the world, and do not have access to many of the things we take for granted here at home. If you would like to donate, please see the links for requested items and drop off locations.

Requested Items

Drop Off Locations

East Greenbush Honor a Veteran



On Tuesday, I was honored to have my staff present a New York State Senate proclamation to Fred Nardacci for his dedicated twenty-two years of service in the US Navy. Fred enlisted in 1975 right out of Rensselaer High School and would go on to serve on 3 submarines. In 1997 he retired at the rank of Senior Chief Yeoman and returned to Rensselaer County with his wife Elaine and their two children, Eric and Adam. After retiring from the Navy, Senior Chief Nardacci continues serving the community as a member of the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, the Disabled American Veterans, and Submarine Veterans of America. Thank you to the Town of East Greenbush for honoring this great American and thank you, Senior Chief Fred Nardacci, for your faithful service to our nation and community.

Understanding Heroin and Opioid Abuse Forum



On Tuesday evening, I was proud to partner with Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, Halfmoon Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen, and New Choices Recovery Center in sponsoring an educational community forum, "Understanding Heroin and Opioid Abuse." The Opioid Epidemic has been a scourge on our community and nation, and I want to thank all those who brought this important information to the public.

New Choices Recovery Center

Schenectady Landlords Influencing Change



It was great to speak at the Schenectady Landlords Influencing Change meeting held at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday night. I'm pictured here with Chris Morris, Founder and Executive Director of the organization, SCAP's Donna Gonzalez, Realtor Lorrian Gagne, and Attorney Dan Binisan. Also at Wednesday's meeting were Schenectady City Councilmembers John Polimeni and Doreen Ditoro.

I'm proud to continue advocating for mom-and-pop landlords who have been struggling financially because of Albany's inaction and mismanagement of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). I've been leading the effort to get ERAP funding out the door to help the mom-and-pop landlord small businesses that are facing financial ruin. So many mom-and-pop landlords are still hurting and still waiting – I want to get them much-needed help ASAP!

My thanks again to Chris Morris and Schenectady Landlords Influencing Change for the invitation!

Celebrating National Library Week



Happy National Library Week! As a lifelong advocate of libraries, literacy, and learning, having helped establish the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, serving as a Director of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library Foundation, and as the Ranking Republican Member on our Senate Libraries Committee, I know that every day, our excellent public libraries provide communities with vital resources and programs. Whether you're a young child learning to read, or you want to learn a new skill later in life, your local library has so much to offer!

I was proud to speak on the Senate Floor and offer my strong support for our excellent public libraries in recognition of "Library Week" in New York State. This year marks the 64th anniversary of National Library Week – a special celebration and recognition sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries nationwide. My thanks to our public libraries and dedicated librarians that continue helping and serving all New Yorkers!

[Watch My Speech](#)

National Donate Life Month



During this National Donate Life Month, please consider registering to become an organ donor. It is one of the surest ways to save the life of a fellow American.

[Learn More Here](#)

Halfmoon Celebrations Easter "Egg" Stravaganza



Halfmoon *In conjunction with the Town of Halfmoon*
CELEBRATIONS
Association, Inc.

EASTER "EGG" STRAVAGANZA & SPRING FLING SHOPPING BAZAAR

Saturday April 9, 2022
 Town of Halfmoon Complex, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza
12:00pm-4:00pm

**FREE
ACTIVITIES**

*Picture with the
Easter Bunny
Crafts
Face Painting
Balloon Artist
Pony Rides
Petting Zoo
Fire Department
Sheriffs
EMS*

**VENDOR
SHOPPING
PERFECT FOR
EASTER
AND MOTHER'S DAY
GIFT IDEAS**

*Jewelry, Makeup,
Skin Care, Candles,
Cooking Products,
Homemade Products,
Custom Made Items,
And so much more!*

Halfmoon Celebrations Events
 Limited Spaces Available

This Saturday from 12 to 4 PM at the Town of Halfmoon Complex, Halfmoon Celebrations Events will be hosting their Easter "Egg" Stravaganza and Spring Fling! With crafts, a petting zoo, and a visit from the Easter Bunny, this is sure to be a lot of fun for the whole family!

[Learn More Here](#)



Crescent City Mattress



Congratulations to Allan Teller, the owner of Crescent Mattress! This new mattress store located on Route 9 in Halfmoon offers great products at affordable prices! Thank you to the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, Halfmoon Town Supervisor Keven Tollisen, and Deputy Supervisor Paul Hotaling for helping us welcome the newest business in the Town of Halfmoon!

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