

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the February 18th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- Every Senate Democrat Voted Against Ending The Mask Mandate
- Bipartisan Plan To Create a New Department of Veterans Services
- Ensuring Broadband Access For All
- Adirondack Chamber Of Commerce "Lunch With Legislators"
- Rensselaer County Honored Seaman Richard Paul Jansson

## **Other important news:**

- Happy Valentines Day!
- The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Volunteer Fire Department And The Hillcrest Fire Department Hosted Installation Banquets For New Officers
- Shenendehowa Rotary Club Outhouse Races
- Meeting Today With The New York State Educational Conference Board
- New Business To Check Out: The Village Tart Coffee Shop In Schuylerville.

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto: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





**Winter utility bills worse than expected amid record inflation, cold temps**

New York Families are getting crushed by higher energy bills that are up more than 30% from a year ago, with electricity costs up 200%! New Yorkers need real relief from rising energy prices that are straining family budgets like never before. We need to ease the squeeze on families and make NY more affordable for everyone!

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**Freihofer's Baking Company Inc.'s Saratoga Jazz Fest IS BACK!**

On June 25th and 26th Saratoga Performing Arts Center will be hosting the 45th Annual Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival! This great two-day event will feature some of the best jazz acts from around the world. If you are interested in learning more check out the link below.

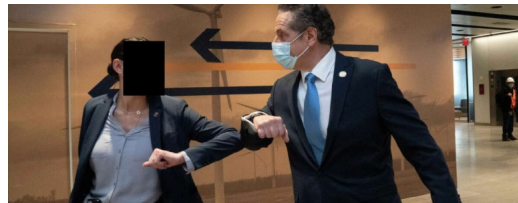
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**Fear of flooding as warm weather hits Capital Region, upstate**

Over the next few days there is the potential for dangerous flooding and ice flows throughout the Capital Region. Melting snow and heavy rain could pose a threat to some low lying areas near rivers and streams. If you are at risk of flooding please keep a close eye on water levels and move to higher ground if necessary.

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**'Trooper 1' files federal lawsuit against Cuomo, DeRosa and State Police**

Yet another sad chapter in the Andrew Cuomo saga! Governor Cuomo resigned in disgrace for his poor treatment of woman and Even though partisan DAs refused to prosecute him, this brave member of the New York State Police continues to stand up to this bully.

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# Mask Mandate Vote



On Monday, I stood with my New York State Senate Republicans colleagues and called on the Governor to end her mask mandates. Our Senate Republican Conference offered an amendment to end mask mandates for schools during session. EVERY SINGLE DEMOCRAT in the Senate voted AGAINST the amendment! We have known for almost two years that children are the least vulnerable to serious physical illness from COVID, yet they are the only ones still required to wear a mask. I stand for the rights of parents to choose what is best for their children!

Read my full statement below as well as watch the video from our press conference:

[Read My Statement](#)

[Watch The Video](#)

## Bipartisan plan to create a New York State Department of Veterans Services





This week, I stood with my colleagues during a bipartisan press conference in support of legislation to create a new Department of Veterans’ Services. This legislation would reform the current State Division of Veterans' Services to make it a full-fledged cabinet position with a Commissioner. By creating a new Department, veterans and their families will be better served and have greater access to the services they have earned. Thank you to all the veterans who came today to advocate for this common-sense reform. I especially want to thank my good friend Command Sergeant Major Gary Flaherty, Director of the Office of Veterans' Services, and head of the County's Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Veteran's Counseling Program for his continued service to our nation and veterans throughout Columbia County. I'll continue advocating for the men and women of our armed forces to whom we owe everything!

Read the Bill

## Ensuring Broadband Access for All



Proud to stand with Senator Dan Stec and my Senate Republican colleagues in calling on the Governor to drop the Fiber Optic Tax from her Executive Budget. This tax has been a leading cause for the #digitaldivide in rural New York. Dropping the Fiber Optic Tax will help bring broadband to more New Yorkers!

[Read the Bill](#)

## Adirondack Regional Chamber Of Commerce "Lunch With Legislators"



Thank you to the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce for hosting "Lunch with Your Legislators" at the Queensbury Hotel, in Glens Falls. We touched on many important issues that the region is facing including, workforce development, the importance of trucking, tourism, reducing paperwork for small businesses, and our nation-leading out-migration. It was good to see my fellow legislators, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, and Assemblymen Jake Ashby and Matt Simpson. I look forward to continuing to work with the Chamber of Commerce to ensure our businesses get the support they need.

[Adirondack Chamber Of Commerce Website](#)

## Rensselaer County Honor a Veteran Ceremony





This week, Rensselaer County Honored Averill Park native Richard Paul Jansson, who served in the Navy from 1954 to 1962. Seaman Richard Jansson served on the USS Antietam in the Atlantic and in the Mediterranean Fleets. After completing his honorable service, Seaman Jansson went on to serve as a firefighter at General Dynamics' Electric Boat Company in Groton Connecticut. Seaman Jansson passed away in January of 2020, leaving behind his daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Thank you for your service and dedication to our nation!

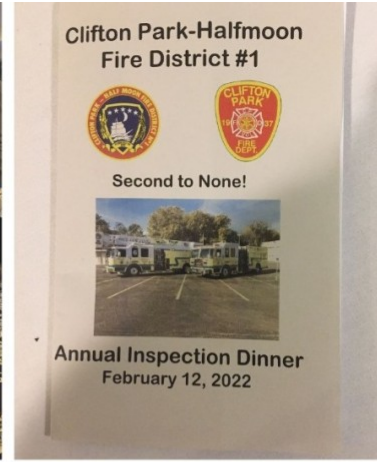
Happy Valentines Day!



My Valentine surprised me Monday morning when I came downstairs! Hope everyone had a wonderful Valentines Day!

## Clifton Park-Halfmoon Volunteer Fire Department Banquet





Thank you to the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Volunteer Fire Department for your service to the community; knowing you are on watch 24-7, we can all sleep tight at night. Congratulations to all of the installed officers and to all of the honored for their many years of service. I also thank you for your invitation to last night's Inspection Dinner.

[Clifton Park-Halfmoon Volunteer Fire Department Website](#)

## Hillcrest Fire Department Banquet



Congratulations to the Company and Firematic Officers installed at the Hillcrest Fire Department Installation Banquet this weekend. Thank you to all members for keeping our community safe and many thanks to your families for sacrificing family time to benefit all of us. Phil and I had a wonderful time spent with all of you and are most appreciative!

[Hillcrest Fire Department Website](#)

## Shenendehowa Rotary Club Outhouse Races





I believe I can speak for all of the competitors today... wet, frozen and pooped! Today's proceeds from Shenendehowa Rotary Club's 6th Annual Outhouse Race will go to support the Rotary Shelter Box and the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc. (MACSC). Thank you Executive Director Megan Quillinan and Tammie Alikonas, Development Coordinator and Team manager, for the opportunity to be a team member of MACSC's Team "Stinkerbells" and pull our outhouse to victory in the first race. It got a little too slippery after that. The team was comprised of all first timers, but we've got the strategy down for next year... starting with an aerodynamic outhouse like that of Team "Pea Happy".

Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc.

Shenendehowa Rotary Club

New York State Educational Conference Board





This morning, I met with representatives of the New York State Educational Conference Board - an advocacy group including the Association of School Business Officials, the Conference of Big 5 School Districts, the Council of School Superintendents, the New York State PTA, the NYS School Boards Association, NYSUT, and the School Administrators Association of New York State - regarding the Executive Budget proposal and its provisions relating to school aid. The 43rd Senate District has 29 School Districts within it so the information presented is especially important! Thank you!



## The Village Tart



Wednesday was a special day in Schuylerville with the opening of The Village Tart. This specialty coffee shop right on Broad Street offers great coffee and delicious baked goods. Congratulations to Cynthia Spencer on opening this wonderful shop in the heart of one of Saratoga County's most historic villages. Thank you to the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for helping celebrate today!

[Check Out Their Website](#)

## New York State Broadband Survey



The New York State Broadband Assessment Program is a vital step in bringing

broadband internet to every New Yorker. This survey will allow the Department of Telecommunications to determine where services are still needed, where they can be improved, and where affordability is an issue. Please fill out the survey at the link below:

Take the Survey

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