

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the March 11th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- Press Conference On My New Bill The Veterans Service Organizations COVID-19 Relief Act
- Setting New York's 2022-2023 Budget Priorities
- Halfmoon Character Counts Program Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinners
- A Visit from Girl Scout Troop 30345
- Celebrating International Women's Day
- My Interview with Jamie DeLine from News 10 ABC

## **Other important news:**

- It's American Red Cross Month!
- Daylight Savings Time Is This Weekend
- Troy Innovation Garage Celebrates its 5 Year Anniversary
- Businesses to Check Out:
  - Alltown Fresh
- New York State Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Awards - Nominate a Student Today!

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



## Average gas prices hit new all-time record high in Syracuse, Albany, more

\$4.45 per gallon is now the average price of gas in the Capital Region, an ALL-TIME HIGH! Working and Middle-class families are being squeezed by higher energy prices and inflation like never before. New Yorkers pay 48 cents per gallon in tax which the legislature can suspend right now! #SuspendTheGasTax

[Read Article](#)



## Jobless aid for excluded workers gets boost from New York labor union

Last year the Democrat Majority established a \$2.1 billion “Excluded Workers Fund” to provide a one-time payment of up to \$15,600 to individuals, including undocumented immigrants and those in the cash economy, who lost income between March 27, 2020, and April 1, 2021, but were excluded from State Unemployment Insurance and Federal COVID-related assistance. Now that that money is almost exhausted, the Majority wants another \$3 Billion! As leaders, the Majority needs to be more responsible with the Taxpayers’ money!

[Read Article](#)



### 2022 RISE Award

The Saratoga County Sheriff's Office has been nominated for a 2022 RISE Award presented by Axon Protect and they need the community's help in voting for them to win! Click the link below to view their submission and vote. You can come back once per day until 3/18 to vote!

[Vote Here](#)



### Ellis pauses overnight care at Clifton Park center over staffing

New Yorkers continue to suffer from Kathy Hochul's destructive mandates. All across New York, we are seeing hospitals reduce care because of staffing shortages. Our healthcare workers were heroes without vaccines but now they have been thrown out. It's time to end the mandate and allow thousands of people to get back to the jobs they love and we need.

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## Press Conference on the Veterans Service Organizations COVID-19 Relief Act



On Wednesday, I stood alongside Senator Rob Ortt, VFW Post 420 Commander

Harold Patchen, Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency Director Frank McClement, Columbia County Director of Veterans Services Command Sergeant Major Gary Flaherty, as well as local veterans and members of the community to announce legislation I have introduced in order to help struggling veterans services organizations.

Our veterans services organizations provide important support and services to our veterans and our communities as a whole. Many of these organizations have struggled financially throughout the pandemic, particularly since many of their traditional fundraising activities were shut down.

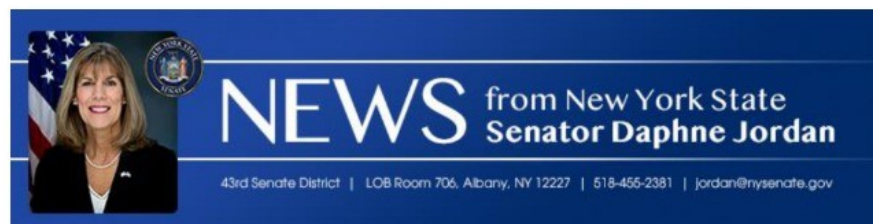
My bill (S.8504), known as the Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) COVID-19 Relief Act, would establish a \$10 million fund to provide grants of up to \$50,000 to provide financial support to qualifying veterans service organizations throughout the state.

Press Release

Watch the Press Conference

Bill Text

## Setting New York's 2022-2023 Budget Priorities



**SENATOR DAPHNE JORDAN CALLS ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO  
PRIORITIZE KEY STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES**

**SENATOR JORDAN ADVOCATES FOR THE 2022-23 STATE BUDGET TO  
CONTAIN POLICY PRIORITIES INCLUDING AFFORDABILITY,  
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT, EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES,  
AND ENSURING A QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS**

We are fast approaching the New York State April 1st Budget deadline. I am



calling on the Governor and the Senate Majority Leader to highlight the Senate Republican Conference's key priorities which are:

- Making New York Affordable for all
- Building a stronger workforce for a stronger economy
- Improving our business climate and expanding economic opportunity
- Ensuring access to a quality education for all students
- Investing in infrastructure for the 21st Century and a clean energy future
- Fighting for a safer New York
- Supporting and protecting New York's vulnerable populations

Read my full statement below:

[Read the Press Release](#)

## Halfmoon Character Counts Program Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinners



This past Friday I had the privilege of handing out Corned Beef and Cabbage dinners ordered in support of Halfmoon Character Counts Program and Halfmoon Celebrations Events. Thank you Supervisor Kevin Tollisen, Deputy Supervisor Paul Hotaling, Town Clerk Lynda Bryan, Recreation Director Ross MacNeil,

Halfmoon Attorney Lyn Murphy, and Halfmoon Town Employees Terri Russel, Gaither Espey and Paula Waite and Celebrations member Traci McCumber for working so hard to cook and package the delicious dinners. And I thank everyone who came out yesterday to support these great organizations!

## Halfmoon Celebrations

### A visit from Girl Scout Troop 30345



On Monday, my colleague, Senator Ed Rath, had some very special visitors. The girls from his daughters' Girl Scout Troop 30345 from Williamsville NY! As part of #girlscoutweek, they came to tour the Capitol and learn more about the legislative process. As a former Girl Scout, I was happy to share my experience with them as a woman in the New York State Senate, and offer encouragement to these future female volunteers and leaders!

## Girl Scouts Website



## Celebrating International Women's Day



Wednesday was International Women's Day, honoring the countless contributions that women have made. New York has played a central role in the history of women's rights, with trailblazers like Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton calling our state home. I am honored to be part of that proud legacy and will continue to work with my colleagues to inspire girls to be the next generation of female leaders!

[Learn more here](#)

[Commemorative Video](#)

## My Interview with Jamie DeLine from News 10 ABC



Be on the lookout for Jamie DeLine's report on WTEN later today about my efforts to Suspend The Gas Tax!

News 10 ABC

American Red Cross Month





March is American Red Cross Month which means it is a great opportunity to get out and volunteer in your community. The Red Cross has a number of different ways that people can help, from blood donation to disaster relief. This month is a great opportunity to honor and join the volunteers across America who turn compassion into action

[Learn more here](#)

## Daylight Savings Time



DON'T FORGET! Saturday Night is Daylight Savings which means we set our clocks AHEAD one hour. Losing an hour of sleep is no fun but more sunlight after work will be wonderful!

## Troy Innovation Garage Celebrates its 5 Year Anniversary



Wednesday, the Troy Innovation Garage celebrated its 5 Year Anniversary! This great organization has helped thousands of people since opening its doors. Not only that, it has brought development and revitalization to the great City of Troy. Tom Nardacci has done such an amazing job with the Troy Innovation Garage that it has been replicated not just across the Capital Region but also the State. Congratulations on 5 great years!



## Troy Innovation Garage Website



### Alltown Fresh





Wednesday Alltown Fresh opened a new location in Livingston. Located at the intersection of Rt 9H and Rt 23, they are far more than your average gas station. They offer locally sourced, made-to-order recipes, great coffee, and craft beer. Congratulations to Eric Slifka for opening this new location in the 43rd Senate District. If you want to learn more check out their website!

Alltown Fresh Website

## New York State Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Awards

A banner for the New York State Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Awards. The top half features a blue and green background with the words "YOUTH LEADERSHIP" in large, stylized letters. To the right is a gold medal. Below this, a circular portrait of Senator Daphne Jordan is shown. To the right of the portrait, text reads: "Help recognize student leaders who make our school and community proud! To learn more about this award program, and to nominate a deserving student, please visit: JORDAN.NYSENATE.GOV". Below the portrait, the text "Senator Daphne Jordan" is displayed, followed by a small logo for the New York State Senate, 43rd Senate District.

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP**

RECOGNITION AWARDS

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**Senator Daphne Jordan**

New York State Senate  
Senate District

Every year the New York State Senate is proud to present the Youth Leadership Recognition Award, to high schoolers that will become the next generation of leaders. Any high school sophomore, junior, or senior who excels academically, and demonstrates leadership through their extracurricular activities, is eligible for the award. All applications must be submitted by March 25th, 2022 so if you have a student you would like to nominate don't wait! Check the link below to learn more and to fill out the application.

Nominate a Student

## Stay up-to-date with me throughout the week on Social Media!



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