

Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the April 15th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- Lt. Governor Brian Benjamin Resigns
- NYS Senate Majority's Budget: Continuation of a Pro-Criminal Agenda
- Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony
- WTEN's Jamie DeLine honored with the ESGR Seven Seals Award
- My Letter Advocating for Direct Support Professionals

Other important news:

- Celebrating Halfmoon Yellow Ribbon Day
- Abigail Jenks Memorial Supply Drive
- Sponsoring a Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Course
- Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
- COVID Test Kit Drop-off
- Have a Blessed Good Friday
- Happy Passover
- Happy Easter
- Ribbon cuttings:
 - 30th Anniversary of Saratoga Signatures
 - Sasha's of Saratoga

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



Whom cops are looking for in Brooklyn subway shooting

Tuesday's attack in Brooklyn was horrifying, my thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families, as well as NYPD and FDNY members and all first responders who rushed to help. Thank you to the hard-working, dedicated, and courageous members of law enforcement for apprehending the suspect!

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What's in Kathy Hochul's \$220 Billion Budget Deal? Key Details to Know (for Now)

The 2022-23 State Budget was, unfortunately, a typical Albany production beginning with the fact that it was a week late. This year's \$220.5 BILLION price tag was nearly \$8 Billion MORE than last year. To get more details check out the article linked here:

[Read Article](#)



\$10M in state funds coming to Schenectady for ice arena at Mohawk Harbor; For Union hockey, other events

The newly passed state budget includes \$10 million toward a new arena for Union College ice hockey and other events, according to lawmakers and economic development officials involved in the project.

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NY State Sen. Phil Boyle Not Seeking Re-election

My friend and office neighbor, Senator Phil Boyle, announced this week he would not seek re-election. Phil has been a hard working member of the legislature for 26 years, and a champion for the people of Long Island. While I am sorry to see him leave, I am sure he will find great success in whatever he decides to do next.

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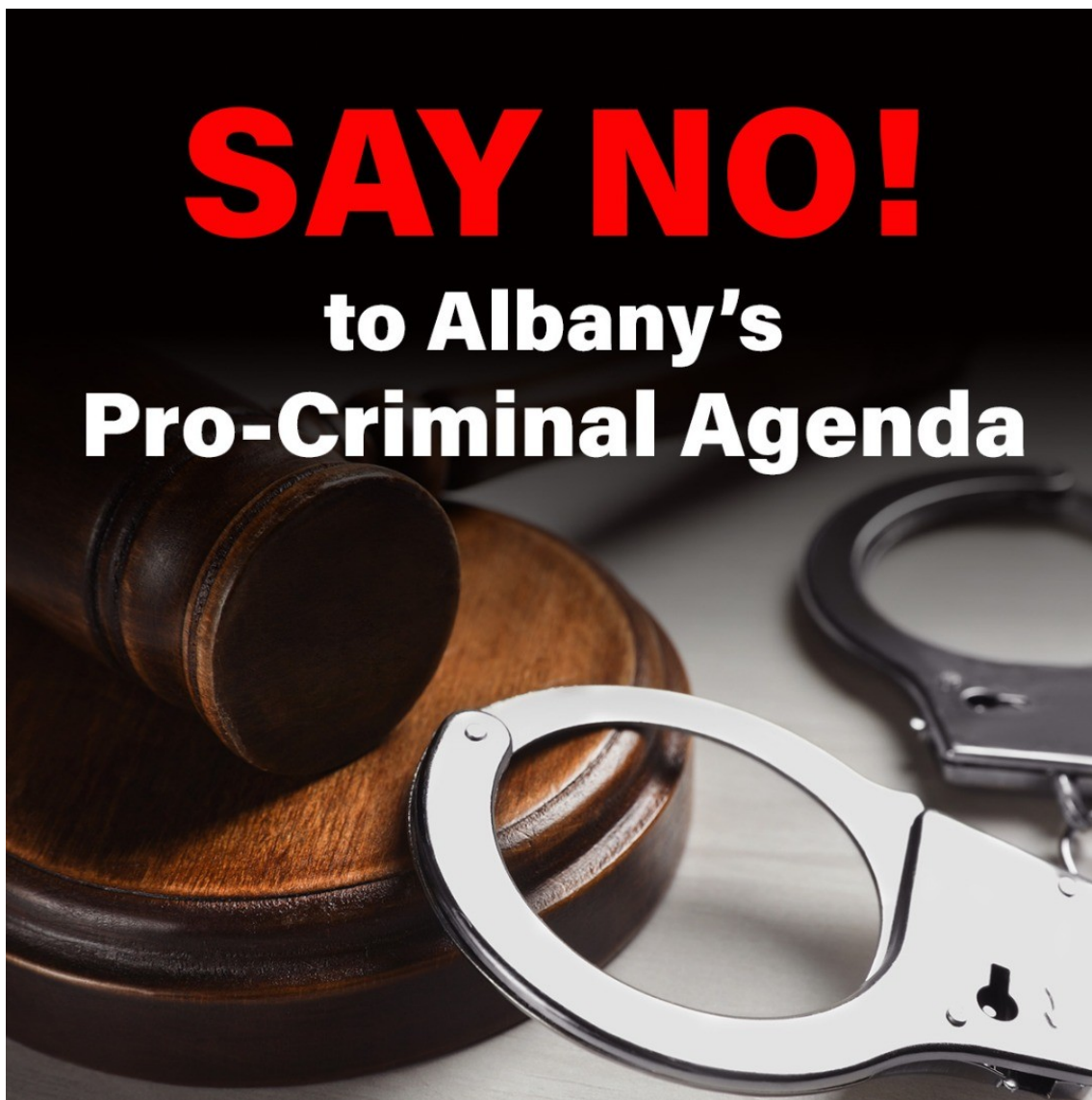
LT. Governor Brian Benjamin Resigns



Tuesday morning, after his arrest, I again called for a thorough, public, and independent investigation into the alleged corruption of Lieutenant Governor Brian Benjamin as I did back on March 1. I said if he was found guilty of the serious charges he needed to resign his public office. The Lieutenant Governor submitted his resignation this afternoon and I'm glad that he did so. The Lieutenant Governor's resignation marks the latest chapter in a seemingly never ending book of corruption that has sadly come to define Albany and stain our state government. Today was another example of why we need true checks and balances in state government and an end to One-Party Rule that invites political corruption.

Times Union Article

NYS Senate Majority's Budget: Continuation of a Pro-Criminal Agenda



Bail reform has been an unmitigated public safety disaster for New York State. The State Budget's 'fix' to bail reform amounts to little more than window dressing and does little of consequence to address the serious public safety threat of rising violent crime. Numerous, serious crimes such as assault in the third degree, domestic violence offenses, driving drunk and causing serious injury, failure to register as a sex offender, killing a police K-9 or horse, and unlawful possession of a weapon on school grounds are still not bail eligible. Equally important, judges still do not have discretion to consider danger, meaning tonight's 'fix' is anything but. If my colleagues on the other side of the aisle were serious about public safety then they would have repealed this broken law and started over, seeking the input of our Sheriffs, Chiefs of Police, PBAs, District Attorneys, and crime victims.

That's the true fix that New Yorkers want and deserve so they can be safe once again.

Press Release

Rensselaer County Honor-a-Deceased-Veteran



On Monday, I was honored to have my staff present a New York State Liberty Medal to the family of World War II Veteran Henry Leavitt. At the age of 21, Henry Leavitt enlisted in the US Army and after completing his training, was sent to the European Theater as a member of the 20th Armored Division. In April of 1945, the 20th Armored Division would be credited as one of the units responsible for liberating the Dachau concentration camp. Following the surrender of Germany, Technician Fourth Grade Henry Leavitt, and the rest of the 20th Armored were sent to the Pacific to play a leading role in the planned invasion of Japan. Thankfully, that invasion never came and in November of 1945 Leavitt was honorably discharged from the Army.

Henry Leavitt then returned to New York, settling with his wife, Irma, in Saratoga. They would raise four children together, and were blessed to watch their seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren grow up. Henry passed away in 2018 at the age of 97. Thank you to Rensselaer County for honoring such a patriotic

American, and thank you to Henry Leavitt for his honorable service to our nation and to our community.

WTEN's Jamie DeLine honored with the ESGR Seven Seals Award



On Monday, WTEN's Jamie DeLine was honored with the Seven Seals Award by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for her advocacy on behalf of the United States Armed Forces. Jamie DeLine covered the ESGR's "Boss Lift", designed to expose employers to the types of work that members of the Guard and Reserve do in service to our country, detailing the mission of the New York Air National Guard 109th Airlift Wing in Scotia, NY. My staff was on hand to present a Legislative Proclamation to Jamie on my behalf, recognizing the incredible work she had done on behalf of our reservists. Thank you to Jamie DeLine for bringing public awareness to this important work that ensures members of the National Guard and Reserves can honorably serve their nation, while also working as civilians.

WTEN Article

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

My Letter Advocating for Direct Support Professionals



Earlier this year, I led an effort to support and strengthen state support for our hard-working Direct Support Professionals (DSPs). 15 of my New York State Senate Republican colleagues signed my letter (pictured here with my post) to the Governor and Senate Majority Leader advocating for full funding for DSPs. These dedicated professionals provide quality care to New Yorkers with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities yet are paid less than fast-food workers. That's wrong! The State Budget enacted over the weekend failed to fully fund these professionals, leaving them unable to even keep pace with inflation's crushing costs. This failure is unacceptable, and my Republican colleagues and I will continue fighting for the necessary funding to support our DSPs!

[Read the Letter](#)

Yellow Ribbon Event



On Saturday in Halfmoon, we honored our troops currently serving America and stationed around the world. I want to thank Halfmoon Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen for putting on this great event in honor of our men and women in uniform. Also, thank you to Clifton Park Town Supervisor Phil Barrett for his great rendition of the National Anthem. I also want to thank Carol Hotaling in particular for being a true patriot who has tirelessly advocated for our troops and Yellow Ribbon Day!

[Learn More About the Yellow Ribbon Program](#)

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

Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Course

FREE Disaster Preparedness Training on April 28th



Build confidence by learning simple steps you can take now, to help prepare and protect your family.

Location: Halfmoon Public Library (475 Moe Rd, Clifton Park, NY 12065)

Time: 6:00pm



On April 26, I'm sponsoring an American Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Course at The Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library at 6 PM. This family event will help individuals build confidence and learn simple steps to help prepare and protect their families. The event also will provide "Hands-Only CPR" training. Visit <https://events.cphlibrary.org/event/6493079> to learn more. Remember: there's ready, and there's RED CROSS READY -- this training will help you be Red Cross Ready and effectively handle an emergency!

Learn More

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week



The week of April 10-16 is observed as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week," which was the perfect time to recognize, honor, and thank the dedicated professionals who provide essential, timely, life-saving assistance during emergencies and every day. Members of my staff dropped off cookies at each County Dispatch Office in the 43rd Senate District as a way of expressing our thanks for these skilled professionals whose work is so crucial to public safety. We are incredibly thankful for your service!

Columbia County Public Safety

Rensselaer County Public Safety

Saratoga County Public Safety

Washington County Public Safety

COVID Test Kit Drop-off



This week, my staff brought COVID tests to the Wesley Nursing Care Facility in Saratoga Springs, as well as the Franklin Community Center. Even as we move past the pandemic it is important to keep those who are vulnerable safe to ensure their personal health and well-being. If you are in need of COVID test kits, please contact my office! We are happy to facilitate the delivery of test kits while supplies last.

Wesley Nursing Care Facility

Franklin Community Center

Have a Blessed Good Friday



Wishing a holy and peaceful day to all those celebrating Good Friday today.

Enjoy a blessed day of prayer and devotion.

Happy Passover



Chag Pesach sameach! Happy Passover to all those celebrating the next eight days, especially to my Stepdad!

Happy Easter



He is risen! To everyone celebrating on Sunday, Happy Easter! I hope it is a joyous and blessed day for all.



Saratoga Signature Interiors 30th Anniversary



Saratoga Signature Interiors and owner Nancy Moultrie Smith are celebrating 30 years of serving Saratoga Springs! They offer customers a variety of interesting, unique, and quality-made furniture. Whether you are interested in Adirondack Rustic Living, Contemporary Urban, or your own unique style, they have something for you. Thank you to the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for helping us celebrate, and congratulations to Nancy on 30 years of business!

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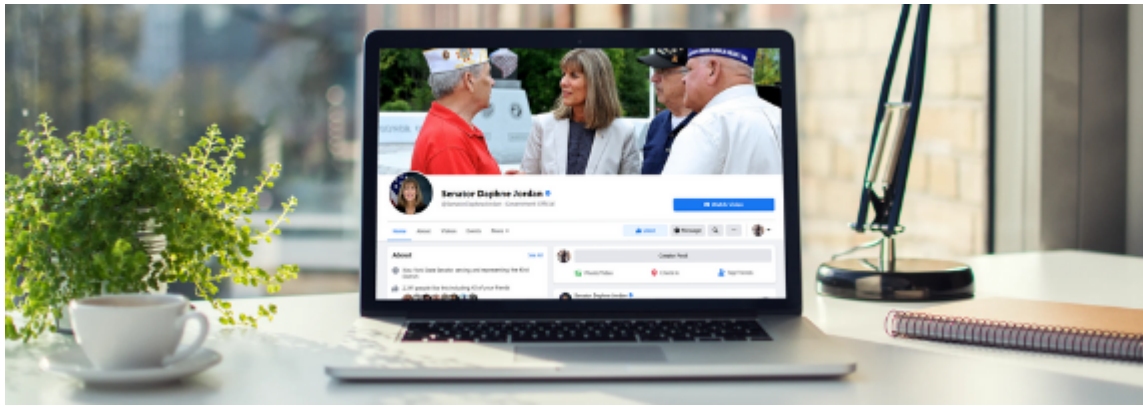
Sasha's of Saratoga



On Thursday, Saratoga welcomed Sasha's of Saratoga to the community. This new health supply store located on Franklin St. offers numerous products including, adult and pediatric medical cannabis certifications for those with qualifying conditions, IV hydration, vitamin injections, and spider vein removal. They even offer IN-HOME visits! Congratulations to Sachmarie Crowley on the opening of your new store and thank you to the Saratoga Chamber for helping us welcome them to Saratoga!

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