

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the April 22nd edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- My visit to SUNY Schenectady County Community College
- NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation awarded over \$600 million in grants
- FASNY recruit weekend this Saturday and Sunday
- Sponsoring a Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Course

## **Other important news:**

- Visiting with my Step Father
- Happy Earth Day!
- NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation is looking for lifeguards
- Rensselaer County Drug Take Back Day April 30th
- COVID Test Delivery to the Saratoga Salvation Army
- Delicious meals at Ze Cuisine And Cafe
- Ribbon cutting:
  - Lily and David

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

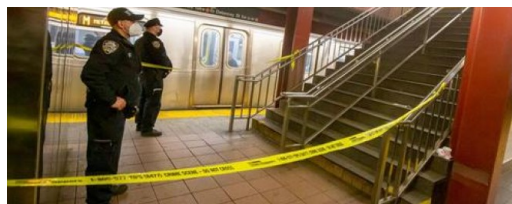
# IN THE NEWS



## **Bittel to retire as ARCC leader; chamber to begin search for successor**

Congratulations Mike! You have been an amazing partner and voice for the business community and to this Senator! I wish you all the best as you start your next chapter.

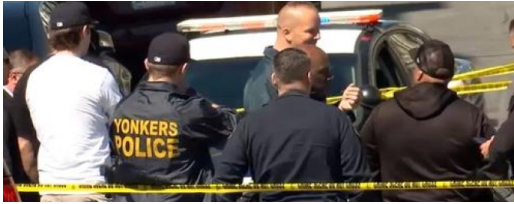
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## **Woman slashed in leg at Manhattan subway station**

Just last week we saw ten people injured on a Brooklyn subway, and on Monday a woman was slashed while waiting for a train at Herald Square. Crime is out of control in New York and the Majority wants to whistle past the problem. We need to support law enforcement and restore Public Safety!

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### **Yonkers detective recovering after being shot, suspect killed by FBI agent**

While working to take illegal guns off the streets yesterday, a veteran detective was shot in Yonkers but is thankfully expected to survive. This attack is another unfortunate reminder of the dangers that police officers face every day and why it is so important that we energetically support them. I am praying for the quick recovery of this officer, and I am so grateful we have men and women like this protecting us every day.

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### **Mask Confusion: Feds, Airlines, Amtrak not requiring masks, but Hochul is**

Since a federal judge struck down the Biden Administration's Mask Mandate, New Yorkers have been left in the dark. It is past time for the Governor to set clear guidance and not mandates. Allow people to live their lives, and make their own decisions!

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## **Tour of SUNY Schenectady County Community College**



On Tuesday, I toured SUNY Schenectady County Community College with gracious hosts, President Dr. Steady Moono, Dr. David Clickner VP for Strategic Initiatives and Planning, Dr. Hamin Shabazz, Chief of Staff and Dean of Business, Criminal Justice and Law, and Karen Tanski, VP Marketing. This team opened my eyes to all of the impressive programs SCCC offers. As you can see from the photos we had a most delicious lunch made and served by the students in the Hotel, Culinary Arts, and Tourism program in the Casola Dining Room. The public is welcome to make reservations to dine there...I highly recommend it! The culinary program is one of excellence and is one of two post-secondary programs accredited by the American Culinary Federation with "exemplary status" in New York State.

SUNY Schenectady offers 21 transfer degrees with 7 concentration areas and 20 degrees and 18 certificate programs. Some of those include: Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Science, Human Services, Teacher education, Computer Networking Systems and Cyber Security, Music, Health studies, Aviation, and Craft Beer Brewing. SCCC boasts a new Learning Commons complete with a library, study spaces, group study rooms, computers, printers, Educational Opportunity Program, IT support, and a café. So nice to see students enjoying every facet offered in this beautiful space. The Music program at SCCC draws many students. We passed through a plethora of practice rooms on our way to the auditorium. I hope to attend a performance there in the near future. Thank you Dr. Moono and team for meeting and touring with me!

Schenectady Community College Website



SCCC Dining Room Menu

SCCC Upcoming Concerts

## NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation awarded over \$600 million in grants



On Tuesday, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation awarded over \$600 million in grants to improve New York's aging water infrastructure. I am proud to announce \$12 million has been awarded to projects in the 43rd Senate District and the new redistricted 46th Senate District, including PFAS removal at Algonquin Middle School in Averill Park, an Aeration Improvements Projects in

Rensselaer County, an Ammonia Removal Project in Saratoga County, the First Phase of Source and Water Treatment Plant Improvements in Schenectady, improvements to Battisti Water District 10 in Schodack, and the Second Phase of the Raw Water Transmission main project in Troy. Robust and modern water infrastructure is vital to ensuring the health and well-being of our communities.

Read announcement

## FASNY Recruit Weekend



New York communities across our state need committed, brave volunteers serving in local fire departments. This weekend is “Recruit NY”, intended to encourage the best and bravest to serve our communities. Stop in to your local firehouse to find out more or visit the link below.

[Learn More](#)

## Red Cross Emergency Prep 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. 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](#)

## Visiting my Step Father





I was fortunate to visit my Stepdad for a bit last week. Besides crying every now and then reminiscing about my Mom, we also enjoyed spending time together and with special students that Mom and Ed had taken under their wings and who have become our adopted family. Miguel, from Peru and Victoria from Brazil are fantastic piano performance majors at Florida Gulf Coast University. Can't wait to visit again!

## Happy Earth Day!





Happy Earth Day! From sustaining human life to providing us many natural wonders, we have a lot to thank our planet for – let's show our appreciation by exhibiting good environmental stewardship, today and every day. .

## Community Clean Up Events





**Join the Town of Clifton Park for a weeklong celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day**

**April 23 - Clifton Park Clean Sweep**  
9 AM to 12 PM (Sign up at [cliftonpark.org](http://cliftonpark.org))

**April 23 - Arbor Day on the Common**  
8:30 – 11 AM

- Questions About Trees? Ask an Arborist
- Kids Activity: How to I.D. a Tree
- Seedling Giveaway

**11 AM: Ceremonial Tree Planting**

**April 25 – Let's Talk Trees**  
Presentation and Q & A, 7 PM  
Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library

**April 23–29: Special book display at the library**



**Info: Town of Clifton Park page on Facebook**



*Brought to you by the GREEN Committee & Tree Committee of Clifton Park*

I hope to see you tomorrow at the Clifton Park Clean and Sweep Event from 9 AM to 12 PM at the Clifton Commons. In addition, I am looking forward to my 10th year of cleaning up in Halfmoon. This year we will be at 1 Terminal Road, near the Route 9 bridge over the Mohawk River from 10 AM to 11 AM. If you can make it, be sure to come out and help. It takes a team effort!

[Learn More](#)



## NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation is looking for lifeguards



If you are interested in being a lifeguard this summer, now is the time to get trained! I am proud that both my sons, Lane and James, were lifeguards for years, and James is still certified which allows him to coach a Special Olympics swim team in Geneseo. The Red Cross offers great training you can sign up for.

[Learn More About Training Here](#)

[Read Times Union article](#)

## Rensselaer County Drug Take Back Day April 30th

## Rensselaer County Locations NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY



Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal  
Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 10am to 2pm

Proper disposal of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications is important to protect both people and the environment. Unused prescription and over-the-counter medications that remain in the home can cause serious harm to people if they are taken accidentally, intentionally misused or inappropriately given to someone else. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. Unused medications that are flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink can enter the water supply, harming fish and other wildlife and posing a potential risk to people.

### Collection Sites in Rensselaer County

**EAST GREENBUSH**  
Police Department  
225 Columbia Turnpike  
Rensselaer, NY

**SCHODACK**  
Police Department  
@ Walgreens  
1645 Columbia Turnpike  
Castleton, NY

**VILLAGE OF HOOSICK**  
FALLS  
Police Department  
24 Main Street  
Hoosick Falls, NY

**NORTH GREENBUSH**  
Police Department  
133 Bloomingrove Drive  
Troy, NY

**CITY OF TROY**  
Police Department  
55 State Street  
Troy, NY

**RENSS. COUNTY SHERIFF**  
West Sand Lake Fire Dept  
3697 Rte 43  
West Sand Lake, NY

**RENSSELAER POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
North End Fire House  
2 St. Francis Place  
Rensselaer, NY

**Do not bring hazardous wastes, sharps such as used needles, or illegal drugs.**

For more information or for additional collection sites go to:

[https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html)

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On Saturday April 30th Rensselaer County is hosting a drug take back day! If you have unused or expired medications this is a perfect opportunity to safely dispose of them! See the flyer above or click the link below.

[Learn More](#)

## COVID Test Delivery



My team was out in the district again this week delivering more COVID tests. I am



always proud to support The Salvation Army in Saratoga Springs, NY and the great work they do for the community!

## Saratoga Salvation Army

## Ze Cuisine And Cafe Visit



Yummy! Phil and I recently popped in for lunch at Ze Cuisine And Cafe in Waterford. I've been wanting to go since I attended their ribbon cutting. Sooo good!

## Website



## Lily and David Fine Jewelers



Congratulations to David Blackmore and his daughter Allyssa Provost, on the grand opening of Lily and David Fine Jewelers, on Route 50 in Saratoga! David has been in the business for over 40 years, and this new storefront is the culmination of a dream he and his daughter have shared for years. They offer top quality jewelry and impeccable service, with an eye towards being open for generations to come. Thank you to the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce for celebrating this grand opening, and good luck to Allyssa, David and the whole family!

Website



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



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