

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the March 25th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- Press Conference on the Two-Star Property Tax Relief Act
- The 8th Annual Dustin Mele Memorial Concert
- Meeting with the NYS Park Police
- Recognizing World Down Syndrome Day
- Celebrating Greek History Month and Greek Independence Day
- Commemorating March 25th as We Care Remembrance Day

## **Other important news:**

- Honoring the 210th Graduating Class of the New York State Police Basic School
- Celebrating National Agriculture Day
- Medical Supply Drive for Ukraine in Clifton Park
- Ribbon cuttings of several new businesses in the 43rd District

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





### Ichabod Crane rallies to win first boys' basketball state championship

Sometimes you can succeed by failing. What happened at the end of the Class B state championship boys' basketball game somehow seemed fitting for Ichabod Crane.

[Read Article](#)



### Averill Park girls' basketball digs deep to secure Class A state championship

Averill Park players celebrate a 54-48 win against Tappan Zee during the New York State Public High School Athletic Association girls' Class A final basketball game on Saturday, March 19, 2022, in Troy, N.Y.

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### Jordan honored as American Red Cross 2022 State Legislator of the Year

It was my honor to be the only Legislator from Eastern New York to be awarded the 2022 Legislator of the Year by the American Red Cross. I am immensely proud of my relationship with the Red Cross and all we have accomplished so far. There is still a lot to get done, please go to [Redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) to get involved!

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### Siena poll finds deep unease with the economy in New York

New Yorkers are facing rising costs at almost every turn. From the cost of groceries to the price of gas, middle and working class families are feeling the strain. My Senate Republican Colleagues and I have a plan to take concrete steps now, like suspending the Gas Tax, to help ease the pain people are feeling.

[Read Article](#)

## Press Conference on the Two-Star Property Tax Relief Act

I am pleased to join my colleague Senator Jim Tedisco as a cosponsor on the "TWO-STAR" Act which would greatly enhance the STAR program. For those already receiving STAR and Enhanced STAR, the average annual benefit will double while also removing school property tax obligations for those New Yorkers

who are 80 and above that already qualify for Enhanced STAR. This common-sense measure is vital during these times of high gas prices and runaway inflation and will help average New Yorkers make ends meet. In addition, many of our seniors are on fixed incomes and may not be able to bridge the gap between their ability to pay and the assessed value on their homes, and this bill will consequently help keep seniors in their homes. There is a surplus of federal money in NYS and a priority should be made to help property owners, particularly our elderly property owners.



## The 8th Annual Dustin Mele Memorial Concert



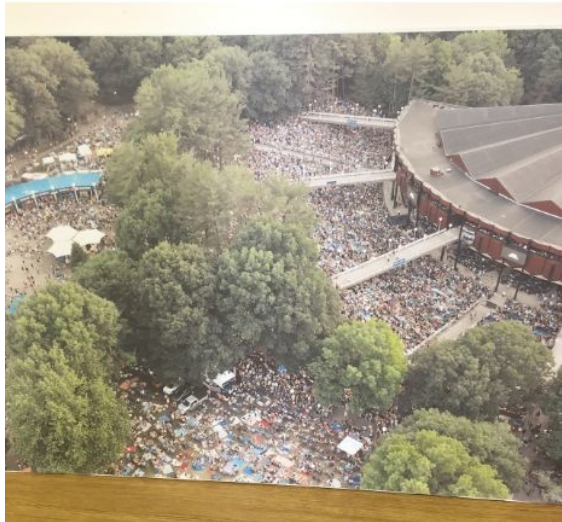


Saturday was the 8th Annual Dustin Mele Concert. Started by Dustin's incredible parents, Joe and Jenn, the Dustin Mele Concert raises funds to benefit suicide prevention and mental health intervention services. The proceeds from the concert went to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the NAMI, and Rensselaer County Mental Health and Emergency Assistance Programs through Catholic Charities. It was my honor to introduce one of the bands performing this evening . . . one of my favorite bands, The Kyle Bourgaault Band. This great band makes terrific music and also uses their music to raise money for charitable causes across the Capital Region. Thank you to everyone who came out in support of a great cause, and thank you to the Mele family for creating awareness of suicide and mental illness in our Capital Region. In so doing, they have saved many lives.

Dustin Mele Memorial Concert Facebook

## Meeting with the New York State Park Police





I had a great meeting with the New York State Park Police on Wednesday in Saratoga Springs. I specifically want to thank officer Christopher Greene, and his staff for taking the time to meet with me this week and discuss the issues facing members of the Park Police. If you ever go to a SPAC concert or hiking in the Adirondacks, be sure to thank our Park Police for their hard work and professionalism.

[Learn more about the New York State Park Police](#)

## Recognizing World Down Syndrome Day

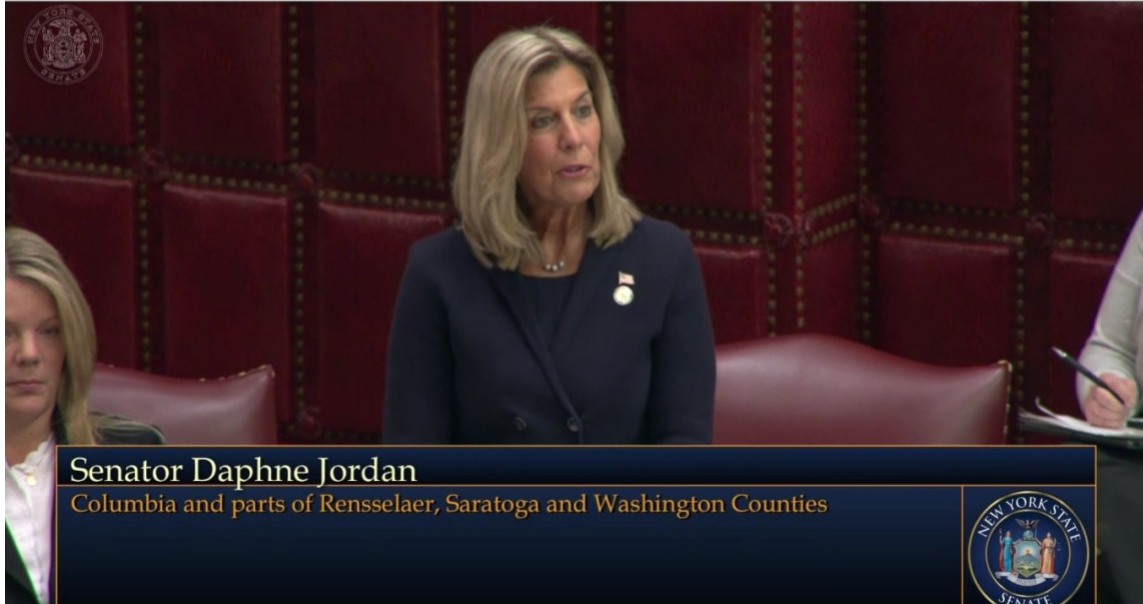


Monday, March 21st, was World Down Syndrome Day. As the 21st day of the 3rd month, this date was chosen to represent the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome that causes Down Syndrome. For over a decade the "Lots of Socks" campaign has been a way to promote Down Syndrome awareness, thanks to chromosomes being shaped like socks and people with Down Syndrome having an extra chromosome. I want to thank my colleague Senator Fred Akshar for sponsoring the resolution and [John's Crazy Socks](#) for keeping us fully equipped to show our support.

[Learn more here](#)

## Greek History Month





On Tuesday, the Senate passed a resolution memorializing the Governor to proclaim March 2022 as Greek History Month in New York State. As a State Senator deeply proud of her Greek heritage, I was honored to support this important, bipartisan resolution celebrating and recognizing the vital importance of Greek history. Greece has made numerous contributions to our world, including being the birthplace of Democracy, and setting the foundations for our understanding of logic, science, philosophy, and history. Please join me in celebrating all that Greeks have contributed to New York and to the world!

My Speech on the Floor

Greek Independence Day Video

Commemorating March 25th as We Care  
Remembrance Day





Today, March 25, marks the two-year commemoration of former Governor Andrew Cuomo’s reckless, deadly mandate that resulted in the deaths of over 15,000 New Yorkers. My colleagues and I continue pushing for justice for the families who lost a loved one. On Wednesday, our Senate Republican Conference put forth a measure to designate March 25 as “We Care Remembrance Day.” Alongside the families of the victims, we will continue fighting for the truth and for justice for all affected by the tragedy. I’m pictured here with Janice Dean, an outspoken, courageous, and passionate leader in the bipartisan effort for accountability on this important issue, and our Senate Republican Leader Senator Rob Ortt, who has stood with me and led our Conference in championing the fight for truth, justice, and full disclosure for all the families who lost a loved one in the tragedy.

## Honoring the 210th Graduating Class of the New York State Police Basic School

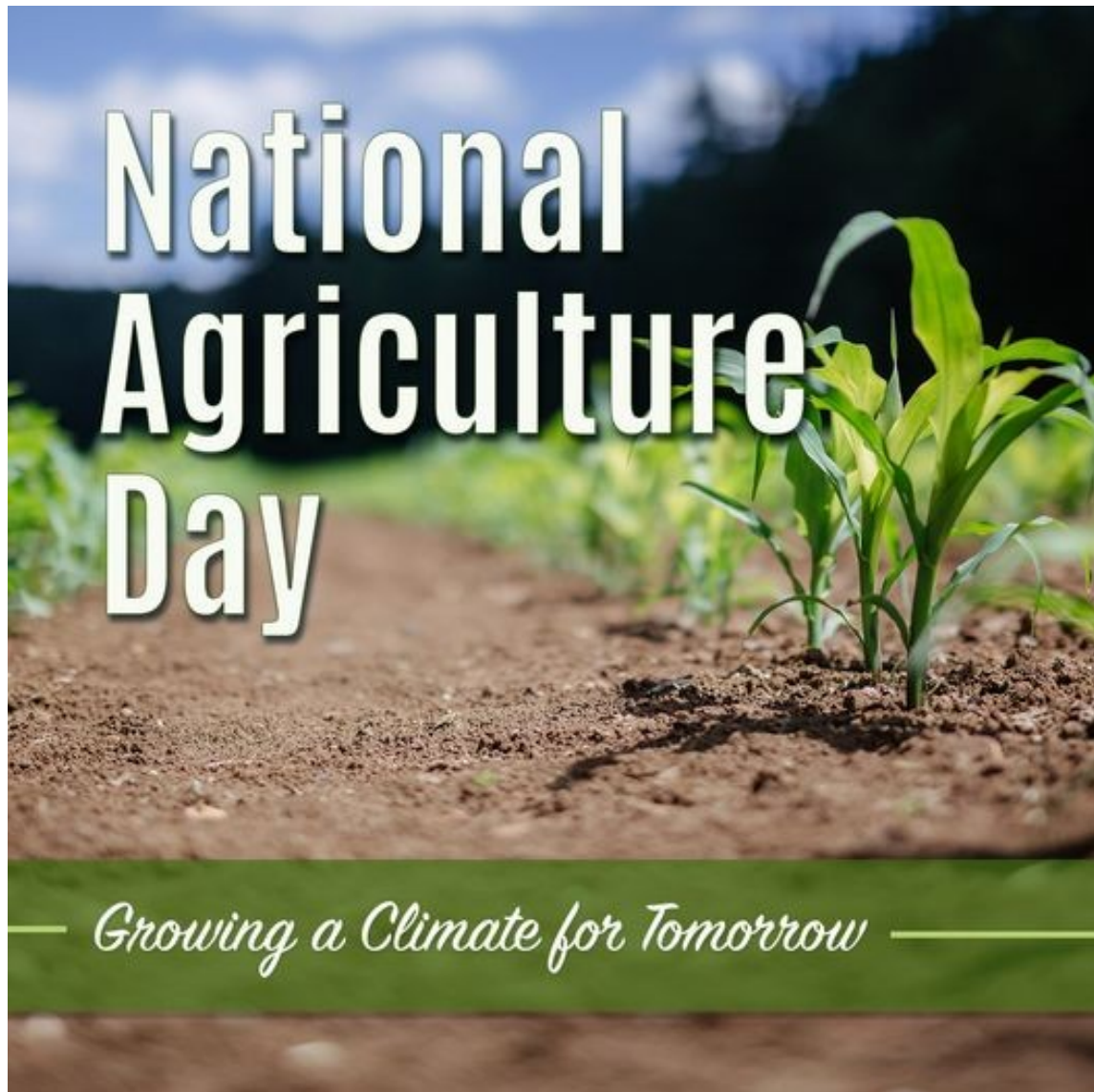


Congratulations to the 210th Graduating Class of the New York State Police Basic School! Thank you for standing up to protect our communities as law enforcement officers! God bless you on beginning this new chapter in your lives as you protect and serve.

New York State Police Website

Celebrating National Agriculture Day





As a member of the Agriculture Committee, I know how vital New York farms are to our economy and communities. Tuesday was National Agriculture Day I want to thank all of the hard-working farmers who keep New Yorkers well fed!

[Click here for more info](#)

## Medical Supply Drive for Ukraine in Clifton Park





# Town of Clifton Park MEDICAL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR UKRAINE

## List of Supplies Needed:

- Abdominal pads
- Ace wrap
- Antibiotic ointment
- Burn care kits
- Compression bandages
- Disposable gloves
- First aid kits
- Gauze bandages
- QuikClot
- Tourniquets
- Water gel burn dressing
- Wound care kits

For the full list of accepted supplies, please visit [518Ukrainians.com](http://518Ukrainians.com).

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH 1:30-4PM**  
**CLIFTON PARK SENIOR CENTER**

We will have Ukrainian t-shirts, flags, pins and more. All proceeds will go towards humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

For monetary donations, checks are payable to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church or visit [518Ukrainians.com](http://518Ukrainians.com).

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This Sunday from 1:30 to 4 PM at the Clifton Park Senior Center, the Town of Clifton Park is partnering with St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church in Watervliet, and 518 Ukrainians to gather medical supplies for Ukrainians in need. Anything you are able to donate is greatly appreciated!

518 Ukraine's Website



## Waterford Village Hall



Wonderful, busy day in Waterford on Wednesday! Our first stop was at the new Waterford Village Hall, where Mayor J Bert Mahoney cut the ribbon on a new space for the Village to call their own. This new Village Hall will give residents a more accessible location right on Broad Street!

## Village of Waterford



## Irresistible Nutrition



After cutting the ribbon on the new Village Hall, we walked down Broad Street to Irresistible Nutrition where Timothy Vansleet cut the ribbon on his new smoothie and juice bar. Congratulations to Mr. Vansleet on the opening of this great addition to the Village.

Irresistible Nutrition Facebook Page

## Ze Cuisine and Cafe





At my last ribbon cutting of the day on Wednesday, we proudly officially welcomed Ze Cuisine to the Village of Waterford. Owner Fouad Harajim offers a wide selection of breakfast and dinner options with a blended American-Mediterranean flavor. Thank you to The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County and the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce for helping cut the ribbons on these great additions to the Village of Waterford.

Ze Cuisine and Cafe

The Brick at 2 West



The Brick At 2 West restaurant in Saratoga Springs is in a new location on West Ave just off of Church St. This is a new location for owners Eric and Melissa Schreifels, who provide a wonderful atmosphere to give the restaurant a feeling of being a home away from home. Congratulations to the Schreifels and their daughter Erika, who will operate and manage the restaurant, and thank you the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for helping cut the ribbon on this new location!

The Brick at 2 West

Emma Jayne's





On Thursday, my hometown of Halfmoon welcomed a new restaurant. Emma Jayne's Restaurant on Rt. 9, is named after Chef Mike Fortin's daughter and offers fresh one-of-a-kind dishes. From signature cocktails to hand-prepared steaks. Check them out here:

Emma Jayne's

GreyCastle Security





CyberSecurity is a vital part of our future and GreyCastle Security in Rensselaer County is ready to face that future head-on. Thursday they opened a new office in Rensselaer's Technology Park as they expand their operations. If you have cybersecurity concerns check them out here:

GreyCastle Security

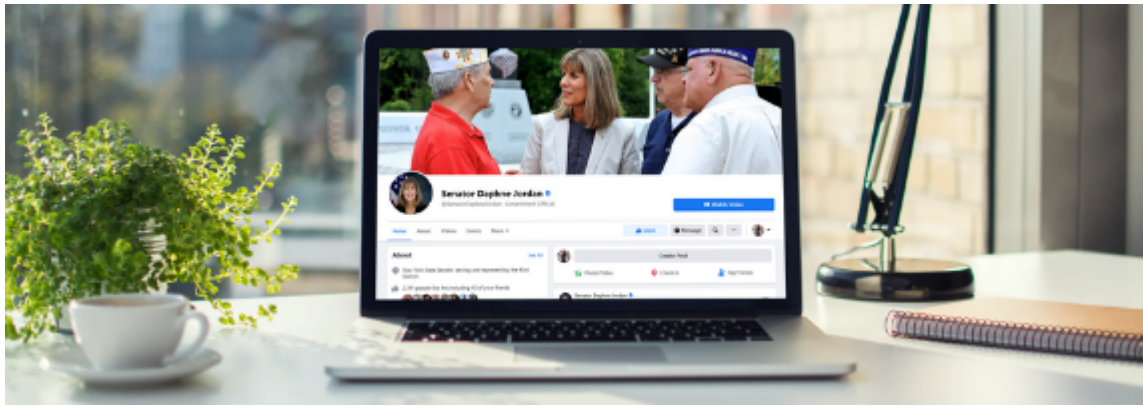
## New EV Charging Station in Mechanicville



Today the City of Mechanicville and the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce unveiled the first EV charging station in the City. Located at the public library on North Main Street, the station was installed by New York based Livingston Energy. Over the course of the next several years the need for these charging stations will only increase and I am thrilled to see the jobs created by this technological advancement.

### Mechanicville Library

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