

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT



Trunk or Treat

Join us at Clifton Common for a hauntingly fun time! Dress up in your favorite costume and spirit your way from trunk to trunk! Starpoint Church is sponsoring this event with free hot dogs, chips and drinks. There will also be pony rides and a petting zoo.

Friday, October 27, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Clifton Common, 16 Clifton Common Blvd., Clifton Park, NY 12065. Free admission. All participating Trunk or Treat cars must pre-register at <https://starpoint.church/trunkortreat>.

The Town of Halfmoon Recreation Department is hosting a "Trunk or Treat" event on Saturday, October 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Halfmoon Town Park. This event will provide a safe place for local families to trick or treat and give our local businesses an opportunity to promote the goods and services you can provide right in Halfmoon! This event is free to community members.

Galway Fire Department Harvest Halloween Fest

Save the date for the Galway Fire Department's Harvest Halloween Festival on October 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dockstader Field, 5078 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY 12074. Enjoy live entertainment, food, community groups, vendors and trick or treating from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Alplaus Run Around

The 42nd annual Alplaus Run-Around is a great one mile Fun Run and 5K hosted by the Alplaus Residents Association and Fire Company. Come out on October 28 and experience the quaint and quiet little village of Alplaus! There will be prizes for top finishers in each category, awards for participants in the one mile Fun Run, and free coffee and donuts for everyone. Registration available day of race starting at 9 a.m. Located at the Alplaus Fire House, 309 Alplaus Ave. Alplaus, NY 12008.

Cost: one mile Fun Run: Under 12 yrs. = Free
Over 12 yrs. = \$5

5K: \$20

Blood Drive

Join Assemblywoman Walsh and the Red Cross for a life-saving blood drive! Together, we can make a significant impact on our community's health and well-being. Your donation can save up to three lives, and every drop counts.



November 6, 2023

1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Ballston Spa Elks Club

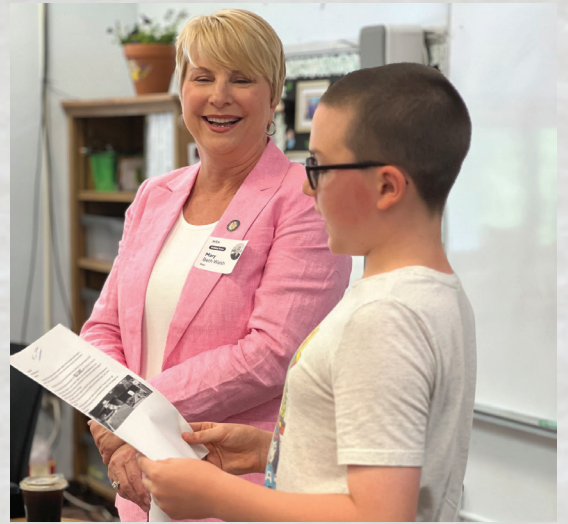
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WHAT WAS I UP TO THIS SUMMER?

There Ought to be a Law

In June, I met with Ms. Galarneau's fifth grade Pashley Elementary class to congratulate the winners of my second annual 'There Ought to be a Law' contest! In the spring, I reach out to schools within my district to offer up a special prize to the one fifth grader who can come up with the most imaginative or practical law. This year, our big winner was Ryan, who feels it is "absurd" that the Glenville bridge is continually hit and offered up his own suggestions to fix the problem, such as raising the bridge.

Watch out Albany! We've got a no-nonsense, go-getter coming up through the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District ranks!



Summer Parades

There were plenty of parades to enjoy this summer! On July 4, I met many of you in Alplaus and Clifton Park to enjoy the parades and Independence Day festivities. And although the Flag Day parade was postponed until July due to the wildfire smoke, we got a second chance to march down Route 50 in Burnt Hills, through my home turf, to celebrate our flag!

Sixth Annual ThinkDIFFERENTLY Day

This year was another overwhelming success for advancing inclusivity and allowing all members of our community to enjoy one of the staples of our summer in Saratoga. ThinkDIFFERENTLY Day continues to grow every year, exemplifying the positive change that we've seen within the community since this initiative was started. Differently-abled children and adults deserve to partake in all the joys of life, and while there's still plenty of work to do in this regard, ThinkDIFFERENTLY is moving the needle forward toward that goal.

Here I am pictured with Velma the sheep! We'll see you next July for ThinkDIFFERENTLY Day No. 7.



Farm Dedication & Flag Raising Ceremony

It was a pleasure to join many state, county and local leaders in a Farm Dedication and Flag Raising Ceremony on July 17 at the new location of Alliance180, a peer-to-peer program that aims to prevent suicide for veterans, first responders and frontline healthcare workers facing the effects of trauma using equine therapy.

The farm was kindly donated by a generous supporter of the Alliance180 mission and is located on Jockey Street in the Town of Galway!

For more information about Alliance180, visit <https://www.alliance180.org>.



National Night Out

It was great to see everyone at the Clifton Commons in August for National Night Out, an annual initiative focused on strengthening the bond between neighbors and law enforcement to revitalize a feeling of unity and trust within the community.

Local Libraries Receive Funding

Our local libraries are finally getting the funds and support they need to make critical renovations. Of the \$34 million in capital funds for public library construction provided in the budget, nearly \$400,000 is coming to the Clifton Park-Halfmoon and Glenville libraries!

This funding will go far to make urgent renovations and upgrades, such as accommodating users with disabilities, bolstering energy inefficiency, providing internet, computer and other electronic technologies to users with updated electrical wiring, addressing the need for adequate meeting rooms, providing for public access computers and much more.

Additionally, you may remember the passage of my bill for the Ballston Community Public Library in the Assembly in June. On August 23, the governor officially signed this bill (A.7082) into law! The bill will update the laws of 1957 that created the Ballston Community Public Library, ultimately allowing the library to create a district that will enhance fundraising and services. This has been in the works for a long time now, and I'm so excited to see what my hometown library will do with this new open door now that it is official!



Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day was a huge success with a great turnout! I was happy to be a sponsor of this wonderful event in the Village of Ballston Spa. The Village also does a great job considering the needs of individuals with different abilities and had a sensory-friendly #ThinkDIFFERENTLY experience. Great job to all the community members who put so much time and effort into making this an amazing day.



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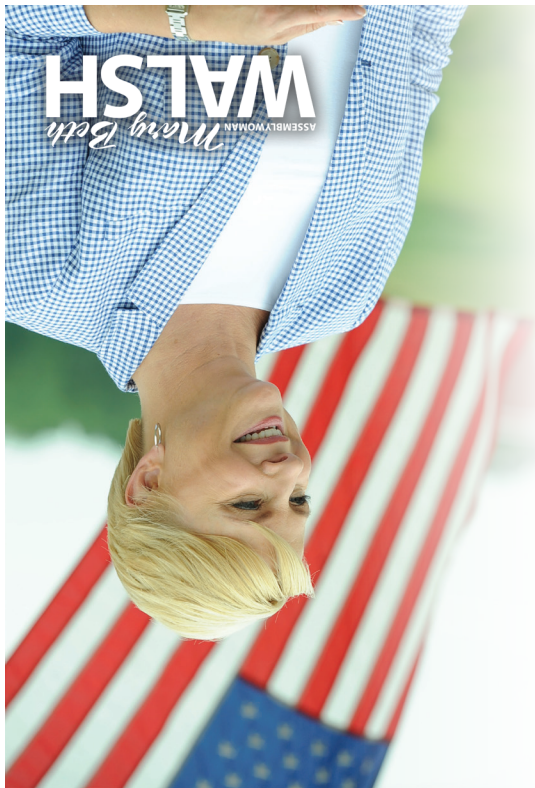
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Getting involved in the community is the heart of my role as an Assemblywoman, and it's truly my favorite aspect of the job. Witnessing the positive impact of our collaborative efforts reaffirms that real change begins at the grassroots level. Within this brochure, I highlight just a small sample of the many remarkable events and initiatives undertaken in our community recently.

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