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SUMMARY OF ONE SENECA COMMUNITY BRIEFING & PREPARED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SENECA COUNTY CHAMBER INVESTORS



COMMUNITY BRIEFING - OCT. 26, 2023



THIS ISSUE

Keep up to date with community happenings that impact business in our community

SARAH DAVIS, IDA

- Monday Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. South Seneca High School: the final presentation from MRB for their final recommendation on the reuse of Willard
- Federal tech hub designations announced this week under the chips & sciences act; tech hub approved for Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse region and allows our area to apply for significant additional funding

BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- Monthly committee meeting 10/24:
 Seneca County voted to start sharing sales tax in 2025
- Ways and Means committee voted to start with set amount of money to be shared in 2024 with the ten towns and four villages. The goal is to help everyone struggling and not raise property taxes to meet those needs.
- Seneca County submitted 2024 fiscal budget; under revenue received from NYS gaming commission for del Lago the amount has been lowered. Funds have been dropping over the past few years due to Covid and they are still down
- Economic Development committee
 voted to assist Chamber to renovate
 and build the building on 318; area
 on bottom floor would host visitor
 center for Seneca County and will be
 voted on at the next board meeting.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

THE BILLS STILL AWAITING KATHY HOCHUL'S SIGNATURE

<u>City & State:</u> There are more than 530 pieces of legislation (of the 896 passed) left that need to be signed by the governor. The bills have until the end of the year to be signed into law, or if they make it to the governor's desk they have ten days to be signed into law. Ex. The Clean Slate Bill; Reparations Commissions; moving elections to even years; non-compete ban; renewing the J-51 tax breaks; raise the age for ATVs from 10 to 14; requiring licensing for athletic trainers

CASINO REVENUE ELIMINATES 2024 TOWN PROPERTY TAXES IN TYRE

<u>FL Times:</u> del Lago has made enough money to completely eliminate property taxes for residents in the town of Tyre next year

HOCHUL: \$483 MILLION TO REHABILITATE, REPLACE NY BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

<u>Spectrum:</u> Money from NYS' Bridge NY Initiative has been provided to fix bridges and culverts as well as maintain them as climate change continues to cause damage

41 STATES SUE META: SOCIAL MEDIA HARM YOUTH'S MENTAL HEALTH

lavocedinewyork: NY and CA lead the way on a lawsuit that claims Meta (Facebook) has engaged in unfair and deceptive practices that have directly and negatively impacted the mental health of youth; Meta is accused of designing their platforms to maximize user engagement and retention regardless of negative impacts

OVER 545,000 NEW YORKERS LEFT THE STATE IN 2022

NY Post: Over 545k NY residents moved out of the state; 301k people have moved into the state, offsetting the number of people who have left

CALIFORNIA BOOSTS MINIMUM WAGE FOR HEALTH CARE AND FAST FOOD WORKERS

NY Times: CA seems to be picking certain sectors of the industry to decide where to increase minimum wage instead of offering a blanket wage increase across the entire state. This could happen in NY (NY follows CA's lead on many things)

VOTERS TO WEIGH DEBT LIMIT SPIKE FOR NY SCHOOL IN SMALL CITIES

<u>Spectrum:</u> Ballot initiative proposition number 1; cities with 125,000 residents and fewer have school districts capped at borrowing up to 5% of the property tax base when they incur debt; other districts are capped at 10%. This would raise the borrowing cap for smaller districts

WAYNE OFFICALLY MARKS START OF CONSTRUCTION FOR ONE OF FOUR AMBULANCE BASES

<u>FL Times:</u> One of 4 ambulance bases in the county has had construction started. This is a \$7.5 million dollar project slated to be finished in 2024

EVERY COUNTY IN NY WILL GET A WILDFIRE SMOKE SENSOR

<u>FL1:</u> Ensure the enhanced air quality monitoring after 28 counties experienced wildfire smoke this past summer





UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER:

- 11/15: Business After Hours with Lakeside Enterprises
- Chamber University: §Making your business compliant with NYS Human Resource laws, Presented By: Visions HR (subject to change)

DEHENBER

• 12/20: Business After Hours with Littlejohn & Barbi Orthodontics

ANUARY:

• 1/18: (Tentatively) Annual Dinner; location to be determined



JOIN US FOR THE NEXT ONE SENECA MEETING

When: Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.

Where: Zoom

Meeting ID: 885 5612 6750

Password: 974642

Open to members of the community who want to know things that are happening or have something to add to the conversation.

JEFF SHIPLEY, PRESIDENT & CEO CHAMBER

- We did ask for a partnership with the county to create the visitor center in Tyre
- One Seneca newsletter is available online for your sharing
- Chamber U event in November
 "Making your business compliant with
 NYS Human Resource Laws"
 presented by Visions HR
- NYS Resident Sentiment Survey still open for county residents throughout the state

STEVE PARKER ZIELINSKI, SOUTH SENECA

- Small city school district referendum: concern regarding the reception of the referendum that people may see it as small districts asking for special treatment when it's the opposite. The referendum is an attempt to just even the playing field.
- Series of lawsuits around the country against all social media apps where it's been well established that there are some severe mental health issues for kids, costing time and money to help try to counter the issues created at the cost of children and teens
- Local districts have joined lawsuits and BOCES is discussing it

CAROL DOOLITTLE, FRONTENAG POINT VINEYARD

 Expanded Bottle Bill: Everyone in the county will be impacted. Legislators are concerned; redemption centers are going out of business and all producers in the county as well as municipalities will be impacted by this bill when it passes

AVE BAUDER, CORNELL

 Cooperative Extension received an air quality sensor and plans to put it up as soon as they get new office space; a weather station is being implemented as well

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Fast Track to Small Business Start-up (Virtual) Thu, Nov 9 - Thu, Nov 16 at 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM EST Virtual event \$125.00

Why Ignoring the Cash Flow Statement Can Kill Your Business

Tue, Dec 5 - Tue, Dec 12 at 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST Virtual event \$15.00