

### THIS ISSUE

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

#### BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- No board meetings this week
- Supervisor Earp updates that backfilling at Ovid fire location has started and will be finished soon
- Seneca County Housing Strategy has scheduled their meeting for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon and it conflicts with the Legislative Luncheon, working to get it changed

#### SARAH DAVIS, IDA

- IDA Board Meeting will be Tuesday at 9 a.m. to vote on the final approval for the ITT Goulds project (a tax exemption) will be available to stream

#### JEFF SHIPLEY, CHAMBER

- Legislative Luncheon will be held June 3, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at del Lago Resort & Casino

#### AVE BAUDER, CORNELL COOPERATIVE

- LDC met and is finishing up legal and financial pieces to review the work with Willard
- Negotiations with the state and county are moving slowly regarding ownership over Willard property going from NYSDOCCS to Seneca County
- Working to bring everyone in to look at the county economic development plan
- Last economic development plan was done in 2019

#### 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.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

### IT'S FINALLY HAPPENING, LEGISLATURE HAS STARTED PRINTING BUDGET BILLS

**City & State:** At long last, the state Legislature has started printing budget bills, paving the way for legislators to begin hours of marathon voting to finally get the spending plan wrapped up. As of early Wednesday morning, the Legislature had introduced three of the remaining nine budget bills, leaving six more that still need printing.

### ALBANY SNEAKS IN BUDGET LANGUAGE THAT WOULD PUT NY TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR TISH JAMES LEGAL BILLS

**NY Post:** Albany Democrats are expected to sign off on a provision allowing certain officials to tap into a \$10 million fund to cover "any reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred" — even as part of probes not directly related to their state employment. The language is being slipped into New York's operations budget bill — one of several expected to be made public and voted on starting Wednesday as the Legislature moves to pass next year's fiscal plan.

### NYS BUDGET DELAY CREATES UNCERTAINTY AHEAD OF SCHOOL BUDGET VOTES

**Spectrum News:** School districts across New York are preparing for critical budget votes on May 20. But without hard data on state funding, districts that are facing rising costs and deficits will have to make difficult decisions. "Boards had to make decisions, and it's not ideal to not know for certain what will happen," said Robert Lowry, deputy director of the state Council of School Superintendents. Lowry added that for the poorest school systems, the margin for error is razor-thin. "About 25% of the districts in the state that are so small and so poor, that a 1% increase in their property tax won't raise \$100,000," explained Lowry. "And so that would not be enough to save more than one teaching position."

### HOCHUL TO DRAIN STATE RESERVES TO PAY OFF \$7B IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DEBT

**NY Post:** Gov. Kathy Hochul is delivering a big win to businesses that have been pressuring her to pay off their billions of dollars in unemployment-insurance debt — but she's stealing the cash from state reserves to do it. Hochul said Monday that the state will cover the roughly \$7 billion debt still lingering for employers from the pandemic. The businesses had hoped federal money that the state received during COVID-19 would at least partly be used to help cover the deluge of unemployment claims spurred by the pandemic, as most other states did.

### RITE AID CLOSURE LIST: 178 STORES SHUTTING DOWN AFTER BANKRUPTCY

**FL1:** Rite Aid has officially filed for bankruptcy protection again, and this time, it's having a major impact on New York State. The struggling pharmacy chain announced it will permanently close all 178 Rite Aid locations across New York by next month, following its second Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in less than two years..