

### THIS ISSUE

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

#### CHAMBER PRESIDENT & CEO JEFF SHIPLEY

- Total Solar Eclipse session to be held Monday Dec. 18th; four one hour sessions for Restaurants, Retail, Attractions and lodging
- Business owners can share their plans, get support from Chamber, and network with other businesses

#### SUPERVISOR BOB SHIPLEY

- Tuesday's Board meeting focused on a bridge and culvert in the county in need of repairs:
  - Bridge on County House Rd. over Silver Creek needs funding for design and construction- propositioned \$1.2 million from NYS
  - Culvert on Wires Point over Groves Creek needs funding for design and construction- propositioned \$2.7 million from NYS

#### COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, JILL HENRY

- Airport Advisory meeting discussed upcoming grant project that would increase hangar space
- \$2.3 million was received in a grant for that project from DOT and construction and movement on that should start in the spring

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

### NYS COURT OF APPEALS RULES CONGRESSIONAL LINES MUST BE REDRAWN

Spectrum: Law in NYS requires non-biased congressional lines drawn, and after back and forth arguments over gerrymandering, a judge has ordered it to be redrawn again.

### THESE HOUSE REPUBLICANS COULD BE THE TARGETS OF NEW YORK REDISTRICTING

New York Times: Brandon Williams of Syracuse may be targeted so the lines redrawn will change to include Ithaca, a Democratic majority, which would be the same tactic as before and was sued for gerrymandering.

### IN RACE TO REPLACE GEORGE SANTOS, NY'S NEW VOTE BY MAIL FACES AN EARLY TEST

Gothamist: Special election in February to replace George Santos will happen after the vote by mail law goes into effect Jan. 1. The law is currently being challenged; it allows anyone for any reason to vote by mail, where before there needed to be a reason provided

### NEW YORK'S RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS SAY THEY'RE AT A CRITICAL MOMENT

Spectrum: NYS Board of Regents looks to update the process of Foundation Aid Formula. Executive Director of Rural School Association of New York went on a media tour to address critical needs in rural districts, including access to mental health help.

### DOZENS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS OPPOSE EXPANSION OF TWO NATURAL GAS STATIONS

Times Union: Renewed interest in hydrofracking has dozens of elected officials opposing the expansion of two gas stations; it would impact Athens, a disadvantaged community.

### EDITORIAL: NYS DOT CAPITAL PLAN NEEDS INFUSION TO OVERCOME INFLATION AND SLOW DECLINE OF BRIDGES AND ROADS

Empire Report: NYS roads and bridges are declining after the state received a multi billion dollar grant for funding to fix it. Inflation knocked a full year off of the five year plan and the DOT is now calling for funding to keep the project going.

### CORNELL HOSTS DEPUTY AG COMMISSIONER

Finger Lakes Times: When meeting with Commissioner a winery owner explained that the grape production is in rough shape from losing crop last year and farmland being targeted for development is an issue- it needs protection.

### NEW ERA OF COOPERATION?

Finger Lakes Times: Article speaks on press release about Seneca County recognizing Clint Halftown as the leader; opposition was expressed at the board meeting after.

### CAYUGA SUES NYS

FingerLakes.com: Cayuga Nation wants Federal approval for right of way of Thruway passing through their land and portion of payments from tolls.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### DECEMBER:

- 12/16: Driver Safety Course
- 12/18: Eclipse meeting for local businesses with four one hour time slots between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for Restaurants, Retail stores, Attractions & Lodging
- 12/20: Business After Hours with Littlejohn & Barbi Orthodontics

### JANUARY:

- 1/18: Annual Dinner; Ventosa Vineyards



## 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.

### IDA DIRECTOR, SARAH DAVIS

- IDA Office has been looking at Micron development in the county and is reaching out to other towns that have experienced development within 50 miles of their town to see what Seneca County should expect
- Meeting last week for Willard included the County Manager signing off on MRB agreement to look for expressions of interest
- Memorandum of Understanding is in the works for a title transfer from the state to the county

### STEVE ZIELINSKI PARKER, SOUTH SENECA SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

- The redoing of the Foundation Aid Formula is a reset for the process; what to expect with that and how long it could last is currently unknown
- Seneca Falls passed their referendum for their Capital Project; the Capital Aid was worth \$24 million with an aid ration of .88 on the \$1
- The money is taxpayer money so taxpayers express wanting to know where it's going; No matter what at the end of it all Albany has that money and the money coming back to go into the local economy and benefit its residents and taxpayers

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