

THIS ISSUE

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

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

SUPERVISOR BOB SHIPLEY

- Last committee meeting was Tuesday, Dec. 19th
- Town and county tax rates for 2024 were discussed
- Last special committee meeting discussed ways to ratify district town and property taxes for the year 2024

IDA, DAVID HEWITT

- IDA is refocusing on the community's needs (like the need for affordable housing)

SOUTH SENECA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT STEVE ZIELINSKI

- Lunar holiday falls on a weekend next year and a Wednesday the following year
- Diwali falls on Halloween next year but is only being recognized in NYC schools for now
- As religious holidays are added to the school calendar, there can be issues arising from having to move things around
- People are used to breaks in February and for Easter/Christmas; that could change in order to reach the required 180 days while honoring required religious holidays

DEMOCRATS REMOVE NY'S TOP ELECTIONS OFFICIAL

Politico: Doug Kellner removed after 18 years from the Democratic Party with no statement as to why. He expressed concern over the no paper ballot option; current lawsuits are filed over the validity of the machine's counting of votes

DOL: NEARLY 40K JOBS IDENTIFIED FOR NY MIGRANTS

NY State of Politics: Gov. Hochul surveyed employers in NYS to see how many and what types of jobs are available for qualifying migrant workers. There are just under 40K in the state, and 1,316 in the Finger Lakes Region.

LLC BILL THREATENS THE SAFETY OF SMALL BUSINESSES

Buffalo News: LLC bill has yet to be signed by Hochul but has passed both the Senate and Assembly; The LLC Transparency Act would expose wrong doers of LLCs for things like money laundering. The database of people that can be searched could be targeted and weaponized by people trying to steal identities.

NEW LAWS THAT TAKE EFFECT IN NYS IN 2024

WABC7-NY: New laws in effect Jan. 1, 2024: Min. wage in NYS will be \$15/hr. and \$16/hr. in NYC, Westchester, and Long Island. Freelancers making at least \$800 will need a legal contract. Lunar New Year and Diwali added to state school holiday schedule

STATES ARE TRASHING TROVES OF MASKS AND PROTECTIVE GEAR

NPR: States have stockpiles of PPE nearing expiration and are looking to get rid of it; many are selling for pennies on the dollar or throwing it out; some are replacing it

AVERAGE HOURLY PRIVATE SECTOR SALARY REACHES \$30

NY Business Brief: Private sector salary reaches up to \$41 when adding benefits to the \$30; state and local government workers are seeing an average of more than \$50 per hour with benefits included

NYS CRIMINALIZES UNDERPAYING EMPLOYEES

Brooklyn Daily Eagle: Extensive legislation continues to go into Human Resources laws for things like payroll, record keeping, etc.; it's a good idea to seek consultation with an HR company to make sure small business practices are up to date

A CALL TO RECONSIDER IMPACT OF 675-ACRE SOLAR PROJECT

Finger Lakes Times: Letter to the Editor from Tyre Supervisor Beth Partee asks for people to consider the size of the project compared to the smallness of Tyre



UPCOMING EVENTS:

DECEMBER:

- Have a merry Christmas and happy Holiday!



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.

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