

THIS ISSUE

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

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

SUPERVISOR BOB SHIPLEY

- Sewer authority went through committee and was followed by a special board meeting to create a water & sewer authority; MRB is helping
- Goal is for this to be more cost effective; MRB has done analysis and a visit was made to Wayne County to learn more about their water and sewer authority
- Search has been started to locate a Director and then a board would be put together
- Affordable Housing: Moved ahead to work on a Seneca County Housing plan; gone out for a RFP to get professional help to create the plan
- Retained consulting firm to do design and management for replacement of bridge on County House Road; construction may happen later this year
- Bet taxes: voted as a committee to ask for an increase in bet tax; has been voted on 6 years now and has yet to be approved by Albany

NYC MAYOR ADAMS TO PUSH PLAN FOR PUBLIC SITES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

NY Post: Mayor Adams has unveiled the ambitious "24 in 24" initiative, designed to propel 24 affordable housing projects on public sites throughout 2024, fostering collaboration among agencies like HPD, NYCEDC, and NYCHA, with the overarching objective of generating or safeguarding more than 12,000 housing units.

OVERHAUL OF MAJOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION SITING PROPOSED IN NYS EXECUTIVE BUDGET

JDSUPRA: Hochul's RAPID Act, part of 2025 budget, streamlines electric transmission siting, transfers Office of Renewable Energy Siting, and sets standards.

HOCHUL: \$100 MILLION AVAILABLE IN ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT FUNDING FOR CLEAN GREEN SCHOOLS

WNYPapers.com: \$100 million allocated to public schools through the Clean Green Schools Initiative, part of a \$400 million fund for green building projects under the Environmental Bond Act, extends Governor Hochul's April 2022 announcement of NYSERDA's Clean Green Schools Initiative.

NY LAW HOLDING UP DRILLING BY SMALL OIL, GAS PRODUCERS

Olean Times Herald: CLCPA regulations hinder small oil producers, impeding drilling permits; lawmakers express concerns, emphasizing the challenges and economic impact on the industry.

MORE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WOULD GET STATE SPONSORED HEALTHCARE UNDER PROPOSED NY LAW

WABC Albany: New York bill proposes health insurance for undocumented immigrants under 65, with eligibility based on income; aims to expand Essential Plan coverage.

HOSPITALITY ISSUES IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND BEYOND

NYSHTA: Movement to create statewide registry to compile short term rentals; sunset of the state's COVID sick leave; New York Junk Fee Prevention Act requires full price in ads; Air Conditioning Act- default temp of a hotel room for summer (no lower than 75 degrees) and winter (no higher than 64 degrees)

SENECA COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY COMING SOON

FL Times: Seneca County Board considers forming a water and sewer authority based on consultant's recommendation, addressing administration and operation for efficiency.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY:

- Feb. 13th: 12 p.m.-2p.m.; Northeast College of Health Sciences ribbon cutting ceremony
- Business After Hours; location TBD

MARCH:

- Business After Hours; Generations Bank, March 20, 2024

APRIL:

- April 2; Seneca Falls Acupuncture 5th Anniversary
- April 8; Total Solar Eclipse

Do you know about an event coming up? Let us know!

info@senecachamber.org



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.

CHAMBER PRESIDENT & CEO, JEFF SHIPLEY

- Water & Sewer Authority: It would be a legal entity run by a board of directors with an Executive Director that would operate all water and sewer services in the entire county
- Currently water and sewer authorities are run at local and town levels

STEVE ZIELINKSKI, SUPERINTENDANT OF SOUTH SENECA SCHOOL DISTRICT

- New budget cycle; \$100 million for Clean Green is an opportunity
- South Seneca Board may submit an application this summer to NYSERTA for large geothermal project in Ovid
- South Seneca is a fuel oil district which is not sustainable so this is a good opportunity to explore alternatives
- Gov. proposed budget included elimination of Safe Harmless Provision for foundation aid; 1/3 of South Seneca's budget
- It's what schools rely on for their programs, and eliminating it hits schools by millions at some schools

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER, MICHELE BARAN

- Newest member, starting in Auburn on location starting next week to work with Seneca and Cayuga County