

## THIS ISSUE

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

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

### SUPERVISOR BOB SHIPLEY

- Committee meeting was held to discuss economic development with the MRB group to discuss next steps regarding the Willard project

### SARAH DAVIS, IDA DIRECTOR

- Visited Syracuse with supervisors to discuss the next steps with the Willard project and potential developers
- Discussed the supply chain for Micron and the semiconductor industry
- Deadline for interest in Willard is one week away (Feb. 9)

### BOB GRIFFIN

- Webinar will be held soon in partnership with a lawyer regarding business ownership and reporting that small business owners may not be aware of

### WAGING BATTLE ON THE MINIMUM WAGE

Politico: Labor Unions are spearheading the movement to help boost the rest of the state's minimum wage limit to be the same as NYC's. NYC is currently \$16 per hour and the rest of the state is \$15 per hour. This is part of the "Raise Up New York" campaign.

### HIGH ELECTRICITY PRICES HAVE EUROPE FACING DEINDUSTRIALIZATION

The Hill: Rates in the EU have now settled at triple what they were pre-pandemic, even after attempts to lower them (Germany closing down plants). These issues need to be considered in places like NY.

### NY IS PREPARING FOR SURGE IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Observer Dispatch: All new buses by 2027 must be 0 emissions in NYS; entire fleet must be electric by 2035. Each new electric bus is \$400k, and diesel buses are a fraction of the price. Included in costs is infrastructure necessary to charge the buses. ADK schools received grant to help with requirement; public approval did not pass the measure.

### UPDATES AND POTENTIAL CHANGES TO PFL

JDSupra: In the Governor's State of the State speech, she introduced a measure to include pre-natal leave for mothers that is separate from the 12 weeks of maternity leave they get. It's 40 hours in addition to the 12 weeks.

### WANT TO BUY A BRIDGE?

FL Times: DOT is planning to rebuild a bridge on the Seneca & Cayuga County line that will have a great impact on the farming community in 2025-26 when they create a very extensive and disruptive detour.

### \$100 MILLION GOES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACROSS NYS TO COMBAT COVID LEARNING LOSS

WKBW Buffalo: Money is being sent to school districts across NYS, many in Buffalo, Syracuse, and the mid-Hudson regions, to help combat learning loss from the pandemic and to provide mental health support to students.

### STATE SENATE PROPOSAL WOULD MAKE NYS A MANUFACTURER FOR SOME GENERIC DRUGS

NCPR: \$3 billion dollar contract would make NYS the second state after California to manufacture many generic drugs, including insulin.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### FEBRUARY:

- Feb. 13th: 12 p.m.-2p.m.; Northeast College of Health Sciences ribbon cutting ceremony
- Business After Hours Weds. Feb. 21 5-7 p.m. at Hampton Inn, Seneca Falls

### 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](mailto: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.

### CAROL DOOLITTLE

- No news has been shared about the expanded bottle bill or other measures that would directly impact local wineries in the county
- Wineries using recycled packaging in the county will incur high costs

### STEVE ZIELINKSKI, SUPERINTENDANT OF SOUTH SENECA SCHOOL DISTRICT

- District is planning for the potential of a fund decrease worth \$1.5 million dollars
- Should South Seneca lose the \$1.5 million in funding, it will result in the loss of positions and the things that have helped close the gap of learning loss from COVID
- Many other local districts have received funding; Auburn, Clyde Savannah, Lyons, Dryden, BOCES
- A recent meeting regarding electric buses was held with Senator O'Mara and Assemblyman Palmesano
- Many are concerned that nobody will be ready for the switchover by the date the state has set
- A discussion is being held on what the plan is if voters vote it down

### MICHAEL MESTAN, NORTHEAST COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Ribbon cutting ceremony to be held Feb. 13th
- Senator O'Mara will be there
- Buses from local districts with interested prospective students will be there
- Enrollment has opened for the new programs and they're almost at capacity for the fall