

## THIS ISSUE

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

## JEFF SHIPLEY, CHAMBER PRESIDENT & CEO

- Posters and glasses are still available through the Chamber
- Continuing to meet with businesses to disburse Eclipse glasses and find out what their events are to promote them
- Chamber University event discussing compliance with laws that changed last year and this year March 22 from 1-2 p.m. virtually

## BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- March meeting Tuesday- Sheriff Thompson shared there would be a county/town/state police high visibility campaign to stop DWIs for St. Patrick's Day
- Campaign to run starting tomorrow through Sunday (March 15-17)
- This is an attempt to help stop alcohol related injuries and deaths
- Responses for Willard was brought to the Board; one letter of interest from a developer that would encompass everything
- Most responses had to do with housing projects
- Putting together a board that will go over next steps

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

### ONE-HOUSE BUDGETS SET STAGE FOR HOUSING BATTLE

**Spectrum:** Lawmakers clash over housing details in budget negotiations, impacting New York's April 1 deadline.

### ANDREA STEWART COUSINS DISCUSSES HER CHAMBER'S ONE HOUSE

**Capital Tonight:** New York's Senate and Assembly budgets propose raising \$2.2 billion in new taxes on corporations and high earners. Housing discussions include a 421a tax exemption for multi-family construction, while education focuses on updating the Foundation Aid formula.

### NEW YORK ASSEMBLY PASSES BAN ON CO2 FRACKING

**StateOfPolitics:** On March 12, the New York State Assembly approved the CO2 Fracking Ban. This legislation prevents granting well permits to individuals who employ carbon dioxide for oil or natural gas extraction, commonly referred to as fracking.

### LEGISLATURE'S COUNTER BUDGETS SOUNDLY REJECT HOCHUL'S MEDICAID CUTS

**Spectrum:** This week, state legislators firmly expressed their health spending priorities by unveiling their individual budget proposals. Notably, they decisively opposed Governor Kathy Hochul's proposed \$1.2 billion reduction in Medicaid funding for the upcoming month's final spending plan.

### TECH HUB SLATED FOR ROCHESTER, UPSTATE NY CITIES NEEDS WORKFORCE

**The Leader:** Can local colleges rise to the occasion? Monroe Community College has submitted a proposal seeking \$17.5 million to spearhead the training of thousands of workers in upstate New York's three largest cities for positions in the semiconductor industry.

### WHY NEW YORK'S PUSH FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY CONCERNS FARM ADVOCATES

**StateOfPolitics:** As the state mandates a transition to 70% renewable energy by 2030, agricultural proponents urge caution, fearing that rapid changes may hinder electrification efforts for diesel-powered farming machinery.

### SENECA HOUSING INC. LANDS SPECIAL DESIGNATION

**FL Times:** Seneca Housing Inc., a longstanding housing nonprofit based in Seneca Falls and serving all of Seneca County, was designated as a Rural Preservation Company by NYS Homes & Community Renewal in early March.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**MARCH:**

- Business After Hours; Generations Bank, March 20, 2024
- Chamber University: March 22; HR compliance laws (virtual)

**APRIL:**

- April 2; Seneca Falls Acupuncture 5th Anniversary
- April 8; Total Solar Eclipse
- Chamber University: Social Media & Marketing, April 30th 1-2 pm

**MAY:**

- Business After Hours; Wagner Vineyards, May 15, 2024

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.

## STEVE ZIELISNKI, SOUTH SENECA SUPERINTENDENT

- Tuned in to budgets
- Paying close attention to help preserve the Safe Harmless provision, which has come up both for the House and Senate
- Suggest that foundation aid should be increased by 3% for all schools
- Reject governor's proposal to change CPI calculation; she proposed 10 year ave. throwing out the highest and lowest
- This was a cost saving measure for the state

## AVE BAUDER, SCCCE

- Willard task force meeting last week
- Encouraging news- county is working with MRB
- Letters of interest have been received along with informal responses
- We may not need to negotiate with the state before asking for formal FRPs from developers
- Timeline was sped up compared to what we originally thought
- Encouraging in terms of different letters of interest focusing on the overall mixed use of the property; there may be a large developer used to these types of projects
- Governor's budget did not have full funding for Extension like the last two years
- It has been allowed this year and allowed for the hiring of an environmental educator thanks to being restored