

THIS ISSUE

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

JEFF SHIPLEY, CHAMBER PRESIDENT & CEO

- Chamber University is happening April 30th from 1-2 p.m.
- Topic: Social Media Marketing
- Presenters: Josh Durso with FingerLakes1.com and Samantha Goodman with the Seneca County Chamber

BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- EPA PFAS were created by chemical companies when they made fire fighting foam and when used, the chemicals never go away
- These chemicals are harmful to the water
- Board has passed legislation to create the Seneca County Water & Sewer Authority
- Board will no longer control; Water and Sewer Commissioner will create a board responsible for running it
- Board passed exhausting ARPA funds by giving \$750k toward the Willard project

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

DOZENS OF NY LAWMAKERS OPEN TO REJECT BUDGET OVER HOUSING

Spectrum: Rent is controlled in NYC; a 3 % cap increase is currently in place for landlords and tenants. While many want to keep the 3% max increase in place to protect tenants, the other side wants it to increase so landlords can recoup the costs that go into renovations and investments for properties.

NY LAWMAKERS WANT TO DEFINE SQUATTERS AS TRESPASSERS, NOT TENANTS

CBS New York: The law currently states that once a squatter has spent thirty days in a dwelling, they then gain tenant rights. Lawmakers want that to change and have those squatting be recognized as trespassers.

NYS BUDGET TALKS MAY DRAG INTO THIRD WEEK, HOUSING IS MAIN STICKING POINT

Daily News: Medicaid is another point in the budget; Hochul wants to cut \$1 million from the Medicaid budge, lawmakers want to expand a special federal waiver that puts NYS funding toward Medicaid. It also appears Hochul has stopped her push to cut foundation aid.

EPA FINALIZES LONG-AWAITED NATIONAL PFAF'S DRINKING WATER STANDARD

Harris Beach: EPA standards are stronger than NYS standards for water in some cases; municipalities are responsible for public water systems and may end up on the hook for EPA standards to be met. Money has been made available to get these systems in compliance with the higher standards. By reclassifying these levels, it can impact farms, landfills, airports, and other industries who may need to protect themselves.

EDITORIAL: THE CANNABIS CONUNDRUM

Times Union: Licensed cannabis retailers account for \$100 million in sales this last year, but illegally run businesses without a license account for \$7 billion. Laws placed on licensed retailers have stricter standards; those not following the laws don't abide by those rules. Could this result in re-criminalizing cannabis sales?

NY RANKS LAST IN ECONOMIC OUTLOOK STUDY OF ALL 50 STATES

Fox Business: Numerous reasons: highest for top personal and income tax rates, highly regulatory, highest workers compensation, etc.

WATER AND SEWER BODY MOVING AHEAD

FL Times: A Seneca County water and sewer system will take over all water systems currently run by municipalities throughout the county.



UPCOMING EVENTS:



APRIL:

- Business After Hours at CFCU on April 17th 5-7 p.m.
- Chamber University: Social Media & Marketing, April 30th 1-2 pm

MAY:

- Business After Hours; Wagner Vineyards, May 15, 2024
- Legislative Luncheon TBD

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.

STEVE ZIELISNKI, SOUTH SENECA SUPERINTENDENT

- Government relented on foundation aid, but now everyone's been made aware for next year
- Formula currently isn't politically neutral; a certain percentage is guaranteed to go to NYC and Long Island

SARAH DAVIS, IDA DIRECTOR

- State is moving ahead with decommissioning the Willard campus this year
- Working to make sure the campus remains in good condition for redevelopment
- Title transfer will be happening this year
- Office has officially moved to a new address, accessible through the Lux Hotel parking lot
- 2456 St. Rt. 414, Waterloo NY 13165
- Phone number: 315-400-8426

MICHELE BARAN, SBDC

- Small business education opportunities are always available for Seneca County and Cayuga County residents looking to start or continue their small business journey.