

### THIS ISSUE

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

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

### GOV HOCHUL LAUNCHES RUSG PROGRAM TO ADDRESS NYS HOUSING

MSN.com: Redevelopment of Underutilized Sites for Housing: Hochul wants to use \$500,000 to develop 15,000 homes on state land with the pilot program beginning in NYC

### HOCHUL, LAWMAKERS SPLIT OVER DISABILITY CAP

Spectrum: Bills not included in the budget package included temporary disability and paid family leave. Currently the max allowed is \$170 per week for 26 weeks and now they're looking to update. Hochul wants 20% of a worker's weekly average wage and legislators want 50%; this bill was passed but vetoed by Hochul last year

### ADVOCATES PUSH TO ELIMINATE PFAS FROM COSMETICS

Spectrum: The commissioner of the health department would have more say in what chemicals are used in the cosmetic industry; this could mean potential changes for Bruno Bock and Seneca County

### WHAT ARE THE FASTEST GROWING CITIES IN NYS?

WPDH: The two fastest growing cities at the top of the list are Oneonta and Ithaca, respectively in first and second place. Also further down the list was Oswego and Corning

### A MONTH LEFT IN NY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION, HERE'S WHAT'S ON DECK

Times Union: What's left with one month to go: social media regulations regarding minors like changing their feed to not have an algorithm and changing privacy policy, Grieving Families Act- families can seek damages for emotional loss for extended family, Assisted Suicide, environmental measures like the Heat Act and Bottle Bill

### FRIENDS OF NYS VETERANS CEMETERY FL IS ESTABLISHED

FL Times: Sampson Veterans Cemetery has changed its name and the group Friends of NYS Veterans Finger Lakes is working to maintain it

### JEFF SHIPLEY, CHAMBER

#### PRESIDENT

- Seneca County Chamber Legislative Luncheon happening Friday May 31st, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Event happening at Ventosa Vineyards

### STEVE ZIELISNKI, SOUTH SENECA

#### SUPERINTENDENT

- Watching the end of the legislative session and bills that would directly impact schools
- Watching the mandate for zero emissions buses; many feel the timeline is aggressive and too fast
- Foundation Aid: warning made in spring of 2024 for spring of 2025 about changing the formula
- This may impact high schools in the future by changing their course offerings and force them to go to one building all together



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MAY:**
  - Ribbon Cutting Sugar Mama’s 3 p.m. Friday May 10th
  - Business After Hours; Wagner Vineyards, May 15, 2024
  - Legislative Luncheon May 31st at Ventosa
- JUNE:**
  - Business After Hours; Seneca Meadows hosting at Seneca Housing, June 19th 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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.

### BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- No recent board meetings
- Upcoming meeting is May 17th
- Contact your local Supervisor in support of the Seneca County Visitor Center

### SARAH DAVIS, IDA DIRECTOR

- Next IDA Board meeting May 14th at 9 a.m.
- Will discuss interior design options
- Solar project has been put on hold
- Hopeful the state doesn’t retain Willard after the work the community has put into it; it would be a missed opportunity to only create housing

### BOB GRIFFIN SBDC

- Recent Advisory Board meeting: in the last 6 months SBDC has surpassed the number of clients for last year in Seneca County
- Part of this is thanks to the Grow Seneca grants
- By end of year they’re expected to more than double their amount of clients

### CAROL DOOLITTLE, FRONTENAC

- Everyone should contact their legislation and ask them to not bring the Bottle Bill to the floor
- This bill will negatively impact tourism and wineries
- Wine bottle cost for customers will go up by up to \$1 per bottle
- This makes it harder to compete with foreign companies and their wine bottles
- The EPR bill is supported by wineries
- Any wineries making less that \$5 million per year are exempt