

THIS ISSUE

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

JEFF SHIPLEY, CHAMBER

PRESIDENT

- On-demand health stations available at the Ovid Five-Star Bank branch
- Chamber U: Legislative Luncheon happening next Friday, May 31st at Ventosa Vineyard; RSVP required

BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- Board met Tuesday but a lot of Supervisors weren't present
- Committees did not meet Tuesday
- Economic Development Committee approved hiring MRB for an engineering survey for the Cayuga Seneca Canal Trail
- The trail needs extensive work, more than originally thought
- Human Resources Committee passed a proclamation for a fire that happened in Lodi in 1913
- Needs to go to the Board of Supervisors to be passed

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

STATE LAWMAKERS CONSIDERING PUNTING POLICIES AHEAD OF ELECTION

Spectrum: In 2022, Democrats' poor performance in some of New York's Congressional districts led to several republicans winning key seats. Then, the top issue was crime and, in some cases, the policies championed by the Democratic-led state legislature.

NY BECOMES FIRST STATE TO LAUNCH FEDERALLY BACKED ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATE PROGRAM

Spectrum: As part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced today that New York is the first state in the nation to launch their Home Energy Rebates program, created by the Inflation Reduction Act.

THERE'S A PUSH TO END SUBMINIMUM WAGE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN NY

Spectrum: People living with disabilities have a tough time finding work. But in New York, there's another issue: If a person with a disability finds a job, there's a chance that he or she will be paid a subminimum wage.

DIGITAL AD CAMPAIGN TARGETS LAWMAKERS ABOUT NY HEAT ACT SUPPORT

Politico: The organization recently launched a targeted digital ad campaign telling constituents to contact their state Assemblymembers and tell them to support the legislation which they claim can save New Yorkers up to \$75 a month.

TENNEY PUSHES FUNDING FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

FL Times: Tenney, R-24 of Oswego County has selected five local projects for consideration by the House Appropriations Committee. These projects aim to improve water infrastructure, public safety, and community revitalization. Among the top proposals is a \$15 million downtown revitalization project in Lyons.

BONAFIGLIA FOUNDATION INVESTS \$94,000 IN SENECA COUNTY INITIATIVES

FL Times: This month, the foundation awarded grants to 17 organizations serving Seneca County, focusing on themes such as food insecurity, promoting community events, education and workforce development, and sustainability of programs for youth's basic needs. Among the recipients were Mozaic-Finger Lakes Textiles, Seneca Falls Education Foundation, Community Action Program Cayuga-Seneca, Waterloo Library & Historical Society, and Seneca County Community Garden.

TYRE FIRE CO. OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY NYS

FL Times: The Town of Tyre now has its own fire company. That means the Tyre Fire Co. will begin the process of integrating and providing fire protection for the town's approximately 1,000 residents.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY:

- Legislative Luncheon May 31st at Ventosa
- Ribbon cutting for Putt & Play at Seneca Lake Resorts May 31st

JUNE:

- Business After Hours; Seneca Meadows hosting at Seneca Housing, June 19th 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. *Perfect Pair to cater & live music provided as entertainment*

JULY:

- Membership BBQ at The Vista at Seneca Lake Resorts July 11th

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.

DAVID HEWITT, IDA

- Willard RFP is still be followed closely

BOB GRIFFIN, SBDC

- Seneca Grant Program is coming out soon for the next round of grants
- Seneca Cayuga County SBDC in the top 5 centers to meet its goals
- Number one in the state for centers with new businesses starting
- Voted "Neighborhood Hero" for close relationships between the SBDC in this area and the community/local organizations

AVE BAUDER, SENECA COUNTY

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXT.

- Patty retired from the Horticulture Educator position
- Trisha from Seneca Falls Community Garden has taken on that role
- Currently looking to fill the position of nutritionist; seeking someone with a bachelors or masters in nutrition
- Cornell intern will work with the County Planning board this summer on a project that can digitize zoning maps and info for municipalities to get grants

EMILY BARBER, FINGER LAKES

PREMIERE PROPERTIES

- Launched Finger Lakes Vacation Rental Alliance: responsible renting with reasonable regulations
- Current regulations have been increased so much that is has negatively impacted the economic growth in the area



MEMBERSHIP BBQ THURSDAY JULY 11TH



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21ST