



COMMUNITY BRIEFING - JUNE 6, 2024



## THIS ISSUE

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

### JILL HENRY, COUNTY PLANNING

- Seneca County award a \$1.5M grant for EPA Brownfield investigations
- STEPS is helping with the community outreach

### BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- Tuesday Senator O'Mara shared that the legislation to create a water and sewage authority passed the Senate and has gone to Assembly for approval
- On Wednesday a call from Albany shared that the Willard redevelopment plans were approved
- An official letter for the Willard plans should arrive early next week
- The Cayuga County Office building remains closed for the near future
- This is causing the traffic to the Seneca County DMV to have tripled, increasing wait times

### THERESA LAHR, STEPS

- On year left for STEPS funding
- 6 month sustainability plan in creation
- Request was submitted for someone to work with STEPS to help with upcoming projects, including workforce development for young adults
- Physical and nutritional activities are being created locally
- 120 mini grants have gone out in the south county to make things happen
- STEPS will look different in the future

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

### VOTE EXPECTED TO LIMIT SINGLE-USE PLASTICS IN NY

Spectrum: A mandate could force companies making more than \$5 Million in net profits to reduce their plastics use and prohibit them from using a series of chemicals in their packaging. Packaging could become costly in NYS. This move has the support of environmental groups, and opposition from businesses and organizations in the industry. There is little clarity on whether Hochul will sign the bill.

### NY LAWMAKERS WANT DINERS TO KNOW HOW MUCH SODIUM IS IN THEIR FOOD

WRGZ: If passed, restaurants would need to highlight the amount of sodium in a diners food.

### RENT WAR

Politico: The bill that would require a Short Term Rental database in NYS is now in Albany for the second year. The Senate has passed the bill and now it looks like the Assembly will too. If passed, short term rental owners/managers would be required to register their property in a database and maintain accounting records for each time the property is rented for two years. Counties that already have a registry and system in place can opt out. Things with this bill are still unclear, like who would oversee it.

### BOARD AMENDS LOCAL LAW

FLTimes: At the Ontario County Board of Supervisors meeting, a law from 1997 was amended by a 15-6 vote to opt the county out of tax exemptions for certain energy systems, with no public comments during the hearing. Geneva town Supervisor Mark Venuti opposed the change, arguing it disincentivizes renewable energy improvements, while Canandaigua city Supervisor Dave Baker supported it, emphasizing the need to tax large commercial solar farms fairly.

### MICHELE BARAN

- Goal for an early August timeframe for another Fast Track course for small businesses
- These courses last three days
- Great for businesses trying to receive the Grow Seneca grant

### 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

## 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.