

SUMMARY OF ONE SENECA
COMMUNITY BRIEFING &
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CHAMBER INVESTORS

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COMMUNITY BRIEFING - JULY 25, 2024

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THIS ISSUE

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

JEFF SHIPLEY, SENECA COUNTY CHAMBER

- Seneca & Cayuga County Chambers as well as Skaneateles Chamber are discussing how to work collaboratively with things like Micron and other industries moving forward

SARAH DAVIS, IDA

- Fast Track to Business dates have changed because of the wait on details from the Grow Seneca Grant Program
- A new round of funding will happen

MICHELE BARAN, SBDC

- New dates for Fast Track are Sept. 17, 19 & 24
- HR Seminar happening at the Cayuga County Chamber Aug. 14th at 9 a.m.
- \$20 to attend, \$10 discount code available

STEVE ZIELINSKI, SOUTH SENECA

- Board of education is looking at policies regarding the cell phone issue
- More schools are excluding phones and South Seneca likely will too; huge distraction during the day

BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- Committee meetings were Tues. July 23
- Human Resources & Government Operations Committee approved interim director for Office of the Aging
- Set to start 9/1; retirement of current director will be 8/31
- Bridge funding issues have been ongoing
- Seneca County belongs to Region 3 for funding for roads and bridges
- Funding for Region 3 is currently tied up; DOT refuses to allow S.C. to be in Reg. 4

CAROL DOOLITTLE

- Spotted Lanternfly is in Romulus
- Working to identify private properties with the Tree of Heaven
- Education required to properly get rid of the plant and not accidentally spread it

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

GOV HOCHUL CONTINUES TO CONSIDER SMART PHONE BAN IN NY SCHOOLS

WKBW: The governor held her fourth roundtable discussion on Wednesday at the Kenmore Junior/Senior High School as she continues to consider drafting potential legislation that could ban all phones from classrooms across the state. "This has become the challenge of our time," remarked Hochul.

REPORT: \$29B NEEDED FOR LOCAL BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT

Times Union: The estimated costs of repairs needed for the local bridges – which make up about 50% of New York's more than 17,500 bridges – was nearly \$29 billion, according to data from the Federal Highway Administration.

1ST QTR STATE TAX RECEIPTS MODESTLY HIGHER THAN DIVISION OF BUDGET PROJECTIONS

NYS Comptroller: 1st Quarter State Tax Receipts Modestly Higher Than Division of Budget Projections. State tax receipts totaled \$29.9 billion through the first quarter of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-25, \$594 million higher than estimates released by the Division of the Budget (DOB) in the Enacted Budget Financial Plan.

NY SCHOOL DISTRICTS RANKED 1-678 BY FULL VALUE TAX RATES

NY Upstate: South Seneca in a not-so-great place on the list.

NY'S SPORTS BETTING TAX RATE SPARKS NATION WIDE CONSTROVERSY

Pinnacle Gazette: Critics of the 51% tax rate argue that such a high figure could deter operators from entering the New York market. They warn that the potential for lower profit margins might push operators to relocate their businesses to more tax-friendly states.

HWS TO OFFER ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE DEGREE

FL Times: According to HWS, "the program equips students with the knowledge and skills to understand and tackle environmental problems from multiple scientific perspectives. Through advanced course work in biology and geoscience, students will examine the causes of environmental problems and explore how the sciences can contribute to solutions."

KEUKA LAKE RESIDENTS AND BOATERS CLASH OVER PROPOSED BOAT LAW

FL1: A new law could ban boats from anchoring within 500 feet of Crescent Beach on Keuka Lake, causing tension between residents and boaters. Crescent Beach, a popular spot for weekend boaters, may see changes if the Vessel Anchoring and Rafting Law is passed.

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.

AUGUST EVENT:

- Annual Golf tournament at Seneca Falls Country Club August 21st