

### THIS ISSUE

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

### BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- Last board meeting was Tuesday August 13
- Senator O'Mara presented Undersheriff Melinda Marquart with the Woman of Distinction Award for 2024
- It was voted to have Seneca County commit \$1M+ to replace a bridge in the county
- Director of the Office of the Aging will be retired as of 8/31/24
- Replacement has been appointed as interim director; employee already at the Office of the Aging who knows everything going on
- The Finger Lakes Times filed a FOIA regarding details of County Manager situation; they weren't released by the board

### STEVE ZIELINSKI SOUTH SENECA SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

- Regarding cell phone policy:
- South Seneca has a policy in place already (ahead of the bill being passed)
- Students hand phones in to teachers and get them back at the end of class/day
- Policy states teachers can take students phones at any time in class
- Pouches for phones are on the wall within sight at all times; phones won't be touched or messed with
- Building Utilization Study completed in Interlaken
- Live births were studied to predict future enrollment
- Study revealed an 11% increase for enrollment in the district in the future

### SEPT. EVENT:

- Business After Hours, Sept. 18th at Sessler Wrecking

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

### UFT PRESIDENT SUPPORTS HOCHUL'S SMART PHONE BAN IN SCHOOLS BUT WANTS DISTRICTS TO HAVE A SAY

- NY Post: Teacher's Union supports the ban but wants schools to decide on their own; Hochul wants statewide action

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT LACKS 1 WORD THAT COULD DRIVE VOTER TURNOUT: 'ABORTION'

AP News: "Abortion" added into anti-discrimination law. Language surrounding gender and trans rights is being challenged; State Board of Elections used technical terms and is being sued

### MAYBE LEGALIZING WEED WASN'T SUCH A GREAT IDEA

News Day Opinion: Incomes and home prices in states with legal weed have increased, but so has homelessness, substance abuse issues, and overall marijuana use

### BACKLASH BUILDS OVER BUSINESS TAX BREAK EXTENSION ADAMS WON IN ALBANY

The City: Industrial & Commercial Abatement Program gives tax breaks for properties in the city that have made improvements. 13 years of tax breaks and another 13 years of phasing out of the program

### DRAFTKINGS RESCINDS TAX SURCHARGE ON BETTORS AMID BACKLASH

Action Network: 10% surcharge will not happen in 2025 after the pushback

### SCHUMER CALLS FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR NYS MESONET

Spectrum: Funding is requested for the state's Mesonet: a weather network with hundreds of weather stations throughout the state; there's at least one station in every county

### NYDEC WANTS PUBLIC INPUT ON ITS DRAFT 30X30 PLAN

Spectrum: This Federal program's goal is to protect 30% of water, 30% of land by the year 2030; includes 7600 bodies of water, thousands of plants, and wildlife in the state of New York

### WATERLOO VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES INCOME SURVEY

Spectrum: The board approved just under \$40,000 to pay for a study that would survey the income of residents in the Village of Waterloo. If the overall income of residents is low enough, the village could qualify for hardship status, and get grants and access to resources easier

### 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.