

## DiscoverSeneca

Seneca County Chamber

### THIS ISSUE

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

#### BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- Next meeting is Nov. 12th

#### SARAH DAVIS, IDA

- Currently negotiating a pilot agreement with Finger Lakes Railroad and four other counties
- 3 new IDA board members elected to start their terms after the New Year

#### MICHELE BARAN, SBDC

- 2025 Fast Track Calendar is being created
- Monthly training to be offered in 2025 except for the month of December
- Hybrid Fast Track will be available for the first time
- July the SBDC will be in Seneca County; date TBD

#### CHAMBER EVENTS:

- Connie's Diner reopening ribbon cutting 10 a.m. Weds. Nov. 13th
- Chamber U- Sexual Harassment Training virtual, 12-1:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 19th
- Business After Hours: del Lago, Nov. 20 5-7 p.m.
- Annual Dinner: Jan. 16, 2025

#### 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.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

### ARE EMPLOYERS AND COLLEGES READY FOR NEW GRADUATION PATHS?

Niagara Gazette: Varying graduation requirements could add confusion to hiring practices in workforce development and the college application process.

### STATE PLAN CALLS FOR DROPPING REGENTS REQUIREMENT BY 2028

Spectrum: Starting in January 2028, so that's the 2027-2028 school year, while Regents exams will be one of many ways for students to demonstrate mastery of the state's rigorous learning standards there will no longer be a separate assessment requirement to graduate high school.

### UNDERSTAND AMERICA'S LABOR SHORTAGE: THE MOST IMPACTED STATES

US Chamber: New York State:

- Job Openings: 441,000
- Unemployed Workers: 384,655
- Labor Force Participation Rate: 61.5
- Unemployment Rate: 3.9
- Quit Rate: 1.4
- Hiring Rate: 3.0

### HOCHUL AWARDS \$100 MILLION TO EXPAND FREE AND LOW-COST AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS ACROSS NY

LongIsland.com: Governor Kathy Hochul today announced New York State has awarded about \$100 million in grants to support free and low-cost afterschool programs serving nearly 40,000 children in high-need areas statewide.

### NY 'BIRTH GRANT' BILL WOULD PAY NEW PARENTS WITH MEDICAID FUNDS

NY Focus: Sen. Gounardes' 'Birth Grant' Bill Would Pay New Parents With Medicaid Funds. A proposal from state Senator Andrew Gounardes would send some new parents \$1,800 in the third trimester of pregnancy.

### FEMA DESIGNATES 10 NY DISASTER AREAS

FL Times: 10 areas in NY: Cattaraugus, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Cortland, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, Livingston, Monroe, Oswego, Otsego, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, Sullivan, Tioga, Ulster, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming. Farms will be able to apply for assistance following the

### MICRON'S FUTURE IN CNY UNCERTAIN AFTER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

FL1: Congressman-elect John Mannion expressed hope that bipartisan support for the CHIPS Act will remain strong, emphasizing its critical role for national security and Central New York's economy.