

SUMMARY OF ONE SENECA
COMMUNITY BRIEFING &
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COMMUNITY BRIEFING - FEB. 27, 2024

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THIS ISSUE

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

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- Economic Development & Housing Committee approved Dept. of Planning for submitting for \$100k grant w/ \$50k County match for Willard redvlpmt.

STEVE ZIELINSKI, SOUTH SENECA SUP.

- Portrait of a Graduate initiatives will change graduation requirements for future students
- This helps students based on their own goals

SARAH DAVIS, IDA

- Public hearing held for the Finger Lakes Railway project; no comments made
- Study to be had with Genessee Finger Lakes Planning Council covering the region

JILL HENRY

- 2 applications are currently being submitted
- One is for a redevelopment plan and feasibility study in downtown Ovid
- One is for up to \$1M to support water infrastructure in the village of Ovid

CASEY, SENECA COUNTY CHAMBER

- Chamber University happening Wednesday March 5th with a speaker from Wegmans; 1 p.m. at the Women's Rights National Historical Park

JENNIFER, OUTLETS

- Partnered with United Way to offer accessible store space Weds.-Sun. this week for overflow of Ovid fire donations

AVE BAUDER, CORNELL

- United Way roundtable held at Ovid VFW with local leaders to identify gaps and long term plans
- Ovid Federal Church raised \$200k
- Catholic Charities has raised \$170k

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.

GOV HOCHUL SIGNS AMENDMENT TO RETAIL WORKER SAFETY ACT

RochesterFirst.com: Governor Hochul signed an amendment to the Retail Worker Safety Act. The Retail Worker Safety Act requires employers to develop programs to prevent workplace violence through training programs and the installation of panic buttons at local businesses

NY'S TAX ON ENERGY PRODUCERS WILL HURT TRUCKING COMPANIES

Opinion: New York's Climate Change Superfund Act will negatively impact trucking companies and consumers through increased costs. The trucking industry in New York is already overburdened by regulations and taxes, including congestion pricing and the Highway Use Tax.

CAYUGA, FINGER LAKES AND CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGES RECEIVE GRANTS TO SUPPORT ADULT LEARNERS

FingerLakes1.com: "For millions of New Yorkers, community college can be the path to upward mobility and economic security, opening the door to a wide array of workforce opportunities," Governor Hochul said. "Working with SUNY, we are tackling the barriers that stand in the way of New Yorkers accessing these potentially transformational educational pathways. The Adult Learner Leadership Initiative builds on our commitment to empowering people in every corner of the state to participate in generational economic opportunities."

NYS BUSINESS COUNCIL SUPPORTS LATEST EPR BILL

Capitol Confidential: The Business Council of New York State Inc. on Tuesday issued a memo of support for new legislation (S.5062 (Martinez)), the "Affordable Waste Reduction Act," which proposes an "expanded producer responsibility" program for packaging and paper products modeled on legislation adopted in Minnesota in 2024.

THRIFT SHOP TO HELP OVID WILL BE OPEN FIVE DAYS

Finger Lakes Times: The United Way of Seneca County had planned to open a one-day thrift shop on Wednesday to help those affected by the devastating fire in downtown Ovid last month. On Monday afternoon, the agency announced that the store will be open five consecutive days. The #OvidStrong Thrift Shop 2.0 will set up in an empty store space (suite 79) at Finger Lakes Premium Outlets in Junius, between Skechers and Kate Spade, and be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. all five days. Clothes, shoes, toys, and smaller household items will be included in the \$5 bag sale. Coats will be sold for \$3 or two for \$5, the same as blankets, sheets, and pillows. Bags, purses, and backpacks cost \$1 apiece. Furniture and larger household items are priced individually. Cash and credit will be accepted.