

THIS ISSUE

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

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

IDA DIRECTOR SARAH DAVIS

- Senator Gillibrand's staff visited this week to meet with businesses and the Cornell Cooperative Extension to discuss the Farm Bill
- They also wanted to hear about other economic development opportunities in the county
- They went on tour at Willard earlier this week, which helps to raise awareness about what's going on there
- Partners from Greater Rochester Enterprise visited a few businesses considering expansion projects
- Still trying to finalize date for the next public input session for Willard

PRESIDENT & CEO OF SENECA COUNTY CHAMBER JEFF SHIPLEY

- County Manager Kyle Lovell has taken over the position
- Mitch Rowe has left the position

HOCHUL FOCUSES ON MIGRANT WORK AUTHORIZATIONS IN UPSTATE

Spectrum: NYC has filed lawsuit against NYS; governor is signing legislation to allow migrants to start working. Business communities and legislators have been part of the discussion and the goal is to allow migrants to be productive members of society in NY.

NEW YORK MULLS NEW TRASH FEE AS LANDFILLS NEAR TIPPING POINT

NYSFocus: Seneca Meadows is discussed; the DEC has created a solid waste management plan, the plan is to tax people and businesses for their garbage. This may incentivize people to produce less trash.

STATES HAVE BIG HOPES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY. GET READY TO PAY FOR IT.

Politico: Programs that have come out for New York under the Climate Action Council and CPC regarding renewable energy will cost NY tax payers greatly to put everything in place.

LEADERS URGE RESTORATION OF SCHOOL MILK OPTIONS IN 2023 FARM BILL

Morning AgClips: The letter, sent to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and to the 26 members of New York's Congressional Delegation, urges that milk purchasing choice be restored to NY schools. The measure would be restored in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) through the upcoming 2023 Federal Farm Bill.

ADAMS DEMANDS HOCHUL USE EMERGENCY POWERS TO FORCE ALL OF NY TO ACCEPT MIGRANTS

New York Post: NYC Mayor demands Hochul use her powers to disallow restrictions and emergency declarations to keep migrants out; Adams wants the burden to be all of NYS's responsibility, not just the city's.

GOV. KATHY HOCHUL'S HISTORIC VISIT TO ONONDAGA NATION SPARKS DIALOGUE BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS

WSTM: First time in 50 years that a sitting NYS Governor visited with the Onondaga Nation. Meeting discussions included education funding, public health, and the return of about 1,000 acres for their ancestral headquarters.

PUSH UNDERWAY TO MASK UP AGAIN IN NEW YORK DUE TO NEW COVID VARIANT

Washington Examiner: Public advocates in a NYC burrough discussed the 7 day average for COVID cases has increased from 2% to 12%, renewing the push to have a mask mandate put into place in that burrough of NYC.



ADDITIONAL PARTNER DISCUSSION:

STEPS PROJECT COORDINATOR THERESA LAHR

- Just awarded a micro-enterprise for a small business in Lodi for \$3,000. Small landscaping business with a great business plan.
- Greater Rochester Health Foundation Grant worth \$25,000 was awarded to support the Lodi Food Pantry.
- Food pantry is moving back to original location where the new town hall in Lodi is, for the past few months they've been working out of the rod & gun club. The money will help ensure their move is smooth and they have everything they need.
- Looking at sustainability plans and more grants to continue their work



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.

COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR JILL HENRY

- Housing Needs Assessment is being released after being completed with grant funding
- Will be released Weds. Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Building auditorium
- Document is about 109 pages and will be gone over in depth at this meeting, which will be recorded and put on the website
- Goal is to bring housing issues attention and make it be seen as a form of economic development. Employers here struggle to find workers, and anyone looking at the area sees statistics that we don't have the workforce due to the housing issues

SUPERVISOR BOB SHIPLEY

- Grow Seneca: Still a ways from coming together, committee has draft guidelines but guidelines and applications should be available on the county website sometime mid-month next month

WATERLOO PREMIUM OUTLETS, JENNIFER DOMBROWSKI

- Traffic compared to last year is flat, but there seems to be more buses and visitors from Canada. Some days are up while others are down.
- August is a great month with back to school shopping, NYS Fair thruway traffic, holidays approaching, and camping traffic

UPCOMING EVENT:



Virtual Business Basics Bootcamp,
 Thursday, September 21 · 9am - 4:30pm

\$85 to register

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