



COMMUNITY BRIEFING - MAY 15, 2025

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THIS ISSUE

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

BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- Board of Supervisors met Tuesday
- Approved another person for the Finger Lakes Airport Advisory Committee; term will run one year
- New York State Power Authority wants to triple prices on hydropower

SARAH DAVIS, IDA

- Final approval for ITT Goulds tax exempt project has been passed
- Scouting sites for projects for Rochester in Seneca County to foster partnership and build economy
- Willard taskforce meeting this afternoon

JEFF SHIPLEY, CHAMBER

- Legislative Luncheon will be held June 3, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at del Lago Resort & Casino
- Business After hours in June will be at the Finger Lakes Airport
- Chamber U the 22nd with CFCU

JEN DOMBROWSKI, OUTLET MALL

- Two new additions to the outlet mall:
- United Way of Seneca County will be moving to the Outlet Mall
- Arcade Project will temporarily move from Newark to the location next to Children's Place

DR. REED, SFGD

- Athletic expansion happening
- Safety entrances being built in the elementary school

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

LAWMAKERS TO ADVOCATES: 'BE VOCAL IN LAST MONTH OF SESSION'

NYStateOfPolitics: With less than 20 days remaining in New York's legislative session—shortened due to a delayed budget—lawmakers are urging advocates to intensify their efforts to push key bills forward. Among the priorities are the New York For All Act, which would limit state cooperation with federal immigration enforcement, and the Dignity Not Detention Act, aiming to end ICE contracts with county jails. Legislators emphasize that heightened public advocacy is crucial to advancing these measures before the session concludes.

WHY A \$10,000 DEDUCTION IS BLOCKING THE GOP'S \$3.8 TRILLION TAX BILL

NY Times: There are recent developments concerning the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction cap, a federal tax provision that limits the amount of state and local taxes that individuals can deduct from their federal taxable income. This cap has been a point of contention, particularly in high-tax states like New York, where lawmakers and residents have advocated for its repeal or modification to alleviate the tax burden on constituents.

RESTAURANT SALES AT NYS THRUWAY SERVICE AREAS SURGE BY \$44 MILLION AFTER MULTI-YEAR MAKEOVER

Yahoo News: Restaurant sales at New York State Thruway rest stops surged to \$136 million last year, a nearly 50% bump from the year before as a dozen locations reopened following multi-million-dollar makeovers.

AN UPSTATE NY COUNTY HAS BECOME THE HOTTEST REAL ESTATE MARKET

NY Post: Upstate really is great. So much so that the Rochester, New York area emerged as one of the most competitive real estate markets in the country this spring. According to new data from the National Association of Realtors, Monroe County — where Rochester stands — ranked fifth nationwide in March for market “hotness,” a measure that blends buyer demand with housing supply indicators, such as time on market and online listing activity. Among more than 1,600 US counties analyzed, it was the highest-performing in New York State by a wide margin.

SOLVING THE 'SENECA DRUMS' MYSTERY

FLTimes: Cornell University and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) are collaborating to investigate the phenomenon known as the "Seneca Drums," mysterious booming sounds occasionally heard around Seneca Lake. These unexplained noises have puzzled residents and scientists for years, prompting renewed scientific interest. The joint study aims to uncover the source of these sounds, potentially shedding light on local geological or environmental factors contributing to the phenomenon.