

THIS ISSUE

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

JEFF SHIPLEY, PRESIDENT & CEO OF SENECA COUNTY CHAMBER

- One Seneca Newsletter is available on the Chamber website each week
- Email newsletters go out to Chamber members
- Chamber U Business Learning Series is coming up in October & November
- Oct: Protecting your business & its digital communications from hackers (McManus IT Solutions)
- Nov: Making your business compliant with NYS Human Resources laws (Visions HR)
- Grow Seneca is finished; \$500k in grants in total, \$10k being the largest. Details will be available online soon

SARAH DAVIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE IDA

- Next Willard public meeting is Monday Oct. 2 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Open house style meeting with a formal presentation at the South Seneca High School
- Promotion on the radio station Friday at 8:15 a.m.
- Flier will start going out in the shopper next week for two weeks leading up to the event

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

HOCHUL LEAVES DOOR OPEN FOR SPECIAL SESSION TO DEAL WITH MIGRANT CRISIS

WXXI News: New York State plans to hold a special session as leaders consider changing rules behind temporary work permits for asylum seekers

SEEKING NEW PLAYBOOK, DEMOCRATS SOUR ON MAYOR ADAMS' MIGRANT APPROACH

Gothamist: Over the past week a number of Democrats have introduced plans to speed up the process of obtaining work permits. Work permits are currently a federal issue, not a state issue. The current average wait time for a permit is 180 days and New York City leaders are pushing to make the process take as little as 45 days.

WHY DEMOCRATS NOMINATED LONG ISLAND ATTORNEY FOR STATE SUPREME COURT IN UPSTATE NY

AuburnPub: A Long Island woman was running for a Brookhaven Supervisor position before having a stroke. The process to withdraw following her stroke is complicated due to the deadline for withdrawal passing three months prior. Now she is being nominated to run for the Supreme Court in the 7th Judicial District.

NEW NY LAW ON BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR AMMUNITION BUYS TAKES EFFECT

Spectrum News: Gun retailers will now need to go through police, who are already backed up with work, to run checks for people buying guns or ammunition in NY. There is now a \$9 gun purchasing fee and a \$2.50 ammunition purchasing fee. Each purchase requires a background check to be covered by the purchaser.

RIISING POWER COSTS SPARK FEARS OF CLEAN ENERGY SLOWDOWN

Politico: Renewable energy companies are looking to renegotiate contracts since costs have gone up so much. This casts doubt over whether or not NYS will be able to reach their renewable energy goals they've set already.

MORE THAN 123K NY FOOD STAMPS FOR KIDS GONE UNUSED

Albany Times Union: 1.86 million children in the United States received free breakfasts and/or lunches and their families were sent emergency EBT cards with food stamps on them during the pandemic. Many families either used the cards once then threw them away or thought it was junk mail and threw it away. Now the balances that were loaded onto those cards have been left unused, and educating these families to recognize and use the balance is necessary.

NY TOURISM SPENDING, ECONOMIC IMPACT WAS UP IN 2022, SURPASSED PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS

Spectrum News: While tourism was up in 2022, it's down in 2023 compared to the previous year.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER:

- 9/20: Business After Hours at Ciccino's in Waterloo; sponsored by Seneca Meadows
- 9/20 & 9/21: Driver Safety Course both nights from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Chamber
- 9/28-10/1: The Wine Country Circuit Dog Show at Sampson State Park

OCTOBER:

- 10/17: Medicare Educational Session at the Chamber from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 10/18: Business After Hours at Generation's Bank on Cayuga Street

NOVEMBER:

- 11/15: Business After Hours with Lakeside Enterprises

DECEMBER:

- 12/20: Business After Hours with Littlejohn & Barbi Orthodontics



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.

JILL HENRY, COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

- Quarterly Airport Advisory meeting held; conventional hangar bids to start construction with the DOT after grant was awarded
- Electrical vault and backup generator grant awarded

STEPHEN PARKER ZIELINSKI, SOUTH SENECA SCHOOL DISTRICT

- South Seneca is a CEP district: every student gets free breakfast and lunch so every family qualified for the pandemic food stamp aid
- Working to spread awareness about the aid so families that may not know they have it can be made aware
- During week 2 of school an assembly was held with Sweethearts & Heroes, and antibullying and student empowerment effort

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Virtual Business Basics Bootcamp, Thursday, September 21 • 9am - 4:30pm
 \$85 to register

Visit this link:
<https://bit.ly/FTMEAug23>



Fast Track to Business Start-Up, Sept. 26, 28, & Oct. 3 • 9am - 4:30pm
 \$125 to register

Visit this link:
<https://bit.ly/FTMEAug23>



Virtual Bookkeeping Made Easy, Tuesday, October 10 • 10am (approx. 1 hour)
 FREE to register

Visit this link:
<https://bit.ly/FTMEAug23>