

## THIS ISSUE

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

COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR, JILL  
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## HOUSING ASSESSMENT UPDATE

- High Road Analytics consulting firm from Buffalo area was present for presentation last night
- Strong support to move forward with some initial recommendations
- Creating a task force
- Doing what's needed for a housing strategy in Seneca County, making it a priority similar to how we do for economic development
- Incentivize housing development in the area and finding strategies to make that work

PRESIDENT & CEO OF SENECA COUNTY  
CHAMBER JEFF SHIPLEY

- Some immediate recommendations from the meeting last night:
1. Creating a board of supervisors housing committee
  2. Creating a housing trust fund; an amount over a certain threshold when purchasing a house would have a tax on it that would then go toward a "trust fund"

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

### STATE OFFICIALS TELL NY SCHOOLS THEY MUST ENROLL ALL MIGRANT STUDENTS

Albany Times Union: Directive came out on Monday; all school administrators across the state must enroll migrant students (all superintendents must review their policies to be sure students with residency can attend, but migrant children have special protections).

### HOCHUL VISITS WHITE HOUSE AS TENSIONS BUILD OVER MIGRANT CRISIS

Albany Times Union: Hochul met with President Biden's Chief of Staff regarding migrant crisis; both Hochul & Mayor Adams are critical of plans in place and want to "stop the flow" at the border- not find room to fit everyone.

### JUDGE RULES AGAINST NYC IN MIGRANT RELOCATION LAWSUITS

MidHudsonNews: Several counties signed executive orders prohibiting NYC from relocating migrants to those jurisdictions, and the city challenged the declarations in court; NYC wants the case heard in the city, but counties filed to move cases to the respective counties, all of which were granted their request except Sullivan County.

### RENSELAER COUNTY'S ICE PROGRAM STILL IN PLAY AS MIGRANTS SURGE

Albany Times Union: Rensselaer County is the only county part of a federal program that authorizes US ICE to delegate responsibilities to local personnel (two officers have that responsibility).

### CIGARETTE TAX TO INCREASE BY \$1 PER PACK IN NY THIS WEEK; HIGHEST IN NATION

Syracuse.com: State's tax increase will start Friday Sept. 1 and be \$5.35 per pack, up from \$4.35 per pack.

### WAGE THEFT REFORM TALKS ON THE RISE AMID NEW DOL LAWSUIT

Spectrum: Wage Theft Act requires all employers except state and county gov. to give a pay notice to their workers with all key details including contact information. 2100 wage theft complaints have been made to date in 2023.

### NY CANNABIS INDUSTRY SUFFERS ANOTHER BLOW IN COURT RULING

Albany Times Union: State Supreme Court ruled against the regulators the state has in place for the cannabis industry, lawsuit brought by disabled veterans challenged how preferential consideration is given to criminals. All pending applications are paused.

### EIGHT TAKEAWAYS FROM A SNEAK PEEK OF NEW YORK'S CAP AND INVEST PROGRAM

Reuters: DEC held webinars for cap and invest program that's intended to help the state achieve green house gas goals. Set amount of permits are given to companies regarding their emissions, and if they they surpass their credits they're taxed. If they remain under the limit they can sell or trade their unused permits.



# UPCOMING EVENTS:

## SEPTEMBER:

- 9/12: Medicare Educational Session at the Chamber from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 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.

## IDA DIRECTOR SARAH DAVIS

- Date confirmed for next public meeting regarding Willard: Oct. 2, 2023 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at South Seneca High School
- Ad and press release being created to go out soon, people sharing on social media would be helpful

## STEPHEN PARKER ZIELINSKI, SOUTH SENECA SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Migrant issue has become huge state and federally; Department has been consistent about this. Residency claims can take some time, but in these situations you can't slow the process down, they must be enrolled without hesitation before getting all the answers.
- Teacher shortage issue hasn't been covered in depth, but has had an immediate impact on South Seneca's operations. South Seneca with the issue of housing has created problems with having enough teachers.
- Job market is different now, so the candidate pool is thinned out because job seekers have more options.
- Teacher shortage issue and its impact on their programs has been a lot bigger of a deal than the migrant issue
- Tompkins is likely a better place than Seneca for migrants to end up because there's more room for people

## UPCOMING EVENT:



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

\$85 to register

Visit this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fast-track-to-business-start-up-micro-enterprise-edition-virtual-registration-698407885787?aff=oddtcreator>