# Positively Greene



#### **COUNTY-WIDE UPDATE-**









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**November 2018** 

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



#### New Heavy Equipment Training Program at Former Durham Elementary School

Questar III is delivering a new BOCES Heavy Equipment Program to students in Greene and Columbia Counties. Addressing a major need for skilled operators and maintenance technicians by local businesses, students are receiving training that far exceeds industry standards, making them highly employable upon graduation. Read the full story at <a href="https://www.questar.org/2018/10/22/heavy-equipment-operation-maintenance-program-ribbon-cutting-celebration/">https://www.questar.org/2018/10/22/heavy-equipment-operation-maintenance-program-ribbon-cutting-celebration/</a>

### **State Tel Brings High Speed Fiber Optic Connectivity to Athens**



Working together with state and county government to bring \$10MM in funding to Greene County, this century-old, family-run business is now delivering fiber optic broadband directly to homes and business through the New NY Broadband Program. Read the Invest In Greene Success Story at https://blog.buyingreene.com/blog

### **Buy In Greene Holiday Campaign Supporting Small Business Saturday**

A multi-media campaign of digital, print and broadcast advertising began November 1st to promote Greene



County businesses throughout the holiday shopping season. Special focus will target shoppers to 'Come Buy In Greene' on Small Business Saturday which falls on November 24th this year. Find over 1,000 Greene County businesses at <a href="https://www.buyingreene.com/buy-ingreene/holiday-shopping-and-activities">https://www.buyingreene.com/buy-ingreene/holiday-shopping-and-activities</a>

## Patient-Centered Pharmacy Thriving in Tannersville

Wellness Rx (with the help of the Hunter Foundation and Greene County Quantum Fund) was created 3 1/2 years ago in



Tannersville as a unique patient-centered pharmacy that incorporates natural medicine with space for clinical services and student training as well as a platform to test fresh ideas for the creation of a new medicine in America. Find out more at http://www.wellnessrxllc.com/

### Living Well in Greene County – Affordable, Beautiful, Commutable.

- Resident employment was up by 300 people in September. Our labor force grew by 100 and unemployment was at 3.7%, just below the State rate of 3.8%.
- An all time record high, the median home price in Greene County rose to \$205,000 in the third quarter of 2018.



### Shaun Groden Elected President of NYS Association of County Administrators and Managers

Shaun has been our Greene County administrator since 2011. He looks forward to leading the state association, which "provides an important venue for us to share best practices and voice the concerns of our counties and communities." The announcement is posted by the Daily Freeman at <a href="https://www.dailyfreeman.com/news/local-news/greene-county-administrator-elected-president-of-state-association-of-county/article\_4e18cdcc-d878-11e8-b4d8-b3f918408716.htm">https://www.dailyfreeman.com/news/local-news/greene-county-administrator-elected-president-of-state-association-of-county/article\_4e18cdcc-d878-11e8-b4d8-b3f918408716.htm</a>

#### **TOURISM**

### Windham Village Shuttle - Free Transit Weekends & Holidays



Windham's Fare-Free shuttle system lets visitors leave their cars parked and catch a ride to the slopes, eateries, shops and gathering places all around town beginning December 27th. Operating on a continuous loop from 7AM to 11PM this season, riders will be able to find the nearest bus and request pick-up using a new mobile app! Find out more at <a href="https://www.windhammountain.com/maps-directions/windham-village-shuttle/">https://www.windhammountain.com/maps-directions/windham-village-shuttle/</a>

#### Catskill Region Named as a Best Travel Destination for 2019

Lonely Planet – the online and print publishers of epic trips around the world, has named The Catskills as the #2 spot in the Regions (in the world!) category for its beautiful landscape, outdoor recreation, and major events. Starting with nominations from Lonely Planet's vast community of editors, researchers, locals, and influencers, and ultimately are decided and ranked by a panel of judges, this eclectic list of destinations provides unique, compelling and topical reasons to visit in the year ahead. Explore more at <a href="http://bit.ly/2CZOQSF">http://bit.ly/2CZOQSF</a>



#### **PLANNING**

### **New Firehouse in Prattsville Moving Toward Completion**

As part of the continuing rebirth of Prattsville from the ravages of Hurricane Irene, the Prattsville Hose Company is constructing a new fire company home between Main Street and Washington Avenue in the hamlet. The building is out of the flood plain and has direct road access to the new Mews of Prattsville/Medical Center project as well as Main Street. Largely completed with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds, the new firehouse will provide a modern and flood-safe place for emergency services operation in the Town. It should be completed in the next few months.



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