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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

New Local Business Featured in TasteNY Store



The Juice Branch first opened its doors this summer at 65 West Bridge Street in Catskill. Working with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene counties, their amazingly delicious, all-natural juices are now featured at the TasteNY Store in the Capital Region Welcome Center on the NYS Thruway in New Baltimore. <https://www.facebook.com/TheJuiceBranchbyGeorgeSalter/>

New Construction Technology Center Breaks Ground at C-GCC



Columbia-Greene Community College is on schedule for the construction of a new \$3.5 million technical education building to be up and running by fall 2019. The new building is part of a larger, three-phase, \$20 million capital project, which is part of the college's efforts to gear programming for the new age offer students the training and certifications needed for better jobs in good-paying fields. <https://www.hudsonvalley360.com/article/ground-broken-c-gcc-construction-technology-building>

Two Greene County Towns Share Over \$4 million in WIIA Grants

The State of New York announced grant awards for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects as part of the \$275 million statewide Water Infrastructure

Improvement Act. The Town of Greenville received a grant award of over \$1.1 million for its water tower project estimated at \$1.85 million, and; The Village of Coxsackie received \$3 million toward its \$5 million water tank project. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-awards-nearly-42-million-grants-water-infrastructure-improvements-capital-region>



Frank Alguire Retires after 13 Years of Helping Greene County Businesses

Since 2006, Frank Alguire has been a valued member of the Greene County economic development team as the County's Economic Development Specialist. He participated in the creation and retention of hundreds of jobs with new and existing businesses as the administrator of the County's Quantum Fund revolving loan program. He also served as Secretary for the Columbia-Greene Workforce Development Board for several years. His dedication of our communities and business growth serve as a proud legacy to his work for Greene County. We wish him well in retirement!

Did You Know:

In October 2018, employment of Greene County residents rose by 500 persons with the unemployment rate falling to an historic low of 3.5%. County businesses, particularly in the leisure & hospitality and educational & health sectors, are experiencing strong growth.

TOURISM

Ski Mountains Open Early with Fresh Snow



Significant early November snow allowed Hunter Mountain and Windham Mountain Resort to open for the season on November 17. This is Windham's earliest opening in 14 years. The new Hunter North ski terrain on Hunter Mountain and the lift improvements at Windham Mountain will attract more visitors to the ski areas. <https://www.windhammountain.com/press-room/earliest-opening-in-14-years-at-windham-mountain-resort/>

Regional Welcome Center Promotes Local Tourism, History, Food & Beverages



Located in the Town of New Baltimore on the NYS Thruway (opposite the travel plaza), the grand opening of the Capital Region Welcome Center took place on November 23rd. The Welcome Center, with a historic Dutch-style building facade, represents the gateway into the Capital Region for northbound travelers and promotes the region's local tourism industry, rich history, food and beverages. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-grand-opening-capital-region-welcome-center-greene-county>

PLANNING

Catskill Creek Included in Flood Plain Study



New York State will invest \$3 million to conduct "state-of-the-art" tests on multiple waterways across the state to identify priority projects and actions to reduce community flooding and ice-jam risks. The studies will single out 48 waterways including the Catskill Creek. <https://www.hudsonvalley360.com/article/state-study-flood-risks-twin-county-creeks>

Ellen Rettus Planning Achievement Awards Announced



Each year the Greene County Planning Board and Greene County Legislature partner to present the Ellen Rettus Planning Achievement Awards. Three awards were presented by County Planning Board Chairman Erik Allan at the November 20, 2018 meeting of the Greene County Legislature to: Bonnie Blader and the Lexington Broadband Initiative; Don and Patricia Gibson (Rip Van Winkle Soccer Club Field in Cairo), and the Cairo Development Foundation for work to organize and fund efforts to improve the economic and visual climate of the Town of Cairo. Read the full story at <https://www.greeneconomy.com/news-press/ellen-rettus-planning-achievement-award-winners-announced>

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