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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

New Greene County Economic Development Specialist



Greene County Native Thomas Boomhower is the newest member of the Invest Greene team, reporting to the Director of Economic Development, James Hannahs. Thomas is a graduate of Coxsackie-Athens High School, received his B.S. from Sage College of Albany and his M.A. from SUNY Albany in 2021. He comes to us from his previous position

as Membership & Office Administrator for the New York State Economic Development Council (NYSEDC). "I'm really excited about the opportunity to work in the community where I grew up", he says. "Working to make improvements to the quality of life of everyone in our County by bringing more jobs and opportunities to the people who live here will be very rewarding."

Public Workshop on NY Forward Award in Coxsackie



On Wednesday August 30th, Coxsackie held their second NY Forward Public Workshop at the High School Cafeteria. Citizens from across the community came together to provide feedback on twenty proposed projects all vying for a bite at the grant funding apple. Projects discussed included proposals to improve sidewalk infrastructure and walkability downtown, as well as several proposals that would increase the housing stock in the downtown district. You can learn more about Coxsackie's NY Forward Plan, and the potential projects by following this link. <https://www.coxsackienyf.com/>

Temporary New Offices for Greene County Tourism Staff

In preparation for site work at the Exit21 East development project, the Greene County Tourism Department has vacated the Exit 21 Visitor Center and relocated its offices to the 4th Floor of the Greene County Office Building in downtown Catskill. The existing Visitor Center will be demolished to make way for a new Stewart's Shop. Stewart's is donating their existing building to the County and it will be renovated into a new Great Northern Catskills of Greene County Visitors Center. Tourism department staff phone numbers and email addresses remain the same as they temporarily join their colleagues in Economic Development & Planning until the new Visitors Center is completed.

TOURISM

James Newbury Walkthrough



The Greene County Tourism team recently toured the county's newest boutique hotel, the James Newbury in Coxsackie. The tourism office was impressed by the hotel's history and its charming atmosphere including stunning views of the Hudson River. They have been open for several weeks and are receiving a large number of bookings for both rooms and events at the adjoining Wire Event Center. Visitors are coming in from all over the world. What a great addition to the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County! Watch the video reel at <https://www.instagram.com/p/CvIB-tQsDpy/>



Greene County Tourism at Local Events

Greene County has been abuzz with activity this August, with events such as the Greene County Youth Fair, Sunflower and Sangria Festival, Gavinstock, German Alps Festival, and Connect to Protect Greene Guardians. The Great Northern Catskills of Greene County attended all of these events, providing information to visitors and distributed the 2023 Travel Guide, Vacation Map, Dining Guide, Motorcycle Guide, Beverage Guide and more encouraging visitors to explore all that Greene County has to offer. See upcoming events at <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/events>

Tour of the Catskills Attracts Over 550 Cyclists



The 16th Annual Tour of the Catskills Pro-Am Bicycle Road Race drew a record 550 riders from all over the world to the heart of the Great Northern Catskills on Saturday, August 12th. The race, which is one of America's premier cycling events, features a challenging course that winds through some of the most scenic and historic areas of the Catskills. The race started and finished in Tannersville, and featured a number of challenging climbs, including the infamous Devil's Kitchen Climb, which is 2.5-miles with an average grade of 8%. The Tour of the Catskills is a popular event for both amateur and professional cyclists. The race is well-organized and supported, and the scenery is stunning. If you're looking for a challenging and rewarding cycling experience, the Tour of the Catskills is the perfect event for you.

PLANNING



Never Forget 9/11

Don't forget to help us honor all who endured the tragic events of 9/11 this year. The US Marine Corps 2D Marine Aircraft Wing Band will be performing at Greene County's annual commemoration ceremony at the Emergency Services Center on Mountain Avenue in Cairo. The band will begin playing at 10:45am on Monday, September 11, 2023 and continue throughout the ceremony. All residents and visitors are encouraged to attend.

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