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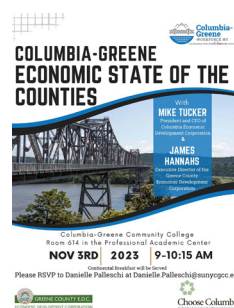
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Grand Opening in Greene County Attracts State-wide Attention



The grand opening of the James Newbury Hotel and The Wire event center in the Village of Coxsackie was held on October 26. The nearly \$11 million redevelopment project transforms two former factory buildings into a 47-room boutique hotel and a 15,000-square foot event space with a waterfront bar and multiple community rooms. "Revitalizing the site of the former foundry at J.G. Newbury Ironworks presented us with a unique opportunity to drive our local economy", stated developer Aaron Flach, "We are thankful for all of the support we have received as we attract new visitors to our community. Read the full story at https://www.hudsonvalley360.com/news/greencounty/hotel-newbury-wire-event-center-to-lift-coxsackie-greene-county/article_fded4234-f6cd-543b-965b-938d5e475712.html

The Economic State of the Twin Counties



On Friday, November 3rd, Columbia-Greene Workforce NY will be joined by James Hannahs (Executive Director of the Greene County Economic Development Corporation) and Mike Tucker (President & CEO of Columbia Economic Development Corp.) and conduct a discussion on region-wide challenges surrounding the County's labor market, workforce development, and economic initiatives. This free

forum will be held at C-GCC from 9AM to 10:15AM in room 614 of the Professional Academic Center. RSVP to attend at <https://greencountyedc.com/event/columbia-greene-economic-state-of-the-counties/>



The Transformation of Exit 21 Catskill

Sitework is now in full-swing on the Exit 21 East Commercial Park, and both residents and visitors will soon witness the benefits of public/private development efforts that will increase access to commercial services and hotel accommodations while creating jobs, increasing tax base, and enhancing sales tax revenues – not to mention improving the aesthetic and safety of the area around the interchange. Read the full release at <https://www.greengovernment.com/scoop/major-gateway-transformation>

TOURISM



Great Northern Catskills Attends Dreams Destination Show

On October 22, 2023, the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County Tourism office attended the Dream Destinations Fall & Winter Travel Show at the MGM Springfield Casino. The Great Northern Catskills of Greene County Tourism office was excited to participate in the travel show and showcase the region's many attractions, including its stunning scenery, charming villages, and world-class outdoor recreation opportunities. At their booth, staff members met with potential visitors, distributed brochures and maps, and answered questions about the best places to stay, eat, and play in Greene County. They made many new contacts generating a lot of interest in the region, and are confident that the travel show will attract more visitors to Greene County in the coming months.

TOURISM *continued*



Catskill Students Visit Historic Catskill Point

On Friday, September 29th, local sixth-graders embarked on an educational excursion to the Historic Catskill Point.

They engaged in a captivating tour of the Freightmasters Maritime Museum, immersing themselves in the rich history of the region's maritime heritage. Additionally, they had the unique opportunity to participate in hands-on activities facilitated by the crew of the Clearwater, a replica of the 19th-century sloop that serves as a symbol of environmental stewardship. Students eagerly boarded the Clearwater, eager to gain firsthand experience of life on the water. The activity stations provided a stimulating and informative learning environment. Students conducted water quality tests, gaining insights into the health of the Hudson River. They also explored the intricate workings of ropes and pulleys, gaining a deeper appreciation for the essential role these mechanisms play in maritime operations. Furthermore, they had the chance to observe and learn about the diverse marine, fostering a greater appreciation for the delicate balance of the ecosystem. Overall, the students' visit to the Historic Catskill Point was a resounding success. They

gained valuable knowledge about the region's maritime history, participated in hands-on activities that sparked their curiosity, and developed a deeper understanding of the importance of environmental stewardship.

'New York By Rail' Highlights Fall In Greene County



In a recent article, New York By Rail praised Greene County's many outdoor attractions and charming towns. The Great Northern Catskills of Greene County Tourism team and their

Agency of Record, Workshop worked with the writer to create a two-day itinerary, highlighting what makes the area especially attractive in the fall. The trip included taking the skyride to the top of Hunter Mountain, Hunter Mountain's Oktoberfest celebration, kayaking on the Hudson River, dinner at Che Figata, a night at the James Newbury Hotel, a tour of Foreland, and more. This two-day itinerary is just a sample of all that Greene County has to offer in the fall. With its stunning scenery, charming towns, and abundance of outdoor activities, Greene County is the perfect destination for a fall getaway.

PLANNING

Greene County Hazard Mitigation Plan Completed

"Greene County residents and assets are at risk from various hazards, experiencing several heavy winter storms almost every year, and numerous flooding events every year" notes Dan King of the Greene County Emergency Services Department. Set to be adopted this month, the 2023 plan provides a long-term approach to reducing the likelihood that a natural hazard will turn into a disaster. The plan was the result of the work of several County departments along with Town and Village representative. It uses updated data for assessing vulnerabilities and presents updated strategies for making Greene County a safer and more sustainable community. Read the 2023 plan at <https://www.greengovernment.com/departments/emergency-services/hazard-mitigation-plan>

Adding Land to Agricultural District 124

From November 1 through November 30 of this year, any municipality whose territory is in Agricultural District No. 124, any State Agency or any landowner within or adjacent to the district may request an addition to the district. An 'Agricultural District 124 Application Form' must be completed and sent to Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning, 411 Main Street, Suite 419, Catskill, N.Y. 12414 by November 30, 2023. Find the form at <https://www.greengovernment.com/departments/planning-and-economic-development/agricultural-programs-and-resources/district-no-124>

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