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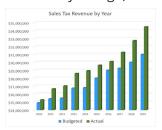
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sales Tax Collected from Greene County Businesses Continue to Grow

How do we know? With one last collection left from NYS Sales Tax for 2019, payments to Greene County are at $33,743,316 (up over $2 Million from a year ago). This 6.55% growth is over 3 times the 2.1% rate of inflation. In addition, the sale of Taxable Goods & Services in Greene County grew by over $51 Million in 2019 to a total of over $850 Million.

Greene County shows Highest Per-Capita Income Percentage increase in Capital Region

In a report issued by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis, per-capita income in Greene County grew by 47% over the period from 2008 to 2018. Greene County has had the highest percentage growth in the capital region since 2008. The average per-capita income in the Capital Region is now $58,104. Only the NYC Metro region was higher at $76,681.

Ten Projects to Receive Over $7.6 Million in NYS Funding

Greene County projects will receive funding through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) awards process of the NYS REDC.

Three projects in the Town of Hunter will receive a total of $1.4 Million, two projects in the Town of Coxsackie will receive a total of $2 Million and five projects in the Town of Catskill will receive a total of $4,205,218.

See award allocations at https://www.greenegovernment.com/scoop/greene-county-projects-to-receive-7605218-in-nys-funding

Veterans Ride Free on Greene County Transit

GCT's Vets Ride for Free initiative began as a one-time service Sawyer Chevrolet sponsored in honor of Veterans' Day in 2017. Soon after, the company committed to covering the cost of veterans' fares full-time, and will now continue to do so through the end of 2020.

To have the $3 fare waived on any of GCT's bus lines, veterans just have to show the driver a photo ID when boarding. In addition to the seven bus lines that service Greene County, veterans also have increased access to Columbia County via GCT's extended 711 line, which makes stops at Columbia-Greene Community College, Columbia Memorial Health, and the Hudson Amtrak station.

https://www.chronogram.com/hudsonvalley/in-greene-and-columbia-counties-vets-ride-for-free/Content?oid=9604632

Did You Know...

In-county jobs rose year over year by 500 or 3.4% in November 2019, the second-highest percentage in the state! (the NYS average was up 1.2%) ...While total employment in NYS was down by 71,000 jobs in November 2019, Greene County unemployment remains unchanged at 800 people (a 3.9% unemployment rate).

TOURISM

Greene County Destinations Celebrate Milestones in 2020!

The Thompson House in Windham has been welcoming guests for 140 years! Sunny Hill Resort in Greenville is celebrating it's century. Other milestones include: The Catskill Community Center (100 years); The Washington Irving Inn in Tannersville (80 Years); Crystal Brook Resort in Round Top and Hunter Mountain (60 Years); The Deer Watch Inn in East Durham (20 Years) and Ten Year Anniversaries for The Cask & Rasher in Coxsackie, Catskill Stream B&B in Palenville, The Chicken Run in Windham, Crossroads Brewing in Athens, and the New York Zipline Adventure in Hunter!
https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/resorts-lodging

Travel + Leisure Names Windham Mountain One of the Nine Best Ski Resorts on the East Coast!

"...only a couple hours north of New York City, yet it feels like you're nowhere near the hustle and bustle of the Big Apple. It's smaller than some of the other East Coast ski resorts with only 54 runs, but its size makes it feel manageable and family-friendly — plus, the mountain offers 45 acres of night skiing on six trails so you don't have to rush off of the slopes when it gets dark."

https://www.travelandleisure.com/hotels-resorts/mountain-ski-resorts/best-ski-resorts-east-coast

Two Greene County German Restaurants Rank in Yelp's 25 Best German Restaurants in Upstate NY

Crystal Brook Mountain Brauhaus, Round Top - One customer says: "Of the many German restaurants I have been to, outside of Germany, this one reminds me the most of being there. They have communal tables and serve authentic in-house made everything!"

Jägerberg Beer Hall & Alpine Tavern, Hunter - One customer says: "Food is good and presented in a modern way, but all the old German favorites are present. Decor is simple, but totally nice. Place is popular and the wait staff is very good and attentive."

https://www.newyorkupstate.com/restaurants/2019/11/the-25-best-german-restaurants-in-upstate-ny-ranked-according-to-yelp.html

PLANNING

2019 Ellen Rettus Planning Achievement Awards

Each year the Greene County Planning Board and Greene County Legislature partner to present awards that recognize outstanding planning, community and economic development activities that have taken place in Greene County and the individuals and organizations that contribute to their realization. The awards also recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves through their service to Greene County and its communities. Find the 2019 awardees at https://www.greenegovernment.com/news-press/2019-ellen-rettus-planning-achievement-awards