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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Grand Opening at Mountaintop Arboretum

The New Education Center at the Mountaintop Arboretum will be celebrated with a grand opening on Saturday, July 13th from noon to 2:30pm at 4 Maud Adams Road in Tannersville, NY.



The Education Center is a unique timber frame building constructed from 21 tree species harvested from the Mountain Arboretum forest. Come for the ribbon cutting, lunch, music and children's activities at this wonderful new resource. <https://www.mtarboretum.org/events/2019/2/8/grandopening>

for funding under the Consolidated Funding Application, contact our offices at [business@discovergreene.com](mailto:business@discovergreene.com) or by calling (518) 719-3290 during normal business hours. <http://www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2019-04/2019CFApplicationManual.pdf>



### New Campion CLC at C-GCC

The President Emeritus James R. Campion Community Learning Commons, or Campion CLC, was dedicated on June 17, 2019 in honor of President James Campion's enduring contributions to Columbia-Greene Community College and to its students, faculty, and staff. Learn more about how this flexible, technology-enhanced space will be used to host various multidisciplinary events, courses, and activities aimed at encouraging substantive conversation, collaboration, and creation. <https://www.sunycgcc.edu/news/est-2019-the-president-emeritus-james-r-campion-community-learning-commons/>

### Did You Know:

Greene County 2019 Sales Tax Revenue is up 5.3% over June of 2018.



### CFA Deadline Approaching



The deadline for submitting a project proposal under the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) is Friday, July 26th at 4:00 pm. Download the interactive application guide for step by step instructions on submitting your application. If you are interested in submitting a project

## TOURISM

### Vietnam Traveling Wall Volunteers Needed

The Veterans Service Agency is working with Greene County Tourism to host 4 days of observance at the Historic Catskill Point. Volunteers are needed Wednesday, August 21st through Monday, August 26th to assist with set-up and breakdown of the 1/3 scale traveling memorial, help with the opening ceremony, help visitors locate names

of veterans, and directing vehicles. Follow the link to download the volunteer form, or call Nancy Petramale at 518-943-3223. <https://www.greeneconomy.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Vietnam-Traveling-Wall-Volunteer-Flyer.pdf>



## TOURISM *Continued*

### Thomas Cole National Historic Site Generated \$2.28MM in 2018

A study has determined the Thomas Cole National Historic Site has an economic impact on the local economy amounting to \$2,280,912 in 2018, according to the non-profit organization.

The total represents an increase of 73 percent since 2010. In the last four years alone, visitor admissions at the site have increased by 147 percent, from 50,800 in 2014 to 125,949 last year. The completion and opening of the Hudson River Skywalk linking the site with Fredric Church's Olana is expected to drive even more visitors to the area in the coming years. <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/arts-culture/thomas-cole-national-historic-site>



### More Decorative Art Found at Thomas Cole National Historic Site

More decorative painting has been discovered on a wall of the Thomas Cole House. The famed Hudson River School artist painted patterned borders just below the ceilings in some rooms of his 19th century home in Catskill, New York. Those decorative patterns were lost beneath layers of paint for more than a century, until some of them were rediscovered in recent years. Administrators at the Cole historic site announced Monday the discovery of a fourth decorative border on the walls of a first-floor room. About two feet of the painting has been revealed so far. It's a red and black Pompeii-influenced design on a light red wall.

## PLANNING

### There's a New Planner in Town



Richard Schiafo has joined the Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning filling the open position of Principal Planner resulting from Ed Diamante's retirement earlier this year. Rich brings a strong skill-set and significant experience to the county as we work to expand economic growth while sustaining our quality of life and the beauty of our communities and surroundings.

### Agriculture & Farmland 8-Year Review to Begin

Later this summer the Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning, along with the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board will begin the '8-year' review of its Agricultural District in accordance



with the New York Agricultural Districts law. This process will include a 30-day period when municipalities and land owners within the district may propose a modification of the district by petitioning the county for inclusion of viable agricultural lands. Greene County currently has one inclusive Agricultural District with 286 farms covering 38,333 acres. During the 8-year review land can also be removed from the district. There will be public notice and a public hearing. For further information, please contact Rich Schiafo, Principal Planner, [rschiafo@discovergreene.com](mailto:rschiafo@discovergreene.com), (518) 719-3290.

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