

Positively Greene

COUNTY-WIDE UPDATE



GreeneGovernment.com

GreatNorthernCatskills.com

GreeneCountyEDC.com

InvestInGreene.com

FilmInGreene.com

November 2020

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jenna Rose Honored with Emerging Leader Award



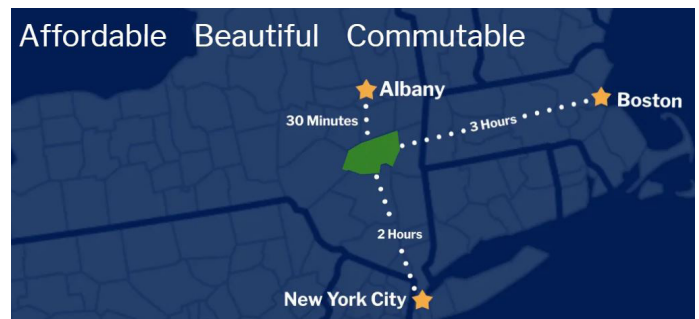
Every year at the New York Public Transit Association (NYPTA) asks for transit systems to identify young professionals (under the age of 40) and demonstrate potential leadership qualities. This year's winner of their Joseph Boardman Award has only been with Greene County Transit (which operates under the Greene/Ulster ARC under contract with the county) for 3 years, but continuously demonstrates her commitment, compassion, motivation and drive for her and her peers to make a better system, Jenna was one of hundreds of state-wide nominees and deserves our heart-felt congratulations!

Greene County Housing Sales/ Median Price On-The-Rise



The median housing price for closed sales in Greene County during the third quarter of 2020 rose an amazing 31.0%, from \$185,000 in 2019 to \$242,400 this year, according to the NYS Association of Realtors. Housing sales rose year-over-year in the third quarter of 2020, with 250 closed sales vs. 224 a year ago. Housing inventory on the market fell from 863 properties a year ago to 498 now, a 42.3% decline.

New Business Applications Rise Significantly



With preliminary Census data showing that new business applications in New York are up 42.5% in 2020 compared to 2019, and increased responses to our Invest In Greene program efforts, the Greene County Economic Development Corporation is focusing promotion of their Business Support Programs & Incentives (<https://greenecountyedc.com/business-support/development-incentives/>) to attract job-creating start-ups and existing firms to our communities. Promoting the county as Affordable, Beautiful and Commutable – the Invest In Greene program anticipates more and more interest due to remote working and the low population density of our rural county.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Greene County's unemployment rate dropped to 6% in September from its high of 12.7% in July. Greene County is below both the NYS rate of 9.4% and the National rate of 7.7%

TOURISM



Ski Mountains Release Winter Guidelines

Hunter Mountain Resort and Windham Mountain have released their Winter 2020-2021 Season operational plans in response to New York State's

regulations. Both mountains will be running on limited occupancy, and are asking visitors to check out their individual COVID pages before heading to the mountain.

Hunter Mountain Resort's page:

<https://www.huntermtn.com/explore-the-resort/about-the-resort/winter-experience.aspx>

Windham Mountain's page:

<https://windhammountain.com/covid19/>

Tourism Conducts Survey for Winter Campaign

The Tourism Department is currently conducting a survey for businesses to provide details on products and services offered during

this Winter season. In response to COVID and New York State regulations many businesses have become creative and provided unique and additional services to their clients. The goal of the survey is to be aware of such new services and develop a Winter campaign marketing plan.

View the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTBF57X>



PLANNING



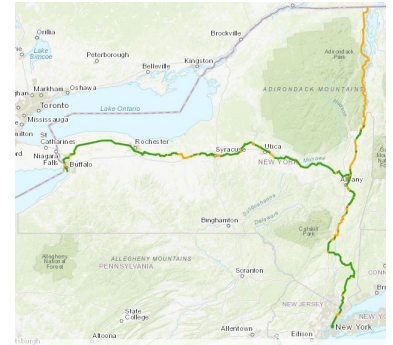
AFPB Meets at Cornell Cooperative Extension

The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) will meet on Monday November 16, 2020, 6:30PM at CCE: Columbia-Greene Agroforestry Center, 6055 NY-23 Acra, NY to discuss the 2020 'Annual Review' of Greene County's Agricultural District No. 124 in accordance with Article 25-AA of the Agriculture & Markets Law. The AFPB will review and discuss the 2020 Request for Inclusions. This will be an 'in-person' meeting with COVID-19 guidelines in effect including mask wearing and CCE requests that a COVID screening form be completed upon arrival.

<https://www.greengovernment.com/event/agricultural-and-farmland-protection-board-afpb>

Empire State Trail on Track for Completion this Year

The Hudson River Greenway Communities Council announced a new interactive website for the Empire State Trail (<https://empiretrail.ny.gov/>) and the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail (<https://ahettrail.org/>). It will feature links to the Hudson River Skywalk and the Thomas Cole National Historic Site.



Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning

Warren Hart - Deputy County Administrator • 518-719-3290 • business@discovergreene.com

Great Northern Catskills
of Greene County
tourism@discovergreene.com

Follow Us on Social Media:



Greene County Economic
Development Corporation
info@GreeneCountyEDC.com

Follow Us on Social Media:



Buy In Greene | Invest In Greene
info@buyingreene.com

Follow Us on Social Media:

