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COUNTY-WIDE UPDATE



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FREE Microenterprise Assistance Training Class

The Greene County Economic Development invites all Greene County businesses with fewer than 5 employees and potential entrepreneurs to participate in a Free program on Oct. 25th & 26th that helps small business owners implement a business plan, maximize markets, and quickly expand profits once in operation. Attendees who successfully complete the class can qualify for low-interest loans to fund job-creating projects. Reserve your space before Friday, Oct. 19th at the link below:

<https://www.greenegovernment.com/news-press/free-microenterprise-assistance-program-training-class>

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Economic Indicators Overview Released

Greene County Economic Development has compiled a benchmark overview of the economic indicators that illustrate the economic conditions and challenges in Greene County. This data on Population, Labor Force, Education, Employment, Income, Real Estate, and Visitor Spending is used to develop business attraction initiatives to ensure the sustainable growth of the county. Read the full report at the link below:

<https://www.greenegovernment.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Greene-County-Economic-Indicators-SEP-2018-Report.pdf>

Town of Coxsackie Municipal Building on Track for Early 2019 Completion

The new \$2.7MM Coxsackie town office and highway garage complex at 56 Bailey St. benefited from a \$500K NYS grant secured by Sen. George Amadore, the county and the town. Additional land provided by the county, combined with a town board-approved 30-year bond ensures that taxes will not have to be increased to pay for the project. <https://www.hudsonvalley360.com/article/coxsackie-municipal-building-project-keeps-chugging-along>



New Baltimore Welcome Center Accepting Applications for Taste NY Vendors

If you produce a product that meets the requirements of the Taste NY Retail Guidelines, Cornell Cooperative Extension can help you become a New Baltimore Welcome Center Retail Store Vendor. Download the application at <https://www.greenegovernment.com/news-press/sell-your-greene-county-products-in-the-new-baltimore-taste-ny-store>.



Upcoming Business Event

Twin County Recruitment Expo – Monday, 10/8, 9am-1pm

Job Seekers can connect with over 50 employers seeking to fill positions, Columbia-Greene Community College. <https://www.columbiaedc.com/fall-twin-county-recruitment-expo-to-be-held-on-october-8th/>



TOURISM

Hunter Mountain Expansion

Peak Resorts (owners of Hunter Mountain) announced the purchase of 3 additional properties in Pennsylvania.

<https://www.peakresorts.com/news-updates/snowtime/>



Cross promotions of all Peak Resort properties will provide benefit all passholders and drive more visitors to Hunter starting this season. The

\$9MM Hunter North project will open this winter. Peak Resorts claims this is the largest ski area expansion in the East in the past 15 years. Hunter North will add five all new trails with four large glade skiing areas in between them. Overall this increases glade skiing at Hunter by a whopping 800%. Snowmaking covers 100% of all trails on the mountain.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/larryolmsted/2018/08/05/biggest-ski-resort-expansion-in-15-years-hits-east-coast>

Thompson House in Windham Exceed Expectations of NYC Visitors

Online reviews can make or break a hospitality business when visitors look for a



retro Catskills vacation. Good reviews help draw people in, but what they experience once they arrive is most important. A September TripAdvisor review names the Thompson House "A Surprising Gem - The entire place is fastidiously clean, not a leaf out of place, not an errant stain anywhere."

<https://thompsonhouse.com/blog/testimonials/a-surprising-gem-tripadvisor-review/>

Albergo Allegria Wins Top 25 TripAdvisor Award

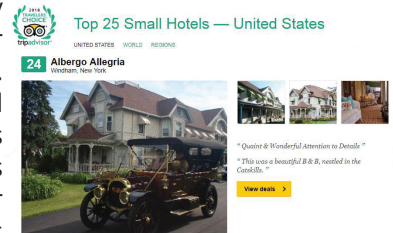
Coming in at 24th in the nation, Greene County's own "Inn of Happiness" was recognized as an overall winner in the Small Hotels category of the 2018 TripAdvisor

Travelers' Choice® awards.

Winners were determined based on the millions of reviews and opinions collected in a single year from TripAdvisor travelers

worldwide. Less than 1% of hotels in the US ever receive a Top 25 placement. Big congratulations to Marianna & Leslie Leman and their team!

<https://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Hotels-cSmall-g191>



PLANNING

Catskill Census Tract 810 Named Federal Opportunity Zone



New investments within the village of Catskill and an area just south of the village may now be eligible for preferential tax treatment as part of the Federal tax reform passed late last year. Greene County Economic Development completed a nomination process with Empire State Development and received Federal approval in September. Find out more about Opportunity Zones at the link below:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/opportunity-zones-frequently-asked-questions>

Route 711 Teal New Greene County Transit Teal Route 711



Greene County Transit began operating a new weekday route connecting the Catskill loop with Columbia-Greene Community College, Columbia Memorial Hospital, and the Hudson Train

Station. Buses make four morning runs beginning at 6AM and four afternoon runs ending at a 7:15PM return to the Catskill Hub.

<http://greencountytransit.com/Routes-Schedules/Route-711-Teal>

911 Computer-Aided-Dispatching (CAD) to Benefit our Entire County

Greene County has replaced its cumbersome 911 emergency dispatching system with the help of a recently secured state-grant from the US Dept. of Homeland Security. This state-of-the-art CAD system uses a single computer to map and track all 911 locations identifying the closest available police unit, and providing important history of the call location (i.e. ambulance dispatches, domestic violence, etc.) directly to screens in responding vehicles. This provides the most up-to-date information to the responder, dramatically decreasing response times and enhance services to Greene County residents and visitors.



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