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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Welcome James Hannahs!



After an extensive search, the Greene County Department of Economic Development, Planning & Tourism is proud to welcome James Hannahs as its new Director of Economic Development and the Executive

Director of the GC Economic Development Corporation. James will also be the liaison appointed by the Legislature to the Workforce Board. We are very excited to have him as the newest member of our team. James came from the Fulton County Center for Regional Growth and brings important experience with small business assistance, downtown development, and revolving loan programs. He holds a finance degree from Siena College and has been instrumental in the Downtown Revitalization efforts in Gloversville. Now living in the village of Catskill James is looking forward to serving our county communities as he applies his significant skill-set and passion for small towns and the opportunities they contain. You can connect with James via email at jhannahs@discovergreene.com, or by calling 518-719-3290 during business hours.

DRI & NY Forward Grant Deadlines Approaching



Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward

NY's downtowns are the heart and soul of our regions.

Utilizing the Department of State's plan-then-act strategy, the synergy between the DRI and NY Forward connects the renaissance of magnet cities with the revitalization of smaller downtowns – creating greater opportunities for New York residents, businesses, and visitors.

Applications for funding from the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and the NY Forward Program are due by September 23, 2022 at 4:00 pm. You can download an informational brochure with application instructions at <https://www.ny.gov/programs/downtown-revitalization-initiative> and the Greene County Economic Development Team is available to assist you and answer questions by calling 518-719-3290.

Construction Technology Expanding at C-GCC



Columbia-Greene Community College was awarded \$1 million NYS Grant for expansion of its Construction Technology Center. With this grant, the college can become the go-to for building trades training, specifically in historic restoration and preservation – Read the story at https://www.hudsonvalley360.com/news/greencounty/1m-awarded-to-c-gcc-for-expansion/article_6ebf3744-4198-51eb-bdef-7d01354947bb.html

TOURISM

Thank You, Heather Bagshaw!



After nearly a decade as Director of Tourism for Greene County, Heather Bagshaw is beginning a new opportunity at one of America's most iconic natural attractions. Heather will continue her career in tourism as Vice President of Marketing for Destination Niagara. With many friends and family still in the area, she will continue to frequently spend time in Greene County. We wish Heather the best of luck on her new adventure.



Group Travel Returns to Greene County

Group travel has returned and remains one of the key opportunities to bring economic growth to Greene County. The Tourism Department just launched a new section of our website, which will allow us to reach operators not only in the Northeast but throughout the United States and internationally. In addition to the website, a new brochure was printed and has been distributed to key marketing partners.

See the increasing number of group offerings in Greene County [<https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/groups/>]



Stay and Play at Island Green

Island Green Resort & Golf Club is open for golf and leisure in Greenville. Formerly known as Rainbow Golf Club, the lodge has gone through a major renovation. Island Green has a USGA-rated 18-hole golf course, with one of the area's only Island Greens. The Restaurant at Island Green offers food and drink menus rooted in simplicity and in season. Hit the links at Island Green [<https://www.theislandgreen.com/>]

PLANNING



Annual Ag District Review – Requests for Inclusion

From October 1, 2022 through October 30, 2022 there will be a thirty (30) day open enrollment period during which 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. Any proposed addition(s) must be filed with the Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning, 411 Main Street, Catskill, N.Y. 12414 within the thirty (30) days specified. At the end of the thirty (30) day period, the Greene County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) will meet to review the proposed additions. A public hearing will be held on the proposed additions and recommendations of the AFPB. The dates and times of the AFPB meetings and public hearing will be posted on the Greene County Government website at <https://www.greenegovernment.com/departments/planning-and-economic-development/agricultural-programs-and-resources/district-no-124>



Emergency Planning Process Video

The Greene County Department of Emergency Services has launched a new video on the Greene County Hazard Mitigation Planning process onto the county website at <https://www.greenegovernment.com/departments/emergency-services/hazard-mitigation-plan>. Residents and Business Owners are encouraged to view the video and provide input to the planning process for their specific communities.

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