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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Merger Expected to Draw More Revenue to Hunter Mountain



With Peak Resorts entering into a merger agreement with Vail Resorts, more skiers across the country will come to know Hunter Mountain as a top destination. Cross promotion between the 36 combined properties under Vail's leadership will feature the newly expanded Hunter North trails and runs. <https://www.hudsonvalley360.com/article/hunter-mountain-sold-again>



Route 711 Teal Ready for C-GCC Student Riders

It's Just a River – Get Over It! As the fall semester begins at Columbia-Greene Community College, students are reminded that Greene County Transit Route 711 provides affordable service across the Rip Van Winkle Bridge from stops in Catskill to the C-GCC campus, Columbia Memorial Hospital, and the Hudson Amtrak station. <http://greencountytransit.com/Routes-Schedules/Route-711-Teal>

New Uses for Main Street Renovations in Catskill

Five Main Street properties are currently under renovation for some exciting new uses. The former Law Offices and Bank on either side of Bridge Street (west of Main) will open as the Mr. CAT Hotel & Suites in 2020. The Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corporation



is administering a NY Main Street program in the village, assisting HiLo in renovating its existing space as well as a Church Street location for its new Avalon Lounge live-music venue. This program is also assisting the renovation of the legacy Central Hudson building with a restored facade for new storefront, living space upstairs, and Left Bank Cidery in the lower level with a view of the Catskill Creek.

Did You Know:

Greene County's unemployment rate fell to 3.6% in June - the lowest recorded rate since WWII.

Housing sales grew by 7.22% in the second quarter, with a median home price of \$188,620.

TOURISM

A New Boutique Hotel at Former Catskill Game Farm Site



In the middle of the 200+ acre site, you will find a beautifully restored state-of-the-art structure with comfortable accommodations that once housed giraffes! Five guest rooms and four campsites are situated on this once animal sanctuary of the Catskill Game Farm. An EXPERIENCE you won't find anywhere else in the world!
<https://www.thelongneckinn.net/>

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Receives Large Donation



On Monday, July 29th, Donald Gibson, The Bank of Greene County President, presented a \$4,000 check to the wall committee. There are many costs associated with this event, including landscaping, ground modifications and site permits, as well as advertising, transportation to and from the Opening Ceremony, security, portable restrooms, and more. The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be arriving August 22, 2019 through August 25, 2019 at the Historic Catskill Point located at 1 Main Street in Catskill. <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/events/vietnamtraveling-memorial-wall>

PLANNING

Planning for Renewables



Newly enacted legislation requires New York to get 70 percent of it's electricity from renewable sources like wind, solar and hydro-power by 2030, and create a statewide electrical demand system with zero

emissions by 2040. Some municipalities in the county have grappled with the need to determine how best to plan for and regulate solar facilities at the local level that both protect community character and at the same time support and encourage renewable forms of producing power. Principal Planner Rich Schiafo has created a

helpful list of resources with links to find additional information. He can be reached by email at rschiafo@discovergreene.com, or phone at (518) 719-3290.

Census 2020

The Census Bureau is hiring a large number of temporary workers for the 2020 Census at 2020census.gov/en/jobs. Greene County residents are reminded that the 2020 Census will be mailed on April 1, and completing the Census with your Greene County address helps the Census compete for Federal funding in a variety of program areas. Please be aware of the Census and complete it in Greene County as soon as you get it.



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