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NEW GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATORS TAKE OFFICE

Patrick Linger of New Baltimore Chairs 2019 Legislature

County Attorney Edward Kaplan delivered the oath of office to the new chairman of the Greene County Legislature on Wednesday, January 2nd. All Legislatures were sworn in including: Jack Keller (Catskill); Ed Bloomer (Athens); Gregory Davis (Greenville); James Thorington (Windham) and Patricia Handel (Durham). William Lawrence (Cairo) was named Majority Leader and Harry Lennon (Cairo) was named Minority Leader.



Greene County Legislators serve our communities as members of the following committees:

County Resources: Michael Bulich – Chair (Catskill); Linda Overbaugh (Catskill); Gregory Davis (Greenville); James Thorington (Windham, Ashland, Jewett, Prattsville)

County Services: Ed Bloomer – Chair (Athens); Linda Overbaugh (Catskill); Matthew Luvera (Catskill); Jack Keller (Catskill); Patricia Handel (Durham); Larry Gardner (Hunter, Lexington, Halcott)

Economic Development & Tourism: Linda Overbaugh – Chair (Catskill); Michael Bulich (Catskill); Patricia Handel (Durham); Larry Gardner (Hunter, Lexington, Halcott); James Thorington (Windham, Ashland, Jewett, Prattsville)

Finance: Charles Martinez – Chair (Coxsackie); Thomas Hobart (Coxsackie); Linda Overbaugh (Catskill); Michael Bulich (Catskill); Gregory Davis (Greenville); Larry Gardner (Hunter, Lexington, Halcott)

Government Operations: Matthew Luvera – Chair (Catskill); Charles Martinez (Coxsackie); Thomas Hobart (Coxsackie); Linda Overbaugh (Catskill); Gregory Davis (Greenville); Jack Keller (Catskill)

Health Services: Patricia Handel – Chair (Durham); Gregory Davis (Greenville); Jack Keller (Catskill); Thomas Hobart (Coxsackie); Matthew Luvera (Catskill); Ed Bloomer (Athens)

Public Safety: William Lawrence – Chair (Cairo); Charles Martinez (Coxsackie); Ed Bloomer (Athens); Patricia Handel (Durham); Larry Gardner (Hunter, Lexington, Halcott); James Thorington (Windham, Ashland, Jewett, Prattsville)

Public Works: James Thorington - Chair (Windham, Ashland, Jewett, Prattsville); Charles Martinez (Coxsackie); Thomas Hobart (Coxsackie); Michael Bulich (Catskill); Patricia Handel (Durham); Jack Keller (Catskill)

PLANNING



Demolition Begins on Exit 21 Catskill Hotel Property

The former defunct Quality Inn located just north of the NYS Thruway Exit 21 is

currently under demolition after a long process ceded ownership to Greene County Industrial Development Agency. This highly desirable site is being prepared to attract a new hotel, supporting the growing demand for accommodations, restaurants and additional commercial businesses. See the demolition from the air at <http://investingreene.com/Exit21Catskill>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Greene County Economic Performance Indicators for 2018

- County Sales Tax Revenue Up more than 4% over 2017
- Residents Employed in Greene County rises from 19,300 to 20,000
- Unemployed Residents fall from 1,100 to 800
- Unemployment Rate falls from 5.4% to 3.7%
- Total Labor Force Grows by 400 Workers

Greene County Projects Receive NYS REDC Awards

The final round of 2018 Economic Development Awards secured NYS funding for the following projects in our communities:

- Workforce Expansion for the Stephen Petronio Dance Company in Cairo
- Waterfront Development Revitalization Plan for Coxsackie
- Village of Tannersville Water Treatment, Waste Water Sewer Connection Study

TOURISM

Newly Expanded Trails Open on Hunter Mountain

After 252 days of construction and infrastructure development, Peak Resorts officially opened Hunter North on Christmas Eve 2018. Hunter North expands the mountain's skiable terrain by 80 acres with 5 new trails and 4 gladed skiing areas serviced by a new 6-passenger lift and fully-automated snowmaking.

Follow the Hunter Mountain Blog at <https://www.huntermtn.com/blog/page-5590/>



MSN Lifestyle Names The Kaatterskill Most Charming B&B in NYS

The highly popular Lifestyle section of MSN.com named a single 'Most Charming' B&B for each of the 50 states. New York State was represented by The Kaatterskill at 424 High Falls Road Ext. in the town of Catskill! The Kaatterskill promotes itself as "Where Style Meets Nature" and provides year-round accommodations for individuals, families and groups. It is duly recognized as a top Catskills wedding and event venue as well. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/tripideas/the-most-charming-bandb-in-every-state/ss-BBPVrhu?ocid=ientp#image=33>



Westside Six High-Speed Lift Opens at Windham Mountain Resort

Westside Six transports skiers and snowboarders from the base to the summit of the resort's west peak in under five and a half minutes with a slope length of 5,105 feet and an uphill capacity of 3,000 people per hour. The completion of this project is part of an \$8M capital investment made by Windham Mountain Resort for the 2018/2019 season including: RFID Lift Access Technology, nearly 100 automated, high-efficiency snow guns, over 2 miles of new snowmaking pipe, and a new PistenBully 400 Snowcat for manicuring terrain surfaces.



Ze Windham Wine Bar Named #1 Bar in Upstate NY

Using data from Yelp.com to rank hundreds of the best restaurants, bars, cafes and other eateries of all varieties across the region, Ze Windham Wine Bar is named the #1 Bar!! A 22 seat wine bar offering wines from New York to California and of course Europe. The beverage menu also has a few bottles of beer and specialty coffee and tea. <https://www.newyorkupstate.com/expo/life-and-culture/erry-2018/12/3450991100e04/the-22-bestreviewed-upstate-ny.html>



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