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July 2025

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Dr. Victoria Walsh Named President of C-GCC

The State University of NY Board of Trustees appointed Victoria L. Walsh, Ed.D on June 3, 2025. Dr.

Walsh, who will become the 7th president, is an executive leader with extensive experience in higher education and leading institutional transformation.

Read the official release at <https://www.columbiagreene.edu/president/>

Thomas Cole Site Featured on Best Kept Secrets of Greene County, NY Podcast



In Episode 2 of Season 2, Host Mark Gustavson is joined by co-host Sylvia Hasenkopf on a visit to the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in Catskill, NY. Maura O'Shea (Executive Director of the site) and Jennifer Greim (Director for Advancement) were featured in June's episode of the Best Kept Secrets of Greene County, NY. The podcast took place in Thomas Cole's 1839 original studio. They discussed the multitude of programs and exhibits at the campus and all things Hudson River School of Art.

Listen and subscribe at <https://greencountyedc.com/best-kept-secrets-of-greene-county-ny>

Hemlock Featured as One of the Best Bars in America



This exceptional cocktail bar located at 394 Main Street in Catskill has been named one of the 15 best bars in America by Esquire. The bar was included in the 2025 edition of Esquire's coveted yearly roundup. The ranking includes watering holes in New York City, New Orleans, Oregon and beyond.

Read more at <https://www.newyorkupstate.com/travel/2025/06/this-hidden-gem-in-a-tiny-upstate-ny-village-was-just-named-one-of-americas-best-bars.html>

Apply for C-G Leadership Program by July 31st

This program offered by the Greene County Chamber of Commerce blends modern leadership development with a deep connection to our local economy and civic life. Through these interactive workshops and real-world case studies, business owners grow their confidence, sharpen essential leadership skills, and build lasting connections with local changemakers.

Find out more at <https://greencountychamber.com/mission/#leadership>

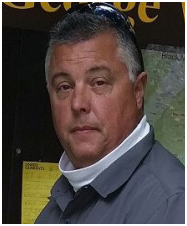
REMINDER: CFA for Round XV REDC Funding Closes July 31st

The Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) 2025 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) is **now open through Thursday, July 31st at 4 p.m.** Open enrollment programs are not subject to the July 31st deadline and will continue to accept applications on an ongoing basis until funds are exhausted. Find out more at <https://www.greenegovernment.com/news-press/economic-development-tourism/nys-announces-launch-of-2025-regional-economic-development-council-initiative>

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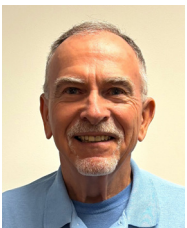
Welcome New Tourism Hires!

Paul Van Schaack, Tourism Promotion Aide



Originally from Coxsackie, Paul served in the United States Air Force for 3 years at Aviano AB Italy. While stationed at Aviano, he traveled extensively throughout Europe. He retired from IBM as a System Engineer/ Infrastructure Specialist in May of 2024 after 37 years. Paul has been a volunteer fireman with over 40 years of serving his community. He is a Certified Tourism Ambassador as well as a Certified Guest Services Professional who enjoys traveling, hiking and kayaking. He looks forward to helping people while they visit the Great Northern Catskills.

Ed Bloomer, Tourism Promotion Aide



Ed is a life-long resident of Greene County in the Town of Athens. Professionally, Ed was a passenger train engineer and after retiring, attended and graduated from Columbia-Greene Community College. He now has the honor and privilege of serving as a member of the C-GCC. Board of Trustees. Ed served as a two-term Greene County Legislator from Athens for 6 years. He lives on Tamarac, the Bloomer Family Farm where they maintain a small herd of very spoiled pet goats.

TAP New York 2025 a Great Success at Blackthorne



The longest-running and largest craft brew festival in NYS was held at the Blackthorne Resort in East Durham over the last weekend in June. Greene County's Rip Van Winkle Brewing Company took a gold and 2 bronzes with 3 of its highly popular libations. Storybrook Hollow was awarded a silver medal in the light ale category. Greene County Tourism was well represented, and plans are in the works for next year's event!



Concert In The Catskills 2025

More than 1,400 fans filled the Historic Catskill Point on Saturday, June 14th, for the third annual Concert in the Catskills. With clear skies and warm temperatures following a rainy spring, it was the perfect setting for an unforgettable summer kickoff. Headliner Rodney Atkins brought the crowd to their feet with a string of chart-topping hits, while opener Kylie Morgan wowed with her powerhouse vocals and relatable lyrics. Set against the scenic backdrop of the Hudson River, the night was full of energy, music, and waterfront views. With rave reviews from attendees and over two dozen boats anchored up for the show, this beloved summer event continues to grow each year. Don't let your boots wander too far, Concert In The Catskills will be back before you know it!

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