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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Cementon Rebirth Plan Gets \$400K Boost



Greene County's Cementon Rebirth Plan has received a significant boost with \$400,000 in state funding to launch early planning and development studies. The grant, awarded through New York State's FAST NY program, will support the county's efforts to study and revitalize the Cementon area. The Greene County Legislature unanimously approved the project earlier this year, setting the stage for the grant application and study process. Local officials say funding is a key first step toward transforming Cementon into a site ready for new investment and economic growth. FAST NY, the state program backing the initiative, recently awarded more than \$51 million to projects in five counties, including Greene. To date, the program has invested over \$283 million in 34 shovel-ready sites across New York, with another \$100 million secured in the FY 2026 budget for future expansion. [greencountyedc.com/news/cementon-rebirth-plan-gets-400k-boost](http://greencountyedc.com/news/cementon-rebirth-plan-gets-400k-boost)

### SUNY Reconnect

Boost your earning power with a **free** associate degree in a high-demand field like advanced manufacturing, nursing, health professions, and cybersecurity. Columbia-Greene Community College is offering Free Community College for Adults.

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### Pathways to Progress



The Columbia-Greene Workforce Development Board, in partnership with Columbia Economic Development Corporation, Greene County Economic Development, the Columbia-Greene Addiction Coalition, and Reentry Columbia is excited to present the first in a series of events, **Pathways to Progress: A Series of Workforce and Community Roundtables for Employers and Community Partners**.

**The Columbia Greene Economic and Workforce State of the Counties** will be held on **Wednesday, September 24th from 8:00 am-10:00 am at Columbia-Greene Community College**.

This event will outline the economic state of our counties and how the local workforce is an essential part of economic growth. Discussion of recent labor market data, potential impacts of federal legislation, findings of the NY State of ALICE report, and more will lead a conversation about the importance of retaining employees and working to engage job seekers who have barriers to employment. Adam Bosch, President/CEO of Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress, will be a featured presenter at this event. James Hannahs, Director of Economic Development, Tourism, and Planning for Greene County, Mike Tucker, President and CEO of Columbia Economic Development Corporation, and Amanda Karch, Executive Director of the Columbia-Greene Workforce Development Board will hold a discussion panel after the featured presentation.

Sign up information and more details to come soon. For questions or more information, please email Danielle Palleschi at [Danielle.Palleschi@sunycgcc.edu](mailto:Danielle.Palleschi@sunycgcc.edu)

## TOURISM

### Tour of the Catskills



The Village of Tannersville was pleased to host the 18th Annual Pro-Am bicycle road race on August 9th. The race drew over 400 riders from around the world. The Tour of the Catskills is one of America's

premier cycling events, held in the heart of the Great Northern Catskills. This event includes the infamous Devil's Kitchen Climb with an elevation gain of 1,350 feet in just under 3 miles. This race was established as one of America's toughest cycling events for amateurs and professionals alike.

### Greene County Secures National Media Spotlight on the Great Northern Catskills



Greene County partnered with **I Love NY** in August to host three prominent journalists, showcasing the region's rich history, culture, and hospitality. Freelance travel

writer Tony Perrottet, currently working on a 12-page feature for Smithsonian Magazine, visited the site of the **Catskill Mountain House** in Palenville as part of his research for a piece on America 250. Kathleen Rellihan, Travel and Culture Senior Editor with Outside Magazine, stayed at **Camptown** and enjoyed a meal at **Casa Susanna** in Leeds highlighting the area and its diverse offerings.

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Dorothee Baer-Bogenschütz, a German art historian and journalist who contributes to art magazines and daily newspapers stayed at the James Newbury Hotel, enjoyed breakfast on-site at the **Blue Heron** in Cossackie, toured the **Thomas Cole National Historic Site**, and wrapped up with lunch at **Willas** in Catskill highlighting the region to an international audience.

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### Hot Rods, Hot Tunes and Sunflowers Draw Thousands to the Great Northern Catskills



The Great Northern Catskills of Greene County roared with record-setting crowds as three exciting events lit up the region. The Northeast's Kooliest Car Show, Rat's Nest Run-In, filled **Blackthorne Resort** in East Durham with 3,200 guests, celebrating hot rods and family fun. This event is so popular that the resort is already fully booked for 2026!

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Meanwhile, Palenville rocked to the sounds of Palenstock, the first live music mini-fest at **the Griffin House** that drew over 500 people to hear six standout local bands. All of the proceeds will benefit the Palenville Fire Department.

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In addition, over 3,000 attendees soaked in the beauty of **Meadowbrook Farm's** sunflower fields for the Sunflower and Sangria Festival, where more than 125,000 blooms stretched across the landscape. Guests sipped sangria flights, local craft beer, enjoyed live music, and hand-picked their own sunflowers.

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### Rip Van Winkle Bridge's 90th anniversary will be marked with September festival



The Rip Van Winkle Bridge is set to celebrate its 90th anniversary in conjunction with the Ninth Annual Skywalk Arts Festival in September. The bridge's Skywalk Arts Festival is set to return on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the bridge.

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