

POSITIVELY GREENE



GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE IN ACTION



Greene County EMS Introduces Sensory Support Kits

With the support of the Greene County Legislature, Greene County EMS is helping make emergency care more accessible and comfortable with new sensory kits now available in transporting ambulances across the county.

The initiative was developed by Greene County EMS Coordinator Sean Hotaling to better support patients with autism, dementia, developmental disabilities, PTSD, anxiety, and other sensory sensitivities. Each kit includes practical tools like noise-reducing headphones, communication cards, fidget tools, a dry-erase board, and comfort items to help reduce anxiety, improve communication, and create a calmer experience during emergency transport.

The initiative also builds on the Greene County Legislature's continued support of the ThinkDIFFERENTLY campaign and its commitment to creating a more inclusive, accessible, and responsive community for individuals with disabilities and those facing mental health challenges.

[ThinkDIFFERENTLY](#)

Windham Transfer Station Improvements Planned

Preliminary plans are underway to make the Windham Transfer Station easier and more efficient for residents and businesses to use. Proposed upgrades include: a new entryway and separate residential and commercial dumping areas to help ease congestion, construction of a new 8,500-square-foot building and scale house, relocation of the existing truck scale and trash compactor, and other site improvements to modernize the facility.

Cairo Breaks Ground on New Senior Center

The Town of Cairo will celebrate the groundbreaking of its new senior center on Tuesday, September 15, marking an exciting step forward for the community.



The former Dojo Building at 7485 State Route 32 in Cairo will be transformed into a welcoming space for local seniors, complete with a commercial kitchen that will serve as the central cooking site for Greene County's congregate and homebound meal programs.

The new Cairo Senior Center is anticipated to open by December 2027, creating a dedicated space for connection, services and support for seniors throughout the community.



Honoring Greene County's Fallen First Responders

Greene County will hold its Annual Emergency First Responders Memorial Monument Dedication Ceremony on Friday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Greene County Emergency Operations and Training Center in Cairo.

Held each year in conjunction with the national remembrance of September 11, the ceremony honors Greene County's first responders who have lost their lives in the line of duty, including members of Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement and Corrections.

The community is invited to join in remembering their service, sacrifice and dedication to Greene County.

TOURISM

Cruisin' the Catskills Brings 400+ Riders to Greene County



This July, more than 400 riders from across the country came to Hunter Mountain Resort for the Cruisin' the Catskills H.O.G. Rally. Participants explored scenic mountain roads, local villages, restaurants, shops and attractions throughout the Great Northern Catskills.

Coinciding with America's 250th anniversary, the rally celebrated the spirit of freedom while giving visitors a chance to experience all that Greene County has to offer.

Palenstock Festival & Pocket Park Celebrate Palenville

The 2nd Annual Palenstock Festival brought music, local food and community spirit to Palenville for a memorable weekend. The event complements the community's continued revitalization, including the development of the Palenville Pocket Park, a new gathering space for residents and visitors.

The Heart of Catskill Association, on behalf of Palenstock LLC, also received a \$5,000 Wayne C. Speenburgh Grant to support the creation of a permanent sign for the park.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

From the Catskills to Customers Nationwide

What began as a creative outlet at a dining room table has grown into a nationally recognized brand with deep roots in Greene County.

Discover how Catskills Candle Studio is scaling production, reaching retailers across the country and growing its business while staying connected to the Tannersville community and the Catskills landscape that inspired it.



Driscoll Foods Acquires West Cocksackie Facility

Driscoll Foods, one of the Northeast's largest independent foodservice distributors, has acquired the former Save-A-Lot distribution center in West Cocksackie for \$43 million.

The company plans to use the 333,386-square-foot facility to expand its distribution capabilities throughout the Hudson Valley and parts of New England. With access to approximately 47 million consumers within a four-hour drive, the investment highlights Greene County's strategic location and continued potential for business growth.

Job seekers interested in opportunities at the new Cocksackie facility can contact coxsackiejobs@driscollfoods.com.

Growing with Greene County

Victoria Keyser has been promoted to Economic and Community Development Specialist with Greene County's Economic Development, Tourism & Planning office.



Victoria began her career with Greene County in 2018 in the County Attorney's Office. In 2022, she joined the Economic Development, Tourism & Planning office as a Confidential Secretary. While her title was "Secretary," she was always eager to take on more and become involved in new projects.

"I had the opportunity to work closely with our Director and learn about a wide variety of areas, including capital construction projects, planning and zoning, loans and grants, and all the many moving pieces that go into economic development. Each project brought a new opportunity to learn, and over the years, I gained a valuable understanding of the work we do and the people and businesses we serve." Now, as an Economic and Community Development Specialist, Victoria is excited to bring everything she has learned over the years into her new role.

"I look forward to continuing to learn, taking on new challenges, and growing alongside the businesses, communities, and residents we serve here in Greene County."

Expanded Workforce Career Center Services in Greene County

More career resources are now available right here in Greene County. Expanded Workforce Career Center services are making it easier for residents to access job search assistance, explore training opportunities and find support for their next career move.

Whether you're entering the workforce, looking for a new opportunity or building new skills, these services can help connect you with the tools and resources you need to take the next step.

[See The Full List of Locations](#)

PLANNING

New Law Expands Opportunities for Cannabis Microbusinesses

New York has signed the Cannabis Showcase Event Microbusiness Law, creating more opportunities for licensed cannabis microbusinesses to connect directly with consumers.

Effective immediately, qualified microbusinesses can serve as the retailer, cultivator and processor at approved cannabis showcase events, including farmers markets, pop-ups and public markets. The change gives small producers more ways to showcase and sell their products while maintaining existing state licensing, age, location and safety requirements.

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