

POSITIVELY GREENE



GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE IN ACTION

Celebrating Commissioner Kira Pospesel and Her Excellence in Public Service

Please join us in congratulating Kira Pospesel, Greene County Commissioner of Social Services, recipient of the 2026 NYSAC Executive Director’s Award for Public Service!

NYSAC’s highest achievement award recognizes extraordinary public service, and Kira has spent her career exemplifying exactly that.



As the longest-serving social services commissioner in New York State, Kira brings decades of experience and an extraordinary depth of knowledge to her work. She also serves as Chair of NYSAC’s Medicaid & Human Services Standing Committee and has become one of our most trusted resources on SNAP, Medicaid, child welfare and the many programs counties administer to support New Yorkers in need.

We are grateful for her expertise, her generosity in sharing it and, above all, her many years of dedicated service to Greene County and county government across New York.

Congratulations, Commissioner Pospesel, on this well-deserved recognition!

Paramedic Training Awards Gain Regional Visibility

Greene County is continuing to promote its Paramedic Training Awards, which provide qualified candidates with up to \$14,500 toward the cost of completing an approved paramedic training program, including tuition, books and study materials.



To help attract candidates and strengthen the local EMS workforce, the program is being supported by an ongoing paid media campaign throughout the region. Billboards are currently running in the Capital Region and Ulster County, extending awareness beyond Greene County.

[Greene County Paramedic Training Awards](#)

New Cairo Senior Center Breaks Ground

The new facility will provide a welcoming space for senior programs, activities and congregate meals, while a new commercial kitchen will serve as the central meal-preparation site for the county’s congregate dining locations and homebound meal program.



The project represents a major investment in services and resources for seniors throughout Greene County.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Groundwork Begins for New Hampton Inn

Site work is underway for a 92-room Hampton Inn, bringing a new upper-midscale lodging option and continued private investment to Greene County.

Developed and operated by Catskill Lodging, the three-story hotel will feature an indoor pool and fitness facilities while creating new jobs, generating tax revenue and expanding lodging capacity for visitors to the area.

Construction will continue through the winter, with the hotel expected to open in 2027.

[Gateway to Greene County Plans](#)

Greene County’s Strong Agricultural Economy

With harvest season underway, it’s a great time to recognize the strength of Greene County’s agricultural economy.



According to the 2022 Census of Agriculture, Greene County is home to 200+ farms covering 30,000+ acres, with more than \$25 million in agricultural products sold.

Much of the County’s farmland sits within the fertile Greene County and Hudson Valley, with convenient access to major markets in New York City and the Capital Region. That combination of productive farmland, market access and a growing generation of farmers continues to create opportunities for agriculture to grow and evolve in Greene County.

Lil’ Piece BBQ Fires Up Its Next Chapter

After years of cooking professionally and traveling the country, Chef Drew Tobin realized the place he wanted to build something of his own was back home in Upstate New York. That led him to open Lil’ Piece BBQ & Catering in Greenville, where his take on barbecue quickly built a loyal local following in Greene County.

Lil’ Piece is growing without leaving Greene County, expanding to a second location at the [James Newbury Hotel](#) in Coxsackie. Discover the story behind the food, the following and the local partnership helping fuel its next chapter.



[Read the Full Story](#)

TOURISM

Sunflower and Sangria Festival

Meadowbrook Farm Catskills in Leeds welcomed visitors to its Sunflower & Sangria Festival, featuring more than 125,000 sunflowers, hayrides, live music, local vendors and family-friendly activities.



The festival highlighted Greene County's thriving agritourism industry and the farm's continued commitment to creating memorable experiences for both residents and visitors. Owners Angela and Steve Worth were also recently recognized as [Entrepreneurs of the Year by the Greene County Chamber of Commerce](#), further highlighting their contributions to the local business and tourism community.

Catskills Comedy Festival Returns This October

The Catskills Comedy Festival is back October 16–18, bringing a full weekend of entertainment throughout the Village of Catskill. Now in its third year, the festival will feature 18 shows across seven local venues, with stand-up, improv, alternative comedy, film and free family programming.

The three-day festival brings performers and audiences together while showcasing the local businesses and venues that make downtown Catskill a destination.

[See the Lineup](#)



See the Hudson from the Water

Set sail with Honu Sailing Adventures, Greene County's only catamaran tour experience. Departing from Catskill Marina, private three-hour cruises offer sweeping views of the Catskill Mountains, historic lighthouses and the Hudson River shoreline aboard a 48-foot sailing catamaran.

From fall foliage and family outings to celebrations and relaxing escapes, it's a memorable way to experience Greene County from a whole new perspective.

[Book Your Cruise](#)



Cat-n-Around Catskill Auction & Gala

The Heart of Catskill Association's Cat's Meow Auction & Gala celebrated 20 years of Cat'n Around Catskill, raising nearly \$140,000 for the Greene County community. This year's 76 one-of-a-kind cat statues brought creativity to Catskill throughout the summer, with auction proceeds supporting local events, scholarships and community organizations.

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PLANNING

Agricultural District Addition Period Opens November 1

Greene County's annual period for requesting additions to Agricultural District No. 124 will be open November 1–30. Applications will be accepted beginning November 1 and ending November 30.

Eligible landowners can apply to have their property considered for inclusion in the district, helping to protect and preserve the agricultural lands that are vital to Greene County's economy, open spaces and rural character.

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