DELAWARE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NEWSLETTER

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News

- **Franklin awarded $1 million**
- **Jim Thomson honored at the ECenter**
- **Successful business development workshops**

Franklin Awarded $1 Million Through Restore NY

The Village of Franklin worked in partnership with staff at Economic Development to create an accepted grant package for Restore NY, a program designed to revitalize communities by providing financial assistance for the redevelopment of blighted properties. Funds will support the rehabilitation of three adjoining commercial and mixed-use properties at 438-444 Main Street, totaling 13,500 square feet. The spaces will be redeveloped into a restaurant, café/art studio, arcade & lounge, retail shop, commercial office space, and an apartment.

Economic Development hosted a series of successful workshops dedicated to assisting businesses in reaching their goals. The workshops included:

The Importance of Positive Reviews for Local Businesses

How to Build Profitable Tourism Packages to Attract More Visitors

The Power Behind Visitor Insights for Decision Making

How to Show Up Prepared When Applying for a Small Business Loan

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Delaware & Ulster Railroad Embarks on a Successful Season

In May, the Delaware & Ulster Railroad celebrated season opening for the first time since 2019 with a weekend of successful voyages! The Railroad was supported by a sizeable, low-rate loan from Delaware County Economic Development.

Round 15 of Empire State Development Funding Released

Round 15 of the New York State Regional Economic Development Councils grant funding pools are live. There are a variety of awards now open. The Consolidated Funding Application will close July 31st at 4 pm. Click here to see full document of available awards and their criteria.

If you have a project in mind, get in touch

Delaware County ECenter Honors Jim Thomson

On Friday May 30th, the Catskill Development Foundation dedicated the James R. Thomson Center for Business Development, formerly the Delaware County Ecenter. The dedication is to honor Jim Thomson for his timeless leadership, guiding vision, and endless advocacy for businesses in Delaware County.

Dairy Grants Open

The Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center announces two grants opening on June 26th for dairy businesses. The grants are:

- Organic Dairy Product Promotion Grant
- Dairy Processor Modernization Grant

Free Family Saturday at Hanford Mills Museum

June 14th | East Meredith | Opens 10 am

Discover what lives in the water at Hanford Mills Museum and learn what they can tell us about water quality. This day will be geared toward children of all ages and will feature some interactive, nature-based activities, in addition to our traditional sawmill tours and machine demonstrations.

Hill's People Comedy Fest

June 19th and 21st | Stamford | 11 am

This celebration of silliness features stand-up, improv, sketch comedy and more antics by hilarious comics from near and far. Presented by The Party Theater and the Belvedere Inn.

1st Annual TOTALLY R.A.D.

June 21st | Roxbury | Begins at 11 am

A scavenger style family-friendly bike event across Delaware county in the Western Catskills. A number of participating local businesses will be welcoming riders with open arms. The after party at PLaY will feature live music.

Margaretville Annual Field Days

June 1 - 5 | Margaretville | 6-10 pm (June 1, 2, 3) & 1-11pm (June 4, 5)

Come celebrate the Fourth of July at the Margaretville Field Days! Margaretville Fire Department will host the annual carnival celebration with two spectacular firework shows, carnival rides, food, beer, live music, and so much more.

The Oh Boy Market and Fare

July 5th & 6th | Andes

This outdoor summer market includes 70 incredible makers, designers, delicious food vendors, and activities for the entire family! It promises to deliver summer energy in the Catskill Mountains!

Bovina 5k

July 26th | Bovina | 9 am

Run two loops of Creamery Field and the charming Main Street in Bovina Center, NY. This 5k race that screams small-town charm.