Hinchen Shares Her Views
Next Breakfast Focus Is State Budget

The new state budget and what it means for Ulster County is the theme of the Chamber’s next breakfast meeting featuring Assemblywoman Michelle Hinchey of the 41st District.

The breakfast is scheduled for 7:30-9 a.m. May 5 at Best Western Plus, 503 Washington Ave. in Kingston. The sponsor is Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union.

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“Access to clean and safe water is a fundamental right,” Hinchey said. “But we need to think about what it means for your future and how do you make it work for you uncovers possibilities you may have never known existed. What habitat are you saving your career without it? Do you really need to think about retirement now? How are you ever going to make it work for you?”

For others, it’s getting started on managing their own money in a responsible way. For still others, it’s guiding a recovery from a few unexpected setbacks. Just like any of us, unexpected events can change the course of your financial journey.

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Tuesday May 9 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Networking Mixer
@ BLACKBARN Hudson Valley
Diamond Mills Hotel | 25 S. Partition Street | Saugerties, NY
There is no cost for Members and Prospective Members. Reservations are required.
Sponsor: The UPS Store Kingston

Friday May 19 | 7:30 - 9:00 am
Chamber Breakfast Meeting
NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey Albany Update
The Venue Uptown at the Best Western Plus 503 Washington Avenue | Kingston, NY
$30 Members-Advanced Pay • $35 Members-At The Door
$40 Non-Members
Sponsor: Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union

Thursday June 8 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Networking Mixer
@ Woodland Pond at New Paltz
100 Woodland Pond Circle | New Paltz, NY
There is no cost for Members and Prospective Members. Reservations are required.
Sponsor: Sawyer Savings

Wednesday June 21 | 7:30 - 9:00 am
Chamber Breakfast Meeting
New BOCES Superintendent Dr. Jonah Schenker
The Venue Uptown at the Best Western Plus 503 Washington Avenue | Kingston, NY
$30 Members-Advanced Pay • $35 Members-At The Door
$40 Non-Members
Sponsor: WMCH Heath | HealthAlliance Hospital
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**April 18, 2023**

Kelly Wright (The Arc Mid-Hudson)

Lori Ferraro (The Arc Mid-Hudson), Jonathan Kaplan (Royal Carting), and Scott Perry – Vice President

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Franz Edlinger (eOneMedia), Katy Dwyer (Katy Dwyer Design), and Sheree Cross (The Arc Mid-Hudson)

Margaret Green, Teresa Hammelar, and Jo Ann Campise (all with The Arc Mid-Hudson).

### Welcome These New Members

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Kerri Tiano

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- Resort Manager

- Owner

- Executive VP

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Brooklyn, NY 11211

www.cathyhobbsdesign.com

Cathy Hobbs - Owner

Category: Interior Design

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Kingston, NY 12401

www.chloecarena.com

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Alexandra Dufrene – Kingston Store Manager

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www.cathyhobbs.com

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www.thousandtrails.com/new-york/roundout-valley-rv-campground

Wayne Murphy – Resort Manager

Category: Campgrounds

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Sugar Loaf – Owner

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