

EXPANSIONS, CONTRACTIONS AND LABOR DISPUTES CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION November 2024

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EXPANSIONS, OPENINGS, RECALLS:

Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon has proposed building an \$85 million AQUARIUM at Syracuse's Inner Harbor. On August 2, 2022, the proposal was approved by the county legislature. Preparation work on the land has started. Work on the foundation will begin in May 2024 and the aquarium is slated to open in summer 2026. The 80,000-square-foot aquarium would create hundreds of construction and permanent jobs.

ATHLETA, a national fitness clothing chain, opened a new store in the Towne Center at Fayetteville (Onondaga County).

A Syracuse Middle Eastern restaurant called BAGHDAD RESTAURANT will open its second location at 2204 West Genesee Street in the Westvale Plaza (Onondaga County) on January 30, 2024.

A BARNES & NOBLE bookstore opened on August 28, 2024, at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County).

BASH POTATO restaurant opened on April 1, 2024, at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County). It specializes in baked potatoes with a variety of toppings. The restaurant employs four people.

BITZER SCROLL INC. is getting a \$5 million federal grant to increase its production of electric heat pump

components at its factory in DeWitt (Onondaga County). The expansion is expected to create 20 new jobs. The company currently employs 150 people at its factory.

BRICKHOUSE KITCHEN restaurant will open on July 20, 2024, in the Yellow Brick Road Casino & Sports Book in the Chittenango Plaza at 800 W. Genesee Street (Route 5), just east of the Onondaga-Madison County line. The restaurant is billed as an upscale comfort food venue.

CAFÉ KUBAL will open a coffee shop at 1029 E. Genesee Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) in fall 2024.

National used-car retailer CARMAX AUTO SUPERSTORES INC. plans to open a location at 7687-7785 Frontage Road in Cicero (Onondaga County).

CAYUGA MILK INGREDIENTS milk plant in Aurelius (Cayuga County) is planning a \$150 million expansion project that will create 74 new jobs paying an average of \$70,000 a year. CMI is a farmer-owned dairy processing company currently employing 91 people. The company plans to add aseptic beverages to its product line that use sterilization equipment to provide increased shelf life. It plans to break ground on the project in spring 2023. The project would also support more than 400 construction jobs.

A CHICK-FIL-A drive-thru restaurant has been approved by the town of DeWitt planning board. It will be located at the corner of Erie Boulevard East and Bridge Street in DeWitt (Onondaga County). It is now under construction.

CLIFF'S LOCAL MARKET convenience store opened on August 13, 2024, at 260 NY 104 in Oswego (Oswego County).

CLINTON'S DITCH CO-OPERATIVE CO. on Pardee Road in Cicero (Onondaga County) is planning a \$41 million expansion that will result in 15 new jobs. The company bottles Pepsi products and currently employs 299 people.

COMMUNITY BANK, N.A. will open four new bank branches in the Syracuse metro area by the end of 2025, including one in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County). The first new branch opened at 109 South Warren Street in Hanover Square in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) on October 16, 2024.

CROUSE HEALTH will open a clinic at 5404 South Bay Road in Salina (Onondaga County) in 2024. Bill Pomeroy (founder of CXTec company) donated the building at that site to Crouse after his company moved to a downtown Syracuse location. The new clinic will provide offices for primary care, surgical specialties, and will do routine screenings. It will employ 50 new people, including doctors. The new clinic will be named the POMEROY COMMUNITY & WELLNESS CENTER AT CROUSE HEALTH.

CRUMBL COOKIES opened a location at 8395 Oswego Road in Clay (Onondaga County) on January 12, 2024. The location is hiring more than 35 workers including managers, bakers, shift leaders, quality

trainers and crew members. The national chain sells homemade gourmet cookies and premium ice cream.

Plastics products maker CURRIER PLASTICS INC. has purchased another building in Cayuga County on Crane Brook Drive in Aurelius. The company will add 50 jobs at the location over the next two to three years. Construction work on the site should be completed in the first quarter of 2023. Currier currently employs 260 workers.

CXTEC Inc. moved its headquarters and 100 jobs from Salina to the City Center building in Downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) in July 2023. The company's headquarters house its corporate, accounting, financing, sales, marketing, and information technology operations. The technology hardware company plans to add 25 new jobs with the move to the new headquarters. The company refurbishes used computers and networking equipment and sells them. It also provides maintenance services for the hardware and sells cabling for data centers. Empire State Development has agreed to give the company a grant of up to \$1 million and up to \$1 million in tax credits under the state's Excelsior Jobs Tax Credit Program.

DALDROP SBB, a cleanroom manufacturer for pharmaceutical industries, is building a new manufacturing facility at the L. Michael Treadwell Oswego County Industrial Park in Schroepel (Oswego County). The German company has operations in both Salina and DeWitt (Onondaga County). They plan to consolidate those operations into the new site when it is complete later in 2023. Empire State Development is offering the company a grant and an Excelsior jobs program incentive. The firm is committed to adding at last 20 new jobs.

DAVE'S HOT CHICKEN will open a restaurant at 7915 Brewerton Road (Route 11) in Cicero (Onondaga County) on March 1, 2024. The franchise specializes in Nashville hot chicken tenders and sliders.

DELTA SONIC has proposed building a large car wash, gas station and convenience store at 3809 Route 31 in Clay (Onondaga County).

DG MARKET, operated by Dollar General stores, opened at 401 W. Seneca Turnpike in Syracuse (Onondaga County) on April 15, 2024. The store employs 10 to 15 people. Another DG MARKET opened in February 2024 at 2711 S. Salina Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The stores include produce, meats, refrigerated and frozen food, dairy products, and Dollar General's general merchandise.

It was reported on July 20, 2022, that Onondaga County has entered a contract to sell the closed ShoppingTown Mall property in DeWitt to OHB Redev LLC for \$8 million. The deal is contingent on OHB acquiring the former Sears and Macy's stores at the mall since they are independently owned. OHB will redevelop the property into a \$400 million project called DISTRICT EAST which focuses on turning the property into five distinct but blended areas that include housing, entertainment, restaurants, hospitality, retail, and office space. Approximately 950 construction jobs would be created over the course of the redevelopment and almost 1,500 on-site jobs are projected once the redevelopment is completed. Once started, construction could last five to seven years.

D. PARKER STEAK & SEAFOOD restaurant will open by the end of 2024 on the first floor of the City Center building at

the corner of Jefferson and Clinton streets in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County).

A DRAKOS URGENT CARE medical facility opened in February 2024 at 5586 Legionnaire Drive in Cicero (Onondaga County). The facility employs up to 10 new workers, including medical providers, nurses, and support staff. DRAKOS URGENT CARE will also open a new location in fall 2024 in Camillus Commons (Onondaga County). The company is looking to hire dozens of new medical professionals for the site including physicians and patient care technicians.

It was reported on January 28, 2022, that DUNN TIRE CORP. is planning to build a \$5.9 million tire warehouse in Hancock Airpark in Cicero (Onondaga County). It will replace a smaller distribution facility on Steelway Boulevard in Clay (Onondaga County). The new facility will employ 50 people, which is 11 more than the current facility. The facility will distribute tires to car dealers, service stations and other customers. The Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency has approved \$572,325 in tax breaks for the new warehouse.

EMPIRE POLYMER SOLUTIONS in Van Buren (Onondaga County) plans to increase its employment from 30 to 70 people by 2025. The company recycles used industrial and consumer plastic products. Entry-level wages for production workers at the facility start at \$16.50 an hour.

Work is ongoing at the new ERIE CANAL PICKLEBALL CENTER in DeWitt (Onondaga County). It will open in early November 2024 in the DeWitt Town Center. The facility will include nine indoor pickleball courts, a full-service restaurant

and bar. Twenty people will be hired for full- and part-time jobs.

FAYETTE'S will open an ice cream and frozen yogurt shop in the Towne Center at Fayetteville (Onondaga County).

FELIX SCHOELLER NORTH AMERICA invested more than \$20 million in a new coating operation in Pulaski (Oswego County). The company secured a payment-in-lieu of taxes agreement from the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency for the project. The tax agreement will help support the creation of 30 new jobs and retain 145 existing positions over the next 5 years. Construction and equipment installation for the project was completed in November 2023. The business is a manufacturer of specialty papers and engineered products.

It was reported on December 14, 2021, that FOTOKITE, a drone company housed in The Tech Garden in Syracuse (Onondaga County), has submitted a plan to the state where it would get \$5 million in state funds if the company spends \$21 million to develop a tethered drone manufacturing facility and add 200 jobs in Syracuse. The company is proposing the location of the manufacturing facility to be at the former Syracuse Development Center which is now owned by the city of Syracuse.

A 56,000 square-foot HANNAFORD supermarket is being proposed at 547 E. Genesee Street in Fayetteville (Onondaga County).

Central New York developer HART-LYMAN COS. signed a contract to purchase the troubled Great Northern Mall in Clay (Onondaga County) and the deal to purchase the mall was completed at the end of July 2023. The developer wants to transform the

mall into a “town center” with luxury apartments and townhomes, offices, a movie theater and hotels, high-end shops, and restaurants. The developer is also partnering with real estate company Conifer Realty on the project.

In September 2024, HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY ASSOCIATES OF CNY has moved into a larger facility at 5490 Cobbler Way in Camillus (Onondaga County). The cancer treatment facility is planning to add 20 new employees.

HIDDEN FISH sushi restaurant opened on March 19, 2024, at 7 Fennell Street in Skaneateles (Onondaga County).

Construction has started on a HOME 2 SUITES BY HILTON hotel at 241 Elwood Davis Road in Salina (Onondaga County). The 110-room extended stay hotel is expected to open in early 2025.

IMPEL, a company that creates digital engagement software for car dealers, expects to double its workforce by 2025. The company employs 200 people with 80 of those employees at its headquarters in Icon Tower in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County).

INKA'S, a Peruvian-fusion restaurant, will open at 201 South Salina Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) during the week of October 14, 2024.

The first two contracts have been awarded on the \$2.25 billion INTERSTATE 81 road construction project in Onondaga County. The contractors are Salt City Constructors, LLC and CNY Alliance. A third contract was awarded in May 2024 to Salt City Constructors, LLC. A fourth contract was awarded to CNY Alliance in July 2024. Two outreach centers are available to assist

interested job candidates with information about available job opportunities. The Syracuse outreach centers are located at Tucker Missionary Baptist Church at 515 Oakwood Avenue and the Hills Building at 217 Montgomery Street. Typical job openings are for construction laborers, equipment operators, carpenters, iron workers and truck drivers. The large construction project has many facets, and it will take six years to complete. A total of eight contracts will be awarded on the project. The New York State Department of Transportation held a job fair on June 5, 2024, to recruit construction workers from several disadvantaged zip codes within the City of Syracuse and the Onondaga Nation. The job fair was held at the CNY Works Career Center at 960 James Street in Syracuse. The state requires contractors to hire 15% of its staff from local disadvantaged areas.

At least 350 new jobs will be coming to the City of Cortland (Cortland County) over the next five years as ISPICE, a leading company in processing, supplying, and importing spices, will move into the former Voyant manufacturing facility.

J. CREW FACTORY discount outlet clothing store opened at the beginning of August 2024 in the Marshall's Plaza in DeWitt (Onondaga County).

JMA WIRELESS announced plans to relocate manufacturing jobs from Texas to downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County). The company is the first American company to make 5G equipment. They renovated the historic Coyne Building on Cortland Ave. with a \$25 million investment. The campus spans the block and includes 200 jobs. Jobs consist of manufacturing, business, and technology positions, including assembly, logistics, technicians, and engineering jobs.

The facility opened the week of February 28, 2022. It was reported on December 7, 2022, that the company is planning a \$24 million expansion at its facility to build a logistics center that will add 40 more jobs. The expansion project is targeted for completion in July 2026.

KID TO KID children's merchandise consignment store will open in the Bear Road Plaza at 709 N. Main Street in North Syracuse (Onondaga County) on April 11, 2024.

KPOT restaurant opened mid-November 2023 at 3019 Erie Boulevard East (Onondaga County). It is an all-you-can-eat Korean barbecue and Asian hot pot eatery.

LALOR FAMILY DENTAL will open a dentist office at 3112 Erie Blvd. E. in DeWitt (Onondaga County).

Construction is underway on a LIVAWAY SUITES hotel at 6595 Thompson Road near Carrier Circle in DeWitt (Onondaga County). The 126-room extended-stay hotel is expected to open in spring 2025. The hotel brand caters to the temporary housing needs of traveling workers such as construction workers, traveling nurses, technology, and other contract staff.

It was reported on March 27, 2024, that the U.S. Air Force has awarded LOCKHEED MARTIN'S plant in Salina (Onondaga County) an initial contract of \$276 million to manufacture next generation radars for its Advanced Range Threat System (ARTS-V3). The new defense contract is not expected to lead to any immediate new hiring, but the company is still seeking to fill about 100 jobs this year. The local plant currently employs about 2,600 employees and contractors.

LOTTE GLOBAL, a South Korean conglomerate, has bought the Bristol Myers Squibb pharmaceutical plant in East Syracuse (Onondaga County) for \$160 million. Lotte will add about 70 jobs to the plant's 450-person workforce and invest \$77 million to expand its manufacturing capacity. Lotte plans to make the East Syracuse site its North American headquarters for its new biologics business. Biologics are pharmaceutical drugs made from living organisms.

LOUD PACK EXOTICS, a recreational cannabis retail shop, opened on April 13, 2024, in DeWitt (Onondaga County). The shop employs 25 people.

MCGRAW BOX BREWING opened a craft brewery taproom at 3703 Brewerton Road in North Syracuse (Onondaga County).

MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC. will open a large computer memory chip manufacturing campus at the White Pine Commerce Park in Clay (Onondaga County) that will create 9,000 direct jobs and an additional 40,000 spin-off jobs. The company will invest \$100 billion over 20 years. Site preparation work began in 2023 and major construction will start in 2025 on the first fabrication facility. Initial production will start in 2027. The second fabrication facility could be completed in 2029. The last (fourth) fabrication facility would be completed in 2041. In April 2024, MICRON started advertising for more than 20 local high-paying positions, including environmental engineer, electrical engineer, construction manager, wastewater engineer, and health and safety manager.

MOOCHI, a new mochi donut shop, has opened in Destiny USA's food court in Syracuse (Onondaga County). A second store is now under construction at Township

5 in Camillus (Onondaga County). A mochi donut is a blend of an American doughnut and a Japanese mochi, or rice cake. It is soft and pillowy with various fillings and coated with a crispy, sugary exterior.

NEW YORK BUS SALES will move from Chittenango (Madison County) to a building at 801 Hiawatha Boulevard East in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The company sells and services electric school buses. The new location will provide the company with a larger supply of electricity. The firm is also receiving \$820,000 in tax breaks. Renovation and construction on the building in Syracuse will begin by August 2024. The company plans on moving into the Syracuse building by September 2025. The move will retain 80 employees and create 22 new jobs.

An OLD NAVY clothing and accessories store will open on May 18, 2024, at 3597 W. Genesee Street in Fairmount Fair in Camillus (Onondaga County).

National auto parts retailer O'REILLY AUTO PARTS opened a new store in the Empire Plaza at 3160 Erie Blvd. East in DeWitt (Onondaga County).

Developer Strategic Domains LLC plans to open a craft brewery called OSWEGO BEER PROJECT at 246 W. Seneca Street in the City of Oswego (Oswego County). Empire State Development has awarded the project \$500,000 in state grants and tax credits.

In May 2024, Upstate University Hospital opened its PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION facility at 8687 Carling Road in Clay (Onondaga County). The new physical rehabilitation center is hiring 40 physicians and other staff.

The Oneida Indian Nation-owned POINT PLACE CASINO at 450 State Route 31 in Bridgeport (Madison County) is undergoing a \$50 million expansion. The expansion includes a new 100-room hotel, a larger gaming floor and a new restaurant.

Developer Liberty Restaurants wants to build a POPEYES restaurant on Grant Avenue in Auburn (Cayuga County).

The PORT OF OSWEGO (Oswego County) will use a \$4 million federal grant for improvements to rail infrastructure and to buy new cargo-handling equipment. The funding is from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The upgrades will lead to 19 new jobs, increased export capacity, and better access to global markets for local businesses. The port will also receive more than \$11 million in federal funding to help it become a portal for Micron Technology's planned computer chipmaking plant in Clay (Onondaga County). The money would be used to build a climate-controlled warehouse that could temporarily store temperature-sensitive materials like chemicals and gasses used in the chipmaking process. The port could also be used to bring in machinery that is pressurized and cannot be put on an airplane.

PPC BROADBAND at 6176 E. Molloy Road in DeWitt (Onondaga County) is adding 200 jobs by the end of 2024 as the company grows and brings back manufacturing jobs from overseas. The company makes components for broadband connections. Employment at the company stood at 350 in 2021 and will reach 550 by the end of 2024.

PURCELL'S PAINT AND WALLPAPER plans to open a retail store at 5785 East Circle Drive in Cicero (Onondaga County)

during the week of November 13, 2023. The company is also looking to open a store in the Camillus area (Onondaga County).

A RALLY HOUSE sports apparel store will open at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) in late summer 2024. The store is currently hiring.

Developer Norm Swanson is proposing to build an 88-room Hilton Brand hotel called SKANEATELES LODGE at 1046 Old Seneca Turnpike in the town of Skaneateles. He is seeking \$1.2 million in tax breaks for the project. The hotel is scheduled to open in fall 2023. It would open with 34 full-time or full-time equivalent jobs, including managerial, service, and clerical positions. By the third year of operation, it would have 49 jobs.

It was reported on September 14, 2021, that Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahan has proposed building a \$25 million tournament-quality SOCCER AND LACROSSE COMPLEX at Hopkins Road Park in Salina. Ten fields, including one indoors, would be built at the county-owned site. Youth teams from throughout the Northeast would be invited to tournaments at the complex. A management firm would be sought to run the facility. The County Legislature would need to approve the plan. A consultant predicted by the fourth year of operation, the facility could create the equivalent of 400 full-time direct and spin-off jobs.

A STARBUCKS coffee shop is being proposed for the Camillus Commons Plaza at 5241 W. Genesee Street (Onondaga County). The town of Camillus planning board is reviewing the site plan.

A STARBUCKS coffee shop with a drive-thru is being proposed at 5357 W. Taft Road

in North Syracuse (Onondaga County). North Syracuse village planners are reviewing the site plan.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL HEALTH CENTER in Syracuse (Onondaga County) is opening a comprehensive cancer center in its physicians' building and partnering with Roswell Park cancer institute. St. Joseph's is expanding its limited infusion program into a larger space with a new full-time medical director and seven additional new hires, including nurses and medical assistants. The center opened temporarily in December 2023 inside the hospital but in a year, it will move to a new space in the hospital's physicians' building.

On September 5, 2024, it was announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded the SYRACUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT (Onondaga County) a nearly \$7.6 million grant to hire up to 20 new firefighters.

TAI CHI BUBBLE TEA café will open in the Marshall's Plaza in DeWitt (Onondaga County). The new shop will sell bubble tea, ramen, Poke and rice bowls, smoothies and more.

A new craft beer-centric bar called TAPHOUSE ON WALTON opened on March 16, 2024, at 165 Walton Street in Syracuse's Armory Square (Onondaga County).

The first electric vehicle-only service center in Onondaga County, TESLA ELECTRIC CAR SERVICE CENTER, is located at 5427 North Burdick Street in the town of Manlius.

Developers Chino and Evelyn Ingram of Simply Ingram LLC plan to turn a vacant church on the corner of South Salina and

West Colvin streets in Syracuse (Onondaga County) into an \$8 million event venue called THE CASTLE featuring elegant event space, an upscale lounge, and a training center. The facility will employ 13 full-time and 29 part-time workers. The project is receiving a \$1.2 million state grant from Empire State Development. The state has also awarded the developer a \$1 million grant from its Restore New York Communities Initiative. The developer hopes to begin renovations in 2024.

THE WHISKEY COOP restaurant opened at 120 Walton Street in Syracuse's Armory Square (Onondaga County) on August 27, 2024. It is a "fried chicken and bourbon joint" that serves burgers too.

Recreational marijuana retailer TJ'S CANNABIS CO. opened on December 22, 2023, at 4205 Long Branch Road in Clay (Onondaga County).

In November 2019, a proposed five-story, nearly 3.8-million-square-foot distribution center off Morgan Road in Clay (Onondaga County) received final approval from the Clay Planning Board. In November 2019, the Clay Town Board granted the \$350 million project a needed zone change. TRAMMELL CROW CO. began construction in the spring of 2020 and will complete the building in winter 2021. It was announced on May 18, 2020, that AMAZON will be the tenant for the building and will lease the building from TRAMMELL CROW so that it can open a fulfillment center for small consumer products. AMAZON will hire 1,500 workers to staff the site. Ninety percent of the jobs will be for warehouse workers. It was reported on September 16, 2021, that AMAZON will start hiring for warehouse associate jobs within two to three weeks. The company has already begun hiring for

leadership and technical positions. Benefits including dental, vision and health insurance start on the first day of employment. The facility opened on May 1, 2022. The facility is ramping up employment and as of September 22, 2022, another 1,000 workers had been hired, bringing total employment up to 2,500 and the company would like to have a total of 3,000 employees by Thanksgiving 2022. AMAZON announced on September 19, 2023, that they are looking to hire more than 1,300 people for full-time, seasonal, and part-time jobs in the Syracuse area. Roles include packing, picking, and shipping. Customer fulfillment and transportation employees can earn an average wage of over \$20.50 an hour. Open positions are on amazon.com/apply. The company offers pre-paid college tuition with Career Choice. The facility is one of the largest warehouses in the world.

TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFÉ is opening two more locations in the Syracuse area. A new location will open at 5308 W. Genesee Street in Camillus (Onondaga County) on November 7, 2024. The other location will be at a new plaza opening at the corner of Erie Boulevard East and Bridge Street in DeWitt (Onondaga County) later in 2024. The café offers smoothies, wraps, sandwiches, and flatbreads.

TTM TECHNOLOGIES is planning a \$130 million expansion to build a new plant next to its existing manufacturing plant at 6635 Kirkville Road in DeWitt (Onondaga County) that will add 400 new jobs. The expansion will allow the company to produce cutting-edge printed circuit boards that will be used by the U.S. military. TTM will hire a variety of manufacturing and engineering jobs in the new plant. The new jobs will range from production operators to engineers paying from \$53,000 to \$112,000 a year. The company broke ground on the

expansion in 2024 and want to begin production by 2025. The company currently employs 600 local workers. New York State will provide the company with up to \$17 million in tax credits from the Excelsior Jobs program. Empire State Development plans to award the company a \$5 million grant from the Upstate Revitalization Initiative to reimburse them for some equipment costs. The company will also receive a \$30 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense for the expansion.

WARBY PARKER will open a store in the Towne Center at Fayetteville (Onondaga County) in early 2025. The company manufactures and sells prescription eyewear and contact lenses.

WELLNOW URGENT CARE opened a new healthcare facility at 1092 NY Route 222 in Cortland (Cortland County) on July 22, 2024.

The Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA) is planning the development of an industrial park called WHITE PINE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PARK on Route 31 in Clay (Onondaga County). The industrial park will be for spinoff development connected to Micron Technology's planned semiconductor plant nearby. OCIDA has awarded a \$15,000 contract to the Barton and Loguidice engineering firm for planning, environmental and engineering services related to the industrial park.

In March 2024, WHOLE ME opened a preschool for deaf and hard-of-hearing children at 990 James Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County). WHOLE ME is a local non-profit organization that supports the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

WOOF GANG BAKERY & GROOMING, a specialty national pet retailer of grooming services, pet foods, and supplies will open in the Towne Center at Fayetteville (Onondaga County).

DORIAN'S GOURMET PIZZA & DELI at 534 Westcott Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) has closed.

The FOREVER 21 clothing and accessories store at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed on March 31, 2024.

LAYOFFS, CLOSINGS:

A FREIHOFER'S BAKERY outlet store in the Lyncourt Plaza at Teall and Court streets just outside of Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed in March 2024.

Discount furniture and mattress chain AMERICAN FREIGHT FURNITURE AND MATTRESS is going out of business and closing two local Onondaga County stores. The stores are located at 4124 NYS 31 in Clay and at 2410 Erie Blvd. East in Syracuse. The closings are due to "sustained inflation and macroeconomic challenges facing the large durable goods sector."

Manufacturer MARQUARDT SWITCHES in Cazenovia (Madison County) will transfer 180 of its local jobs to its plant in Irapuato, Mexico by mid-2025. It will retain 60 jobs at its Cazenovia plant. Low order levels and rising costs for materials, energy and personnel are some of the reasons for the transfer of jobs. The company produces electromechanical and electronic switches and switching systems for the automotive industry, household appliances, industrial applications, and power tools.

Home décor superstore AT HOME located at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed on August 1, 2024.

The MUSEUM OF INTRIGUE, an interactive mystery-solving escape room-like attraction, at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close on April 20, 2024.

BIMBO BAKERIES USA, INC. has filed a WARN notice with the state. The company is laying off 49 workers at its commercial bakery at 11 Corcoran Drive in Auburn (Cayuga County) on September 6, 2024. Workers at the site are represented by the Bakery, Confectionary, Tobacco Workers, and Grain Millers International Union (BCTGM) Local 116. The closure of this site is due to reduced capacity in their manufacturing network.

NEW YORK CORRECT CARE SOLUTIONS MEDICAL SERVICES, P.C. (WELLPATH, LLC) filed a WARN notice with the state giving notice that they will lay off 52 workers on August 30, 2024, due to a contract loss. The workers provided healthcare services at three Onondaga County Correctional Facility locations.

The CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL in Syracuse (Onondaga County) has closed abruptly, displacing over 100 workers. There are plans to convert the hotel into apartments.

NEXGEN POWER SYSTEMS in the Collamer Crossing Business Park in DeWitt (Onondaga County) closed in mid-December 2023. The startup technology

company closed since it was not able to obtain new venture financing. It specialized in research and development and the production of semiconductors for power systems.

A WARN notice has been filed with the state for the NORDSTROM RACK clothing store at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The store will close on February 1, 2025, as its lease expires. Twenty employees will be impacted.

The family-run breakfast spot OUR FAMILY TO YOURS CAFÉ at 219 County Route 57 in Phoenix (Oswego County) closed on January 27, 2024.

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE restaurant at 3946 Route 31 in Clay (Onondaga County) closed on August 25, 2024, due to its lease expiring.

A PARTY CITY costume and party supply store in the Northern Lights Plaza in Salina (Onondaga County) will close on January 16, 2025.

The PRICE CHOPPER grocery store on Route 31 in Clay (Onondaga County) will close on April 19, 2024. Its 103 employees have been offered jobs at its other store locations.

RITE AID will close its Liverpool (Onondaga County) distribution center by July 2025 and move its operations to Perryman, Maryland to increase efficiency. The distribution center is located at 7245 Henry Clay Blvd.

RITE AID drugstore at 153 Grant Avenue in Auburn (Cayuga County) will close in 2024.

RUE 21 clothing retail store at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close in June 2024 after filing for bankruptcy.

The SHIRT WORLD store at 125 Marshall Street near Syracuse University (Onondaga County) closed in October 2024. The store sold Syracuse University-themed sportswear merchandise.

Small craft brewery STOUT BEARD BREWING CO. at 715 Old Liverpool Road in Liverpool (Onondaga County) will close on November 24, 2024.

SWEETFROG frozen yogurt shop in the Towne Center in Fayetteville (Onondaga County) closed in February 2024 due to lack of product.

T.G.I. FRIDAYS restaurant at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed abruptly on October 24, 2024.

WALGREENS drugstore at 2616 Brewerton Road in Mattydale (Onondaga County) will close on April 3, 2024.

WELLS COLLEGE in Aurora (Cayuga County) closed at the end of the spring 2024 semester due to financial issues and declining enrollment.

ZEBB'S DELUXE GRILL & BAR restaurant in Mattydale (Onondaga County) closed on October 13, 2024. The restaurant employed over 30 people.

LABOR DISPUTES/UNION ACTIVITY:

None to report.

This information is also available on the Central
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