

EXPANSIONS, CONTRACTIONS AND LABOR DISPUTES CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION November 2020

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EXPANSIONS, OPENINGS, RECALLS:

Todd and Shanelle Reid have submitted plans to the City of Syracuse to turn a vacant four-story apartment building at 2520 S. Salina Street (Onondaga County) into the headquarters for ACCESS DENTAL LABORATORIES. The business is a dental appliance startup making dentures and crowns that would create 50 jobs. The couple plans to acquire the building from the Greater Syracuse Land Bank and do a renovation starting in fall 2020 with completion scheduled for March 2021. The upper two floors of the building will house the dental lab's headquarters while the rest of the building will house a day care center and other commercial tenants. The total cost of the project is \$4.1 million. The project has been approved for a \$280,000 capital grant by Empire State Development. The Syracuse Industrial Development Agency has also approved \$572,848 in tax breaks for the project.

It was reported on October 15, 2020 that AMAZON will open a delivery facility in DeWitt (Onondaga County) that will create 50 jobs by the end of 2020. The delivery station will be in an existing building at 6804 Manlius Center Road and will focus on delivery of bulky consumer products. Positions created will be full and part-time and will pay at least \$15 an hour.

An ANTHROPOLOGIE store will open in Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) during Summer 2021. The national

chain carries women's apparel, accessories, intimates, home décor, furniture, beauty products, wellness items and gifts.

ANYTHING BUT BEER opened its downtown Syracuse taproom and restaurant location at 201-203 South Salina Street (Onondaga County) on February 14, 2020. The company produces alcoholic beverages that aren't exactly beer.

It was reported on August 17, 2020 that an ARMANI OUTLET store has opened in Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County).

An article on November 27, 2019 reported that California-based BIO365 moved into the former Buckbee-Mears site of Kellogg Road in Cortland (Cortland County) It occupies a 30,000-square-foot warehouse and their agreement also calls for the construction of an adjacent warehouse of similar size. The business will require seven workers per shift and will start with one shift per week, then go to two shifts per week, and 14 total employees. More employees may also be located in Cortland, Bio365 is also moving its "back office" to New York. Bio365 uses a patented process which takes soil, mixes it with biochar and other materials, such as coconut fiber, then inoculates this substrate with a mix of bacteria, fungi and other biological material.

It was reported at the beginning of June 2020 that BLUE WHITE ROBOTICS is planning to open an office in The Tech

Garden business accelerator in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County). The company plans to station an operations, marketing and sales team at the office. It will employ 30 people under a five-year plan. The company has developed software that allows one person to remotely operate multiple unmanned aerial or ground vehicles to provide agricultural services quicker.

In May 2020, the owner of BOOM BABIES on Westcott Street opened a new store in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) called LOLA LOVE BY BOOM BABIES. The new store specializes in contemporary women's clothing, jewelry and accessories. The new store is in space previously occupied by The Changing Room at 425 S. Warren Street.

The BRICK-N-BARREL restaurant opened in downtown Baldwinsville (Onondaga County) during the week of May 5, 2020.

An article on February 4, 2020 reported that BYRNE DAIRY is in the process of tearing down its existing store in the village of East Syracuse (Onondaga County) and rebuilding a larger new one. The existing Byrne store is at the corner of Kinne and West Manlius streets. It's one of the chain's older and smaller stores.

An article on July 14, 2020 stated that BYRNE DAIRY is planning a \$28 million expansion to its Ultra Dairy plant in DeWitt (Onondaga County) that would create 64 full-time jobs. The jobs will pay from \$37,000 to \$54,000 a year. The expansion would allow the plant to produce dairy products with an unrefrigerated shelf life of up to a year. The company started construction on August 6, 2020 and will complete the addition in March 2021.

It was reported on August 24, 2020 that CAFÉ KUBAL has opened a coffee shop location at 208 N. Townsend Street in the Hawley-Green neighborhood (Onondaga County).

It was announced on August 8, 2020 that CENTRO public bus service in Syracuse (Onondaga County) is hiring bus drivers. The positions start as part-time but after a while they can transition into full-time jobs with wages more than \$40,000 a year plus benefits. They will be holding a driver's training class that starts on September 14, 2020 and lasts eight weeks.

It was reported on August 19, 2020 that a CHASE BANK is being constructed near the corner of Route 5 and North Burdick Street in Fayetteville (Onondaga County).

CHELSEA'S RESTAURANT & BAR opened on October 5, 2020. It is located at the former Kelley's Bar & Restaurant on Onondaga Hill, 5076 Velasko Road (Onondaga County). Chelsea's has already hired back nearly the entire Kelley's staff.

A new gym chain opened at the Dewitt (Onondaga County) plaza. CRUNCH FITNESS opened its first Syracuse-area location at the plaza on December 6, 2019. The 23,000-square-foot gym is in space at the plaza previously occupied by Herb Philipson's.

It was reported on November 21, 2020 that the second location of the CUSE CATCH & GRILL seafood restaurant opened in the DeWitt Plaza at 3179 Erie Blvd. East (Onondaga County).

It was announced on July 28, 2020 that a group of investors are investing \$51 million into the people-counting start-up company called DENSITY. The company's people-

counting infrared sensor technology has soared during the coronavirus pandemic as businesses use the technology to measure occupancy levels at their establishments. The company employs 15 people in The Tech Garden in Syracuse (Onondaga County) and 50 people total. The new investment money will allow the company to expand its manufacturing in Syracuse, among other things.

A new DUNKIN' coffee shop opened September 28, 2020 on Erie Blvd. in DeWitt (Onondaga County).

It was reported on September 21, 2020 that EARTHBOUND TRADING COMPANY store has opened at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County). It features fashion and gifts of a bohemian nature.

It was reported on June 9, 2020 that EMPIRE POLYMER SOLUTIONS LLC, a plastics recycling company, will spend \$7.1 million to renovate and equip the former Syroco plant in Van Buren (Onondaga County) into a plastics recycling plant employing 70 people. On July 16, 2020 it was reported that the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency has approved \$2.4 million in tax breaks for the project.

On August 5, 2020, the barbershop portion of EMPIRE SYRACUSE BARBERSHOP & PUB opened at 466 S. Salina St. in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County). The pub portion of the business will open in mid-August 2020.

An article on December 9, 2019 reported that the new FIVE GUYS opened in Clay (Onondaga County). The new eatery is located at the North End Commons plaza on Route 31. Three other tenants are already open at the plaza, including Starbucks,

Texas Roadhouse and WellNow Urgent Care.

Work is progressing on a new PSLA AT FOWLER HIGH SCHOOL athletic field in Syracuse (Onondaga County). Construction along South Geddes Street began after years of waiting. The Public Service Leadership Academy (PSLA) at Fowler is finally on the path to getting an athletic field. The project includes new tennis courts, a turf field and new lights. Completion on the project is expected in mid-July 2020.

FS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES is planning a nearly \$20 million redevelopment project to build 59 apartments in Syracuse's Franklin Square (Onondaga County). Thirty-nine of the apartments will be in the former Merrell-Soule Co. building, also known as the Dupli building. The other 20 apartments will be in the former Syracuse Scale Co. building. In addition to the apartments, there will also be development of office space, store space, and an expansion of a climbing gym. The Syracuse Industrial Development Agency has approved \$4.9 million in tax incentives for the project. Thirty-eight additional jobs will be created by the new development at both buildings. Work is scheduled to begin in early 2022.

An article on January 30, 2020 stated that GET AIR, an indoor trampoline park, will open a new location at Destiny USA in Syracuse in fall 2020.

GOOD EATS & SIPS café opened in Skaneateles (Onondaga County) on June 17, 2020.

GYPSY FREEDOM, a women's sustainable clothing boutique, will open on August 31, 2020 at 321 S. Salina Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The store will also

carry accessories, shoes, handbags, jewelry, candles and pottery.

It was reported on November 10, 2020 that air purifier maker HEALTHWAY in Pulaski (Oswego County) expects to hire 30 to 40 more people in the next 6 to 12 months. The jobs include manufacturing, engineering, supply chain management, sales support and professional services. The coronavirus pandemic has increased the demand for the company's products, especially at schools and businesses.

In January 2020, HELPING HOUNDS DOG RESCUE, moved from Kinne Road next to Shoppingtown Mall to a new home in North Syracuse (Onondaga County) off East Taft Road, tripling their current space and giving them a place to expand their community outreach programs.

It was reported on November 14, 2020 that HONEYCOMB BAKERY has opened in the Nottingham Plaza in DeWitt (Onondaga County).

HUNGRY CHUCK'S bar and restaurant plans to re-open on the ground floor of The Marshall building on Marshall Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) later in 2020.

It was reported on August 19, 2020 that work has begun on a new IHOP in Clay (Onondaga County). The Clay IHOP will be new construction located on an outparcel of Great Northern Mall. The building will go up on the side of the mall that was previously home to Sears, but closer to Route 31 and along the edge of the parking lot. The restaurant is slated to open by mid-November 2020.

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 will renovate the historic Coyne Building on Cortland Ave. with a \$25 million investment. The campus will span the block and bring 100 jobs. An article in September 2020 stated that work has begun on the project and it will be completed in 2021.

The JUS SUM JAZZ LOUNGE held its grand opening during the weekend of November 7 and 8, 2020. The classy and upscale jazz lounge is located off the northern edge of Tipperary Hill in Syracuse (Onondaga County) at 1965 W. Fayette Street.

It was reported on December 16, 2019 that LEVELS, an apparel, footwear and accessories store, will open at Destiny USA in Syracuse during January 2020.

Developer MONTANTE CONSTRUCTION is building a 112,000-square-foot warehouse, distribution center and offices at 6834 Kirkville Road next to Interstate 481 in DeWitt (Onondaga County) that will employ 200 people. AMAZON is the company that will use the site. The center will operate 24 hours a day and have 30 semi-trailer truck trips daily. The Town of DeWitt has approved the project. Construction work began in July 2020 and completion of the project is expected in the first half of 2021.

On September 23, 2020, ORGANIC EARTHLING opened in downtown Oswego (Oswego County). The business specializes in natural botanicals, foods, hygiene and CBD products.

A grand opening was held on October 8, 2020 for PALADINO'S THE DELI at 210 W. Genesee Street in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County).

It was announced on September 21, 2020 that furniture and mattress retailer RAYMOUR & FLANIGAN is looking to hire 126 people in the Syracuse area due to rising sales. The business is hiring for truck drivers, delivery people, warehouse workers, customer service personnel, sales associates, call center workers and information technology professionals. Raymour & Flanigan lists job openings and accepts applications online at www.raymourflanigan.com/Careers. The company currently employs 500 people in the Syracuse area.

It was reported on October 1, 2020 that REUSE REFUGE has opened on Genesee Street in downtown Auburn (Cayuga County). The shop sells environmentally friendly products like bamboo toothbrushes and cloths along with upcycled clothing and jewelry.

It was reported on October 5, 2020 that a new Japanese restaurant called SAKE JAPAN will open soon in the food court at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County).

Construction of SALT CITY MARKET is moving along in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County). The Salt City Market will be 78,000 square feet and four stories tall and will sit at the corner of South Salina Street and West Onondaga Street. It will feature 10 food stalls, a grocery store, cafe bar, and a teaching kitchen. The second floor of the building will be office space and the top two floors will hold 26 apartments. On June 27, 2020, VIP Structures held a job fair to fill 30 construction positions at the building site for jobs working with concrete, carpentry, steel erection, painting and masonry. They anticipate a January 2021 opening.

It was reported on September 30, 2020 that SEAFOOD HARBOR, a new Cajun seafood restaurant, will open in a few months at 302 Old Liverpool Road (Onondaga County).

SIP SIP HOORAY liquor store will be opening in Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County).

A SOLA SALON STUDIOS will open in June 2021 in the Cor Center plaza in Clay (Onondaga County). The company provides beauty professionals with fully equipped salon studios along with support services and educational resources.

It was reported on October 9, 2020 that SPECTRUM cable company plans to create 50 new jobs at its East Syracuse (Onondaga County) call center in the coming months with wages starting at \$16.50 an hour. Interested candidates can apply at careers.spectrum.com or text REP to 97211 and follow the instructions to apply online.

It was reported on October 28, 2020 that a SPECTRUM STORE opened in the Cor Center plaza in Clay (Onondaga County). The store gives customers options for adding or managing their Internet, TV, mobile and voice services.

It was announced on June 26, 2020 that a STARBUCKS coffee house will be opening at 160 Grant Avenue in Auburn (Cayuga County).

STELLA'S DINER opened their second Syracuse area location in Camillus (Onondaga County) on December 27, 2019. There are about 40 workers at the new location.

TACO BELL is moving forward to open a location on 6463 Thompson Road in DeWitt (Onondaga County) in early 2021.

TANGY TOMATO PIZZERIA opened on November 9, 2020 at 1428 Burnet Avenue in Syracuse (Onondaga County).

On September 15, 2020, TCGPLAYER in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) announced plans to create 100 full-time jobs over the next year. The company has created a global online marketplace for trading card games. They will now expand into other collectibles like comic books and sports cards. The company currently employs 250 people. The company is recruiting for a chief marketing officer and jobs in technology, product management, fulfillment and leadership positions.

It was reported on June 17, 2020 that THE NIGHT DROP bar has opened at Seneca Turnpike and Valley Drive in Syracuse (Onondaga County).

THREE LIVES, a bar, restaurant and gaming arcade, opened at 316 S. Clinton Street in Armory Square in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) on August 19, 2020.

An article on December 31, 2019 reported that TESSY PLASTICS plans to invest \$20 million in buildings and equipment in 2020, including a \$12 million expansion in Elbridge (Onondaga County) that is tied to a large new medical equipment contract, creating 60 new jobs. Tessy employs 979 people in Central New York. Headquartered in Skaneateles (Onondaga County), Tessy was founded in 1973.

On April 21, 2020, TESSY PLASTICS announced that in 15 weeks they will start production on 5-minute coronavirus test kits at their warehouse in Auburn (Cayuga County). They will hire 200 people to work on this production line.

A THRIFTY SHOPPER OUTLET store opened in the Shop City Plaza on Teall Avenue in Syracuse (Onondaga County) on August 14, 2020. The store sells clothes, books, linens, housewares and toys. Clothes are sold by the pound.

It was announced on November 3, 2020, that a new TOSS & FIRE WOOD-FIRED PIZZA location has opened at Township 5 in Camillus (Onondaga County).

TOUCH OF BROADWAY NY DELICATESSAN opened on September 21, 2020 at 6812 Manlius Center Road in DeWitt (Onondaga County).

An article on February 12, 2020 stated that TRACEY ROAD EQUIPMENT INC. in DeWitt (Onondaga County) announced a 31,000-square-foot addition to its headquarters due to needing more space. The company is a heavy-duty truck and construction equipment dealer. The expansion will create 30 new jobs over the next five years. The new jobs will pay from \$35,000 to \$45,000 a year. Tracey currently employs 140 people in DeWitt.

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 by August 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 at least 1,000 workers to staff the site.

It was reported on November 3, 2020 that a new TWIN TREES pizza location will be opening soon at 5401 W. Genesee Street in Camillus (Onondaga County).

An article on July 16, 2020 reported that a UNIFORM OUTLET store has opened at the Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The store specializes in medical scrubs, uniforms and accessories.

It was announced on November 4, 2020 that WELLNOW URGENT CARE plans to hire 75 people for full- and part-time openings in its Syracuse-area offices. Open positions include nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, physician assistants, patient-care technicians, radiological technologists and front desk receptionists. A list of open positions can be found online at [WellNow.com/join-our-team](https://www.wellnow.com/join-our-team).

The Oneida Indian Nation expanded its YELLOW BRICK ROAD CASINO & SPORTS BOOK in Chittenango (Madison County). Twenty new jobs were created with the expansion. The expansion included an indoor golf range, a six-lane bowling center and games like shuffleboard and pool. The grand opening date for the new expansion was February 11, 2020.

LAYOFFS, CLOSINGS:

On November 21, 2020, the 110 GRILL restaurant at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed.

ACR HEALTH is furloughing 70 staff members (almost half of its workforce) and closing three of its eight offices. The layoffs took effect on July 3, 2020. The organization's offices at 990 James Street in Syracuse, 120 Washington Street in Watertown and 101 Main Street in Canton will close at the end of July 2020.

On July 22, 2020, a WARN notice was filed with the state for APPLEBEE'S RESTAURANT in Camillus (Onondaga County). The restaurant will be closing on October 25, 2020 due to economic reasons and will lay off 32 workers.

ATHLETIC APEX gym closed its location in Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) at the beginning of January 2020.

The BED BATH & BEYOND store in the Fairmount Fair shopping plaza in the town of Camillus (Onondaga County) will close by the end of 2020.

The BED BATH & BEYOND store in the Cor Center shopping plaza at 3853 State Route 31 in Clay (Onondaga County) will close by the end of 2020.

On January 20, 2020, escape room chain BREAKOUT GAMES closed its Syracuse-area location in East Syracuse (Onondaga County).

Auto parts manufacturer BCS AUTOMOTIVE INTERFACE SOLUTIONS will close its auto parts plant in Aurelius (Cayuga County) on February 28, 2021. Its 135 workers will be permanently laid off between January 8 and February 28, 2021.

On July 20, 2020, CAFÉ KUBAL coffee shop announced it will be permanently closing two of its six locations. The

impacted locations are in the Marriott Syracuse Downtown hotel and in the Marshall Square Mall near Syracuse University.

It was announced on June 26, 2020 that CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (Cayuga County) will be cutting some jobs and raising its tuition due to financial challenges. Three temporary full-time faculty positions were not renewed, seven part-time spots were terminated and sixteen vacant positions were abolished.

It was reported on August 3, 2020 that DELAWARE NORTH, the company that runs the food and beverage concessions at Syracuse Hancock International airport, has laid off 54 workers as the coronavirus continues to harm the travel industry.

DENNY'S restaurant filed a WARN notice with the state announcing the closing of 7 locations in Central New York on May 20, 2020. The closings impact a total of 240 employees.

It was reported on November 16, 2020 that the EXPRESS store at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will be closing. The store carries men and women's apparel and accessories.

The GORDON BIRSCH BREWERY RESTAURANT at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed on March 2, 2020.

GREENWOOD WINERY in DeWitt (Onondaga County) will be closing permanently on August 28, 2020 due to challenges brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

IBU BREWERY in North Syracuse (Onondaga County) will be closing permanently at the end of August 2020.

A social media post on July 29, 2020 announced the permanent closing of IRONWOOD PIZZA in Manlius (Onondaga County).

On June 4, 2020, JC PENNEY announced it will close stores at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) and Finger Lakes Mall in Auburn (Cayuga County). On September 8, 2020, the company filed an amended WARN notice with the state specifying the layoff of 78 workers at the Destiny USA location that will take place between October 18, 2020 and November 1, 2020. The Destiny USA location will close on October 18, 2020. The retailer has filed Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and is closing some of its locations.

It was announced on July 23, 2020 that the JUSTICE store at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close. Its parent company (Ascena Retail Group) is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and is closing some store locations.

It was reported on June 7, 2020 that KELLEY'S BAR AND RESTAURANT in the Town of Onondaga (Onondaga County) has permanently closed after 37 years in business. CHELSEA'S RESTAURANT & BAR opened on October 5, 2020 at the location of the former Kelley's Bar & Restaurant. Chelsea's has already hired back nearly the entire Kelley's staff.

KIK CUSTOM PRODUCTS in Syracuse (Onondaga County) filed a WARN notice with the state on December 3, 2019 to announce the layoff of 31 workers at its two local sites between December 20, 2019 and March 31, 2020. The company provides

packaging and labeling services. A significant reduction in production is the reason for the layoff.

LACI'S TAPAS BAR restaurant at 304 Hawley Avenue in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close on December 19, 2020.

It was reported on September 23, 2020 that the LENOX china outlet store in Destiny USA (Onondaga County) will close. It is currently conducting a store closing sale.

The LORD & TAYLOR store at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close on December 31, 2020. The store employs 45 workers. The company has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

It was reported on June 26, 2020 that the MICROSOFT store at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close.

In mid-February 2020, healthcare provider NASCENTIA HEALTH laid off 71 workers, many of them at its headquarters at 1050 W. Genesee Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The company said the layoffs were necessary because the state will no longer allow Medicaid patients permanently placed in nursing homes to be part of managed long-term care plans like the one offered by Nascentia. Nascentia employs nearly 800 workers in upstate New York.

It was reported on December 30, 2019 that OLYMPIA SPORTS will close two of its local athletic footwear and apparel stores. One of the locations is at 137 State Route 104 in Oswego (Oswego County) and the other is at 854 State Route 13 in Cortland (Cortland County).

PARKSIDE CHILDREN'S CENTER preschool in Syracuse (Onondaga County) is

permanently closing in July 2020. The center is a division of Arc of Onondaga.

PATSY'S PIZZA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) announced on May 21, 2020 that it was closing permanently.

PEPPINO'S NEAPOLITAN pizzeria in Armory Square in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed on February 24, 2020.

A PIZZA HUT restaurant located at 303 W Seneca in Oswego closed on February 10, 2020. Employees at the Oswego restaurant have been offered jobs at the Pizza Hut in Fulton (also located in Oswego County).

PROVISIONS BAKERY closed on October 1, 2020 due to the Coronavirus and reduced foot traffic in Armory Square in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County).

On May 20, 2020, the QUICK CUP diner in Syracuse (Onondaga County) announced that it will be closing permanently.

The RESCUE MISSION permanently laid off 21 full-time workers on July 3, 2020. Workers in administrative, human resources and other positions at the RESCUE MISSION'S locations in Syracuse, Binghamton and Auburn were impacted.

On June 1, 2020, beverage distributor SPIRIT & SANZONE closed its plant and warehouse in East Syracuse (Onondaga County) laying off 64 employees. The company sold its brand rights to its competitors.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL in Auburn (Cayuga County) closed at the end of the academic year in June 2020. The closure is because of "years of declining enrollment and

accompanying financial difficulties" at the school on East Genesee Street.

ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH is closing its money-losing urgent care centers in Liverpool and Fayetteville (both in Onondaga County). The centers are in St. Joseph's North and Northeast medical centers. They employ 52 people including doctors, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. An undetermined number of affected employees will be moved to new positions while others will be laid off or furloughed. The Fayetteville center closed in May 2020 and the Liverpool center closed in summer 2020.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL HEALTH CENTER filed a WARN notice with the state as they plan to layoff a total of 42 workers at three Onondaga County sites. The layoffs will occur on April 30, 2020 and June 27, 2020 or in the 14-day periods beginning on those days. The reason for the layoffs is the consolidation of revenue cycle functions/closure of the Revenue Excellence Department.

It was reported on June 25, 2020 that SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY (Onondaga County) has made less than three dozen staff cuts as part of its response to coronavirus.

THE COPY CENTERS in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed on July 17, 2020 due to the impact of COVID-19. The company was family-owned and in business for 40 years.

THE HEN HOUSE DINER in East Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed abruptly in March 2020.

It was reported on July 28, 2020 that TEARNEY'S MARTIAL ARTS dojo in Camillus (Onondaga County) has closed.

It was reported on November 16, 2020 that the VF OUTLET store at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will be closing. The store carries men and women's apparel and accessories.

LABOR DISPUTES/UNION ACTIVITY:

An article on July 10, 2020 reported that union workers at BABBITT BEARINGS INC. manufacturing plant in Syracuse (Onondaga County) are on strike due to pay and benefit concerns. For the last month, 26 union members have been walking a picket line outside the company. Local 1947 is a member of Workers United out of the Rochester Regional Joint Board, which is a Service Employees International Union affiliate. The company employs a total of 42 workers. A federal mediator is working to try to settle the strike.

This information is also available on the Central New York Labor Market Information home page on the Internet at:
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