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Greater Binghamton*

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GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO GREATER BINGHAMTON/ BROOME COUNTY!

Located in the heart of the Southern Tier region of New York, Greater Binghamton is a tight-knit community that offers "small town appeal with a big city feel."

This year's issue of the *Thrive Guide* is filled with the people and places that make the Greater Binghamton area such a special place to live, work, and play. As you leaf through its pages, you'll discover great spots to dine, learn about the local arts scene, find your next outdoors adventure, and so much more. Prepare for Greater Binghamton to exceed your expectations.

Greater Binghamton is home to some highly motivated people. We pride ourselves on encouraging our community to dream big—and then dream even bigger. We are constantly creating new opportunities, bettering our businesses, and improving our infrastructure in order to meet the needs of the area's growing population. On any given weekend, you'll find friends and families dining on the unique culinary creations dreamed up by our inspired chefs or stretching their legs at any of the city's 36 parks and recreation areas.

I am proud to be the CEO of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, in a vibrant community that welcomes everyone from all walks of life. From the regional neighbors who attend our popular festivals to the students from around the world who enroll at Binghamton University, we accept and thrive on diversity. Whether you are a young professional chasing your dream job or a family looking for a warm community, we are excited to embrace you with open arms. I welcome you to find your passion, voice, and home with us in the Greater Binghamton area.

I am so excited to share the *Thrive Guide* with you, and I invite you to go above and beyond with us.

Best,



Stacey Duncan
President & CEO
Greater Binghamton Chamber



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WE ARE ON A JOURNEY TO *thrive,* AND WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US

A community that values improvement and success is a community that knows what thriving truly looks like. Waking up in a place that encourages you to dream big, to pursue goals, and to live life to your fullest potential is a special place. Join us as we embrace our community with a "can-do" attitude and a spark of excitement in our eyes.

Every year, we see the Greater Binghamton area continue to honor our past, while simultaneously creating new opportunities. That's the way we build a successful community. The on-going development and success of businesses, festivals, and initiatives become building blocks that open new doors for even more growth and change. Our community is on a never-ending journey to thrive, and it's hard not to feel motivated when living here. Plus, it's pretty fun, too.

There is something for everyone here in Greater Binghamton. Whether you're a complete foodie or the creative type searching for a diverse art scene, we've got you covered. Home to nationally ranked schools and versatile living, Greater Binghamton makes it hard to leave. Vibrant young professionals launch their careers and lives, while generations of families find a home here. No matter your age or interests, Greater Binghamton has something to offer. Welcome to Greater Binghamton. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

GROW

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NEIGHBORHOODS

Greater Binghamton has an option for every type of lifestyle. With a variety of neighborhoods to choose from, pick the landscape that will accommodate you and your budget, and begin your journey with us. With room to grow and chances to learn, Greater Binghamton is prepared to offer you the life you desire.

EDUCATION

Our area offers big city experiences with a small town aesthetic, a unique combination hard to come by. Get involved with a local organization and make memories, gain experiences, and build connections. Or, hop on a bus and experience the hustle and bustle of surrounding major cities. Begin building your own unique life, and start your journey with us! We can't wait to see what you accomplish.

HEALTH

NEIGHBORHOODS

find your community

Greater Binghamton is special in that it offers everything from acres of beautiful land to a timeless brick cityscape to modern suburban cul-de-sacs and white picket fences. Explore each neighborhood and the unique aspects they have to offer. Change your mind? The transition from rural to suburban to city life is easy and effortless. Each neighborhood offers something special, we know you will fall in love with at least one— or maybe all three!

Binghamton

The City of Binghamton is nestled in a small valley where the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers converge. Settled in 1787 at the site of the Iroquois Village of Ochenang, Binghamton became the financial and cultural center of Broome County during the railroad boom of the 1800s. Today, Binghamton is home to a thriving population

of 48,000, and the city was recently recognized as one of the "Best Places for Career Opportunities in 2021" by *SmartAsset*.

Johnson City

Rich in history and diversity, the Village of Johnson City has been a hub of industry since the late 1800s. The village's long heritage of diversity and inclusion first began with the Endicott-Johnson Shoe Company— which defied convention by extending employment to immigrants— and continued into the 1970s, when many Southeast Asian refugees settled in the area. Today, Johnson City is home to a diverse population of 20,000 and is a state-designated Health and Cultural Innovation District with big plans for the future.

Endicott

Endicott was built to provide housing for the employees of the Endicott-Johnson Shoe Company in the early 20th century. What had once been a large tract of farmland became a bustling planned community in

just five short years, earning Endicott the nickname "The Magic City." Intended as an industrial utopia that reflected the company's progressive values, the new town featured schools, healthcare, houses of worship, shops, libraries, parks, and more. Today, Endicott boasts a population of 13,300 and is home to a thriving Italian-American community.

Whitney Point

The Village of Whitney Point is located in Northern Broome County at the confluence of the Tioughnioga and Otselic Rivers. Indigenous peoples used these rivers as highways to and from the Finger Lakes region, and the area is still known today as the "Gateway to the Finger Lakes." While only home to 954 people, Whitney Point boasts an expansive network of public nature trails and parks.

Vestal

Situated between the Susquehanna River and the Pennsylvania border, Vestal is



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home to a population of 28,000 and the number-one ranked public university in New York State, Binghamton University. In Vestal, residents can enjoy the suburban conveniences of big box stores and shopping centers without sacrificing green space– the area’s many public parks are ideal for nature enthusiasts.

Kirkwood

Kirkwood is a low-density suburban area located right outside Binghamton city limits along the Susquehanna River. The town is made up of seven hamlets that offer small town charm plus easy access to urban life in neighboring Binghamton. The Erie Railroad put Kirkwood on the map in the 1800s, and the area remains a center for industry and manufacturing today.

REAL ESTATE

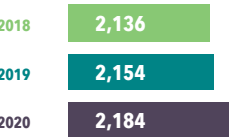
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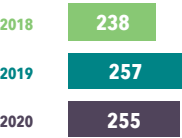
AVERAGE SALE PRICE *(as of 2021)*



CLOSED SALES *(as of 2021)*



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY INDEX *(as of 2021)*



This index measures housing affordability for the region. For example, an index of 120 means the median household income is 120% of what is necessary to qualify for the median-priced home under prevailing interest rates. A higher number means greater affordability.



meet your neighbor

EWELINA ZAJAC-HOLDREGE, FOUNDER & CREATIVE DIRECTOR, IDEA KRAFT

WHERE IS YOUR HOMETOWN?

I was born in Poland in a small town called Kluczbork.

WHY ARE YOU DRAWN TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

We live just outside Binghamton in the town of Windsor. I can leave the city and in just a few minutes I can be in this beautiful, private, country setting.

FAVORITE SPOTS IN BROOME COUNTY?

When the kids were younger we loved The Discovery Center, Ross Park Zoo, and Roberson Museum and now we get to enjoy local sporting events and all the amazing restaurants.

WHAT IS IT LIKE WORKING IN BINGHAMTON?

There is hardly any traffic on my commute to work, and I get to work in a beautiful historic train station downtown. Also the cost of running a business in Binghamton is significantly lower than bigger cities.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST SURPRISED BY IN BINGHAMTON?

The most surprising thing about Binghamton is how welcoming it has always been for me. This is my home now.



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PARKS

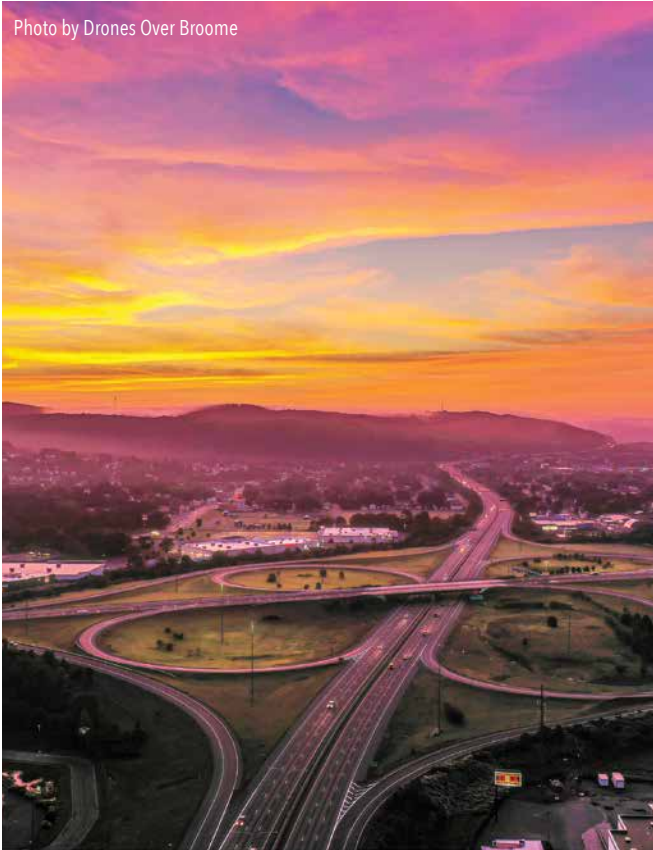
One of the many advantages of being located in upstate New York is the large and beautiful parks and recreation centers. Indulge in the fresh upstate air and visit one of the pools, ball fields, tennis and basketball courts, picnic areas, playgrounds, monuments, trails, and forested areas. Greater Binghamton is also home to the largest handicap accessible playground in New York state, OURSPACE at Rec Park. goalloutbroome.com

- Binghamton University Nature Preserve
- Chenango Valley State Park
- Confluence Park
- Finch Hollow Nature Center
- MacArthur Park
- Otsiningo Park
- Recreation Park
- Dorchester Park



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PLACES OF WORSHIP

Greater Binghamton celebrates its dedication to diversity and inclusion. Visit or join one of the churches, synagogues, congregations, mosques, temples, or other worship centers to get involved. Not only offering religious services, many of these centers also hold exciting community events, interesting classes, and interactive after school programs.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Love to read? Want a quiet place to write? Interested in learning something new? Visit one of our many public libraries where you can engage in valuable programs like yoga classes, knitting groups, and book clubs. We go beyond just signing out a book. bclibrary.info

TRANSPORTATION

Location! Location! Location! Binghamton's central location makes satisfying that travel bug inside of you easy! Conveniently located just eight miles outside of town, The Greater Binghamton Airport offers daily commercial, non-stop flights on Delta Airlines. Want to go abroad? No problem! There are three more international airports each just a quick hour drive away. For a more grounded trip, take a bus ride to a variety of cities or states from the downtown Greater Binghamton Transportation Center. The center provides rides on both local and intercity carriers.

- Greater Binghamton Airport – flybgm.com
- Greater Binghamton Transportation Center – gobroomecounty.com/transit

EDUCATION

Begin your educational journey with us

Access to stellar education gives you the abilities and skills you need to thrive outside of the classroom. Everyone deserves quality educational opportunities, no matter what stage of life you are in. With nationally ranked schools, we encourage everyone to keep learning and continuing your education. Greater Binghamton's various educational opportunities foster a culture of growth, respect, and stability within our communities. Start, continue, or finish your educational journey, and join us as we learn and grow together as a community.



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We pride ourselves on providing our students with access to dedicated teachers, interesting extracurriculars, and leadership opportunities that allow students to thrive. We prioritize individualized attention, keeping our class sizes below the state average, fostering a respectful and dedicated classroom environment. Our educational techniques prove to be successful with graduation rates continuing to soar above the national average. btbooces.org

- 15 different school districts in the Broome-Delaware-Tioga BOCES Region
- Career & Technical Education opportunities
- High schools in our region regularly receive high rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*
- Home of 2016 Little League World Series Championship winning title against South Korea

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Esteemed private schools, including the Seton Catholic School System, are also available to students and their families.

These schools have faith-based learning curriculums and give students a variety of excellent opportunities and resources to thrive, ensuring their educational success.



UNIVERSITIES & HIGHER EDUCATION

Binghamton University

Binghamton University is the number one ranked public university in New York and is recognized as the most selective and prestigious university in the SUNY system.

Continuing to uphold its strong national reputation, Binghamton University was ranked number one for best value by the 2020 Princeton Review. Including both graduate and undergraduate programs, Binghamton University also offers one of the most vibrant research centers in the nation. binghamton.edu



SUNY Broome

SUNY Broome Community College offers flexible options for students to meet educational and career goals on individualized schedules. These offerings include on-campus, online, and hybrid courses, 7-week course formats, microcredentials, concurrent enrollment opportunities with local high schools, and seamless transfers to three dozen colleges and universities. SUNY Broome excels in its commitment to both workforce development and applied learning, which allows students to master concepts in the field through projects, internships with local employers, community service, clinical rotations, and more. sunnybroome.edu



Additional higher education resources:

- Bellevue University – bellevue.edu
- SUNY Empire State College – esc.edu



meet your neighbor

MICHAEL STAMETS, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF HOSPITALITY AND THE CEC, SUNY BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHERE IS YOUR HOMETOWN?

I grew up in Otego, New York. My career brought me here. I saw this opportunity, and I knew it would be an amazing place to grow my career.

WHY ARE YOU DRAWN TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

When I started looking at the area, it was the revitalization that's happening in the Binghamton area that brought me here.

FAVORITE SPOTS IN BROOME COUNTY?

I spend a lot of time with my dog. Broome County just won a grant for \$25,000 for a dog park, which I thought was really amazing, and I'm looking forward to checking that out.

WHAT IS IT LIKE WORKING IN BINGHAMTON?

Working at a top-notch facility in downtown Binghamton puts us close to our partners and sets our students apart.

WHERE DO YOU FEEL MOST AT HOME?

In my kitchen. I feel comfortable any place that's going to make me be beneficial— helping students makes me feel at home.

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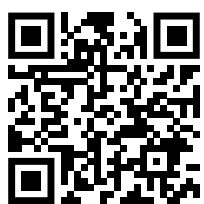
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HEALTH

Live your best life

Opportunities to make healthy choices are imperative in staying happy and healthy. The Greater Binghamton community has joined together to put healthy options within the reach of everyone in our community. Soak up the vitamin D and take a hike on one of our beautiful trails, pick up a satisfying lunch at one of our healthy eatery options, or visit one of our pristine healthcare facilities. Join us as we continue on our healthy lifestyle journey!

HOSPITALS

Ascension Lourdes Hospital (Lourdes.com) and United Health Services Hospitals (UHS Wilson Medical Center and UHS Binghamton General Hospital - nyuhs.org) provide our region access to some of the best medical care in New York State. Using state-of-the-art practices to accommodate patients, our local hospitals treat patients across a wide range of disciplines including primary care, cardiology, cancer screenings, physical therapy, and more.

- Recognized by American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology Foundation for exceptional services
- Top paramedic education programs
- 24-hour emergency care

FARMERS MARKETS

Farm-to-table dining is not just a seasonal activity here in Greater Binghamton. Indulge in fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, and quality homemade goods from year-round and seasonal markets.

- Broome County Regional Farmers Market
- Old Barn Market & Gluten Free Bakery
- Vestal Farmers Market

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Every season in Greater Binghamton is beautiful and has a variety of different recreational activities available to participate in. Or take advantage of activities you can do in your own backyard!

- River trails and bike paths line the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers
- A wide range of hiking trails ranging from beginner to expert level in parks and nature preserves
- Winter excitement from pond hockey, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and skiing
- Access to a multitude of lakes, rivers, and ponds for water sports and fishing



Photo by Binghamton Pond Hockey



Photo by Alyssa Micha

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ECONOMY

Our residents strive to succeed. New projects that continue to promote the development of our region's diverse economy are constantly being created. Every skill set is valued here. From manufacturing to nonprofit work, there is an employment opportunity for you.

LIFE-WORK BALANCE

Greater Binghamton's diverse labor force fosters innovative ideas and projects. Our community is constantly collaborating, with each person adding a unique set of skills, qualifications, and experiences. We are always searching for new ideas and best practices, encouraging companies and communities to grow. We will encourage your professional development, providing guidance to take the first step, and the support to keep going. Whatever your dream may be, we'll help you get there.

GROWTH

ECONOMY

Opportunity awaits you

Greater Binghamton's unique combination of low costs, abundant resources, and a lively workforce makes for a thriving economy. We encourage businesses and entrepreneurs alike to create innovative business ideas.

Our highly educated and well-trained workforce allows Greater Binghamton's GDP to continue to increase with a promise of projected growth. Greater Binghamton's future is bright! Supporting downtown revitalization plans, investing in advanced manufacturing, and collaboration between industry and education are giving us the momentum we need to move us in a positive direction.

ALLOW YOUR BUSINESS TO THRIVE

From innovative startups to international corporations, Greater Binghamton is home to thousands of growing industries. We provide the assets and opportunities your business needs to thrive.

With a variety of resources to ensure you find the right financing, incubators, and mentors, you can count on Broome County to support you and your business endeavors.

Business Resources

- Binghamton Economic Development Office (BLDC)
binghamton-ny.gov/binghamton-local-development-corporation-bldc
- Broome County Planning and Economic Development
gobroomecounty.com/planning
- Greater Binghamton SCORE
greaterbinghamton.score.org
- Koffman Southern Tier Incubator
southerntierincubator.com
- Small Business Development Center at Binghamton University
binghamton.edu/sbdc
- The Agency - Broome County IDA/LDC
theagency-ny.com



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DID YOU KNOW?

Binghamton ranked 6th in the 'Top 10 for Career Opportunities in 2021' according to *smartasset.com*

BROOME COUNTY WAGES, 2020

Manufacturing	\$73,500
Construction	\$67,900
Financial Activities	\$66,100
Educational and Health Services (Private)	\$58,700
Wholesale Trade	\$56,500
Total, All Government	\$56,400
Professional and Business Services	\$54,100
Information	\$48,100
Transportation & Warehousing	\$43,000
Retail Trade	\$31,400
Other Services	\$27,000
Leisure and Hospitality	\$21,200

(Source: NYS DOL, 2020)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates)

TOP EMPLOYERS

Binghamton University
United Health Services, Inc.
Lockheed Martin
Lourdes Hospital
BAE Systems
SUNY Broome
Broome Developmental Center
Broome County

TOP 6 EMPLOYMENT SECTORS

Healthcare
Education
Transportation/distribution
Information Technology
Skilled Trade/construction
Engineering & Design



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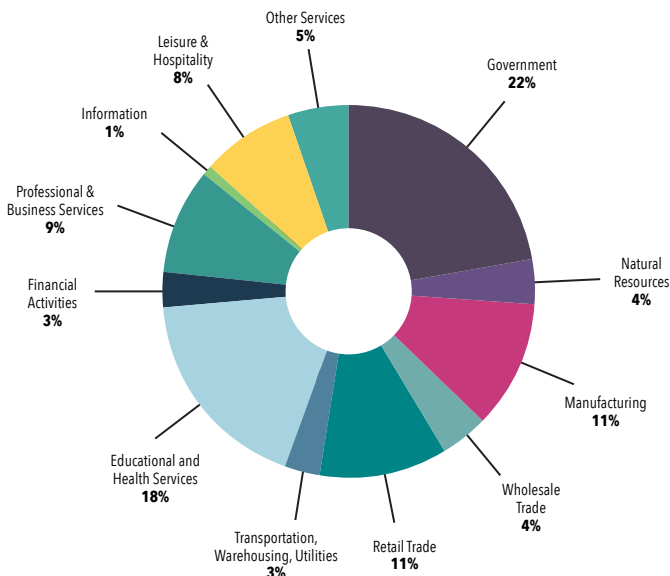
Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit organization with over 750 business and nonprofit members. We help organizations of all sizes connect, collaborate, and succeed through education, advocacy, networking, and community involvement. We accomplish this by focusing on three major pillars:

- **We Promote Business Growth.** We empower businesses at every stage of development, from launch to expansion to success.
- **We are the Voice of Business.** We ensure the voice of business is heard and work collectively to enhance economic vitality.
- **We Build a Vibrant Community.** We inspire a healthy community by providing opportunities for businesses and their people to improve their overall well-being.

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PARKS

1. Aqua-Terra Park
2. Chenango Valley State Park
3. Dorchester Park
4. Greenwood Park
5. Grippen Park
6. Hawkins Pond & Nature Area
7. Highland Park
8. Nathaniel Cole Park
9. Otsiningo Park
10. Round Top Picnic Area

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

1. Binghamton School District (10 schools)
2. Chenango Forks School District (4 schools)
3. Chenango Valley School District (4 schools)
4. Deposit School District (2 schools)
5. Harpursville School District (2 schools)
6. Johnson City School District (4 schools)
7. Maine-Endwell School District (4 schools)
8. Susquehanna Valley School District (5 schools)
9. Union-Endicott School District (7 schools)
10. Vestal School District (7 schools)
11. Whitney Point School District (4 schools)
12. Windsor School District (4 schools)

CAROUSELS

1. C. Fred Johnson Carousel
2. George W. Johnson Park Carousel
3. Highland Park Carousel
4. Recreation Park Carousel
5. Ross Park Carousel
6. West Endicott Park Carousel



5 REASONS TO love BROOME COUNTY

1

THE COMMUTE

In 20 minutes or less, you can go from our beautiful rural areas to the busy downtown!

2

CROSSROADS

Our major highway systems intersect in Binghamton, making travel easy.

3

CUISINE

We have it all, from upscale, international, and craft breweries to casual, trendy, and vegan.

4

TOP SCHOOLS

Our K-12 system along with our higher education is top ranked.

5

INDUSTRY LEADERS

Our core sectors include Construction & Skilled Trades, Health Care, Education, IT, Manufacturing, and Transportation & Distribution.





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YOU HAVE BIG REASONS TO GO SMALL



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LIFE-WORK BALANCE

*Do more of what
you love*

Greater Binghamton encourages a life-work balance that focuses on investing your valuable time into activities that are important to you. Having a social, active, and well-balanced life after work allows you to continue thriving inside and outside of the workplace.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Make valuable connections and lifelong relationships with like-minded professionals who share your passions and goals.

- Think Link Launch Networking Event
- Broome County Urban League
- Broome Women Lead
- Civic Organizations
- Emerging Leaders Society (ELS)
- Southern Tier Independent Networking Group (STING)
- Southern Tier Young Professionals (STYP)
- Young Professional (YP) Alliance

VOLUNTEERING

Greater Binghamton communities are passionate about engaging in meaningful volunteer opportunities, ensuring all aspects of our community thrive. Volunteer opportunities allow participants to not only engage in productive and charitable activities, but these opportunities will also allow for the

development of meaningful and sustainable relationships. We encourage you to stay engaged and involved in the community, whether you volunteer at a senior center or help maintain community gardens.

NONPROFITS

Understanding the gaps in our communities allows us to build a strong, successful, and tight-knit community. Greater Binghamton is home to nonprofits that provide important services to those in need, strengthening our relationships with our neighbors and building a meaningful support system within our communities.

Throughout the year, United Way of Broome County and its Community Partners host volunteer opportunities across the county. Check out current opportunities at uwbroome.org.

GROWTH

On the rise

Our area continues to attract private investment, redevelopment, and new construction on a wide variety of projects. As we build upon our infrastructure while preserving our historic character in key areas of Broome County, this growth is enhancing the quality of life of local businesses and residents.

• **Spark Broome LLC** – Spark Broome, LLC is working to spark new life into the former Sears building located at the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City. Plans to subdivide and repurpose the 150,000 sq. ft., two-story building will allow for the space to serve a strategic mix of tenants. Due to the building being vacant since September 2017, a substantial amount of work was necessitated. Spark Broome, LLC has been aggressive in reimagining the space and has already opened two of the three planned new facilities including the new Career and Community Services Center which houses both the Broome County Department of Social Services and Broome Tioga Workforce, and Beer Tree Brew Company's second location, Factory by Beer Tree. Featuring a beautiful indoor and outdoor dining area and event space, additional room to increase brewing operations, and a striking, modern façade, this new location brings an exciting level of activity to the mall. Factory by Beer Tree successfully generated 25 new jobs and is a shining example of what future development at the Oakdale Mall could be.

- **Northland Power – Bluestone Wind Farm** – Northland Power will acquire, construct, install, and equip up to 26 wind turbines in the towns of Sanford and Windsor. The project will have a capacity of up to 124 MW to produce electricity into the power grid. The project expects to create 150 construction jobs with a total compensation of up to \$5 million in host community agreements to the towns of Sanford and Windsor.
- **L3** – L3 relocated their operations to a new facility at 147 Industrial Park Drive in Binghamton, NY. In 2020, L3 progressed several critical building renovations, including the addition of 20,000 sq. ft. of space, bringing the building total to 100,000 sq. ft. The Binghamton facility primarily provides simulation solutions for military aircrew, as well as related maintenance training and applicable curriculum development. This project serves a critical need to retain engineering and advanced manufacturing jobs in Broome County and successfully created 13 new positions while retaining 105 existing well-paying jobs.
- **Pritchard Property Development** – Pritchard Property Development used financial assistance from The Agency to renovate an existing structure and complete the construction of new buildings on the Southside of Binghamton. The transformation of the former Number 5 restaurant will culminate in a new service station and bank at the 33 S. Washington Street property in Binghamton. This development project will retain 13 jobs as well as generate 9 new positions.



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Greater Binghamton makes enjoying life a priority. Fun isn't just an occasional thing here, rather we make it part of our daily routine. Throughout the past decade, Binghamton has continued to develop fun and unique things to do that make daily life exciting. Discovering all that Greater Binghamton has to offer may take you more than a few lunch breaks and weekends, but get started and you'll see for yourself what we mean.

Not sold yet? Start by taking only a ten minute walk through downtown and you will pass a five story mural, a 100-year old historic theater and a baseball stadium that seats over 6,000 people. Trendy new restaurants are popping up all over town, right next to your favorite restaurants that have been here for generations.

Grab your scarf and gloves and attend a hockey game at the Visions Veterans Memorial Arena, be whisked away by bright stars at the Kopernik Observatory, or get your golf game on to the backdrop of lush rolling hills. Options are endless, and the choice is yours.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Mark your calendars

Our annual events showcase Greater Binghamton on both a local and global level. Our unique events range from festivals and interesting museum exhibits to community cook-offs. Events like the annual Mac and Cheese Fest leave visitors wishing they lived here, and locals hungry for more. visitbinghamton.org



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LUMA Projection Arts Festival

Since 2015, LUMA Projection Arts Festival has been bringing the historic downtown buildings to life. Once a year, downtown Binghamton lights up, moves around, and tells stories that modern artists and savvy technicians work hard to create for our community. LUMA is one of the largest projection fests in the country and attracts over 30,000 people each year. Residents and visitors flood the streets to watch in amazement as the larger-than-life projection displays modern art and technological innovation right in front of their eyes. lumafestival.com

Binghamton Porchfest

Since its inception in 2015, Binghamton Porchfest has quickly become one of the region's most anticipated cultural events. Binghamton Porchfest is a free, collaborative celebration of music and community created by and for residents of the Abel Bennett Historic Tract on the west side of Binghamton.

On the last Sunday each August, the tree-lined streets where Rod Serling spent his youth come alive with the sounds of over 150 performances by local and regional musicians, staged on dozens of residential porches, yards, and driveways. Thousands of community members come out to dance in the streets, reconnect with old friends, and sip lemonade provided by the neighborhood's youngest residents. binghamtonporchfest.com

Photo by Mike Riccardi



Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally

This festival celebrates one of Greater Binghamton's true gems: the spiedie sandwich. At the Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally, vendors compete to win the title of "Best Spiedie in Town." Hot air balloons are also launched throughout the festival, creating a sea of color and pattern in the sky.

spiediefest.com

Dick's Sporting Goods Open

The Dick's Sporting Goods Open is an annual PGA Tour Champions event played at the En-Joie Golf Club in Endicott. This weekend-long championship is sponsored by Dick's Sporting Goods, a Binghamton-founded company that has grown into the nation's largest sporting goods retailer. Each year, the Dick's Open hosts a concert at the conclusion of Friday play. Past performers include Bon Jovi, Lady Antebellum, Blake Shelton and Old Dominion. dsgopen.com



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EVENTS BY MONTH*

January

Binghamton Pond Festival

February

The Almost-Annual New York State Crappie Derby
Binghamton Mac & Cheese Fest
Binghamton On Tap Craft Beer Fest

Courtship Tails

March

Binghamton Spring Restaurant Week
St. Patrick's Day Parade

April

Central New York Maple Festival
Wine & Food Fest

May

Broome County Parks Triathlon
Greater Binghamton Bridge Run
Half Marathon
Memorial Day Parades
Mother's Day at Chuckster's

June

Binghamton Pride Palooza
Drafts with Giraffes
New York Faerie Festival
New York State Public High School Baseball Championships
Sacred Heart Ukrainian Festival
Greek Festival
Wine & Tapas Tour

July

Binghamton Martini Walk
Broome County Fair
Conklin Fair
Deposit Lumberjack Festival
Harper Stantz Rec Park Music Fest
Johnson City Carousel Day
July Fest & Binghamton Jazz Festival
July 4th Extravaganza at Highland Park
Levene Gouldin & Thompson Tennis Challenger
St. John Ukrainian Festival

August

Binghamton Porchfest
Dick's Sporting Goods Open
Gusto! Italian Festival
Jewish Heritage Day Celebration
Multi-Ethnic Garlic Festival
Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally

September

Binghamton Wingfest
Endicott Apple Fest
Endicott Restaurant Week
LUMA Projection Arts Festival
NY Beer & Bites
RoberCon

October

Binghamton Fall Restaurant Week
Binghamton Zombie Walk
Boo at the Zoo
Broome Art Trail
Columbus Day Tournament of Bands & Italian Festival
Oktoberfest

Rod Serling Film Festival
Wine for Wolves

November

Bosco's Holiday Parade
Hanukkah House Museum
Roberson Museum and Science Center's "Home for the Holidays"

December

Holiday Parades
Ivory Christmas on Gorgeous Washington Street
Jungle Bells

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Love sports?

We've got the needs of every sports lover covered. From Greater Binghamton's arenas and venues to the lively activity centers, we provide you with everything you need to stay at the top of your game. Join a passionate group of sports fans to watch a professional match or become part of the game and take part in an adult league yourself!

PROFESSIONAL

Binghamton Rumble Ponies

The Binghamton Rumble Ponies represent the New York Mets at the Double-A level of professional baseball. Watch them play a home game at Binghamton's Mirabito Stadium, an arena that can hold over 6,000 people. Choose from one of the 71 games that Mirabito Stadium hosts from April through Labor Day. milb.com/binghamton

Binghamton Black Bears

The Binghamton Black Bears were announced in 2021 as a professional hockey team playing in the Federal Prospects Hockey League. Games will run from October to April and will be played on the ice downtown at Visions Veterans Memorial Arena. binghamtonblackbears.com

Visions Veterans Memorial Arena

Visions Veterans Memorial Arena hosts a wide variety of events, including stand-up comedians, large-scale concerts, and even the circus! The large stadium, located in the heart of downtown Binghamton, seats 6,925 people and is designed for a good time.

Five Mile Point Speedway

Fulfill your need for speed and join us at The Five Mile Point Speedway, one of the longest consecutively run auto racing facilities in the United States. The speedway features professional auto racing and is a great option for affordable family fun.

AMATEUR SPORTS

Binghamton Bulldogs

Minor League ABA Basketball Team
binghamtonbulldogs.com

Broome County Stallions

Adult Amateur Football Team in
NFA – Northeastern Football Alliance
bcstallions.com

Broome County Roller Derby

Binghamton's first and only flat track roller derby league
facebook.com/bcrollers

COLLEGE

Our college teams cover a wide range of athletics, including basketball, baseball, soccer, track and field, tennis, and more. The Binghamton Bearcats play at Division 1 level and host in the newly renovated, 156,000 sq.ft. Events Center complex.

- Binghamton University Bearcats
- SUNY Broome Hornets, NJCAA

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Photo by Binghamton Bulldogs



Photo by Binghamton Country Club



Photo by Links at Hiawatha Landing

Where to play

Stay fit at one of Greater Binghamton's public fitness centers. Striving to accommodate your active and busy lifestyle, we offer a variety of different activities from weekly commitments to single days of fun. Join a team, play a game for an afternoon, or simply enjoy a warmer place to run when winter comes around.

- 434 Sportsplex
- Binghamton Tennis Center
- Greater Binghamton Sports Complex
- Ice House Sports Complex
- SUNY Broome Ice Center

Golf

Start practicing your golf stance and get ready to conquer one of the many beautiful golf courses in Greater Binghamton. With top ratings from publications such as *Golf Digest*,

Golf Magazine, and *Golfweek*, the courses await your hole in one.

- Conklin Players Club
- Endwell Greens Golf Club
- En-Joie Golf Club
- The Links at Hiawatha Landing
- Traditions at the Glen

For a complete list, see more at:
visitbinghamton.org/things-to-do/golf

Private clubs

Become a member of one of the private clubs that Greater Binghamton has to offer and indulge in pristine accommodations, enjoy amenities, build lifelong friendships, and benefit from special discounts and exclusive access to events.

- Binghamton Club
- Binghamton Country Club



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FAMILY

Big or small, fun for all

Affordable family fun is a priority in Greater Binghamton. Whether you want to beat the heat or stay in on a cold snowy day, there's always something to do in Greater Binghamton as a family. From educational and kid friendly museums with exciting new exhibits to outdoor adventure centers, kids (and adults, too) can experience the joy of having fun and learning something as a family. visitbinghamton.org

Broome County Fair

Enjoy delicious food, carnival rides, agricultural exhibits, demolition derbies, and more at this historic, week-long county fair. Get there in the morning for free admission! broomecountyfairny.com

Ross Park Zoo

Ross Park Zoo is the fifth oldest zoo in the country and is home to much more than just red pandas, wolves, bald eagles, and African penguins. Join us for a day of fun and take advantage of onsite programs, take a ride on the trackless train, or enjoy a tasty meal at the Leopard's Spot Snack Shack. rossparkzoo.com

Animal Adventure Park

Animal Adventure is an interactive, educational animal park, nestled in the hills of Harpursville, NY, just 15 minutes outside of Binghamton. The unique experience of hand feeding hundreds of animals, being neck and neck with our giraffes, and spotting an emerging kangaroo or wallaby joey, will engage and educate guests of all ages. theanimaladventurepark.com

The Magic of Carousels

Home to six of the 150 antique carousels in the US and Canada, Greater Binghamton is known

as the "Carousel Capital of the World!" These magical carousels will light a spark in you at any age. visitbinghamton.org/things-to-do/carousels

Skate Estate

Take a spin around the indoor roller-rink, hit the miniature golf course, play a game of laser tag, and more. This spot is popular with families, but those 18+ have the place to themselves every Tuesday during Adult Night. skateestate.com

Apple Hills

Pick your own seasonal produce, meet farm animals, and get lost in the corn maze at this scenic family farm. Stop by the cafe for breakfast or lunch to enjoy farm-fresh eats and picturesque views of the surrounding hills. applehills.com

Discovery Center of the Southern Tier

Watch as your children discover themselves and all the world has to offer. Join them in exploring, experiencing, and learning at the 22,500 sq.ft. play-and-learn indoor exhibit and at the award-winning outdoor Story Garden. thediscoverycenter.org

MUSEUMS

- Binghamton University Art Museum
- Bundy Museum of History and Art
- Endicott Visitor Center
- Kopernik Observatory & Science Center
- Phelps Mansion Museum
- Roberson Museum and Science Center
- TechWorks!
- Vestal Museum



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SHOPPING

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- Antique Row
- Boscov's
- Garland Gallery
- The Goldsmith
- Mabel D. Orr
- Oakdale Mall
- Parkway Plaza
- Sall-Stearns
- Tesorina Boutique
- The Shoppes at Vestal
- University Plaza
- Vestal Town Square Mall

DINING & NIGHTLIFE

Good food, good vibes

Each year, the restaurant scene in Greater Binghamton becomes more diverse and continuously increases the availability of options, fostering a community of food lovers. Our local restaurants love to support each other. During our bi-annual Restaurant Week, you can enjoy lunch or dinner at tons of restaurants for one fixed price. Plus, a portion of the profits are donated to charity. Transition from an elegant dinner to a fun night on the town at one of our many local eateries that boast an eclectic selection of drinks.

- Breweries & Distilleries
- Comedy Nights
- Live Music & DJs
- Restaurant Week
- Food Competitions & Events



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ARTS

Get inspired

On the first Friday of every month, the downtown Binghamton art galleries offer a night of gallery hopping, music, and entertainment. This free event, known as the **First Friday Art Walk**, is a collaborative effort between community and arts organizations. broomearts.org

PERFORMING ARTS

Binghamton Philharmonic

The Binghamton Philharmonic is one of the oldest professional performing arts organizations in Broome County. They perform a multitude of concerts throughout the year and host community events to make the arts enjoyable and accessible to all.

binghamtonphilharmonic.org

Broadway in Binghamton

Journey to another world in the historic Forum Theatre and enjoy national touring Broadway shows. nacentertainment.com/broadway-in-binghamton

Tri-Cities Opera

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THEATERS

- Anderson Center for the Performing Arts
- Cider Mill Stage
- Endicott Performing Arts Center
- Goodwill Theatre Inc.'s Schorr Family Firehouse Stage
- Half Light Theatre
- KNOW Theatre
- The Forum Theatre

GALLERIES

- Africa House Art Gallery
- Anthony Brunelli Fine Arts
- Artisan Gallery
- Cooperative Gallery 213
- Orazio Salati Studio and Gallery
- Spool Contemporary Art Space

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