

## Town of Amherst

## Small Business Week Celebrates the Power of Entrepreneurship in Amherst

April 30-May 6, 2023

**(Town of Amherst, NY) –** The Town of Amherst's Economic Development Department, in conjunction with the Small Business Administration (SBA), will celebrate Small Business Week April 30 – May 6, 2023.

"Small businesses play a vital role in Amherst's economy, employing a large percentage of the local workforce and contributing millions of dollars to the local economy each year. In recognizing Small Business Week, I want to remind local businesses that the Town's Small Business Office in the Economic Development Department is ready to answer questions and to help owners and entrepreneurs choose Amherst when deciding where they will start-up, expand, or grow," said Town of Amherst Supervisor Brian Kulpa.

Small Business Week is a national celebration of the contributions of small businesses to the American economy and is a time to recognize the hard work and dedication of small business owners across the country.

As part of Small Business Week, the SBA recently announced that it is honoring Simone Fancher, owner of <u>The Cheesy Chick</u>, with the Woman Owned Small Business of the Year Award for the SBA Buffalo District. Fancher's advice to aspiring entrepreneurs is, "Just do it. Take the first step. After the first day nervously driving a [food] truck, here I am 10 years later, a successful entrepreneur. Go for your dreams."

Throughout the weeklong celebration, the SBA is offering educational programs to business owners, and consumers are encouraged to patronize locally owned companies. For more information on small business week visit <a href="www.sba.gov">www.sba.gov</a>.

To learn more about the Town of Amherst's Economic Development Department, please visit <a href="www.amherstleads.com">www.amherstleads.com</a>. To learn more about how the Town of Amherst can assist small businesses contact Ben Ansell at <a href="mailto:bansell@amherst.ny.us">bansell@amherst.ny.us</a> or 716-631-7160 for assistance.