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# **Cheryl Dinolfo**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **DINOLFO ANNOUNCES DEBUT OF PENGUINS AND SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES AT SENECA PARK ZOO**

*Enjoy Animal Experiences and More When School is Out April 15-23*

County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Seneca Park Zoo officials are pleased to announce upcoming opportunities to enjoy the Zoo during the Spring Break school holiday **Saturday, April 15 through Sunday, April 23**.

*“Seneca Park Zoo is the perfect place for families to spend time together during spring break,”* said **Dinolfo**. *“With nine days of memorable activities, animal encounters and new penguins to see swimming, there is truly something for everyone.”*

The Zoo’s penguin colony continues to expand: **four new African penguin chicks** hatched earlier in the winter and are now beginning to explore their outdoor habitat, just in time for warmer weather. These youngsters will be out on exhibit swimming and feeding every morning until 11:00 a.m., weather permitting.

On **Saturday, April 15**, learn about lions by talking with docents, ZooTeens, and educators at **Celebrate Lions Day**. Go on a “Learn Your Lions Knowledge Hunt” and discover ways you can help protect this endangered species. Don’t miss the lion demonstrations at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 15 through Sunday, April 23**, catch **Spring Break Programs** three times daily. Inspiring and informative talks and demonstrations will feature North American otters, African elephants, snow leopards, goats, Bornean orangutans, olive baboons and more. Programs are free with Zoo admission.

Celebrate **Earth Day** on **Saturday, April 22** and learn about environmental sustainability and how individual actions can make a difference for wildlife and wild places. Hear from local organizations like Community Composting, the Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM), and the Rochester Museum and Science Center about how they are focusing on sustainability through exhibits and activities. In addition to the scheduled Spring Break Programs that day, there will be a guided nature hike in lower Seneca Park at 1:30 p.m.

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The first 600 households to visit the Diamond Packaging planting station on Earth Day will receive a tree sapling or butterfly-friendly plant seeds from Diamond Packaging, as well as instructions on how to plant them at home.

Now through October 31, the Front Gate is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and you can stay on grounds until 5 p.m. General admission is \$12 for adults 12-62, \$11 for seniors 63 and older, and \$9 for youth ages 3-11. Admission is always free for children two and younger and Zoo members.

For more information on events and to purchase admission tickets, visit [senecaparkzoo.org](http://senecaparkzoo.org)

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