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Eight things you need to know on topics related to Saratoga County's economy.

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8 @ 8 is a newsletter filled with eight things you need to know on topics related to the economy in Saratoga County, New York. You can expect to see 8 @ 8 in your inbox twice a month. If you have content you'd like us to share or have a topic you'd like to see more of, let us know and we'll work to include it in a future edition! -The Partnership Team



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One Week Left to RSVP for the Saratoga County Prosperity SUMMIT on November 10

The Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership will hold its inaugural [Saratoga County Prosperity SUMMIT](#) on Thursday, November 10, 2016. The SUMMIT, designed for public officials from Saratoga County and members of the regional business community, will cover a variety of topics – from the state of economic development to community preparedness. [Click here](#) to see the agenda. [Register for the free event today!](#)

The Future of the Gaming Industry in Upstate New York

Brian Corrigan of [MadGlory](#), a niche provider of game platform services, [recently discussed the state of the gaming industry and its growth potential in upstate New York](#) at the 2016 Upstate Unleashed Conference. There are currently twelve game studios in the Capital Region.

Resource Report: New York State Programs for Manufacturers

[FuzeHub](#) recently released a [Resource Report designed to help New York State manufacturers maintain profitability and expand](#). They cover a variety of topics, from technology development to workforce development. FuzeHub is the statewide Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program (MEP) Center for New York State.

Saratoga County Manufacturers Featured in Manufacturing Month Blog Series

To celebrate Manufacturing Month, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership featured five Saratoga County-based manufacturers in a blog series. [Quad/Graphics](#), [Stewart's Shops](#), [GLOBALFOUNDRIES](#), [Espey Manufacturing & Electronics Corp.](#) and [Polysat Company, Inc.](#) all participated. Click on each company to read to their unique story.

Forbes Releases Best Places for Business and Careers List

Forbes recently [ranked the metro Albany area as the best place in New York for business, and 64th nationally](#). The annual list factors in cost of business, job growth, education, quality of life and population.

Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership Welcomes Two New Board Members

The Partnership [welcomed two new Board members](#) last week: [Rocco Ferraro and Joshua Spain](#). Ferraro, the Executive Director of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, has nearly 40 years of planning experience ranging from neighborhood to regional planning in both the public and private sector. Spain is the Senior Director of Global Engineering for Momentive Performance Materials and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County. We look forward to working with them on economic development matters in Saratoga County!

USDA Seeks Applications for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants

USDA is encouraging rural small businesses and agricultural producers to apply for loans and grants to support renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. They are currently accepting [Rural Energy for America Program](#) (REAP) applications for energy audit and renewable energy development assistance grants, and renewable energy system and energy efficiency guaranteed loans and grants. For more information, [reach out to New York's Energy Coordinator, Gary Pereira](#).

The Role of Mayors to Foster Local Entrepreneurship

With the rate of new business formation in decline, the United States not only needs more new businesses in more regions, but it also needs to expand access to entrepreneurship as a career path. That's the advice from John Lettieri, cofounder and senior director for policy and strategy at the Economic Innovation Group, writing for the Kauffman Foundation's Growthology blog. He discussed [the role of mayors in making U.S. entrepreneurship more demographically and geographically inclusive](#).

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