

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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1. Unveiling of Feasibility Study + Development Opportunities in the Town of Halfmoon

The results of a feasibility study designed to identify economic development opportunities in the Town of Halfmoon will be unveiled at a news conference on **Tuesday, December 12 at 1 p.m. at Halfmoon Town Hall, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza**. Spearheaded by the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, the county's designated economic development agency, and The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County, the study - partially underwritten by National Grid, explored potential sites within a 400-acre parcel in the northeast corner of Halfmoon.

2. It's About Time Someone Said It - Albany Business Review Editorial

Last week, Mike Hendricks, editor of the Albany Business Review, published an editorial ["It's about time someone said it"](#) referencing [Rick Whitney's presentation](#) at the Saratoga County Prosperity Summit on November 16. Whitney discussed market trends for the microelectronics industry – and drove home a critical message of what needs to be done at the state and local level to deliver industry growth in our region. Click here for [media coverage](#) that followed Whitney's [presentation](#).

3. Employers in Saratoga County face lack of workers

The Saratogian reported that at a recent Saratoga County Economic Development Committee, employment and Training director Lisa Scaccia reported the severe lack of workforce in Saratoga County. "It's a growing problem not only in Saratoga County, but nationwide," said Scaccia, county Department of Employment and Training director. The [Saratoga County Career centers](#) still have job seekers available and they will be hosting recruitment events the 1st Thursday of the month in 2018. If an employer would like to participate please email [Lisa Scaccia](#) or call 518.884.4901

Counsellors, [Richard Sellers](#) as he talks about how their team of counsellors are helping startups and Saratoga County based businesses grow and thrive. They even meet at our offices at 2911 Route 9, Malta. SCORE is also seeking counsellors to join their busy team! Please give us a call at 518.871.1887 to learn more!

5. Can robots replace your job? McKinsey report says not so fast.

Are robots taking over the world? Will they replace your job. Automation and robotics have been part of industry for a long time, but there has been more talk recently about it's impact on jobs. According to a recent McKinsey Report "very few occupations—less than 5 percent—consist of activities that can be fully automated." The [McKinsey Article and study is highlighted here.](#)

6. Moving towards a Circular Economy for local governments - Opportunities for improved waste management

Saratoga Municipal Officials are invited to attend CEG's Opportunities for Improved Waste. Join the discussion at Center for Economic Growth's Local Government Council meeting on Monday, December 11 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center between 11:30am and 1:30pm to learn about new waste management opportunities to help provide waste solutions alternatives to your residents as well as lower municipal cost through shared service arrangements. Interested local government officials should contact Holly Yost at holly@ceg.org or 518 465.8975, x245

7. How does the Federal Tax Cut & Job Act Impact us?

Many projects in Saratoga County could not be succeed without the use of important tools passed by congress in years past. These tools include such things as the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds (including public activity bonds), historic tax credits and new markets tax credits. As a member of the [International Economic Development Council](#) we support their efforts to keep these important economic development tools in place. To understand the tax packages better, the joint committee on taxation has released this very [in-depth analysis of the two versions of tax legislation.](#)

8. Dr. Gary Patton, SVP at Globalfoundries wins 2017 IEEE Frederik Phillips Award

Congratulations to Dr. Gary Patton, [Chairman of the Next Wave Advisory Council](#), on receiving the [2017 IEEE Frederik Philips Award](#). Dr. Patton was honored for "industry influence and leadership in the development of leading-edge microelectronics technology and collaborative research" and for outstanding accomplishments in the management of research and development resulting in effective innovation in the electrical and electronics industry. IEEE is the world's largest technical professional organization for the advancement of technology.

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