

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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Wilton shows steady growth and anticipating redevelopment of Mt. McGregor

Here is a [report from the Saratogian](#) on the general economic health of the Town of Wilton. Supervisor Art Johnson is keeping a close eye on the redevelopment efforts happening at the former Mount McGregor facility at Exit 16. There are more than 100 buildings totaling approximately 550,000 square feet. Buildings date from 1913 to 2007 and the site is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. [Empire State Development](#) (ESD) is charged with finding a buyer for buildings and the remaining 350 acres around them. ESD recently re-issued a [request for proposals](#) and a site tour for interested parties is scheduled for March 1. **Submittals must be made by March 31.**

The 2017 Skidmore College Harder Lecture to feature Dr. Tom Caulfield

On Monday, March 27, 2017, Dr. Thomas Caulfield, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Fab 8, GLOBALFOUNDRIES will be delivering the F. William Harder Endowed Lecture "**Semiconductors: The Industry that Changed the World.**" The [event](#) is open to the public and will take place from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Palamountain Hall Gannett Auditorium, Skidmore College followed by a reception in the Class of 1967 Lobby in Palamountain Hall.

Say Goodbye to Conventional Career Paths - Here Come the Hybrids

We have heard about the "gig" economy and the Saratoga Partnership is always seeking to assist companies with their workforce issues. Here is an [interesting article](#) about "Hybrid" employees. Hybrids combine concepts that have traditionally been considered separate, distinct and sometimes contradictory into their education, training, job roles and leadership. As a result, they are helping organizations benefit from digital disruption, creating new models for change, and bridging functional boundaries. The path they're charting may well be a new model for professional development and leadership roles of the

...society. Dave brings a distinctive point of view to the growing region of marketing and technology, and has been recognized for his deep knowledge and expertise of digital business.

Saratoga Springs Small Business Workshop - Thursday, March 2

Whether you're just starting your business, experiencing your first growing pains, or ready to move your business to the next level, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership and partners are ready to assist you every step of the way. Join us at Embassy Suites in Saratoga Springs on Thursday, March 2, and hear from experts on the top things you should know, including business planning and expansion tools and small to mid-size business finance options and more. Experts from SCORE, NYBDC, Empire State Development, local banking and real estate will be on hand to assist you with starting and growing a business. The workshops will end with one-on-one networking sessions between the attendees and experts. Attendance is FREE. Click on the town closest to you to register: **March 2** - [Saratoga Springs](#), **March 16** - [South Glens Falls](#), **March 23** - [Mechanicville](#), **March 30** - Town of [Saratoga](#).

What's Driving Demand for Infrastructure and Innovation?

Forbes contributor [Johnathan Lefoy](#) examined the factors driving [demand for infrastructure and innovation](#). Although this was written in 2013, it is as relevant in today's globally competitive economy as it was four years ago. "the most impressive innovations are being led by governments as they focus on major challenges such as infrastructure development, providing better public services and growing their economies in a more environmentally friendly way. When they make their plans today, governments have – more than ever – to focus on the future trends such as mobility, population growth and sustainability." Community leaders in the **Town of Moreau** are also facing a similar challenge, as covered in the [Albany Business Review](#) last week. The town is planning a **sanitary sewer line extension** down Route 9 to the intersection of I-87. New infrastructure is a risk but when planned properly with input from local residents, the long term benefits will far outweigh the short term costs, and the community will gain new tax base and jobs for local residents.

Born out of GE Global Research and now thriving in Clifton Park - Kitware is recognized at Tech Awards as Software Innovator

Last week the Albany Business Review recognized [Kitware](#) of Clifton Park with the Software Innovation Award. Founded by three PhD's from GE Global Research center in Niskayuna, Kitware is an open source software research and development company. One Kitware program, Para View analyzes and visualizes huge amounts of data and allows an aircraft engineer to put on Virtual Realty goggles and stand in the middle of a simulated engine to watch airflow patterns. [Click here](#) to learn more about one of Saratoga County's most innovative, locally grown businesses.

Growing your Business through an acquisition? - This seminar is for you.

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