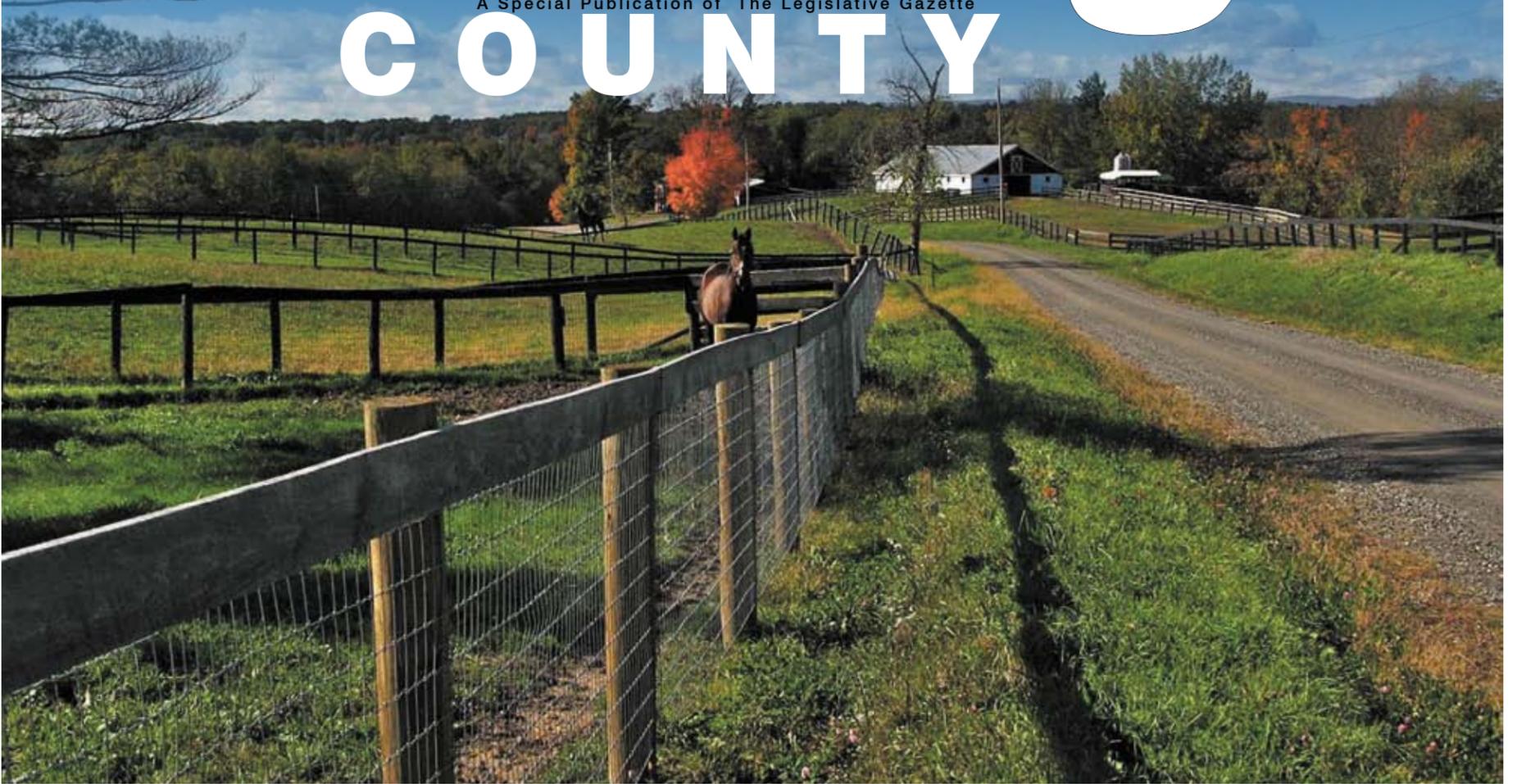


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Saratoga County welcomes readers to this special issue of The Legislative Gazette.

I want to take this opportunity to talk with you about "character." Yes character!

A high priority for the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors is to promote civility, improve trust and promote good character in our lives, businesses, government and communities.

*"Trust people and they will be true to you; treat them greatly and they will show themselves great."* — Ralph Waldo Emerson

A recent survey shows that 95% of employees steal time and materials from their employer.

Seventy-three percent of all test takers, including prospective graduate students cheat on exams and assignments. Newspapers regularly report bad behavior and in-civility in our public meetings. Only 30% of the public trust our elected officials in Washington, an all-time low.

Let us all take a few minutes to think about the importance of good character -duty, courage, respect, trust, and tolerance. Do we set a good example to our children? Do we build relationships within our community? Are we respectful to all?

We invite all to display our good character -- write about it; discuss it in homes and businesses and promote the "better angels of our nature."

We hope this special issue of The Legislative Gazette will entice you to visit our County. Why not spend an evening strolling our crown jewel (Saratoga Springs) for entertainment.

Regards,  
**Paul J. Sausville, Chairman**  
**Saratoga County Board of Supervisors**



**Duty** — a moral commitment to fulfill a mission without considering self-interest.

**Courage** — the internal strength to confront danger or intimidation and to act rightly in the face of popular opposition or discouragement.

**Respect** — courteous action or deference for something that is good, valuable or important.

**Trust** — a firm belief and reliance on the honesty, integrity, strength, ability and surety of a person.

**Tolerance** — a willingness to respect feelings, opinions, behavior or beliefs that are different from your own.



# EXEMPLARY CHARACTER-TAKES EARNEST EFFORT

By: Jay Rifenburg\*

A revised version of a Warren Buffet quote I heard recently stated, "Give your children enough to do something, but don't give your children so much they do nothing." This particular thought is applicable beyond children and parenting. It is a theme where the latter endangers the very fabric of an independent individual and society. To be given much, without participating in earning what you have, creates a false sense of comfort and self-respect. You may have comfort on the outside, and a perceived external importance because of what you may own, but there is little internal comfort, satisfaction, and peace of mind when it is not earned. A purposeful life stems from effort not ease, and doing not stagnating. This is not to say we as a citizenry do not help those who cannot help themselves. However, teaching, mentoring, and setting an example of proper work ethic, resiliency, and determination to those who have the ability to contribute, is essential to helping create healthy individuals, families and communities. Mismanaged and abused entitlement programs are a prime example of how providing too much without requiring a degree of effort and accountability into what one is given generates apathy, lack of work ethic, lessening of a desire to persevere, and debilitates any sense of self-worth. It is also detrimental to an understanding of the importance of accountability, self-reliance and initiative. To believe you should be provided all you wish for by another person or entity is a catalyst for personal destruction. You can never be rich in thought, spirit, heart and soul when there is no effort made to earn the life you desire. As Helen Keller said, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved." A platform of personal core values is the starting



The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in Saratoga County, as the community turns out to welcome a new business to downtown Waterford in 2013. Tracy's Dessert Tray owner Tracy Zordan and her husband Bob (holding scissors) join Chamber of Southern Saratoga County President/CEO Pete Bardunias, Congressman Paul Tonko, State Senator Kathy Marchione, Mayor J. Bert Mahoney, representatives from Senator Gillibrand's office and the University at Albany, and members of the local business community in celebrating her grand opening on Broad St.

block to transform a mindset of lethargy into creating a meaningful life's legacy. If no core values exist, there is nothing to act on, no accountability for behavior, and therefore no sense of what it is you stand for and believe in. As a result, any character development is fundamentally impossible, since character development is based on the implementation of values. What values are you exemplifying in regard to character development for yourself and those around you? A child being raised in an effortless household will develop an effortless attitude. A child, who is surrounded by dishonesty and apathy, will be dishonest

and apathetic. Children being given so much they do nothing, and expect more, will most likely be nothing and expect less of themselves. What core values are you discussing with your children, and are you acting on them? Are your words aligned with your behaviors? As Abraham Lincoln said, "Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing." To disavow the need for alignment undermines all principles of ethical parenting and leadership. Of course you want to provide for those you love, for it is part of taking accountability and ownership for what you have created for yourself, and your family. It is also a natural desire to want your children to have a better life and have as many opportunities as possible. However, it is essential to balance what you give to an individual, with how you create a level of appreciation and respect for what has been given. To attain a respectful character requires several primary factors including, \* a knowledge base of the values you

believe represent what is most important to you to be respected, \* a consistency in behavior that reflects those values, \* aligning what you practice with what you preach, \* a continuous internal awareness of the example you set each day, \* and the understanding that character is earned never given. May we all acknowledge the important role of fathers, mothers, and family in developing characteristics of a healthy character for our children. These should include a belief in the values of effort, self-discipline, determination, selflessness and an understanding that we earn self-respect and a sense of personal satisfaction. It is, and has never been given, but rather earned every day in the efforts we make in the lives of others.

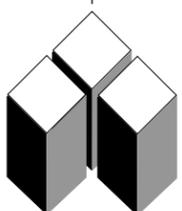
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# MANUFACTURING ON THE RISE IN TECH VALLEY'S EPICENTER

On a map, Southern Saratoga County lies inside of a near-perfect triangle formed by manufacturing giants GLOBALFOUNDRIES to the north, Momentive Performance Materials in the East, and GE to the west in nearby Schenectady. For over a century, this area has cultivated a rich industrial history, transitioning from legacy to high-tech manufacturing firms, and leaving room for both even in the semiconductor age.

An example is Cascades Tissue Group, currently celebrating its 50th anniversary in paper manufacturing. The ultimate "green" company, Cascades has been a pioneer in recycling since its inception in 1964, making its products using eco-friendly manufacturing processes and protecting the nearby Hudson River ecosystem. The massive Luther Forest Technology Campus in Malta, designed to support the next generation of modern fabricators, boasts state of the art water filtration and electricity transmission systems, and is integrated into Saratoga County's strategic plan to attract more high tech businesses to the region.

At the other end of the spectrum, inventors are toiling to breathe life into their visions for the future, designing and building new products for an ever-changing world. Wind and solar powered barge prototypes are being developed to help grow the already-impressive contribution of the New York State Canal System to New York's economy, and build upon the nearly 100,000 tons of commercial shipping transiting that venerable waterway in 2013. Other southern Saratoga County firms manufacture textiles, bedding, specialty silicone products, bottles, trade show display facilities, gas turbine parts, electrical appliances, solar



The mighty GLOBALFOUNDRIES complex, among the largest construction projects on the globe, fills this photo taken from its parking lot. The state of the art facility builds semiconductors for use in computer projects made at numerous locations worldwide, and has spurred a new Age of Immigration as worldwide technology experts descend on Tech Valley.

energy systems, and much more. Given the infrastructure resources of the I-87 Northway, the New York State Canal System, and the Norfolk Southern and Canadian Pacific Railway tracks, there is much reason to believe that this area will be on a strong growth curve for years to come.

For information on locating a business in southern Saratoga

County, please contact the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County at (518) 371-7748. Our partners, including SEDC and the Saratoga County Economic Development Committee, will be happy to assist in any way possible.

*-Pete Bardunias, President/CEO, the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County*

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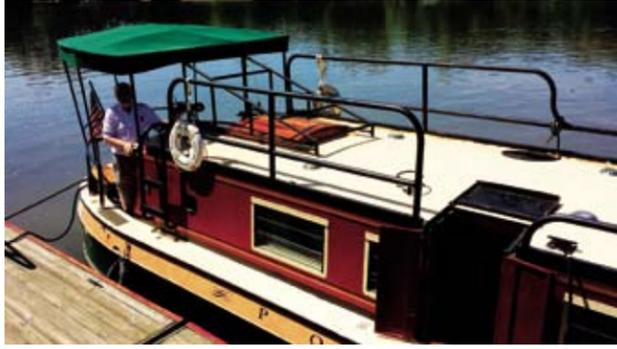


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Captain Richard Powell looks out from the cockpit of his Erie Canalboat replica from its berth near lock E-2 in Waterford. Up to 6 passengers at a time can tour the locks and the adjacent waterways aboard this comfortable cruising vessel



Dubbed "Queen of the Spas" over a century ago, it was the naturally flowing, carbonated springs that first brought visitors in droves to Saratoga, including the rich and famous, to 'take the cure' in the healing waters. Today visitors still relax and rejuvenate in those same waters at one of our historic spas including the historic Roosevelt Baths & Spa, nestled in the Saratoga Spa State Park. Visitors enjoy and learn about the waters by taking a self-guided or guided tour of the springs throughout downtown and the Spa State Park. Tours include taste-testing along the way and learning about each spring's history and medicinal purpose.

Saratoga's rich history is still evident in its architecture today. Just a short stroll down Broadway will take you back in time as you admire the grand historic structures with beautifully preserved ornate architectural details. Dozens of the majestic homes and buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and Landmarks, including our Downtown in the Broadway Historic District; the Canfield Casino and Congress Park is in the

heart of our city that now houses the Saratoga Springs History Museum. Include a visit to Grant Cottage where Ulysses S. Grant wrote his dying memoirs. Hike, bike or drive the beautiful Saratoga National Historical Park, noted as the place where the Turning Point of the American Revolution occurred during The Battles of Saratoga. Enjoy trails, springs and picnic areas of the 2200 acre Saratoga Spa State Park; and visit the stunning gardens of Yaddo, an historic 400-acre estate turned artists' retreat.

Saratoga Race Course is the oldest continually operating horse track in the country attracting high rollers to Saratoga since the late 1800s. Today it still attracts thousands of visitors; including celebrities, jet-setters, politicians and locals alike. In 2013 this historic track celebrated 150 years of racing, during the Saratoga 150 Festival surrounded by hundreds of city-wide events and world-class thoroughbred racing. Every summer for eight weeks from late July through Labor Day, patrons are entertained by over a dozen stakes races, including the oldest in the country, The Travers Stakes. Immerse yourself in horse racing history at the National

Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, take in live harness racing at the Saratoga Casino & Raceway, or enjoy the fast-paced excitement of the Saratoga Polo tournament. Take a tour of the historic Oklahoma Training Track, and capture photos of the uniquely decorated horse sculptures located throughout the city.

Saratoga County hosts numerous year-round events, festivals and world class entertainment. Saratoga Performing Arts Center hosts the Freihofers Jazz Festival, annually in June, which was founded in 1978 by jazz impresario George Wein. This two day music and arts festival has featured a who's who of jazz greats over the years including Miles Davis, Dave Brubeck, B.B. King, Wayne Shorter and Ray Charles. The festival draws thousands of fans from across the Northeast and throughout North America each year. Saratoga is the summer home for the NYC Ballet, Philadelphia Orchestra and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. This year the world famous Bolshoi Ballet has included Saratoga as part of its USA tour performing Don Quixote. In addition Live Nation books SPAC

for Dave Mathews, Phish and other major rock tours each summer.

Saratoga's cuisine is award winning. With hundreds of restaurants from the Twin Bridges to the Town of Day to choose from with menus representing local farms to world cuisine, foodies will savor the experience. Saratoga County's downtowns and villages are lined with specialty shops, galleries and unique boutiques. And if you crave the outdoors get outside and enjoy many options for golfing, hiking, bike riding, boating and lake beaches while exploring the foothills of the Adirondack Park.

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- Todd L. Shimkus, CCE, President, Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce



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# AGRICULTURE

Each summer, local farms come alive with excitement, bringing food to our tables but also offering area residents a glimpse of what remains the County's number one industry – agriculture. One may be surprised to hear of the variety of animals raised here, including horses, cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, alpacas, llamas, and more.

Throughout Saratoga County, farmers plant their crops, till soil, feed livestock, and maintain their facilities. Various events and activities from Father's Day to Halloween highlight the many facets of farming, including the inner workings of dairy farms, how to grow those tasty and succulent vegetables we love on our dinner tables, wool and sheep shearing, and the horse farms that supply young thoroughbreds to the Saratoga Race Course and care for them after their horse racing career is over.

Sundae on the Farm, held annually on Father's Day, offers an interesting place to bring Dad for a few hours to enjoy a real connection with nature, community and to learn more about the origins of that hamburger or ear of corn that will be on your table later on. "Eating local food is healthier for you, for the environment, and it tastes better!" says Jennifer Stevens, Community Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension. "Buying local lets you experience seasonal food that tastes wonderful because it is picked at its peak of ripeness."

In July, the Saratoga County Fair (July 17-22, [www.saratogacountyfair.org](http://www.saratogacountyfair.org)) will feature local agriculture, with cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, horses and more. The 4-H exhibit, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County, gives area children the chance to learn more about farming and to try their hands at raising chickens or growing vegetables. Nearby,



Saratoga County's "Mother Towns" incorporated in 1788, with an economy built around agriculture. Today our largest industry remains centered on the farms, which provide food for our cupboards and entertainment at the horse tracks and rodeos.

the Saratoga County Dairy exhibit, featuring the Dairy Princess and fresh local milk, provides insight into what young people do on a farm all day.

The Track may be busy for six weeks in July and August, but area horse farms are active 365 days a year. Says Barbara Jensen, owner of After Hours Farm in Clifton Park, "Over half of our horses are thoroughbreds - most of which have raced. We provide a second career to these magnificent animals once they have left the racetrack."

Clifton Park's Farm Fest is held in early autumn each year, showcasing many of the unique farms which exist within a 15 minute

drive from the Clifton Park Center mall. For many, the highlight of Farm Fest is the variety of apples which are then in season, and local farms don't disappoint. Even in winter, our

farms are busy and active, since dairy cows need to be milked twice a day, every day and harvested apples and cider remain in cold storage waiting to be included in the Holiday dinner menu. Winter Fest, held each February in Clifton Park, also includes an open house at Riverview Orchards and a wonderfully warm campfire to roast marshmallows and drink warm apple cider.

- Pete Bardunias, President/CEO, the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County

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# THE SARATOGA COUNTY PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP – A NEW COUNTYWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution adopting the first-ever countywide Economic Development Strategic Plan at their March 18 Board meeting, and has begun implementing the Plan over the past several weeks. The Plan was prepared by TIP Strategies, Inc. ("TIP") of Austin, TX in consultation with every elected supervisor, dozens of stakeholders representing key segments of the local economy, and members of the general public who submitted their suggestions on a project website.

"This historic vote marks the culmination of five months of collaborative work focused on reinvigorating economic development efforts in Saratoga County," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Sausville. "The forward-thinking recommendations contained in the Strategic Plan will guide those efforts for the next five to ten years."

"From the beginning, we promised a world-class economic development effort that is worthy of our county's unique opportunities and advantages," said Supervisor John E. Lawler, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee. "Tomorrow we will meet the first milestone by delivering a Strategic Plan to the Board of Supervisors that incorporates months of expert research and analysis, makes specific and targeted recommendations, includes valuable input from every significant player in the local economy, and seeks to unite and organize them around a common vision. This Plan will position Saratoga County to compete and grow for the next decade and beyond."

TIP's Managing Director and Principal Jon Roberts made a public presentation on the Strategic Plan prior to the final vote. Draft versions of the Plan were previously approved, with suggested improvements, by the Law & Finance Committee on March 12th and the Economic Development Committee on March 5th. Like those committees, the full Board had the opportunity to suggest improvements to the draft Plan right up until the time it was adopted.

TIP made three visits to Saratoga County over the course of five months, hosted countless meetings and conference calls, and received input from every major stakeholder in the local economy. Their first visit in October 2013 featured meetings with key stakeholders identified by the County and tours of major sites including the Luther Forest Technology Park. Their second visit in November featured three days of focus group meetings with scores of individuals representing the critical sectors of our economy, including agriculture, tourism, education/workforce development, and the County's major employers. TIP also met with key economic development organizations including our two large Chambers of Commerce, the Saratoga County IDA, the Center for Economic Growth, and SEDC. TIP unveiled their initial findings during a public report at the November Board of Supervisors meeting, and also launched a website and Community Questionnaire designed to encourage additional public input. TIP's most recent visit to the County, in January, included individual meetings with every elected supervisor, an Opportunity Workshop presenting a progress report and soliciting additional feedback from dozens of prior focus group attendees, and meetings with additional regional stakeholders including TEC-SMART, National Grid, and Empire State Development.

"TIP's work has been comprehensive, inclusive, and insightful," said Supervisor Anita Daly, Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee. "This Strategic Plan is the catalyst we need to reinvigorate Saratoga County's economic development efforts and launch the type of proactive campaign that is needed in today's competitive environment."

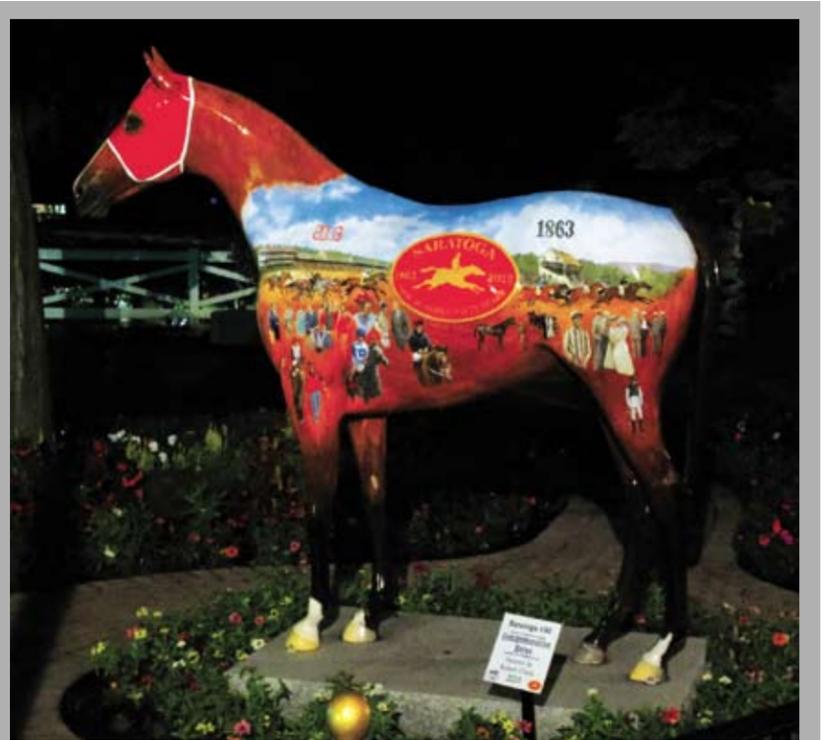
Established in 1995, TIP ("Theory Into Practice" – [www.tipstrategies.com](http://www.tipstrategies.com)) is a privately held consulting firm whose primary focus is strategic economic development planning. The firm has completed more than 200 engagements and has extensive experience at the regional and county levels. They have broad experience consulting for municipalities in urban, suburban and rural settings, as well as successful corporate site selection experience, including the technology manufacturing sector. In keeping with its philosophy of "Talent, Innovation and Place," TIP's recommendations focus not just on company recruitment, but also on talent retention and recruitment, workforce development, and the quality of life factors that make communities attractive to new employers and employees.

Jon Roberts, the company's Principal and Managing Director, has led the Saratoga County project team. The former Director of Business Development for the State of Washington and the State of Texas, he directed recruitment and investment activities at the statewide level and led

international trade missions. Mr. Roberts has also managed technology-oriented venture capital investments and several start-up technology companies. He has overseen projects throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia, and is a published author and sought-after speaker on economic development issues nationally and internationally.

A new Local Development Corporation called the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership has been formed, with seven initial board members helping organize the new entity: County Economic Development Committee Chairman **Jack Lawler** (R-Waterford), county Economic Development Committee Vice-Chairwoman **Anita Daly** (R-Clifton Park), county Industrial Development Agency board member **Art Johnson** (R-Wilton), **Brendan Chudy**, senior manager and deputy director for GlobalFoundries, **Omar Usmani**, executive partner of the Aeon Nexus Corporation, **Penny Hill**, associate dean for Hudson Valley Community College's Training and Education Center for Semiconductor Manufacturing and Alternative and Renewable Technologies (TEC-SMART) facility in Malta, and **Ray Callanan**, chairman of the Saratoga County IDA.

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The fabled Saratoga Race Course celebrates 150 years in operation in 2013, and the city commemorated the anniversary in its own unique style. Here a model horse is decked out in the colors of the event, adorning the entryway to the track and welcoming visitors to the city



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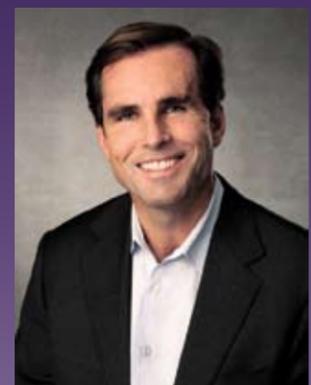
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## THE MARINE INDUSTRY FLOURISHES IN SARATOGA COUNTY



The paddle wheeler "Caldwell Belle", based in Schuylerville, offers group tours of the canalized Hudson River and the scenic hills where the epic Battle of Saratoga was fought in 1777. Today the waterway is a mainstay of the commerce corridor connecting the Capital Region with Lake Champlain and beyond.

Saratoga County's largest town, Clifton Park, is surrounded on three sides by historic waterways dating to the early 1800s – the Champlain and Erie Canals. Combined with scenic Ballston Lake, majestic and open Saratoga Lake, expansive Great Sacandaga Lake, secluded Moreau Lake, and others, these marine resources have given rise to an equally impressive industry, involving recreational boating and commercial shipping interests, educational institutions and not-for-profit ventures.

Along the canalized rivers that form Saratoga County's southern and eastern shores, tugboats and barges still ply the waters as they have for nearly 200 years, delivering cargo such as grain, generators, steel structures and more to upstate New York and beyond. They share the waterways with power, sail and alternative energy powered pleasure boats, and human powered kayaks and pedal boats. Some 300 vessels pass through these waters each year on the Great Loop, a cruise of a lifetime around the eastern third of the United States along which every vessel must transit Saratoga County waters on their epic voyage.

We have marinas, boat clubs, transportation companies, bait and tackle shops, rowing supplies and more. For example, along Saratoga Lake's southern shore, a veritable enclave of marinas, restaurants and the Brown's Beach complex (now undergoing restoration) provide some of the most exciting boating access just minutes from Albany, and a great alternative to Lake George. Proposed waterfront housing developments will the waterfront lifestyle to many communities including Halfmoon, Mechanicville, and others.

Schools such as the Saratoga Academy for Leadership and Maritime Programs have found a home on the water (in their case the Erie Canal), teaching middle school students their "three R's" while instilling a respect and appreciation for the maritime culture that helped form Saratoga County and the rest of New York's Tech Valley region. Historic sites such as the renovated Historic Lock 19 in Vischer Ferry offer an opportunity to glimpse into the past and understand its impact on our present, and our future.

The waterfront is the place for festivals, such as those held each year in Waterford to celebrate the canal heritage that still runs in the veins of the many residents of that town and village. Fireworks light the night sky over Mechanicville and Waterford during summer events, and nearby boating facilities provide an opportunity for the recreational boater to partake in these festivities. Landlubbers can rent kayaks in Waterford and Saratoga Springs, cruise on a vintage canal boat replica on the Erie Canal and enjoy a Hudson River afternoon aboard a paddle wheeler in Schuylerville. There is so much happening on the waterways and lakes of Saratoga County – visit us today!

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## Calendar of events

### JUNE EVENTS

7: Saratoga Nationals Car Show - Saratoga Automobile Museum, Spa State Park, 110 Avenue of the Pines, saratogaautomuseum.org, 518-587-1935

7: Saratoga Automobile Museum's Annual Gala - Saratoga Automobile Museum, Spa State Park, 110 Avenue of the Pines, saratogaautomuseum.org, 518-587-1935

11-15: Skidmore Classic Horse Show I - World Class Hunter/Jumper horse show. Over 500 top horses and riders from all over N. America. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., free, Union Avenue, Show Grounds, skidmore.edu/saratogaclassic, 518-580-5633.

12: Martha Graham Dance Company - Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 518-584-9330.

12-15: SaratogaArtsFest - City wide celebration of the arts. Various locations throughout Saratoga Springs, saratogaartsfest.org, 518-580-8010.

13-15: Saratoga Balloon and Craft Festival - morning and evening launches, balloon glow at dusk and tethered balloon rides. Artisans, specialty foods and a "kid's zone", craft beers, entertainment and more. Adults \$10, under 17 free. Glow Admission \$5. Saratoga Polo Grounds. 518-584-8108.

13: Opera Saratoga Ball - An evening of fine dining, live music, and fabulous auctions, The Canfield Casino, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, operasaratoga.org, 518-584-6018.

14: Saratoga County Brew Fest - Saratoga County Fairground, 125 different beers from 50 plus craft breweries while enjoying live music and delicious food, saratogabrewfest.com.

14: Elks Flag Day Parade - Begins on North Broadway and ends at Congress Park. 12 p.m., Free, Downtown Saratoga Springs, 518-584-2585.

14: Journey/Steve Miller Band Concert - Saratoga Performing Arts Center, livenation.com

14,17,22,26,28: Opera Saratoga presents "The Magic Flute" by W.A. Mozart - All dates at 7:30pm except 17th & 22nd at 2pm, Spa Little Theatre, 19 Roosevelt Drive, \$45-\$85, operasaratoga.org, 518-584-6018.

15: Sundae on the Farm - Join us for family fun, learn about agriculture and farming, animals, wagon rides, exhibits, homemade pie and ice cream sundaes, Noon- 4 p.m., Welcome Stock Farm, saratogafarms.com.

15: Father's Day Picnic & Performance - Grant Cottage State Historic Site, Free, grantcottage.org, 518-584-4353.

15: 50th Anniversary Ford Mustang Exhibition - Saratoga Automobile Museum Spa State Park, 110 Avenue of the Pines, saratogaautomuseum.org, 518-587-1935

18-22: Skidmore Classic Horse Show II - Grande Prix Jumper Class 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., free, Union Avenue, Show Grounds, skidmore.edu/saratogaclassic, 518-580-5633.

21: Parrot Head Festival - Island inspired fun and tribute bands, Saratoga County Fairgrounds, 2-9:30p.m., parrotheadfestival.com.

21, 24, 27, 29: Opera Saratoga presents "The Elixir of Love" by G. Donizetti - 21st & 27th at 7:30pm 24th & 29th at 2pm, Spa Little Theatre, 19 Roosevelt Drive, \$45-\$85, operasaratoga.org, 518-584-6018.

21-22: The Round Lake Antiques Festival - 250 dealers selling a wide variety of antiques and collectables will be held between The Parks & Greens of the Village of Round Lake. Free, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

24: Monumentour: Fall Out Boy and Paramore - Saratoga Performing Arts Center, livenation.com

26: Concerts in the Park - Wiswall Park Ballston Spa, 6-8 p.m., every Thurs. thru August 28, Free, ballston.org, 518-885-2772.

28-29: Saratoga Freihofers Jazz Festival - SPAC - 2 stages, 20+

artists, noon- 10 p.m., Saratoga Performing Arts Center, spac.org, 518-584-9330.

29: Family Fun Day Saratoga County Fairgrounds - Enjoy family-friendly activities, food and music and fireworks at dusk. , 3-9 pm, ballston.org

### JULY EVENTS

Concerts in the Park - Congress Park, Tuesdays & Sundays, 7 p.m.

3: Annual Independence Day Celebration/ Fireworks - Saratoga Casino & Raceway, saratogagaming.com, 518-581-5730.

4: All American Celebration - Music, History and fireworks. Downtown Saratoga Springs, saratogajuly4th.com, 518- 587-3550, ext.571.

4: Independence Day at Saratoga Battlefield - Independence Day at Saratoga Battlefield FREE, Saratoga National Historical Park, 648 Route 32, Stillwater NY, 518-664-9821 ext.224.

4: Clifton Park's Annual 4th of July Celebration - Noon- 10 p.m. Parade, games, rides, crafts, food, entertainment, fireworks. Free, Clifton Common, Vischer Ferry Rd., Clifton Park, 518-371-6667.

4: Firecracker 4 - 4 Mile Road Race \$20, Saratoga Springs City Center, Broadway, firecracker4.com, 518-744-5646.

8-12: Saratoga County Fair - Classical and Contemporary Ballets- SPAC, spac.org, 518-584-9330.

12: New York City Ballet Gala - SPAC, Saratoga Spa State Park, 5:30 p.m., spac.org., 518-584-9330.

13: NYRA Open House - Family fun, games, food and entertainment. Saratoga Race Course, Union Ave. 518-584-3255.

15-27: "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare - Free, Tues- Sat 6 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m., Saratoga Shakespeare Company, Congress Park, saratogashakespeare.com.

22-27: Saratoga County Fair - Exhibits, food, rides, animals and entertainment, Saratoga County Fairgrounds, 162 Prospect St. Ballston Spa, saratogacountyfair.org, 518-885-9701.

18: Thoroughbred Racing Season - Daily except Tues. Post time 1 p.m. gates open at 11a.m. Saratoga Race Course, Union Ave., nyra.com, 518-584-6200.

18-19: Hats off to Saratoga Music Festival - Downtown Live music festival featuring various outdoor music sites. 7-11 p.m., downtown Saratoga Springs, saratoga.org, 518-584-3255.

19: Saratoga Bridges Gala "The White Party" - silent and live auction, great entertainment. Fasig Tipton. saratogabridges.org, 518-587-0723.

22: Momix - SPAC, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, spac.org, 518-584-9330.

30- 8/1: Bolshoi Ballet - SPAC, spac.org, 518-584-9330.

### AUGUST EVENTS

4-5: The Saratoga Sale - Top horses in the world are bought and sold here in Saratoga at the Fasig Tipton Sales Pavilion, fasigtipton.com.

5, 12, 19, 26: August Music Series at Saratoga National Historical Park - Bring a bag lunch, enjoy the views while listening to noontime concerts every Tues., free, 648 Route 32, Stillwater NY, 518-664-9821.

6-23: The Philadelphia Orchestra - Globally acclaimed guest conductors and soloists highlight the season, Wed - Sat at 8 p.m., SPAC, Rte. 50, spac.org, 518-584-9330.

6-10: Adirondack Circuit Dog Show 2013 - Dog Show and Obedience trials, Saratoga County Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa, 518-399-2040.

8: Racing Hall of Fame Induction - Fasig Tipton Sales Pavilion, 10:30 a.m. racingmuseum.net.

9: National Museum of Dance Gala - 99 S Broadway, Saratoga Springs, dancemuseum.org, 518-584-2225

9-10: Round Lake Arts and Crafts Festival - One of the largest shows in New York State, 125 skilled artist, Historic Grounds, Round Lake, Free, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

9-10: NY Bred Yearling Sales - Fasig Tipton Sales Pavilion, fasigtipton.com.

10: 18th Century Day - Oxen cart rides, blacksmithing, basket weaving, chair caning, candle making, tin smithing. Noon- 5 p.m. free, General Philip Schuyler House, US Route 4, Schuylerville NY, 518-664-9821.

11-26: The Saratoga Chamber Music Festival - A musical masterpiece in an intimate setting, The Saratoga Performing Arts Center, spac.org, 518-584-9330.

16-17: 6th Annual Saratoga Arts Celebration - Admission is free and open to the public, The National Museum of Dance, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs, saratogaartscelebration.org, 518-852-6478.

18-24: Travers Festival Week - Celebration surrounding Saratoga's mid-summer derby, the Travers Stakes (August 24). Events planned at a variety of locations throughout Saratoga Springs, saratoga.org

19: Chicago and REO Speedwagon - Saratoga Performing Arts Center, livenation.com

23: Travers Stakes - Thoroughbred Racing, one of racing's oldest stakes. Gates open 7 a.m., post time 11:35 a.m., Saratoga Race Course, Union Avenue, nyra.com, 518-584-6200.

23-24: NEACA, Inc. Arms Fair - Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. - 3p.m., Saratoga City Center, 522 Broadway, neaca.com, 518-664-9743.

30-31: Final Stretch Music Festival - Downtown Live music festival featuring various outdoor music sites. 7-11 p.m., downtown Saratoga Springs, saratoga.org, 518-584-3255.

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

5-7: Saratoga Wine & Food Festival - Global compilation of all things fine: fine food, fine wine, and fine cars to support SPAC's Classical Season, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, spac.org, 518-584-9330.

5-7: Tugboat Roundup - Tugboat Festival at the Gateway to the NYS Canals Free, Waterford Waterfront, Tugboat Alley, One Tugboat Alley, Waterford, tugboatroundup.com, 518-233-9123.

11: Feast of the Fields - Saratoga PLAN's Celebration of Conservation, cuisine featuring locally grown products and local chefs, Saratoga National Golf Club, saratogaplan.org, 518-587-5554.

12-14: Saratoga Springs Civil War Encampment - Full Civil War camp with demonstrations, skirmishes, hands on displays. Free, Congress Park, saratogacivilwarencampment.org, 1-800-381-5445.

12-13: 18th Annual Irish 2000 Music & Arts Festival - Home to all things Irish Saratoga County, Fairgrounds, irish2000fest.com.

20-21: 237th Anniversary of the Battle of Saratoga - Celebrate the battles and events that changed the course of the Revolutionary War. 11a.m.-4 p.m., free, Saratoga National Historical Park, 648 Route 32, Stillwater NY, 518-664-9821.

20-21: Clifton Park's annual Farm Fest - Learn about local farming, drive yourself tour of Clifton Park Farms, Many FREE events, cliftonpark.org for specific details, 518-371-6667.

20-21: 25th Annual Antique Truck & Tractor Show - Saratoga County Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa, 518-399-2040.

20-21,27-28: The 2014 Showcase of Homes - Get an inside look at some of Saratoga County's most exceptional homes, saratogashowcaseofhomes.com, 518-366-0946.

27: Oktoberfest 2014 - Showcasing Fall seasonal American craft beer, European specialty beer, local vendors, delicious food, and live music, Saratoga County Fairgrounds.

26-28: Hemmings Motor News Concours d'Elegance - Saratoga Automobile Museum, saratogaautomuseum.org, 518-587-1935.

27: Tail of the Fish - Rowing Event at Saratoga State Boat Launch, Rte. 9P, saratogarowingassociation.com, 518-587-6697

### OCTOBER EVENTS

4-5: The 2014 Showcase of Homes - Get an inside look at some of Saratoga County's most exceptional homes, saratogashowcaseofhomes.com, 518-366-0946.

7: Saratoga Fall Mixed & Horses of Racing Age - Top horses in the world are bought and sold here in Saratoga at the Fasig Tipton Sales Pavilion, fasigtipton.com.

18: Candlelight Tour of Schuyler House - Guided tours of General Phillip Schuyler House by Candlelight. Free, US Route 4, Schuylerville NY, 518-664-9821.

25: Saratoga Fall Festival 2014 - Pumpkin decorating, magic, music, face painting, pony rides and more, 10 a.m.- 6p.m.- Free, Downtown Saratoga Springs, saratogadowntown.com, 518-587-8635.

25: 17th Ballston Spa Annual Falling Leaves Festival - Costume parade from Wiswall Park to Kelley Park; family activities in Kelley Park. ballston.org

25-26: Head of the Fish - Rowing Event at Saratoga State Boat Launch, Rte. 9P, saratogarowing.com, 518-587-6697.

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

2: Only the Best Bridal Show - Our bridal show is a must for planning the perfect day! Free, National Museum of Dance, 99 S Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY, dancemuseum.org, 518-584-2225.

22-23: NEACA, Inc. Arms Fair - Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. - 3p.m., Saratoga City Center, 522 Broadway, neaca.com, 518-664-9743.

29: 39th Annual Holiday Craft Fair - Saratoga Springs City Center, \$2 admission, saratogacraft.org, 518-587-8008.

30: 7th Annual Dickens Holiday Festival - Longfellows Restaurant, 11a.m. -4 p.m., \$8, To benefit the Saratoga Hospital Foundation, 1013thejockey.com.

### DECEMBER EVENTS

4: Victorian Street Walk 2014 - Victorian Holiday magic in downtown Saratoga. Musicians, singers, family entertainment. Broadway is closed to traffic 5 to 10 p.m., saratogadowntown.com

4-8: Catholic Charities Festival of Trees - Trees, wreaths, centerpieces to view and buy, \$6 adults, \$3 seniors and age 10+, Saratoga Springs City Center, saratogafestivaloftrees.com, 518-587-5000.

5-11: Saratoga Restaurant Week - Area eateries offer pre-fixed, 3 course dinner and lunch specials. discoversaratoga.org/restaurantweek.

6-7: 10th Annual Center Crafts Show and Sale - Saratoga Arts Center, 320 Broadway, Free, gordondinearts.org or 518 852-6478.

12/31-1/1: First Night Saratoga - Alcohol free celebration of the arts and the community for the New Year. 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., free, Downtown Saratoga, saratoga-arts.org/firstnight, 518-584-4132.

31: 17th Annual First Night Saratoga 5K Run - Skidmore College Athletic Complex, saratoga-arts.org/firstnight/5krun.php, 518-584-4132.

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