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### 'Slow and steady' Economic Forecast for South Carolina in 2018

Four economists visiting the area recently agreed the good times will continue across our state, noting South Carolina's economy will continue to grow this year, but it will be more measured than in recent years.

"If you liked 2017, you'll probably like 2018 as well," Joey Von Nessen, University of South Carolina economist, said at a Charleston real estate gathering.

Another economist, Stephen Slifer said the economy is 'better than ever' and doesn't foresee a recession until at least 2022. The only disruption could be if there is an error in federal policies, but economists don't expect that to

happen.

The glowing assessments stem from a variety of factors like global economic growth which has led to more manufacturers setting up shop in the palmetto state.

It is also expected for more investments mainly because of lower corporate tax rates, the new ability to write off investments more quickly and significant loosening of environmental regulations.

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#### **Savannah's Playground named Top Public Relations Park**

Savannah's Playground, the multi-million-dollar facility at Grand Park in Myrtle Beach, SC continues to amass awards.

The enabling playground that opened in 2016 was honored this week with the distinguished Herbruck-Fritsche Award, an international Public Relations award celebrating the nation's top pro bono project. Making the presentation on behalf of the playground and accepting the award was Denise Blackburn-Gay, APR, President & CEO of Marketing Strategies, Inc. "We are proud of our involvement with Savannah's Playground," Blackburn-Gay said. "It is our honor to give back to the community that has been so good to us," she said.

Earlier this month, Savannah's Playground was recognized by the South Carolina Parks & Recreation Association with the SCRPA 2017 Parks Excellence Award.

"I couldn't be happier or more proud," said John Rhodes, former Mayor of Myrtle Beach and the founder of Savannah's Playground. "These accolades are a testament to the playground, its mission, and the hardworking individuals who brought the dream to life," he said. "You've heard it said that it takes a village. In this case, it takes an entire beach—Myrtle Beach."

Savannah's Playground features ADA-approved playground equipment and structures designed to provide children of all abilities the opportunity for social interaction. It has welcomed more than 250,000 children and adults since it opened in September 2016. "This is a playground for everyone," said John Rhodes. "It is a place for both handicapped children and parents with disabilities. It is heartwarming to see a handicapped parent play with their child on a specially designed swing set or slide, often for the very first time. This playground was built with the vision of creating a barrier-free, bias-free world."

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#### Join us for a MBREDC Marketing Event | Speed Networking

The MBREDC staff hear often how members would like to connect with other MBREDC members. Here is your chance! In this morning event at the Ocean's Club, enjoy breakfast and then one on one "speed networking" without the large crowd. This setting is structured to give the most impact for you in a few minutes

each with several of the MBREDC partners to let them know what company you are with, services you offer, or anything else you'd like to share. Space is limited and we have a great RSVP list thus far, please do not wait! Deadline to RSVP is March 1st!

\*This event is limited to **one** representative per MBREDC partner/member and must be a MBREDC member. If you are not a MBREDC member and would like more information please email [Ssteele@mbredc.org](mailto:Ssteele@mbredc.org)

To RSVP for this event [CLICK HERE](#)

## MBREDC Member Referral Incentive



As a member and partner with the MBREDC, we are excited to now offer a Member Referral Program.

Effective immediately, any new member that you refer and becomes a partner of the MBREDC, the referring company will receive **\$100** credit towards their next years membership with the MBREDC.

There is no limit to the number of referrals credited to your renewing membership dues.

The company name that referred must be mentioned in initial contact to receive incentive.

Please contact [Ssteele@mbredc.org](mailto:Ssteele@mbredc.org) to submit referrals or if you have any questions.



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## Upcoming Events



**MBREDC M2M Speed Networking | March 7**

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**MBREDC Open House & Ribbon Cutting - DME**

**Group (Formerly Accent Stainless Steel) | March 8th 2PM**

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## SAVE THE DATE - MBREDC Spring Social

- Myrtle Beach Pelicans Baseball | May 24th

### Member News

[Tidelands Hosts Blood Drive on March 8th & 9th](#)

[LS3P works with a wide range of firms in Healthcare](#)

[United Community Banks Announces Quarterly Cash Dividend Increase](#)

[Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd Attorneys Elected to American Board of Trial Advocates](#)

[SC Manufacturers Win Protections from 'Nuisance Lawsuits'](#)

[New Tidelands Website Focuses on Health and Wellness](#)

[NMB Chamber of Commerce, CVB Partners with Personalized Travel Planner Utrip for Advanced Itinerary Planner](#)

[CCU Offers Free Tax Assistance through VITA](#)

[Tidelands Waccamaw Community Hospital Earns Recognition for Care of Mothers and Infants](#)

[First Citizens Bank Pledges \\$10,000 to HGTC](#)

[South State Bank Ranked in Top 15 Forbes' List of 100 Largest Banks](#)

If you are a MBREDC member and have news to share we would love to hear it! Please send link to [Ssteele@mbredc.org](mailto:Ssteele@mbredc.org)

## Member Spotlight



Lewis Truck Lines has been a supporting MBREDC partner since 2012. They are a family owned trucking company that has been in business since 1935. Lewis Truck Lines focuses on meeting their customer's needs by transporting the goods safely to desired destinations.

At Lewis Truck Lines, they specialize in excellent service transporting a wide variety of cargo. Offering 48' flatbeds, 53' dry vans with swing doors, and import/export services. They also recently added 53' flatbeds to their fleet and they have single drops and double drops available. Lewis Truck Lines has the equipment to serve most all your trucking and hauling needs; hauling construction materials, over dimensional cargo with permits, heavy equipment, and boxed goods

At Lewis Truck Lines, they have built a strong and enviable reputation for providing superior transportation services throughout the United States. Their commitment to providing world-class customer service continues as they seek new methods, technical advances, and systems which enable them to meet the ever-increasing demands of the shipping industry.

To learn more about their services and operations [click here](#)

## New & Renewing Members

### New Members

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