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The pandemic has put mechanics at a tough position, leaving them short on car parts.

**LOS ANGELES** - If your mechanic tells you they can't find certain car parts and blames it on the COVID-19 pandemic, it may very well be true.

We have gotten emails at FOX 11 from viewers telling us they have been waiting for months for car parts, even for the newer models.

What began as a computer chip shortage that seriously affected auto production now includes parts, which includes wiring harnesses, motor parts and even glass and tires.

There is a labor shortage, from people unloading the cargo from ships sitting outside the Los Angeles harbor, to truckers doing deliveries, to people working in factories that rebuild engines, or the people making the parts. So when you drop off your car at the mechanic, it may be a while before you get it back.

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## Dealerships Feeling the Effects of Technician, Parts Shortage

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Oct. 12, 2021—A new study from Cox Automotive has found dealership service departments are feeling the effects of the technician and parts shortages.

Roughly 57 percent of dealership respondents to the 2021 Cox Automotive Service

Industry Study said their service department is not fully staffed, and 80 percent expect these labor shortages to continue or worsen in the future. Fifty-eight percent of shops mentioned part delays and 45 percent mentioned labor shortage as their top operational frustration.

“The industry is ripe for transforming the consumer experience,” said Tracy Fred, vice president of operations for Xtime, said in a statement. “Despite a challenging marketplace, opportunities exist to better leverage digital tools to deliver on and even exceed consumer expectations, while also offsetting some operational challenges. Elevating the entire service experience with a consumer-first mindset and the use of technology can help raise overall profits, capture additional market share and help mitigate the frustrations service departments are currently facing.”

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# Some businesses experiencing car parts shortage



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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (Dakota News Now) -Business is booming for the auto parts industry right now. As many are opting to drive instead of fly. Meaning a lot more cars are getting serviced. However, some car parts.

It's a busy time for mechanics at Chris's Auto Repair. However, a shortage of some auto parts is slow

"I know our parts guy is hunting a lot more. So he's making a lot more calls to find parts and some parts we're going to get them," said Chris Rieger, Owner of Chris's Auto Repair.

"If you look at the data as far as car part sales, they've actually skyrocketed."

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Although there is a high demand, businesses are seeing a lower supply right now. The co-owner of [redacted] affecting the supply chain.

First, the COVID-19 pandemic is playing a role. Many manufacturers are trying to get back up and running

"People that are the steel plants. We import a lot of steel, so we're seeing a huge steel shortage," said [redacted]

Then, the winter storm in Texas also played a part as it shut down some refineries for a bit.

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"I've got a lot of manufacturers that buy chemicals from the plants. We couldn't get aerosol cans for [redacted] tough to get," said Maurer.

The third event causing backups is the Suez Canal blockage. Some parts have to be shipped in from [redacted]

"What you got now is we got all these freighters, these shipping containers on these ships out there just one thing after another," said Maurer.

These businesses say they are doing all they can to get ahead of the shortage.

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"I'm going out to other suppliers and buying and doing a lot of spot buys and doing what I can to [redacted] Maurer.

Prices could also be affected for a while.

"For example, a wheel bearing we can get a year ago was \$100. Now it's running \$150. And we're seeing [redacted]

·bearings, ball joints, electronic parts," said Rieger.

In the meantime, car part businesses are asking customers to be patient.

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It doesn't stop there, either. Try finding a rental vehicle at a reasonable price. Vehicles are in short supply, so you will pay more, and may not be allowed to keep them longer than you contracted for.

So, say the mechanics you see in our piece, if there was ever a time to make sure you keep up with your vehicle maintenance, this is it. Don't skip on the change; make sure filters are cleaned and replaced; and don't forget that radiator fluid.

It's critical, says Jessy Rivas from Minitex Auto Repair, to maintain your vehicle as we don't know when this situation will get any better.

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Scotties Auto Repair  
2171 State HWY 13  
Freeville NY 13068

Dear Valued Customer,

We will have our driver do another site visit on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> when he comes to empty your dumpster, however; your dumpster has sat in the same location for the last 22 years of service because that is the safest location for our driver to get in and out, along with the safest location for your customers to go in and out of the driveway. If we find there is now a safer location, we will gladly relocate the dumpster for you. I will be in contact on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>, after the driver checks the site out again.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Purrazzi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Thank you  
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Territory Manager  
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**TOWN OF DRYDEN  
PUBLIC HEARING - SCOTTIES AUTO REPAIR  
FEBRUARY 3, 1999**

Supv Schug opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and explained that Scott and Judith Adams have applied to put an auto repair shop in the building at 2171 Dryden Road.

Scott Adams - They plan to move their business presently located at the four corners in the Village of Dryden to Gene Rotunda's building where there was previously a cellular phone company.

Supv Schug explained that the State will be working on Route 13 in the future and although they plan to keep traffic going, there will be some disturbance. He then inquired if anyone had any questions.

Scott Adams - We have two portable lifts. It does not require any drilling into the ground. They have wheels and anchor themselves.

Supv Schug - You have a disposal program to get rid of the oil?

S Adams - Yes.

ZO Slater - In his application he states he has a contract with an authorized hauler for fluid removal.

R Beck - This property is on its own well and septic system. It is on ¼ of a acre, so it would be grandfathered if they had to do repairs.

ZO Slater - Any lot that was in existence before January 1, 1970, is grandfathered or considered a non-conforming pre-existing lot, therefore any system that is an acceptable system that will physically fit upon the lot is allowed to be used.

Supv Schug - Inquired how many parking spaces there are.

S Adams - Showed Supv Schug where the parking spaces are on the plan submitted, indicating there are eight.

ZO Slater - I believe that there is at least room for eight, if not more. Plus he has one storage building in the back of the offices that would hold several more if necessary.

S Adams - We will only use that storage space if we need it. We only work on three to five cars a day. We try to get cars right in and out.

Supv Schug asked if they would be storing any junkers and Mr. Adams replied that they would not.

Supv Schug asked if anyone in the audience had any questions and they did not.

ZO Slater stated that he felt the appropriate thing to do would be to use the standard conditions of approval of 9-8-98, plus only vehicles awaiting repair be kept on the lot and of course his own vehicles, and assure access to the Elizabeth North property to the west because they share the driveway.

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Anthony Hamilton - presented an agreement between Elizabeth North and Scott Adams regarding the use of the driveway and the use of the well.

Elizabeth North - She has asked Mr. Adams to agree that he would not use the well for business and that he will drill a well within two years. Mr. Adams has agreed to this.

The Board then discussed with Mr. Rotunda (owner of the property at 2171 Dryden Road) whether drilling a well on the property was possible. It was decided that was possible.

Cl T Hatfield - Inquired about the hours of operation and whether there would be any operation on Saturday or Sunday.

S Adams - We don't work on weekends.

Supv Schug - That's really up to them, and you will have to be sure you can get a well in there if you agree to do it within two years. The agreement should be signed by both parties and a copy brought in to Henry's office. It will be a condition that if you don't comply with your neighbor's agreement that you will either have to move or drill a well. You should find out if you can or not.

Gene Rotunda - It should not be a problem.

Supv Schug inquired if there were any other questions. There were not and the public hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

**TOWN OF DRYDEN  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 1999**

Supv Schug opened the Town Board meeting at 7:50 p.m. Board members and guests participated in a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call by Town Clerk Bambi L. Hollenbeck showed the following in attendance: Cl Beck, Cl T Hatfield, Supv James Schug, Attorney Mahlon R. Perkins. Cl C Hatfield and Cl Grantham were absent.

The Board reviewed the short environmental assessment form for Scotties Auto Repair. It was accepted as presented (retained in zoning office file).

**RESOLUTION #86 - SEQR NEGATIVE DECLARATION - SCOTTIES AUTO REPAIR**

Cl Beck offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board issue a negative declaration based on the SEQR review for Scotties Auto Repair's special permit application. This is an unlisted action and the Town of Dryden is the lead agency in uncoordinated review. The supervisor is authorized to sign all necessary documents.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl T Hatfield

Roll Call Vote	Cl Beck	Yes
	Cl T Hatfield	Yes
	Supv Schug	Yes

**RESOLUTION #87 - APPROVE SCOTTIES AUTO REPAIR SPECIAL PERMIT**

Cl T Hatfield offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board approve the special permit application of Scotties Auto Repair to operate a motor vehicle repair facility at 2171 Dryden Road subject to the following:

- (1) Standard Conditions of Approval (9-8-98) shall apply.
- (2) Hours of operation shall be 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Beck

Roll Call Vote	Cl Beck	Yes
	Cl T Hatfield	Yes
	Supv Schug	Yes

Minutes of the meetings of January 6, 1999 and January 13, 1999 were then reviewed. One change was made. The wording with respect to the Telergy application was changed from special permit to site plan review. On motion of Cl T Hatfield, seconded by Cl Beck and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meetings of January 6, 1999 and January 13, 1999 as