



Commerce Connection

Business Is Good

In This Issue

Learn about the Vermont Chamber's Passport to Recovery portal, economic relief for businesses, how Chamber members are helping during the pandemic, and more in our July edition of Commerce Connection. We also welcome new members and spotlight our member Golden Eagle Resort.

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Chamber News

Forging a Way Forward

The Vermont Chamber's *Passport to Recovery portal* is dedicated to the Vermont community in place of our Workforce & Talent Summit and shares timely webinars to help businesses, employers, and employees across the state. Economic, sales & marketing, health, and workforce webinars are provided through July.



[Visit the portal](#)



Chamber Strengthened Relief for Businesses

The Vermont Chamber worked with the Legislature to advance \$176 million in state relief for emergency grants and economic recovery assistance programs for businesses. More is required to fully satisfy the needs of the business community, and we will continue to push the Legislature to advance additional economic relief funds when they reconvene later this summer.

[Read more](#)

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR HEART IS



- Commit to shopping local – Vermont businesses need support
- Buy food from restaurants in your community
- Spread the word about local businesses you love using #VermontStrong or #ShopVT



VP of Tourism on Mass Appeal

Our Vice President of Tourism Amy Spear was featured in a special episode of Mass Appeal on WWLP, welcoming tourists for an enjoyable, though different, summer vacation season, also noting the importance of traveling safely and following current Vermont travel orders.



[Watch the episode](#)

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce joins
The U.S. Chamber's
National Initiative
to address inequality of opportunity



Vermont Chamber Joins U.S. Chamber Initiative

The Vermont Chamber joined the U.S. Chamber's national townhall event on June 25 where business and community leaders discussed concrete actions that can be taken by government and the private sector to address inequality through education, employment, entrepreneurship, and criminal justice reform.

[*Learn more*](#)



Photo by Ellen Dube

Vermont Futures Project Study with UVM

Our partners at the Vermont Futures Project have partnered with Richard Watts, Director of the Center for Research on Vermont, to [*deploy a statewide survey*](#) of folks taking refuge in Vermont during the COVID-19 pandemic. The objective of this project is to learn what these temporary residents would need to make Vermont their permanent residence.

[*Share the survey with your network*](#)

Thank You for Supporting the Chamber

The most important thing we can ask is that you continue to support the Vermont Chamber of Commerce as we support you and your fellow businesses across Vermont. It is critical that Vermont's businesses are well-represented so that we can weather approaching storms, small and large. We are in this together.



How the Chamber is supporting recovery

Member News



Vermont Businesses Helping Communities

The Vermont Chamber has been adding content each week to our page, *How Vermont Businesses Are Helping Our Communities*.

Recent additions include Vermont Chamber member *Northfield Savings*

Bank donating \$15,000 to Vermont Foodbank, member *Vermont Mutual Insurance Group* is contributing \$1 million in charitable donations to help with COVID-19 relief efforts in Vermont, member *The Community Bank NA New England* branches donating \$15,000 to *The DREAM Program*, and more.

[Read more](#)

Economic Recovery Grants Available

Applications for Vermont Economic Recovery Grants opened this week. With funding from the federal Coronavirus Relief Funds, businesses are eligible if they suffered a 50 percent or greater loss in revenue in any one-month period from March 1 to August 31, 2020, when compared with the same month in 2019. Businesses and nonprofits are eligible to apply.



[Learn more and apply](#)



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Reopening Help for Chamber Members

The Vermont Chamber is offering help with communications to Chamber members reopening for business after disruptions due to COVID-19. If you would like consultation related to communicating about your business operations or help with a graphic design, [contact our Director of Communications](#)

[Send email](#)

Chroma Wins Deane C. Davis Award

In June, John Boutin, publisher of Vermont Business Magazine, and Betsy Bishop, president of the Vermont Chamber, presented the 2019 Deane C. Davis Vermont Business of the Year Award to Chroma. The award selection committee cited Chroma's strong, continuous growth in revenue and employees, its commitment to community, its recognition of the environment as a natural and economic resource for Vermont, and its supportive work environment.



[Read more](#)



Member Spotlight

This month's Member Spotlight is [Golden Eagle Resort](#). Golden Eagle Resort is the perfect four-season destination from which to explore and discover nearby attractions, mountains, and the iconic life of Vermont. They have an extensive network of hiking and mountain biking trails located out our back door. Stay in one of their comfortable [residential-style rooms](#) or [cabin rentals](#) and enjoy access to incredible on-site [amenities](#). They look forward to hosting you!



WELCOME NEW VERMONT CHAMBER MEMBER

- Green Mountain Mulch



Learn about *Green Mountain Mulch*.

Visit the *Vermont Chamber membership* page for benefits and staff contacts.

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[NBT Bank Makes Forbes World's Best Banks for Second Year](#)

[Vermont Public Radio Wins Four 2020 National Journalism Awards](#)

[CVMC Launches Thermal Imaging for Temperature Screenings](#)

[Vermont Procurement Technical Assistance Center Announces Webinars](#)

[Honda, Ford Select Dealer.com for Digital Promotions](#)

This section features good news about Vermont Chamber members.

Email news@vtchamber.com with your good news.

In Other News

[Fill Out the 2020 U.S. Census Form](#)

[Weekly Unemployment Claims up More Than 700](#)

[Vermont Providers, Patients Learn To Lean On Telemedicine During Pandemic](#)

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