



Commerce Connection

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In This Issue

Learn about our new Virtual Policy Series that gives you personal access to key Vermont leaders, expanded economic relief grants, and more in November's Commerce Connection. We also spotlight our member JaniTech.

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Chamber News



Last Chance to Vote

Today is Election Day. If you haven't already voted by mail, this is your last chance to fill out your ballot and drop it off or vote in person at your polling place.

[What to know and where to go](#)

Apply for Expanded Grants

The *Expanded Vermont Economic Recovery Grant application period via the Agency of Commerce and Community Development closes November 9*. The Department of Tax application has closed. *[Read more](#)* about eligibility and FAQs.

[Apply now](#)

Up Next in Our Virtual Policy Series

The next event in our Virtual Policy Series, on Nov. 9 at 3 p.m., features U.S. Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer Neil Bradley, who will discuss election results and the impact of national results on Vermont's business community.



[See full agenda & register for upcoming events](#)



Explore Vermont and Win

The Vermont Chamber's tourism team and Vermont Attractions Association launched a *fun new initiative* encouraging exploration of Vermont and patronage at several businesses and Chamber members across the state.

[Explore Vermont for the chance to win prizes](#)

Pushing for More Relief for Businesses

The Vermont Chamber is advocating for the disbursement of unallocated Coronavirus Relief Fund resources to businesses with unmet need through supplemental relief grants that augment previously awarded grants.

[Read our full letter](#)



"I truly appreciate how much you all do for our industry and businesses in general in Vermont! The money I spend on Vermont Chamber dues is well worth it, even during these times."

Brendon Blood, Blood's Catering and Party Rentals

Thank You for Your Support

The most important thing we can ask is that you continue supporting the Vermont Chamber of Commerce as we support you and your fellow businesses across Vermont. We are in this together.

[*About Vermont Chamber membership*](#)

Member News

Simpler Loan Forgiveness

The U.S. Small Business Administration [*released*](#) a simpler loan forgiveness application for Paycheck Protection Program loans of \$50,000 or less. This action streamlines the PPP forgiveness process to provide financial and administrative relief to America's smallest businesses while also ensuring sound stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

[*Learn more*](#)

Vermont's 2020 Rising Stars

Congratulations to [Vermont's 2020 Rising Stars](#)! Several Rising Stars

work for Vermont Chamber members and several are members of our partner organization The

Vermont Futures Project's [YP Advisory Council](#): Jeff Bartley at [Champlain Valley Exposition](#), Aditi Datta at [Vermont Small Business Development Center](#), Samantha Christie at [Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain](#), Seth Leonard at [Vermont Housing Finance Agency](#), Nic Longo at [Burlington International Airport](#), Alex Figueroa at [Southwestern Vermont Medical Center](#), Monique Priestley at [The Space on Main](#), Chad Nichols at [Encore Renewable Energy](#), and Courtney Widli at [Castleton University](#).



[Read more](#)



[Conference Center](#).

Members Among Conde Nast Resorts Awards

Vermont Chamber members are among the [Top 25 Resorts in the Northeast](#) in the annual Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards this year. Well deserved, [Twin Farms](#), [Woodstock Inn & Resort](#), [The Essex](#), [Vermont's Culinary Resort & Spa](#), [Topnotch Resort and Spa](#), and [Stoweflake Mountain Resort, Spa &](#)

[Full awards](#)

Member Spotlight

This month's Member Spotlight features

[JaniTech](#), a statewide janitorial service provider. They take the time to learn your unique requirements and to develop a

cleaning service plan that delivers the best

value. They stay current with cleaning industry trends and ensure that your facility is cleaned and maintained in a healthy and environmentally friendly way. [JaniTech's](#)

[COVID Combat Kits](#) have everything you need to self-serve and keep your workspaces safer with a regular disinfecting process.





WELCOME NEW VERMONT CHAMBER MEMBERS

- Applied Research Associates, Vertek Division
- Casablanca Motel
- Cody's Irish Pub & Grille

Learn about *Applied Research Associates, Vertek Division, Casablanca Motel, and Cody's Irish Pub & Grille*. Visit *our membership page* for benefits and staff contacts.

Save The Date

- [Virtual Policy Series: Conversations With Key Vermont Leaders](#)
 - [VMEC Webinar Tomorrow: New DoD Cybersecurity Assessment Reporting](#)
 - [Internet Essentials Impact on Digital Equity Summit, Nov. 17](#)
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#ThinkVermont

- [Smugglers' Notch Distillery Again Makes USA Today 10BEST List](#)
- [Fairbanks Museum Plans \\$2 Million Addition, First Mass-Timber Building in VT](#)
- [Vermont Futures Project: 5 Things to Know](#)
- [C2's Pam Mackenzie Inducted as VTANG Honorary Commander](#)

This section features good news about Vermont Chamber members and partners.

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In Other News

- [Vermont Independent Restaurant Survey Underway](#)
- [Health Insurance Refund Possible for Vermont Businesses](#)
- [In a Winter Unlike Any Other, Vermont's Ski Resorts Face the Unknown](#)
- [McClure Foundation, VDOL Identify Vermont's High-Pay, High-Demand Jobs](#)



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