



# Commerce Connection

*Business Is Good*

## In This Issue

Learn about \$75 million secured to help local businesses, our 2021 Economic Conference, a new beer for Vermont restaurants, and more in December's Commerce Connection. We also spotlight our member KAD Models and Prototypes, Inc.

December 2020



## Chamber News



### Additional \$75 Million for Vermont Businesses

The Vermont Chamber helped secure *\$75 million in additional relief for Vermont businesses*. These funds will help address the overwhelming unmet financial need lodging properties and restaurants continue to face because of COVID-19.

[Learn more](#)

### 2021 Vermont Economic Conference

Our *2021 Economic Conference* kicks off on *Jan. 13* with Vermont Health Commissioner Dr. Mark Levine and Department of Financial Regulation Commissioner Michael Pieciak, who will discuss the impact a COVID-19 vaccine will have on Vermont's businesses and workforce and share their predictions for the year ahead.



[See full agenda & register](#)



lobbying team.

## December Events in Our Virtual Policy Series

The next event in our Virtual Policy Series, *on December 7 at 11 a.m.*, features VPR's Peter Hirschfeld, VTDigger's Anne Galloway, and Seven Days' Kevin McCallum. The final event in the series is *on December 14 at 3 p.m.* and features the Vermont Chamber's four-person

[See Dec. events & register](#)

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## Legislative Updates Across Vermont

Vermont Chamber President Betsy Bishop and Government Affairs Director Charles Martin joined chambers across the state to discuss legislative priorities and expectations for the 2021 session.



[Watch Addison County Chamber of Commerce update](#) and [Southwestern Vermont Chamber of Commerce update](#)



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## December Hospitality Webinars

The Vermont Chamber and *On The Fly Vermont* are hosting a *free webinar series* presenting practical resources and advice that you can apply immediately to your hospitality business.

[See agenda & register](#)

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## **Building Bridges Fund**

The Building Bridges Fund will help impacted businesses continue to participate in the Vermont Chamber's advocacy, education, and promotion programs.

*Help now at [vtchamber.com](http://vtchamber.com)*



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### **Vermont Chamber Supporting Workforce**

The Vermont Chamber co-signed and sent a [letter](#) urging Congress to lift the federal ban on Pell grants for people in prison. Removal of this ban will strengthen our workforce by increasing the availability of skilled workers, while also positively expanding reentry opportunities for formerly incarcerated people.

***[Read](#)***

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### **Jax Willey, Orion Global Talent**

**"The Vermont Chamber is so important to all of us around Vermont. You all are the greatest!"**

#### **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**



#### **New Beer Supports Vermont Restaurants**

Newly announced Adventure Pants is an IPA brewed by Zero Gravity Craft Brewery exclusively for Vermont restaurants. 100% of profits from this beer will be donated to Vermont Independent Restaurants.



*[Learn more](#)*

## Upcoming Webinars From PTAC

The Vermont Procurement Technical Assistance Center is hosting December webinars, including on fundamentals of indirect rates and Enhanced JCP Certification.

[Learn more](#)

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### New CityPlace Burlington Plan

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce and *The Vermont Futures Project* are supportive of more housing for Vermonters and the new *CityPlace Burlington* plan, which calls for 426 new apartments with 84+ affordable units.

[Learn more](#)

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## Member Spotlight

This month's Member Spotlight features *KAD Models and Prototypes, Inc.*

*KAD* has been in the business of Advanced Adaptive Manufacturing, providing engineers and line of business with rapid turnaround machining of plastics, metals and hard to machine materials with high-end precision and quality since 2012. As an OEM and Tier 1, 2, & 3 supplier to OEM's and prime contractors, *KAD* serves clients leading in technology and consumer electronics, aerospace, automotive, industrial, marine, and medical industries. *KAD* manufactures products directly from 3-D models and inspects every order – ensuring consistently high quality for every part made.

[Learn about KAD's services.](#)





## WELCOME NEW VERMONT CHAMBER MEMBERS

- The Skinny Pancake
- Marble Trail Financial
- Myers Electric Company
- KAD Models and Prototypes, Inc.

Learn about *The Skinny Pancake*, *Marble Trail Financial*, and *KAD Models and Prototypes, Inc.* Visit *our membership page* for benefits and staff contacts.

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### Save The Date

- [Virtual Policy Series: Conversations With Key Vermont Leaders](#)
  - [Vermont Chamber Hospitality Industry Webinar Series](#)
  - [2021 Vermont Economic Conference](#)
  - [Pandemic Information for Vermont Businesses Webinar Series](#)
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### #ThinkVermont

- [Vermont National Guard Rebuilding Field Hospital at Champlain Valley Expo](#)
- [Barr Hill Gin From Vermont Scores First Ever 100 Points](#)
- [TD Bank Thanks Employees With \\$500 Pandemic Bonuses](#)
- [GlobalFoundries Donates Band Saw, Drill Press, and More to Burlington Makerspace](#)

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

Email [news@vtchamber.com](mailto:news@vtchamber.com) with your good news.

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## In Other News

- [Vermont Minimum Wage to Increase in 2021](#)
  - [\\$75M in Relief Allocated for Vermont Lodging Properties and Restaurants](#)
  - [Vermont Housing Prices Rose 23% From September 2019](#)
  - [Vermont Lights the Way](#)
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