

Vermont's North Country Chamber of Commerce
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2024-2025

Dear Chamber friends,

Your local chamber of commerce for the Newport/Derby and Orleans County, "Vermont's North Country Chamber of Commerce" has been busy this past year. We have remained open year-round three days a week (Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm) to keep engaged with the community and businesses along with cultural events. Keeping a positive spirit and presence is so important along with welcoming the various local and not so local folks looking for information about our beautiful area. We love the new bike and walking path map, along with the very new cross border map into Canada. So many people are appreciative, including the Canadians who come into Vermont not knowing about this new map.

Again, this past year we have had visitors from all over the country and world. We have also had many Vermont visitors from all areas of the state. They tell us they've never been to Newport before and are so surprised at how beautiful the area is. Especially noted are visitors from the Western side of the state. The walking and bike path has now drawn in more interest for the new visitors and owners that are half time property owners. We talk with them about all the botanical plantings and the story behind the generosity of the late Mr. Pomerleau.

Our 2024 Membership Drive is underway, and we invite you to be part of our mission. It is especially important that we work together in a partnership dedicated to improving the economic and cultural climate alive. The chamber of commerce is an association of like-minded businesses, organizations, and individuals all working for the common good. We need you to join us in this mission. We need volunteers to be open more days of the week. Please consider volunteering. We are all unpaid volunteers ourselves.

Our Dues Structure:

- **100+ employees.....\$750.00**
- **26-99 employees.....\$500.00**
- **11-25 employees.....\$275.00**
- **3-10 employees.....\$170.00**
- **1-2 employees or individuals.....\$ 75.00**

We cannot do this alone and are trying to make it affordable, but it does take money to run our beautiful Welcome Center in downtown Newport, to keep the lights and heat on, along with a beautiful display inside for your advertising needs, cards, brochures, maps, and other information the people come in to see and inquire about. We have no paid staff. We are all volunteers and always looking for more positive minded volunteers for a four-hour shift on any day. Thank you for your support. We are in the process of updating our website and hope to have it up and running with the updates soon.

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~ Mission Statement ~

Vermont's North Country Chamber of Commerce is an organization of local businesses working together to promote and protect common interests of members and the community and to advance the economic, cultural, and civic vitality of our area.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Business Name _____

Contact Person _____

EMAIL _____

Phones _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

Short Business Description _____

Benefits of Membership:

- In person referrals by friendly & knowledgeable Welcome Center volunteers, while providing them with your brochure and card
- Interacting with and supporting national and international visitors
- Chamber Website Advertising (just renovated plus ongoing edits with member ability to add an event)
- Welcome Center Advertising in print & brochure
- Business Mixers at place of business, per request
- Various local cultural events
- map
- Supporting new businesses with ribbon cutting events
- Collaboration of events with our Canadian neighbors & City of Newport
- Responding to electronic inquiries, about our area
- Maintain an ongoing guest log with info on where visitors are from & how many in party.

DONNA'S FAMOUS YEARLY CHRISTMAS VILLAGE FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS, & SENIORS. (5TH yr.)

Runs mid-December to end of January (Weds., Friday, Saturday. 11 am to 3 pm.)

Number of Employees or if self-employed: _____

Amount Enclosed for the number of employees \$ _____