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Economic Business Survey

In an effort to better understand Vermont business owners' perception of the state's fiscal climate, [Davis & Hodgdon Associates](#) is asking for input in their semi-annual survey related to the economy and local businesses.

Take the survey [here](#). The survey will be open until July 24, 2018.

Tour Groups Love Vermont!

Vermont Tourism Network (VTN), the Vermont Chamber's group travel program, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing, promotes more than 100 partner destinations statewide that welcome group tours.



Group travel consists of 35-50 people arriving (traditionally in motorcoaches) to enjoy what Vermont has to offer. Through the Group Tour Manual, VermontTourismNetwork.com, face-to-face meetings with 300 tour operators,

planners, and direct referrals, the VTN program works to enhance visitation numbers to the state and its partner destinations.

VTN offers your tourism destination an opportunity to welcome group tours. To capture your share of this market, contact Karen Ballard, kballard@vtchamber.com, 802.262.2129.



Manufacturing Event Almost Sold Out

Don't miss your opportunity to exhibit at the 2018 Manufactured in Vermont Trade Show, a Supply Chain Conference for advanced manufacturing. Only 16 booths are left on the trade show floor for booking. This B2B event is for manufacturers, original equipment manufactures, suppliers, and

partners to build their networks with quality contacts and develop new business opportunities for competitive advantage. The show features 120 exhibitors from New England and Canada, 20 OEMs, 400 B2B meetings, 1,000 participants, all from four countries.

[Reserve your space today.](#)

Short Term Rental Regulation

The Vermont Chamber fully supported the final version of [S.6](#), the bill that further regulates short-term rentals like Airbnb properties. The Chamber worked with Sen. Michael Sirotkin and Sen. Virginia Lyons to pass the bill and to have the Governor sign it into law as [Act 10](#).



Act 10 will create a registry of all short-term rentals in the state by requiring hosts to register online and acquire a rooms and meals tax identification number, which they will need to publish on all their advertisements and visibly post that number in their rental units with emergency contact numbers.

Short-term rental hosts, once registered, will receive information from the department of taxes, with a self-certification to ensure their understanding of the tax, fire, health and safety requirements prior to offering lodging to the traveling public.

The Vermont Chamber fully supports Act 10 as the first step in bringing a level playing field to Vermont's licensed and regulated lodging industry regardless of size.



Discover Your Perfect Stay-cation

Discover your Vermont this summer using the Summer/Fall Vermont Vacation Guide. This guide offers the best places to stay local and play. Download the summer [eGuide](#) to your favorite device or go to the [Stay & Play Directory](#).

Either way, we've got you covered for all your summer fun this year!

Welcome New Chamber Members

[Quality Inn - Barre](#)
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[Green Mountain Camera](#)
[Prospect Machine Products](#)
[Alpha Q, Inc.](#)
[Spectrum Machine & Design, LLC](#)
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[Dept. of Labor](#)
[Calorique, LLC](#)
[Bodycote Thermal Processing](#)
[Four Winds Country Motel](#)
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[Middlebury Sweets Motel](#)
[BP Waste Water Services of VT](#)
[Quebec Delegation in Boston](#)
[Circuit Technology, Inc.](#)



Member Spotlight

[Hobble Inn](#)

Located in picturesque historic Stowe village, the Hobble Inn provides a quiet retreat from the ski slopes, restaurants, nature trails and shopping. Looking for a perfect place to stay for your next Vermont adventure? [Book today](#) and to learn more about the Hobble Inn, visit [here](#).

Vermont Chamber member since 2017.

To learn more about how you can be our featured member of the month, contact [Beverly Gittelson](#). It's just one of the numerous benefits of being a member of the [Vermont Chamber of Commerce](#).

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[Chef of the Year Award Resides at The Panther](#)

[Welch Takes Aim at Proposed Canadian Trade Tariffs](#)

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[Pierce of Rutland Joins Vermont Futures Project Board of Directors](#)

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[With the Loss of Vermont Life, How Does Vermont Sell itself?](#)

['Light' Rules for Short-Term Airbnb Rentals Now in Effect](#)

[Canadian Visits Slow Down in Region](#)

[Vermont Caught in Crosswinds of US-Canada Trade Tensions](#)

[Vermont Will Pay Up to \\$10,000 for People to Relocate and Work Remotely Within the State](#)

[Effort to Regulate Kids' Meals in Vermont Restaurants Likely to Fail](#)

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