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## Privacy + Data Hearings

The House C + ED Committee is holding hearings in November to gather information from the public on their questions, experiences, concerns and suggestions related to privacy and data security breaches. [View](#) dates and locations.

## Small Business Seminar

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## Citizen of the Year Dinner Tickets - Last Call

The Vermont Chamber has selected retired Rear Admiral, United States Coast Guard Reserve, and Norwich University President Richard W. Schneider as its 2017 Citizen of the Year. Schneider's contributions to Vermont will be celebrated at an awards dinner on Thursday, November 16 at Trader Duke's Hotel (formerly known as the DoubleTree) in South Burlington.

The ticket deadline is Friday, November 10 and they are \$85 per person which includes hors d'oeuvres, a plated dinner, and an opportunity to toast President Schneider for his many accomplishments.

Tickets to this prestigious event are limited, please purchase your tickets or table now by visiting the [event registration page](#).



## Feedback Needed on Energy and Business

The Department of Public Service (DPS) is interested in feedback regarding business and energy in Vermont. This is part of a process DPS is undergoing to help better understand the energy-related issues that are important to larger commercial and industrial community



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November 15, 2017

8 - 10 am at Trader Duke's Hotel  
in South Burlington (formerly the  
DoubleTree)

Respond by November 8, 2017  
to [David Seaver](#) or [Brenda Wilk](#).



### Survey - Independent Contractors

Please take the opportunity to  
complete our one minute  
Independent Contractors [survey](#)



[Register](#) today for a free group  
investment seminar by Adam  
Hergenrother Companies on  
Thursday, November 9 from 6-  
7:30 pm.



### ServSafe® Certification Class + Exam

December 6, 2017  
8:30 - 5 pm at Hampton Inn &  
Vermont Event Center,  
Colchester

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businesses. The DPS has created several ways to collect your feedback. To participate please take the survey which they will email to you or send your feedback to [Alexis Miles](#) prior to November 17, 2017.

## Vermont Chamber Welcomes New Addition to Membership Team

Please welcome Amy Chamberlin, who joins the Vermont Chamber membership team as a Member Engagement Specialist. Amy brings a track record of twenty years in direct sales for business services and hospitality, as well as a strong and developed network of Vermont connections. Amy will be working with current Vermont Chamber members and new members in the central and southern Vermont regions.



## Connecting Small Businesses in a Big Way

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce will announce the 2018 Hospitality Awards at the 35th Annual Vermont Tourism Summit, April 11-12, 2018. The summit draws one of the largest gatherings of tourism professionals in the state, including owners, managers and employees. We ask you to participate in this recognition process by nominating your favorite restaurant or hotel, or someone who does a great job as a leader in the tourism industry. Nominations are currently being accepted for all Vermont Chamber of Commerce Hospitality Awards. Submit a [nomination](#) today.



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## Thanksgiving ... A time to be thankful



The Lamoille Chamber of Commerce VIP Experience Auction is now underway. Bid on dozens of VIP experiences [online](http://www.lamoillechamber.com).

### #LetsGrowVT

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[Skirack is named one of America's best bike shops for 2017](#)

[Vermont businesses credit 25 percent of sales to Amazon](#)

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### In Other News

[Richard Feeser to Retire as President of Superior Technical Ceramics; John Goodrich Names as Successor](#)



The Vermont Chamber of Commerce would like to extend a warm thank you to all of our partners throughout the state. Wishing you health, hope, peace and a festive holiday season.

### Member Spotlight

#### ADAM HERGENROTHER COMPANIES

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Learn more about [Hergenrother Enterprise](#) which has been a Vermont Chamber member since January 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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In business since 1912, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce is a private, not-for-profit business organization with 1,500 members employing 45,000 people and representing all sectors of the state's economy. Our mission is to create an economic climate conducive to business growth and preservation of the Vermont quality of life.

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