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Click Here for your Vermont Gift Show Registration Form

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce is excited to offer you an opportunity to showcase and SELL your products at the Vermont Gift Show & Craft Fair sponsored by Vermont Country Store.

Yes, this will be a show where you will sell to those who attend, while showcasing your products and services. And just before the Holiday Season! Last year's show brought 500 people to those who participated.

The show is open to both members and non-members of the Chamber at reasonable rates. The cost of an 8 foot table is only $99 for members and $129 for non-members* Join the Chamber by 3pm on the day of the Vermont Gift Show & Craft Fair and receive a $30 refund toward your Booth Space.

Vendors may purchase multiple tables if desired.

This is a "point of sale" show, products or gift certificates must be sold. Book your space early as the space is limited; first come, first serve.

For more information call 802-773-2747 or email penny@rutlandvermont.com. You can also click here for the registration form.

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invites you to the
November Chamber Mixer

Tuesday
November 11th, 5-7pm

Location:

1 Scale Ave., Building 18 (Howe Center) in Rutland

Great hors d'oeuvres
catered by Santa Fe Steakhouse
Great networking

50/50 Cash Raffle

Great door prizes
including

an Overnight Stay for Two at Best Western Inn & Suites

Ron Cioffi Named Chamber Business Person of the Year!

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce announced on October 29, 2014 at their Annual Meeting (sponsored by GE-Aviation) that Ron Cioffi (Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer) at Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice is the Chamber's 2014 Business Person of the Year. Cioffi was presented the award by Congressman Peter Welch, Rutland City Mayor Chris Louras, and Chamber officials. Tom Donahue (Executive Vice President/CEO) of the Chamber, called Cioffi "a tireless advocate for community health." In 2013 RAVNAH served 2.589 clients making 92,168 visits to residents in Rutland County. A major employer, Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association (RAVNAH) employs 342 people with 287 in Rutland and another 55 in Bennington, due to the recent merger with Bennington's VNA which on October 1st became part of the larger RAVNAH family.

Immediate Past President Marleen Cenate was also honored for her service. Donahue gave a brief presentation on the Chamber's accomplishments over the past year and upcoming projects including the NRHS annual convention in June 2015 and the Chamber's new web page to be launched in December.

The Keynote Speaker for the meeting (attended by over 200 people) was motivational speaker Ross Gibson from The Richards Group. Mr. Gibson spoke about Leadership.

Vermont Health Connect - Open Enrollment Begins November 15th

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce is working with Vermont Health Connect as a Navigator Organization to assist businesses and community members in Rutland County to navigate the program choices and options and to submit applications. Two members of the Chamber staff are trained as Certified Navigators.

The new health care program which began on January 1, 2014 and includes most businesses of 50 and fewer employees will hold open enrollment again beginning on November 15, 2014 to January 1, 2015.

Radio Station 101 The One To Host November Chamber Mixer

Inn & Suites

Peter Huntoon Watercolor Print

Family Portrait Session with an 8 x 10 from Vibe Portrait Art

a gift from Park Place Florist

a gift certificate from Greenfields Steakhouse at the Holiday Inn
a gift certificate from Vermont Backroad tours and more!

Member Testimonials

"The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce is wonderful – always helpful and informative. The monthly mixers are a great networking tool, and the Perk Card has saved all of our employees' lots of money!"
Penny Jones ~ Fitz Vogt-Meals On Wheels

"The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce has been a great asset to our real estate company. Lang McLaughry Real Estate, although well known in other parts of VT and NH, was new to Rutland County 5 years ago. The exposure from the Chamber through its mixers, newsletter, membership profile as well as LMRE utilizing advertising benefits in the Chamber window and the Chamber Business Show we went from a fairly unknown firm to last year being #1 in Rutland County. Of course the company and its agents are the driving force but I believe our heightened profile through the Chamber helped to make us a household name."
Laurie Mecier- Brochu -Managing Broker-Lang McLaughry Real Estate.

Chamber Meetings

11/4 Special Events Committee, 8:30am

11/11 Mixer @ Radio Station 101 The One, 1 Scale Ave., Suite 84 (Howe Center) in Rutland, 5-7pm

11/22 Chamber's Vermont Gift Show & Craft Fair, sponsored by The Vermont Country Store, Franklin Conference Center (Howe Center) 9am-3pm

Web Visitors Top 10 Pages Last Month

www.rutlandvermont.com

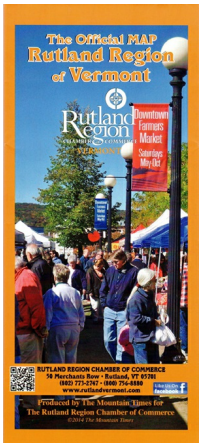
Visitors: 13,793
Pageviews: 26,357

The November Chamber Mixer will be held on Tuesday, November 11th, 5-7pm at 101 The One, a RadioVermont Group Station at their studio located 1 Scale Ave., Building 18 (Howe Center) in Rutland.

There will be great hors d'oeuvres catered by Santa Fe Steakhouse, great networking and great door prizes including an Overnight Stay for Two at Best Western Inn & Suites, Peter Huntoon Watercolor Print, Family Portrait Session with an 8 x 10 from Vibe Portrait Art, a gift certificate from Greenfields Steakhouse at the Holiday Inn, a gift certificate from Vermont Backroad Tours and more!

Last month a crowd was on hand and enjoyed great food, great networking and great door prizes at the October Chamber Mixer held at Vermont Adult Learning.

The 2014 Rutland Region Map is Now Available!



The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, working with The Mountain Times has produced the Rutland Region map for 2014.

We distribute 10,000 copies of the full color map each year. Distribution points include: Amtrak, Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport, Diamond Run Mall, Sandri Sunoco Welcom Center, City Hall, Rutland Free Library, downtown transit center and many more.

Workers Comp Corner

Pre-existing injuries

A claim is sometimes denied because the employee had a pre-existing injury. The denial is appropriate only if the employee suffered no new injury and/or no aggravation or worsening of their pre-existing injury. The law concerning pre-existing injuries is that you take your employee as you find them. This means that even if an employee may be more likely to suffer an injury, if a new injury occurs or an old injury is aggravated, the employer is responsible.

Workers Comp Corner is sponsored by Poulos Insurance: For more information or rates on Workers' Compensation or any other business insurance contact Chuck Rose at Poulos Insurance, 802-775-4443 or crose@poulosinsurance.com

Top 10 Visited Pages:
Calendar: 5,379

Restaurants: 819
Attractions: 770
Lodging: 729
Foliage Driving Tour: 675
Jobs: 648
Things To Do: 567
Visiting: 555
Retail: 513
Photo Album: 354

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New Perk Card Offers!

Green Mountain Rock Climbing is offering a free belay lesson with purchase of adult day pass ($10.00 value) and Kimberly's Hair Salon is extending a 10% discount.

For a complete list of Perk Card discounts click here.

Free Business Seminar!

1% Vision and 99% Alignment
Creating Your 1-Page Strategic Plan
Presented by Hanna Abrams of AdviCoach

This presentation will introduce you to the 1-Page Strategic Plan, a simple business tool that helps you edit your vision and strategy down to a single, action-oriented page. The 1-Page Strategic Plan creates a unique framework that everything else is built upon. It provides a common language so everyone is clear on their priorities and it creates alignment in keeping everyone focused on the most important initiatives. By leveraging the plan you will be able to:

- Increase your ability to execute the right strategies
- Edit your vision and strategy down to a single, action-oriented page
- Get organized with (3) planning horizons: 3-5 years, 1-year and the current quarter
- Align all employees around the most important priorities
- Use the plan monthly, quarterly, and annually to get all employees focused on the right things to drive organizational growth

Presented by: Hannah Abrams of AdviCoach on Wednesday, November 5th, 8am-9:30am at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, located at 50 Merchants Row in Downtown Rutland. Registration is required for this free event by clicking here or calling 802-776-8922.

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Membership Directors Update - Joan HIll

Hi Everyone,
The October mixer hosted by the Vermont Adult Learning was a great success. Rutland is so fortunate to have this educational opportunity in our region. Thank you to General Electric for sponsoring the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting which was held at the Holiday Inn on October 29th. The event was well attended and the Holiday Inn did a terrific job.

New Perk Card Additions: Green Mountain Rock Climbing is offering a free belay lesson with purchase of adult day pass ($10.00 value) and Kimberly's Hair Salon is extending a 10% discount.

Kudos to Green Mountain Power in sponsoring "Fill the Cupboard Challenge" which benefits the Rutland Community Cupboard. They surpassed their goal in collecting 27,199 food items. Kudos also to Earth Waste & Metal in becoming a gold sponsor for the 2014/2015 Paramount season.

Don't forget to tune in on November 4th to PegTV Channel 21 to get all the lection returns as Tom Donahue and John Valente report on the 4 wards in Rutland City and surrounding towns. If you don't have cable you can watch the coverage on pegtv.com

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Join a committee, offer Perk Card discounts and get involved to receive the most benefits from your Chamber Membership. I look forward to seeing you all at the Chamber Mixer at Radio Station 101 – The One on November 11th and at The Vermont Gift Show & Craft Fair sponsored by the Vermont Country Store at the Franklin Conference Center on November 22nd.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Child First Advocacy Center Opens at New Location

Child First Advocacy Center's Wendy Loomis, Executive Director and Kevin Klamm, President of the Board of Directors, cut the ribbon at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the opening of Child First Advocacy Center's new location, 80 West St. in Rutland. The Child First Advocacy Center Provides child abuse prevention and response through a supportive environment and team approach to prevention, investigation, treatment and prosecution. To contact the organization call 802-747-0200, Email: info@childfirstadvocacycenter.org or go to: www.childfirstvermont.org

Marble Cafe' & Gift Shop Opens!

Proctor Select Board Chair William Champine and Vice Chair Bruce Baccei and Desiree Moody (Manager Vermont Marble Museum Gift Shop) cut the ribbon at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the opening of the Marble Cafe' & Gift Shop, located at the Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. in Proctor. The Marble Café and Gift Shop is an extension of the Vermont Marble Museum and is located on the ground floor of the Museum. It will be open year round from Tuesday through Saturday from 9am to 3pm. For information about the Marble Cafe' and Gift Shop call 802-459-2750.

News From Our Members

American Legion Post 31 is now booking Holiday Gatherings. They strive to offer guests the most reasonable pricing and selection the Rutland area has to offer. From a morning breakfast buffet or continental offerings right up to a delicious sit down dinner offering hand carved Prime Ribs of Beef and other tasty treats. We encourage you to call Chef Scott Laviana, to find out any suggestions he might have to make your next event a complete success!! Call 802-775-4941 to book your holiday gathering today!

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont is pleased to announce that Sam Brookman, Weatherization Program Manager has been named the first recipient of the "Bob Neumayer Excellence in Weatherization Service Award". The award was created to honor Bob Neumayer who worked at Northeast Employment & Training Organization for 18 years as area coordinator, energy auditor, and efficiency coach. Geoff Wilcox, State of Vermont Weatherization Program Administrator at the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) said "I met Bob for the first time in 1999 when he helped Efficiency Vermont train the staff from the five weatherization programs to use new diagnostic and screening tools. Bob was one of the nicest guys around, very smart and good at what he did. Bob has been truly missed by anyone who knew him," said Wilcox.

Chaffee Art Center Opening Reception for The Art of Dying Exhibit at the Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main Street**,** November 7th, 5 – 7pm and will feature the Hospice Trillium Singers. Refreshments and light tapas will be served. Exhibit runs from November 7th to December 5th. (802) 775-0062; (802) 775-0356.

Chaffee Art Center will host a Hospice and Palliative Care Panel and Discussion at Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St., Join a panel of health care professionals for an informational evening on hospice and palliative care. Presentation will be followed by a discussion and Q&A with the panel. Topics covered will include medication questions, role of social workers, bereavement assistance, volunteering, and much more. November 11th, 5pm to 6pm, (802) 775-0062; (802) 775-0356.

Chaffee Art Center presents Start the Conversation Presentation & Workshop, In life we prepare for everything, but we seldom prepare for the end. Know your end-of-life care options, and get help with advance health care planning. Learn how to take the first step. Chaffee Art Center hosts presenter Kay Jones, RAVNAH Hospice Social Worker. 16 South Main Street, September 13th, Noon to 1:30pm, (802) 775-0062; (802) 775-0356.

Chaffee Art Center presents the international program, Death by Chocolate Café that provides participants with an opportunity to share in honest conversations about death, dying, and loss in a relaxed café atmosphere. Come enjoy coffee, tea, chocolate, and other refreshments while joining in meaningful conversations guided by the program organizers. 16 South Main Street, November 16th, 3pm to 5pm. To register call Ann at (802) 770-1516.

Chaffee's Downtown Gallery will have Mareva Millarc instruct an

Chaffee's Downtown Gallery will have Marcia Mihale instruct an introductory abstract painting lesson at Chaffee's Wednesday evening Sip n' Dip Painting Class on November 5th, at 6:30pm at the Chaffee Downtown Gallery, 75 Merchants Row. All materials including canvas, paint, brushes, smocks and instructions will be included. Cost $30.00 or $25.00 for Chaffee Members. The event is BYOB**.** (802) 775-0062; (802) 775-0356

Chaffee Downtown Gallery will host Peter Huntoon with a painting demonstration at the Chaffee Downtown Gallery on Friday, November 14 at 6pm, 75 Merchants Row, wine and light tapas will be served. Huntoon will discuss his techniques during this live demonstration. For more information call 802-775-0062 or 802-775-0356

Downtown Rutland Partnership will host the Annual Santa Arrival & Tree Lighting – Santa arrives in Depot Park, Downtown, where the holiday tree will be lit, refreshments provided, follow Santa to the Paramount for the chance to sit on his lap, December 2nd, 6:30 pm., free movie starts at 7 pm

Friends of the Rutland Free Library November Book Sales, Fri., Nov. 14 (10-4)& Sat., Nov. 15 (10-2), Rutland Free Library 10 Court St.,www.rutlandfree.org, Thousands of books organized by author/topic for all ages, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, etc. $.25-$3.00; All proceeds go to support library programs, activities and collections.

Killington Pico Ski Resort holds Job Fair at Ramshead Lodge, November 8th, 12 noon – 3 p.m., Job Fairs provide you with the opportunity to meet with a variety of supervisors from all areas of the resort, 1-800-300-9095.

RAVNAH will hold blood pressure and foot care clinics throughout the month of November for a complete list go to www.ravnah.org or call (802) 775-0568.

Rutland Economic Development Corp. invites you to their 77th Annual Meeting, which will be held on November 13th at Southside Steakhouse. Networking & Cocktails starting at 4pm; dinner and meeting will be at 5pm. Awards will be presented for Member of the Year and Business Excellence. A RSVP will be required. For more information or to RSVP call 802-773-2747 or email: tcarrington@rutlandeconomy.com

Rutland Free Library will host Linda MacFarlane on Saturday, November 8th, from 1:00 to 4:00 to celebrate WORLD ORIGAMI DAYS, Discover the magic in a simple sheet of paper, participate in an origami lesson, 2:00 & 3:00, browse a special selection of origami books on display from TUTTLE PUBLISHING, Enjoy a display with traditional and modular origami, Free origami item - one per person – as long as supply lasts, 10 Court St., 773-1860.

Rutland Regional Medical Center announces Thomas Hartigan, OT/L, Director of Rehabilitation Services at Rutland Regional Medical Center was recently appointed by Secretary of State James C. Condos to serve as advisor to Christopher Winters, Director of the Office of Professional Regulation on matters relation to occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. The director and advisors serve to protect the public by ensuring that occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistant applicants are qualified for licensure, set standards for the profession by proposing statutes and adopting administrative rules and with the assistance of OPR staff, investigate complaints of unprofessional conduct, taking disciplinary action against a licensee when necessary to protect the public.

Paramount Theatre hosts BREWHAHA - Beer + Laughs ... its going to be a BrewHaHa! Get your tickets early - the first two BrewHaHa's sold out in only hours, Magic Hat will be on hand offering 4 samples of their delicious VT made brews, $30 gets you four 4oz samples and lots of laughs, we are building a comedy club right on stage and inviting some fresh, new, up-and-coming faces from the Boston comedy scene, A cash bar will be available featuring Magic Hat products, wine and soft drinks, November 29th, 8 pm, Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St., 775-0903.

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Town of West Rutland will be hosting a Hunters Widow Shopping Day on November 16th from 1 pm until 5 pm. The event will be held at the Town Hall in the newly renovated auditorium (corner of Marble and Main Street). We are seeking any and all forms of vendors selling crafts, food, baked goods, beauty & health items, jewelry and any other handmade products including fibers, preserves, etc. The cost is $15.00 for an 8x8 space plus a donated item for the raffle. 438-2263 or cfitzgerald@westrutlandtown.com.

U.S. Small Business Administration holds a free event, Veteran Small Business Conference at Heritage Family Credit Union, Operations Center, 26 Allen St., Learn about writing an effective business plan, SBA programs, doing business with the Government, and VA verification as a veteran-owned small business, November 6th, 1-4 pm, Featured Speakers include Walter Wise-Veterans Business Outreach Center, Joanne Spaulding

and Craig Baden- VT Procurement Technical Assistance Center and Chris Herriman-U.S. Small Business Administration. To register call Chris Herriman at: 802-828-4422 X206.

United Way of Rutland County's Rutland's annual **Catwalk for a Cause**, a fundraiser fashion and hair show will showcase the talents of local hair stylists and make-up artists and feature fashion trends from area clothing stores. There will be a competition for the best overall look. All proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Rutland County to be distributed to their many programs that support our Rutland County Community. November 16th, 4 pm, TICKETS: $10 - $20, Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St., The show is being sponsored by Five Elements Salon & Day Spa. 775-0903.

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