



December 2010

Dear Brenda,

Happy Holidays!

As you scurry towards your holiday celebrations, remember the impact that your spending can have on our local economy, and whenever possible, choose to spend locally. We will all benefit!

Mark you calendar for the Chamber mixer on Thursday December 16 from 5 - 7. It will be a well-earned break with friends and there'll be a twist this month. Don't miss it!

The Chamber's Annual Meeting details are coming together as well, so save that date - Tuesday, January 25th 7 - 9 AM - as it's sure to be of interest!

December Mixer



You are invited to attend the December 16th Mixer at the Chamber office from 5 to 7 pm.

Sponsored by Middlesex Electric, this year's event holds something for everyone!

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Financial Challenges All Around



Fewer workers paying income taxes, reduced consumption to tax at retail, less driving and efficient vehicles becomes lower fuel tax revenues. Pension and retirement funds took a big

hit and investment returns remain weak, so reserves are inadequate to meet future obligations. Governments at all levels are strapped for cash.

Families that spend more than they have are "irresponsible."

Businesses running in the red are "mismanaged."

Governments going broke are "under-funded" or "overburdened."

Governments that are under funded or over burdened will seek new revenues. Taxpayers of every variety will see pressure coming from all sides.

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Items of Interest



SEASON PASS DISCOUNTS FOR REGIONAL BUSINESSES!

Open to any business in the Waterbury, Stowe, Morrisville area. Save up to 40% on your season pass by purchasing it through Stowe Mountain

Resorts Regional Business Pass Program. If your business is not in the Waterbury, Stowe, Morrisville area, buy your pass through the Corporate Season Pass program and save up to 30%. Contact Bryan Meszkat at bmeszkat@stowe.com or 802-253-3432 to learn more about these programs.

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Save the Date - Thursday, April 7, 2011
For the second annual Central Vermont Career & Job Fair. [Get the details...](#)

Granite Hills Credit Union is collecting non-perishable food for the **Greater Barre Ecumenical Food Shelf** until the end of the year. There is a need for tuna fish, cereal, peanut butter and jellies, soups, condiments, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, juices, toilet paper, toothpaste, and paper towels. Drop off donations in the GHCU Barre lobby. Thanks for supporting our community!

Stay busy, stay warm, stay safe. I hope to see you at the Mixer!

Sincerely,

Brenda Comstock

Central Vermont Chamber