

December 1, 2009

Dear Local Business Owner.

The Burke Area Chamber of commerce is an all volunteer organization that represents the businesses and community of Burke and the surrounding area. The BACC responds to telephone, mail and email inquiries on behalf of the members and markets the Burke area and the member businesses through cooperative advertising, a web site and information centers. The Chamber of Commerce is often the first point of contact for potential new customers, vendors and residents, and serves as the conduit for business and community related information. The BACC also organizes and underwrites community activities, most notably the annual Burke Fall Festival and Santa in Burke.

Although the BACC represent the community as a whole, chamber membership has it benefits. Health insurance with attractive group rates is available to member businesses and their employees. A group rate is available to provide low cost fuel. The Chamber responds to inquiries with packages including information on our members, as well as appropriate individual brochures from our members. Member listing on the Burke Vermont web site include a picture, a descriptive paragraph and contact information and any special events you may have. Referrals from telephone mail and email inquiries are sent solely to members of the BACC.

The BACC maintains low membership dues by remaining a volunteer organization. In addition to local business members, the Chamber has many individual members. The individual members may participate in the community and social activities. Business members will be listed on printed and web directories and brochures, will receive business referrals, and may participate in cooperative advertising. Annual membership dues for 2010 are as follows:

- Individuals: \$25
- 1 to 10 employees: \$68
- 11 to 25 employees \$ 88
- 26 and over employees \$110

The Burke Area Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to be a part of our organization. We meet monthly as a group, and communicate regularly with the members via mail and email. If you would like to join, please complete the enclosed form and return it your dues to

Burke Area Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 347
East Burke, VT 05832

If you are outside of the immediate Burke area, we encourage you to participate in your local Chamber of Commerce. However, we realize that many businesses outside of Burke support our residents, and the visitors who are interest in Burke Mountain and Kingdom Trails, so we extend membership to any interested business. You are welcomed to join our BACC meeting, which are normally at 6:00 on the third Tuesday of each month at the Kingdom Trails Office, in back of Bailey and Burke Store in East Burke. Thank you for your support and participation.

Our group fuel companies will need updated list of paid members by the 20th of January so If you are presently a member signed up for one of the group fuel program, **PLEASE MAKE SURE DUES ARE PAID BY JANURARY**
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