



**Vermont Town and City Management Association
Fall Conference
Latchis Hotel and Downtown Locations
Brattleboro, Vermont**

Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26, 2018
Agenda

Thursday, October 25

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
Orientation of new members to VTCMA and to municipal management.
- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Steve MacKenzie, VTCMA President and Barre City Manager, and Peter Elwell, Town Manager in Brattleboro, will welcome participants.
- 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. **Rental Housing and Fire Safety Code Inspection Requirements**
Act 188 increased the responsibilities of local officials to administer rental housing health code inspections and enforcement. Whether you hold the office of Town Health Officer or not, the administration and enforcement of the rental housing health and safety codes is likely to affect your municipality.
Meg McCarthy, Compliance and Enforcement Advisor, Environmental Health Division, Vermont Department of Health; Mike Desrochers, Executive Director Fire Safety Division, Public Safety Department.
- 10:45 - 11:00 am *Coffee refresher*
- 11:00 -12:15 pm. **What does it Mean to be a Hub Community or Shire Town?** Hub community managers Peter Elwell, Brattleboro; Leo Pullar, Hartford; and Bill Fraser, Montpelier will facilitate a round table discussion of the demands placed on towns that are regional service centers hosting increased daytime populations and facilities such as court houses, social services, regional commercial centers, and state agency outposts.
What are the needs in such communities? How do you build support for the municipal infrastructure that supports service centers?
- 12:15 - 12:30 pm **VTCMA Business Meeting**
Steve Mackenzie will chair the business meeting.
- 12:30 -1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **Janus Decision** – This summer’s Supreme Court decision in Janus v. AFSCME, the Court ruled 5-4 that requiring public sector employees to pay fair share union dues violates their First Amendment rights. *Where does that leave municipalities? What obligations do municipal government officials have to inform employees of options to pay union dues or not? Stephen Ellis, attorney and director with Ellis, Boxer & Blake PLLC, will discuss the decision and its implications for cities and towns.*

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Gubernatorial Candidates Phil Scott and Christine Hallquist Join VTCMA to Discuss Priorities** (This is not a debate. The candidates – should they accept our invitation - would meet at different times with VTCMA members.)
VLCT Advocacy Staff has invited Democratic and Republican Candidates for Governor to conversations on municipal government priorities. The Governor has declined the invitation.

3:30 - 6:00 p.m. **Free time: Brattleboro's downtown is brimming with activity!**

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Social Hour and VTCMA Award Dinner, [Peter Havens Restaurant](#)
[32 Elliott St. Brattleboro](#)**

Friday, October 26

7:30 - 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. **Facilitating Economic Growth in Vermont's Special Places** – Develop your best materials and infrastructure to both entice and welcome businesses to your unique community. *What distinguishes your town? What do businesses most want to see as they make decisions about location? What do municipalities need to provide for them and for their employees? Panelists are Gretchen Havreduk, Wilmington Economic Development Specialist; John O'Keefe, Manchester Town Manager, Carrie Simmons, New Ground Creative, Brattleboro VT and Laura Sibia, Director of Regional Strategies Brattleboro Development Credit Corp.*

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Coffee refresher, networking opportunities, and hotel check out.**

11:30- 12:30 p.m. **Legislative Preview**
Just ahead of the election, VLCT Advocacy Staff Karen Horn and Gwynn Zakov will discuss the upcoming session, legislator and gubernatorial priorities, and VLCT objectives for the 2019 – 2020 biennium.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch, [Duo Restaurant 136 Main St. Brattleboro](#)**
Patricia Vinchesi, ICMA Northeast Regional Director, will give an update on ICMA activities and discuss issues of the most concern to Vermont town and city managers.

1:30 p.m. **Conclusion and Safe Trip Home**

*Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Early check-in may be available but is not guaranteed.
Check out time is 11:00 a.m.*