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NEWSLETTER UNDERWRITTEN BY:



Operation Thank You Wednesday, October 14th, 2026

It is with our sincere gratitude that we extend our thanks to you for your support of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce. We greatly appreciate your support of the organization and working with you to maintain a strong and vibrant organization that works on your behalf.

As we celebrate members on our 38th Annual Operation Thank You, sponsored by Newburyport Bank and Waste Management, on October 14, 2026, we wish to say,

Thank You!

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Our Mission: To advance and promote the prosperity of its members and enhance the quality of life in the greater Rochester area

MEMBERSHIP

Benefits

Put Your Business in the Spotlight

Advertising Opportunities in 2026

Member E-Blast Rates: \$150/month; \$375/3 months; \$600/6 months; \$900/year. \$75/month for nonprofits.

Newsletter Inserts: \$100/month; \$75/month for nonprofits

Newsletter Ad: \$75

Premium Member Listing: \$100/year

Scholarship Champion: \$100-\$1,000+

Sponsorship Opportunities in 2026

Various levels of sponsorship are available for various events and publications that take place throughout the year. Contact Chamber staff to see how you can make your business stand out.

Please see our [Promotional Opportunities Guide](#).

Log in to Your Secure Member Portal Today!

LOG IN

Log in to your [Member Portal](#) where you can submit your business' events, news releases, register for events, access resources and more!

Member Benefit Spotlight

Capitol Connect



Small business members (10 employees or less), who remain members of the chamber, receive a no-cost, affiliate membership in the BIA.

Contact memberservices@rochesternh.org for more information.

Next Session: October 19th, 2026

Help Us Thank Our Members

Wednesday, October 14th, 2026



Volunteers are asked to visit members to personally say thank you for supporting the Chamber and present them with the 2026/2027 Digital Business Referral Directory and Rochester Community Guide. This is also a great way to connect with fellow businesses.

See [Volunteer Sign-Up Flyer](#) for more information.

Have Job Openings?

Post your Job Vacancies on the Chamber Website at No Charge!

Submit postings through your Member Portal or contact Chamber staff: Memberservices@rochesternh.org

Chamber Information Center

MEMBERS:

Bring in your brochures and business cards to display at the Chamber!



UPCOMING Events

UPCOMING RIBBON CUTTINGS

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

Invites you to join us for a
RIBBON CUTTING Ceremony

hrcu
Your Neighborhood Credit Union

Tuesday, October 6
10:00AM
140 Wakefield Street
Rochester, NH

Join Holy Rosary Credit Union as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Spaulding High School Branch. As one of the area's most unique banking experiences, this student-run branch has empowered young people with real-world financial and professional skills while serving the public for the past two decades.

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

Invites you to join us for a
RIBBON CUTTING

October 21, 2026
10:00AM

Infinity Peer Support
55 Summer Street
Rochester, NH

Infinity Peer Support

Building Your Bank of Resilience

Featuring Dr Naomi Hall & Recovery Friendly Workplace

NOVEMBER 17

REGISTER HERE

Join the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Rochester Mental Health Alliance for a community discussion on mental health in the workplace!

November 17, 8:00am - 9:30am
Rochester Performance and Arts Center
\$25 for Chamber Members & \$30 for Non Chamber Members
Refreshments and light breakfast provided from Potters House and Busy Bee Cafe

Potter's House Bakery & Cafe
ROCHESTER PERFORMANCE & ARTS CENTER
BUSY BEE CAFE

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

Skill Up! Series

AI For Business Writing & More
Wednesday, November 4
8:00-9:30AM
18 South Main Street, Rochester, NH

QIO Join The AI Operators to explore how to get more from AI for business writing and everyday work.

Topics Include:
Learning how providing AI with robust context about you and your task changes the quality of what it writes, and how to keep that writing from reading like AI wrote it.
Learning how to structure large, content-heavy tasks so AI helps at every step, saving you time and producing a better end product.
Discovering how the newest AI tools can work in your own files and apps, building documents, navigating websites, and doing work on your computer leaving you time to focus on other things.

Register Today!
FREE for members / \$15 for non-members
rochesternh.org/skillupAI

SKILL UP! SERIES: AI FOR BUSINESS WRITING AND MORE

Meet the Candidates 2026

Join us for an exciting opportunity to connect with...

STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES (ROCHESTER) & STATE SENATE DISTRICT 6

MONDAY
OCTOBER 26
6:00pm

Held At
Rochester City Hall

Meet and hear from State Representative Candidates (Rochester) and State Senate District 6

REGISTER TO ATTEND: [ROCHESTERNH.ORG/CANDIDATES](https://rochesternh.org/candidates)

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce
603.332.5080 / rochesternh.org

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS WITH ROCHESTER OPERA HOUSE AT RPAC

BUSINESS after hours

Rochester Opera House
ARTS FOR ALL SINCE 1908

Wednesday, October 14th, 2026
5:30-7:00PM
Rochester Performance & Arts Center (RPAC)
32 North Main Street, Rochester, NH

Join The Rochester Opera as they host an October Business After Hours!

In conjunction with our annual Operation Thank You, the Chamber's annual membership appreciation day, the Rochester Opera House will host a Business After Hours.

Please note that the event will take place at Rochester Performance & Arts Center (RPAC).

REGISTER TO ATTEND:
rochesternh.org/octoberbah

Networking ● Raffles ● Hors D'oeuvres

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

Skill Up! Series

Bank of New Hampshire - Fraud Trends Impacting NH Businesses
Tuesday, October 27
8:00-9:30AM
18 South Main Street, Rochester, NH or Zoom

BNH
Bank of New Hampshire

Join Eric Carter and Drew Muzzey from Bank of New Hampshire for an informative session regarding fraud trends impacting NH businesses.

Learn tips on how to detect fraud, hear best practices on mitigating your risk, and discover what tools are available to keep your company safe from fraudsters.

Register Today!
FREE for members / \$15 for non-members
rochesternh.org/skillupfraud

SKILL UP! SERIES: FRAUD TRENDS WITH BANK OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

MEMBERSHIP

Update

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

ARTS EDUCATION

BREATHE LIFE NEW ENGLAND

Rochester, NH



Phone: (603) 507-8430

Web: breathelifenewengland.com



CAFE

POE BEAN CAFE

91 North Main Street
Rochester, NH

Web: facebook.com/PoeBeanCafe/

LAUNDROMAT

LILAC CITY LAUNDRY

31 Hancock Street
Rochester, NH



Phone: (603) 289-5549

Web: lilaccitylaundry.com



NON-PROFIT

GLOBAL ENTOMOLOGY COALITION

Rochester, NH

Web: entomologycoalition.org

MEMBER RENEWALS

Cornerstone VNA

Daniel W. Fitzpatrick

Fresh Sprout Marketing

Market Basket

Monarch School of New England

Neuropsychology & Concussion Management Associates

New England Marketing & Print, Inc.

Nippo Lake Golf Club

Pease Development Authority

Renaissance Signs, Inc.

Revival Day of Hope

Rochester Eye Care Associates, PLLC

Rochester School District

SellMyTimeshareNow, LLC

Strafford Appliance Co., Inc.

State Farm Insurance - Mike Testa, Agent

Tri-City Christian Academy

Vouchers for Veterans

Windjammers Seafood Restaurant



Congratulations!

Member Anniversary Recognitions

The Chamber wishes to recognize and thank members that have 5, 10, 20 or 25 years of Chamber membership this month!

25 YEARS

Windjammers Seafood Restaurant

10 YEARS

110 Grill

State Farm Insurance - Mike Testa, Agent

5 YEARS

Gentle Dental

Garry Perkins Concrete of Rochester, LLC

Vouchers for Veterans

LDI Solutions, LLC



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Our Golf Committee went above and beyond to have a fun and successful day on the greens! Many thanks to everyone who assisted. We couldn't have done it without you!



GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MISSION:

The mission of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Council is to represent, monitor and advocate members' concerns to local, regional, state and federal governmental organizations, on issues that affect the economic well-being and quality of life in the greater Rochester area.

COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES:

Governmental Affairs Council meetings are held on dates and times as determined by the committee.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

The Governmental Affairs Council strives to bring in quality speakers from various industries throughout the year. If you are interested in speaking at a future meeting, please contact the Chamber:

AMBASSADORS CORNER



Chamber Ambassadors are Chamber members who volunteer their time to assist the Chamber with membership retention efforts and in exchange receive an elevated member experience that offers more opportunities to network and more visibility for their business.

Any current member with their business, or the business they represent, in good standing is welcome to apply to become a Chamber Ambassador.

**Applications must be completed and submitted by:
January 31, 2027.**

Please contact Abigail Gilbert, Business Development Specialist: agilbert@rochesternh.org for an application.

INTERESTED IN JOINING A COMMITTEE?

We would love to have you! Commitments include attending a few committee meetings throughout the year and assisting day of at the event. There is also opportunity for sponsor outreach, decor creation, logistical assistance and more. If you are creative, organized, want to get your name and business out there, or just love being part of your community – our event committees are for you. Contact us to get involved!



MEMBERS

News

Alkegen is hiring! Join the Alkegen Rochester team. Visit: [Alkegen.com/careers](https://alkegen.com/careers)

Any Eventz LLC & Transportation - Upcoming Event!
Family Fall Festival Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 17th
11:00AM-2:00PM at 17 Farmington Rd, Rochester, NH.
Visit: anyeventz.com

Bank of New Hampshire invites you to elevate your earnings with a CD Special at BNH—Open online now or schedule an appointment. Call 800.832.0912 or visit <https://bnh.bank>.

Church of God of Rochester is celebrating 80 years of ministry and honoring the life & legacy of Pastor Wayne Nelson on October 11th at 4PM. Visit: churchofgodrochesternh.org

Cinco's Cantina - Cinco's Cantina continues its commitment to giving back to the community with several Fiesta Fundraiser nights scheduled throughout October.
October 6 - Meals on Wheels
October 20 - SHS Class of 2028
October 27 - Slammers
Visit: cincoscantina.com

Comcast Business - Nearly 4,700 homes and businesses in Milton and New Durham now have access to multi-gigabit, symmetrical Internet from Comcast's Xfinity and Comcast Business.
Visit: business.comcast.com

Frisbie Memorial Hospital/HCA Healthcare has received the American Heart Association's (AHA) Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Achievement Award for its commitment to offering rapid and research-based care to people experiencing the most severe form of heart attacks and strokes, ultimately saving lives. This is the second consecutive year that the hospital has received the recognition.
Visit: frisbiehospital.com

Greater Seacoast Health is pleased to welcome two new Behavioral Health providers, Teresa Quint, LCSW, and Julie Weiler, MSW, to its team, providing behavioral and mental health services for individuals and families throughout the Seacoast. Both practice at Greater Seacoast Health's Somersworth location. Visit: GreaterSeacoastHealth.org

LaValley Building Supply is excited to announce that LaValley - Middleton Building Supply is now LaValley Building Supply.
Visit: lavalleys.com

Leone, McDonnell & Roberts is pleased to announce the addition of two new team members: Brody DeMasi and Michelle Sewell. Each brings valuable experience and a strong commitment to client service, further strengthening the firm's ability to deliver trusted accounting services across the region. Visit: lmrpa.com

Neuropsychology & Concussion Management Associates:
Looking for therapy or Executive Function Coaching services? NCMA is taking on new clients. Call (207) 594-2952 or visit ncmamaine.com to schedule a consult today!

Robbins Auto Repair and Sales will be hosting their first annual Motorcycle Ride for Christmas Joy on October 18th. Call: (603) 948-1032

Rochester Opera House - Upcoming Shows:
Tyrus Murdoch Live: Tyrus Tour 2026 - October 10
Seussical the Musical! - October 16 - November 8
Strafford Wind Symphony - October 21
Arrested Development - October 24
To buy tickets or find more events, please call (603) 335-1992, stop by Stage Door for tickets and more at 1 Wakefield St. Rochester, NH or visit: rochesteroperahouse.com.

Seacoast SCORE offers free online business training on a variety of small business topics. Business owners also get free, expert advice from experienced mentors during SCORE's new office hours at the Rochester Chamber. To register for free business mentoring at the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, click [here](#). To register for online workshops, visit score.org.

Victims Inc. is the host and beneficiary of Granite State Bingo every Saturday Night. Bingo is hosted at the Lilac Club Casino at 7 Milton Road in Rochester, NH. Opening at 4pm, a warm up game is held at 6pm, with regular games at 6:30pm.
Visit victimsinc.org.

WM will be hosting a hiring event for CDL Truck Drivers October 07th from 8am to 3pm in Rochester, NH. Walk-ins are welcome but we encourage CDL Driver applicants to register for expedited interview times.
Visit: wm.com/careers

If you've got news or updates for your Chamber member company or organization, let us help you get the word out!

Submit your news to: memberservices@rochesternh.org



ROCHESTER RETAILERS - THE CITY WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The **City of Rochester's Economic Development Commission** is currently collecting input from retail businesses in the community as part of its **FY27 Business Retention & Expansion survey**.

Input provided will help guide future programs and initiatives to support and strengthen Rochester's business community. If you could please take a few moments to complete the survey, your insights would be greatly appreciated. All responses are strictly confidential and will be reported only in aggregate as part of a cumulative summary of Rochester's retail sector.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an in-person meeting to discuss your responses in further depth, please reach out to Lee Nentwig by email at leo.nentwig@rochesternh.gov or by phone at (603) 833-8303.

[TAKE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

52ND GOLF TOURNAMENT

Congrats to our winning teams, China Palace Asian Diner and Eastern Propane! View the [Event Photos](#) here.



September Ribbon Cuttings



The Chamber was pleased to celebrate two ribbon cuttings last month! Lilac City Laundry celebrated their grand opening and Emerge Salon celebrated their relocation to Rochester, NH!

NOW ACCEPTING 2027 ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS

We've taken our Award Nomination forms virtual! Nominations can now be submitted year round either virtually or by paper form, making submitting a nominee easier than ever. Have someone in mind? We are now accepting awards nominations for the 2027 Annual Awards Celebration. Help a Business, Nonprofit, Citizen or Educator receive the recognition they deserve! Visit our [website](#) to fill out the form or learn more.

2026 ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION RECIPIENTS



Business of the Year

Jersey Mike's Subs

Nonprofit of the Year

Great Bay Community College



Educator of the Year

Melissa-Lynn Wheeler



Citizen of the Year

Jes Bryant



CHAMBER

Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Ambassador Meeting 4:00PM	2 State of the City 2026 7:30AM	3
4	5	6 HRCU Ribbon Cutting 10:00AM	7	8	9	10
11	12 COLUMBUS DAY Chamber Office Closed	13	14 Operation Thank You Business After Hours with Rochester Opera House (at RPAC) 5:30-7PM	15 SCORE Open Office Hours 10:30AM	16 Governmental Affairs 8:00AM	17
18	19 Chamber 101 4:00PM	20	21 Infinity Peer Support Ribbon Cutting 10:00AM	22	23 Board of Directors 7:30AM	24
25	26 Candidates Forum 6:00PM	27 BNH Skill Up! 8:00AM	28	29	30	31

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November:

Skill Up! AI Operators, 11/4 8:00AM

Governmental Affairs, 11/13 8:00AM

Chamber 101, 11/9 4:00PM

1875 House BAH, 11/12 5:30PM

Tri-Chamber BAH, 11/19 5:00PM

Board of Directors, 11/20 7:30 AM

2026 CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS

Chairman of the Board:
Caitlyn Turgeon
HBL Insurance

Chair-Elect:
Mary Henderson
Bank of New Hampshire

Vice Chair, Governmental Affairs:
Mark Farrell

Vice Chair, Events & Fund Raisers:
Dr. Deepa Reddy
Deepa Reddy, DMD, PLLC

Vice Chair, Membership:
Kendall Spewock
Admiral Property Management & Sales

Treasurer:
Ellen Miller
Frisbie Memorial Hospital/
HCA Healthcare

Immediate Past Chairman:
Kerrie Landry
Living Innovations

DIRECTORS

Tammy Adams
Great Bay Facility Maintenance, Inc.

Kristen Bournival
Raiche & Company CPAs

Alan Brown
Newburyport Bank

Anne Brown
Daystar - Your Technology Partner

Brian Dickie
Eversource

Lauren Jerr
Spaulding High School

Scott Littlefield
Profile Bank

Carl Potvin
Law Office of Carl W. Potvin, P.C.

Michael Scala
City of Rochester
Economic Development

Cheryl Thompson
First Seacoast Bank

Jennifer Ufkin
Cornerstone VNA

Laura Vrettos
The Home Depot

Sue Willson
Potter's House Bakery & Café

CHAMBER STAFF

Tanya Hervey
President/CEO

Abigail Gilbert
Business Development Specialist

Taylor Blackden
Events & Communications Specialist



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LET'S STAY
Connected

We are here for you! Stop by our office Monday-Friday from 9-5 to say hello, ask a question, or drop off a flyer. We want to stay updated on what's happening with you & your business!



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Newburyport Bank
Profile Bank
Raiche & Company CPA's
Waterstone Properties Group
Waste Management
Unitil

TOP TEAMS & PRIZE SPONSORS

FIRST PLACE TEAM

CHINA PALACE ASIAN DINER:

SCOTT CAMBELL, ELIE ANQUETIL, TROY HARMON, AND JOHN BARTER

PRIZES SPONSORED BY:

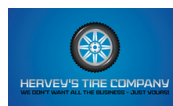


SECOND PLACE TEAM

EASTERN PROPANE:

**CIDER BERRY, KEITH NEWTON,
BOB YOUNG, AND MARK BERRY**

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THIRD PLACE TEAM

**WASTE MANAGEMENT: SEAN
GRANEY, JAMEE LANDRY, KYLE
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Windjammers Seafood Restaurant

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Kingswood Golf Club
Nippo Lake Golf Club
Rochester Country Club
The Oaks

2026 GOLF COMMITTEE

Mark Farrell - Committee Chair | Kim Alty - M&T Bank | Taylor Blackden - Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce
Kristen Bournival - Raiche & Company CPA's | Matthew Fullerton - Waste Management
Tanya Hervey - Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce | Kerrie Landry - Living Innovations
Tanja Grindl - 1875 House | Stacy Brown - COAST

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Jackie Frost - Raiche & Company CPA's | Dan Drye - Roll Films LLC | Abby Gilbert - Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce
Carole Glenn - City of Rochester | Tanya Hervey - Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce | TJ Jean - Frisbie Memorial Hospital/HCA Healthcare
Kerrie Landry - Living Innovations | Kate Lehoux - HBL Insurance | Melissa Lesniak - Keller Williams Coastal Realty | Megan Lewis - Waste Management
Kyle Lewis - Waste Management | Amanda Martineau - Monarch School of New England | Grace Moller - Service Credit Union
Tiffany Reagan - Service Credit Union | Candace Rowell - Service Credit Union

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hours

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Raffles



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