VERGENNES PARTNERSHIP

GET INVOLVED!

If you support the mission of Vergennes Partnership and want to make a difference in our community, we would love to have you join us as a **VOLUNTEER**!

We always welcome extra hands for:

- **Gardening (May–October):** Keep our downtown blooming and beautiful—no experience is required! Help us throughout the growing season whenever you have the time.

- **Special Events & Projects:** From staffing special events (e.g., Groovin' on the Green, Ho Ho Ho Holiday Stroll) and lighting the City Park trees in November, to social media, market research and grant writing, there are plenty of ways to get involved.

- **Committee Work:** Help shape the future of the Little City by joining one of our committees: Community Engagement Committee , Design Committee , Marketing & Promotion Committee and Economic Development Committee.

Your time and energy directly support the health and vibrancy of our downtown. Whether you can give an hour or a season, your contribution is greatly needed and will make an impact!

If interested, contact Christine Garrow, Executive Director, at vergennespartnership@gmail.com or 802.398.7399.

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EVENTS: Past & Future

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
JULY	Summer Sidewalk Sales	Summer Sidewalk Sales
AUG		
SEPT	Fall Sidewalk Sales	Groovin' on the Green Fall Sidewalk Sales
OCT	VERGENNES Pumpkins Meet & Greet	VERGENNES Pumpkins Fall Blender
NOV	Vergennes Grand Thanksgiving Giveaway Small Business Saturday "Vergennes Falls in Acrylic" unveiling	Small Business Saturday
DEC	Ho Ho Ho Holiday Stroll Magic on Main	Ho Ho Ho Holiday Stroll Late Night on Main
JAN		Board Retreat
FEB		Winter Blender
MARCH	CommuniTEA Fundraiser	CommuniTEA Fundraiser
APRIL	Spring Fling Blender	Spring Fling Blender
MAY	Late Night on Main Board Retreat	Late Night on Main
JUNE	ANNUAL MEETING & Summer Blender	ANNUAL MEETING & Summer Blender

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FY 25-26 Future Activities

- [ ] Develop new **Vergennes brochure** – Addison County Chamber not printing theirs
- [ ] Re-print of the Historic Sites Walking Tour booklet – **looking for a sponsor**
- [ ] Farmers Market – assisting City's Market Manager Sarah Stillman; have a VP table
- [ ] Public Art – Middlebury College intern feasibility study for Rt. 22A silo and park
- [ ] Focus on a **self-promotion campaign** – St. Michael's intern study/**"Did you know..."**
- [ ] Focus on internal organization / SOPs / records / succession planning / memberships
- [ ] **Local Option Tax (LOT)** exploration – working with City Manager & Rec Committee

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Community Engagement Committee

MISSION

To develop and host creative events that strengthen community connections, support local businesses and celebrate our shared culture.

MEMBERS

Jen Russell - Chairperson
Shanon Atkins
***Penny Delisle**
Christine Garrow
***Char Goodell**

ACTIVITIES

Groovin' on the Green

Quarterly Blenders & Annual Meeting

Ho Ho Ho Holiday Stroll

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Design Committee

MISSION

Capitalize on Vergennes' best assets and identify areas of improvement to beautify the community . Create an inviting atmosphere that conveys what the Vergennes downtown has to offer - this particularly relates to streetscapes and infrastructure improvements.

MEMBERS

Amy Djordjevic - Chairperson
Bill Benton
Christine Garrow
Lisa Godfrey
Renny Perry
Elise Shanbacker

ACTIVITIES

Design, maintain and expand downtown gardening efforts from April - October

Install & remove holiday lights around trees in City Park

Seek funding for Main Street utility pole removal efforts

Explore options for preservation of, and new uses for, the Pump House

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Economic Development Committee

MISSION

Seek and support programs and processes that advance the economic vitality of downtown and the greater Vergennes community. Help businesses expand and recruit new ones, convert unused space into productive property, and sharpen the competitiveness of the business enterprises.

MEMBERS

Renny Perry - Chairperson
***Danelle Birong**
***Linda Cook**
***Bob Feuerstein**
Christine Garrow
***Connie Houston**

ACTIVITIES

Fill vacant commercial and retail spaces

Seek new development ooportunities throughout Vergennes

Seek new housing development options

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Marketing & Promotion Committee

MISSION

Promote downtown Vergennes as the center of commerce, community and culture for residents, 5-town neighbors and visitors. Implement a marketing plan that gives Vergennes a year-round boost as a destination for visitors and locals alike.

MEMBERS

Laura Mack - Chairperson
Christine Garrow
Jody Pierce

ACTIVITIES

Promote downtown business community through events, ads, print materials

Maintain a high-quality website & socials

Issue monthly newsletters

Historic Sites Walking Tour - updates

Determination & promotion of the Vergennes "brand"