

## Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2009 Overview

*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 144 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services, including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water, on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- **Legal, consulting and education services.** In the past year, VLCT responded to over 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 14 workshops and 37 on-site training sessions that attracted over 1,300 people. MAC distributed almost 130 hard copy handbooks to municipal officials, but also made all of its handbooks available free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains over 500 other electronic documents currently accessible to all. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- **Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments** to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2010 legislature assuring that state fiscal woes are not shifted to local governments and property taxpayers.
- **Purchasing opportunities** to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2008 for \$46 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services. Other pooled purchasing opportunities exist in such areas as assuring that towns are able to obtain road salt for winter highway maintenance at an affordable price and adequate quantities.

Individuals interested in finding out more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, can visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

## ADOPTED VLCT FULL MEMBER DUES FOR FY11

TOWN/CITY	2008 US CENSUS POP. EST.	FY11 DUES@ \$.95 PER CAPITA, 2008 CENSUS BUREAU EST., \$700 SERVICE FEE	TOWN/CITY	2008 US CENSUS POP. EST.	FY11 DUES@ \$.95 PER CAPITA, 2008 CENSUS BUREAU EST., \$700 SERVICE FEE
ADDISON	1,413	\$ 2,042	EDEN	1,120	\$ 1,764
ALBANY	808	\$ 1,468	ELMORE	970	\$ 1,622
ALBURG	2,045	\$ 2,643	ENOSBURG	2,698	\$ 3,263
ANDOVER	548	\$ 1,221	ESSEX	19,649	\$ 19,367
ARLINGTON	2,425	\$ 3,004	FAIR HAVEN	2,924	\$ 3,478
ATHENS	323	\$ 1,007	FAIRFAX	4,195	\$ 4,685
BAKERSFIELD	1,402	\$ 2,032	FAIRFIELD	1,916	\$ 2,520
BALTIMORE	260	\$ 947	FAIRLEE	1,005	\$ 1,655
BARNARD	953	\$ 1,605	FAYSTON	1,245	\$ 1,883
BARNET	1,773	\$ 2,384	FERRISBURGH	2,670	\$ 3,237
BARRE CITY	8,837	\$ 9,095	FLETCHER	1,301	\$ 1,936
BARRE TOWN	8,005	\$ 8,305	FRANKLIN	1,300	\$ 1,935
BARTON	2,788	\$ 3,349	GEORGIA	4,507	\$ 4,982
BELVIDERE	286	\$ 972	GLOVER	929	\$ 1,583
BENNINGTON	15,093	\$ 15,038	GOSHEN	215	\$ 904
BENSON	1,018	\$ 1,667	GRAFTON	612	\$ 1,281
BERKSHIRE	1,598	\$ 2,218	GRANBY	83	\$ 779
BERLIN	2,822	\$ 3,381	GRAND ISLE	2,377	\$ 2,958
BETHEL	1,933	\$ 2,536	GRANVILLE	284	\$ 970
BLOOMFIELD	256	\$ 943	GREENSBORO	773	\$ 1,434
BOLTON	1,000	\$ 1,650	GROTON	955	\$ 1,607
BRADFORD	2,655	\$ 3,222	GUILDHALL	268	\$ 955
BRAINTREE	1,228	\$ 1,867	GUILFORD	1,939	\$ 2,542
BRANDON	3,866	\$ 4,373	HALIFAX	818	\$ 1,477
BRATTLEBORO	11,491	\$ 11,616	HANCOCK	359	\$ 1,041
BRIDGEWATER	916	\$ 1,570	HARDWICK	3,207	\$ 3,747
BRIDPORT	1,232	\$ 1,870	HARTFORD	10,696	\$ 10,861
BRIGHTON	1,311	\$ 1,945	HARTLAND	3,026	\$ 3,575
BRISTOL	3,741	\$ 4,254	HIGHGATE	3,691	\$ 4,206
BROOKFIELD	1,239	\$ 1,877	HINESBURG	4,629	\$ 5,098
BROOKLINE	442	\$ 1,120	HOLLAND	566	\$ 1,238
BROWNINGTON	854	\$ 1,511	HUBBARDTON	774	\$ 1,435
BRUNSWICK	104	\$ 799	HUNTINGTON	1,951	\$ 2,553
BURKE	1,706	\$ 2,321	HYDE PARK	3,299	\$ 3,834
BURLINGTON	38,897	\$ 37,652	IRA	449	\$ 1,127
CABOT	1,334	\$ 1,967	IRASBURG	1,037	\$ 1,685
CALAIS	1,546	\$ 2,169	ISLE LAMOTTE	510	\$ 1,185
CAMBRIDGE	3,090	\$ 3,636	JAMAICA	897	\$ 1,552
CANAAN	1,084	\$ 1,730	JAY	555	\$ 1,227
CASTLETON	4,618	\$ 5,087	JERICO	5,190	\$ 5,631
CAVENDISH	1,377	\$ 2,008	JOHNSON	3,194	\$ 3,734
CHARLESTON	862	\$ 1,519	KILLINGTON	1,133	\$ 1,776
CHARLOTTE	3,761	\$ 4,273	KIRBY	518	\$ 1,192
CHELSEA	1,229	\$ 1,868	LANDGROVE	137	\$ 830
CHESTER	3,000	\$ 3,550	LEICESTER	1,003	\$ 1,653
CHITTENDEN	1,270	\$ 1,907	LEMINGTON	117	\$ 811
CLARENDON	2,894	\$ 3,449	LINCOLN	1,267	\$ 1,904
COLCHESTER	17,237	\$ 17,075	LONDONDERRY	1,793	\$ 2,403
CONCORD	1,210	\$ 1,850	LOWELL	711	\$ 1,375
CORINTH	1,452	\$ 2,079	LUDLOW	2,639	\$ 3,207
CORNWALL	1,210	\$ 1,850	LUNENBURG	1,285	\$ 1,921
COVENTRY	981	\$ 1,632	LYNDON	5,679	\$ 6,095
CRAFTSBURY	1,096	\$ 1,741	MAIDSTONE	106	\$ 801
DANBY	1,270	\$ 1,907	MANCHESTER	4,271	\$ 4,757
DANVILLE	2,334	\$ 2,917	MARLBORO	969	\$ 1,621
DERBY	4,791	\$ 5,251	MARSHFIELD	1,593	\$ 2,213
DORSET	2,106	\$ 2,701	MENDON	1,096	\$ 1,741
DOVER	1,432	\$ 2,060	MIDDLEBURY	8,271	\$ 8,557
DUMMERSTON	1,937	\$ 2,540	MIDDLESEX	1,872	\$ 2,478
DUXBURY	1,305	\$ 1,940	MIDDLETOWN SPR	802	\$ 1,462
EAST HAVEN	298	\$ 983	MILTON	10,714	\$ 10,878
EAST MONTPELIER	2,715	\$ 3,279	MONKTON	1,977	\$ 2,578

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MONTGOMERY	1,053	\$	1,700	SPRINGFIELD	8,602	\$	8,872
MONTPELIER	7,760	\$	8,072	STAMFORD	788	\$	1,449
MORETOWN	1,730	\$	2,344	STANNARD	194	\$	884
MORGAN	744	\$	1,407	STARKSBORO	1,909	\$	2,514
MORRISTOWN	5,561	\$	5,983	STOCKBRIDGE	678	\$	1,344
MOUNT HOLLY	1,216	\$	1,855	STOWE	4,919	\$	5,373
MOUNT TABOR	198	\$	888	STRAFFORD	1,079	\$	1,725
NEW HAVEN	1,829	\$	2,438	STRATTON	167	\$	859
NEWARK	457	\$	1,134	SUDBURY	609	\$	1,279
NEWBURY	2,167	\$	2,759	SUNDERLAND	902	\$	1,557
NEWFANE	1,702	\$	2,317	SUTTON	1,067	\$	1,714
NEWPORT CITY	5,148	\$	5,591	SWANTON	6,428	\$	6,807
NEWPORT TOWN	2,032	\$	2,630	THETFORD	2,780	\$	3,341
NORTH HERO	915	\$	1,569	TINMOUTH	632	\$	1,300
NORTHFIELD	5,740	\$	6,153	TOPSHAM	1,135	\$	1,778
NORTON	231	\$	919	TOWNSEND	1,085	\$	1,731
NORWICH	3,523	\$	4,047	TROY	1,686	\$	2,302
ORANGE	961	\$	1,613	TUNBRIDGE	1,299	\$	1,934
ORWELL	1,219	\$	1,858	UNDERHILL	3,082	\$	3,628
PANTON	683	\$	1,349	VERGENNES	2,666	\$	3,233
PAWLET	1,418	\$	2,047	VERNON	2,035	\$	2,633
PEACHAM	670	\$	1,337	VERSHIRE	625	\$	1,294
PERU	425	\$	1,104	VICTORY	95	\$	790
PITTSFIELD	417	\$	1,096	WAITSFIELD	1,683	\$	2,299
PITTSFORD	3,195	\$	3,735	WALDEN	760	\$	1,422
PLAINFIELD	1,339	\$	1,972	WALLINGFORD	2,324	\$	2,908
PLYMOUTH	566	\$	1,238	WALTHAM	478	\$	1,154
POMFRET	955	\$	1,607	WARDSBORO	906	\$	1,561
POULTNEY	3,532	\$	4,055	WARREN	1,735	\$	2,348
POWNAI	3,442	\$	3,970	WASHINGTON	1,095	\$	1,740
PROCTOR	1,810	\$	2,420	WATERBURY	5,349	\$	5,782
PUTNEY	2,600	\$	3,170	WATERFORD	1,220	\$	1,859
RANDOLPH	5,037	\$	5,485	WATERVILLE	680	\$	1,346
READING	709	\$	1,374	WEATHERSFIELD	2,832	\$	3,390
READSBORO	764	\$	1,426	WELLS	1,092	\$	1,737
RICHFORD	2,293	\$	2,878	WEST FAIRLEE	722	\$	1,386
RICHMOND	4,160	\$	4,652	WEST HAVEN	310	\$	995
RIPTON	586	\$	1,257	WEST RUTLAND	2,513	\$	3,087
ROCHESTER	1,123	\$	1,767	WEST WINDSOR	1,096	\$	1,741
ROCKINGHAM	4,949	\$	5,402	WESTFIELD	516	\$	1,190
ROXBURY	551	\$	1,223	WESTFORD	2,229	\$	2,818
ROYALTON	2,439	\$	3,017	WESTMINSTER	3,192	\$	3,732
RUPERT	705	\$	1,370	WESTMORE	312	\$	996
RUTLAND CITY	16,742	\$	16,605	WESTON	632	\$	1,300
RUTLAND TOWN	4,076	\$	4,572	WEYBRIDGE	818	\$	1,477
RYEGATE	1,201	\$	1,841	WHEELOCK	602	\$	1,272
SAINT ALBANS CITY	7,250	\$	7,588	WHITING	402	\$	1,082
SAINT ALBANS TOWN	6,014	\$	6,413	WHITINGHAM	1,198	\$	1,838
SAINT GEORGE	692	\$	1,357	WILLIAMSTOWN	3,209	\$	3,749
SAINT JOHNSBURY	7,421	\$	7,750	WILLISTON	8,430	\$	8,709
SALISBURY	1,091	\$	1,736	WILMINGTON	2,340	\$	2,923
SANDGATE	349	\$	1,032	WINDHAM	344	\$	1,027
SEARSBURG	89	\$	785	WINDSOR	3,602	\$	4,122
SHAFTSBURY	3,698	\$	4,213	WINHALL	786	\$	1,447
SHARON	1,328	\$	1,962	WINOOSKI	6,429	\$	6,808
SHEFFIELD	706	\$	1,371	WOLCOTT	1,714	\$	2,328
SHELBURNE	7,146	\$	7,489	WOODBURY	808	\$	1,468
SHELDON	2,303	\$	2,888	WOODFORD	387	\$	1,068
SHOREHAM	1,294	\$	1,929	WOODSTOCK	3,133	\$	3,676
SHREWSBURY	1,133	\$	1,776	WORCESTER	860	\$	1,517
SOUTH BURLINGTON	17,574	\$	17,395				
SOUTH HERO	1,882	\$	2,488				