

Seek To Do More

Spring 2009 Newsletter

"Our pride in Vermont and its history is one of our strengths...it is an exceptional quality which encourages Vermonters to seek to do more than might otherwise seem possible."

- Governor Richard A. Snelling



POLICY CORNER

Transporting the Public

On behalf of AARP, the Snelling Center will be managing a three phase project in 2009 to consider how we can effectively utilize and integrate the full range of financial and physical transportation assets in Vermont. The first planning session was held on February 9th, with presentations from Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur (AARP) and Karen Glitman (UTRC). A large public forum is being planned for early Summer 2009.

Visit www.snellingcenter.org to learn more!

VELCO Public Meetings

Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO) has engaged the Snelling Center for assistance on a key policy issue— involving the public on planning for the reliability of Vermont's electric transmission system.

In 2007, Vermont's Public Service Board (PSB) approved a new collaboratively designed planning process to expand the planning horizon, offer additional opportunities for public input, and create ample time for "full, fair and timely consideration" of cost-effective alternatives to building new transmission lines. VELCO has asked the Snelling Center to assist in the design and execution of the public engagement related to this process.



The public forums are scheduled as follows:

Rutland – Monday, April 27th

Fairlee – Wednesday, April 29th

Burlington – Tuesday, May 5th

St. Johnsbury – Thursday, May 7th

Brattleboro – Wednesday, May 13th

Montpelier – Monday, May 18th

For more information visit www.snellingcenter.org.

SCG NEWS

Meet Jennifer Kenyan

Jen plays a dual role at the Snelling Center, as a policy research assistant on transportation-related projects and as a development assistant writing foundation grants and approaching Vermont businesses for support.

Would your business or foundation be interested in our work?

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LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Dispatches from VLI

In February, the current class of the Vermont Leadership Institute had a great Public Policy session in Montpelier.

They toured the statehouse with David Schütz,



met the Governor, and attended the legislative session.

The statehouse provides the backdrop for

associates as they develop an understanding of the nuances of Vermont government and policymaking. Representatives from the three branches of government, the media, and special interests, explore the interplay among values, ethics, policy, and finance in the public and private sectors.

Learn more at www.snellingcenter.org.

Excellence in Leadership Award

The Excellence in Leadership Award is presented in honor of Jan Eastman, founder of the Vermont Leadership Institute and former President of the Snelling Center for Government.



The recipient is a VLI alumnus/alumna who, since completing VLI, has made a significant contribution to Vermont and its community life, and has demonstrated skillful and innovative leadership and vision.

Do you know someone who would be perfect for this award? Nominations must be received by April 10th. Go to www.snellingcenter.org to find out how.

Applications for VLI and VSLP are due in late March and the selection process will begin in April.

SAVE THE DATE!

Today's leaders must understand the opportunities, imperatives and impact of the connected age. Join us for an exciting new professional development series this spring. Technology is changing the game. Be there!

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Proudly presented by the Snelling Center for Government and the Champlain College Workforce Development Center

Half Day Workshops

Lyndonville, April 28th
Springfield, May 12th
Montpelier, May 19th
Middlebury, May 26th

Full Day Conference

June 9th
Champlain College
Burlington

Go to www.snellingcenter.org for more information and to find out how to register.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Rick Norcross, Vermont Leadership Institute, Class of 2006, is the subject of our first Alumni Spotlight feature! One of Rick's



favorite VLI memories was the day spent meeting with legislators in Montpelier.

"Leadership isn't black and white. VLI teaches you how complex the issues are, like health care and the prison system" Rick reflects.

You may know Rick best from Rick & the Ramblers. He is also the owner of Airflyte Productions, a special events production house and marketing company.

Vermont Leadership Network

Alumni: Did you know you can connect with your classmates and others through a new



Facebook group for the Vermont Leadership Network? As this is being written, the

already group has 60 members. Join us there!

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