

Seek To Do More

Winter 2008 Newsletter



The mission of the Snelling Center is to foster responsible and ethical civic leadership, encourage public service by private citizens, and promote informed citizen participation in shaping public policy in Vermont.

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*"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*

Spotlight on Vermont Roads and Bridges

In spite of the down economy, Vermonters want action to curb the deterioration of their roads and bridges. In recent surveys by the Snelling Center for Government, 463 online respondents and 70 business leaders arrived at three major points of consensus.

"Surveys of business leaders and the public indicate that Vermonters want action to fix Vermont's deteriorating roads and bridges. 'Our surveys told us that Vermonters want transportation to be a high priority,' said Charlie Smith, president of the Snelling Center. 'Bridge repair is at the very top of the priority list.'"



To view the full report, visit www.snellingcenter.org.

Policy Corner

AARP Transporting the Public

The Snelling Center and AARP are embarking on a collaborative venture to convene a public conversation to transform our notion of "public transportation" to "transporting the public". We'll explore how to utilize our transportation assets to increase mobility, reduce cost, protect the environment, reduce congestion and commute times, and foster economic development. Stay tuned for more details!

Commission on the Future of Economic Development

In October, the Snelling Center released its report on the public engagement process that took place during the spring and summer of 2008. The report provides a summary of the key themes that emerged from the engagement of over 600 local residents, employers and businesses, and economic development and community stakeholders across the state.

To view the report visit www.snellingcenter.org/cfed.

Building Community in a Connected Age

The Snelling Center is exploring ways to prepare leaders for a world where technology is changing the game. We started with the e-State Symposium back in May; most recently we're designing a workshop series with Champlain College.

Read our Citizens in a Connected Age Top Ten List at www.snellingcenter.org.

2008 Leadership Highlights

Current VLI class going strong!

This year's class is an extremely accomplished and dynamic group of Vermonters who are already having an impact on a variety of important issues facing the state.

Go to www.snellingcenter.org and find out more about the VLI Class of 2009!

We are now accepting applications for the VLI Class of 2010!
Visit www.snellingcenter.org for more information.

Social Equity Scholarship Fund

Members of the Vermont Leadership Network are promoting inclusion and supporting our leaders and emerging leaders from all backgrounds throughout Vermont. Successful gatherings in June and November of this year have been a great way to share ideas, make new connections and raise money.

View photos from the most recent event and find out more at www.snellingcenter.org.

Women in Leadership

Fifty women attended the Snelling Center's Women in Leadership evening in November at the Burlington lakefront home of Kate Purcell and Kevin Plette (VSLP '97). Professor Cheryl Hanna's (VLI '02) presentation on ethical decision making provided excellent fodder for discussion and reflection.



Know a brilliant school administrator or education who hasn't been through the program? Nominate him or her for the VSLP Class of 2010!

Visit www.snellingcenter.org for more information.

VSLP Commencement

The Vermont School Leadership Project 2008 Commencement was held at the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa on November 8th. We expect great things from this amazing class of 20! Congratulations graduates!

New Legislator Orientation

Thirty-two newly elected representatives and three elected senators recently participated in a New Member Orientation offered by the Vermont Legislative Joint Fiscal Office, the Legislative Council, and the Snelling Center for Government.



We congratulate our newly elected representatives on being chosen to serve in the General Assembly, and are thankful for their willingness to serve the state of Vermont. We wish them the best as they begin what is certain to be a challenging and rewarding experience!

To learn more visit www.snellingcenter.org.

SCG News

Welcome new SCG Board Members!

At its Annual Meeting in early December, the Snelling Center's Board of Directors elected the following new officers for 2009:

John J. Donleavy
Bruce M. Lisman
Peter Mallary

*Let us know what works best for you!
If you prefer to receive newsletters by email, please email Jen at jen@snellingcenter.org.*

The work of the Snelling Center is unique and important to Vermont.

**We look forward to 2009 with enthusiasm and optimism!
Please support the Snelling Center by donating online at www.snellingcenter.org.**

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