

Join the discussion at the

Bennington Community Visit

Thursday, March 15, 2012

You are Invited...

...to join your neighbors and discuss your vision for Bennington with Vermont State, Federal, business, and non-profit leaders. This will be the first step in the Community Visit process of building priorities and addressing critically important challenges before the community. Attend the sessions most important to you and meet the visiting team at the free pizza Community Dinner!

	<i>Elks Lodge</i> 125 Washington St.	<i>Masonic Temple</i> 504 Main St.	<i>Fire House, (3rd floor)</i> 130 River St.
2:30-4:00 pm	Poverty	Downtown	Communication & Collaboration
4:15-5:45 pm	Youth	Workforce	Arts, Recreation & Entertainment
6:00-7:00 pm	-- COMMUNITY PIZZA DINNER -- <i>Bennington Fire House, 1st floor truck bay, 130 River St.</i>		
7:00-8:30 pm	Education	Economic Development & Growth	Bennington Self Image

For more information about the Bennington Community Visit contact Margaret at VCRD, 802-223-6091 or info@vtrural.org.



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