

# network news

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From  
the desk  
of...

## Barbara Hughes Sullivan, Executive Director



Dear Villagers, Friends and Supporters:

Happy New Year! As we welcome in 2022, I want to reflect on all the milestones that we have achieved in 2021 and especially thank you all for a great year.

Village to Village Network and our member Villages navigated an unprecedented time in history. Our Villages not only survived, they also thrived. The basics of grassroots, neighbor-helping-neighbor was essential to meet the needs during the pandemic. Kudos to all our Villages!

Last year, VtVN hosted 61 webinars, of which 17 were new products, educational enhancements and programs to offer to your own Villages. We also had another very successful three-day conference in October. All in all, we had over 2,200 participants jump on our Zoom meetings. We also are excited that one of our pilot programs, Stronger Memory, has 50 Villages participating!

VtVN Board of Directors have also been very busy. Our President Carol Paquette was instrumental in instituting new procedures, committee structure, IRS clarification and new sources of revenue for the Network. We are also very proud of our advocacy work and revamping the mentor program to scale our Village Movement!

Next week, we will have a turnover of board terms for two of our long-standing board members, Peggy Simpson and Carol Paquette. We thank them for their tireless work, dedication and support of VtVN. We would not be in the position we are today without your leadership! We also welcome three new board members, Eram Abbasi, William Kincaid and Leigh Sempeles.

In closing, I want to shout out a BIG thank you to staff, Travis Mowers and Betsy Clagett. We may be small and lean, but we are a great team! And always, a big thank you to our Villages for their support, creativity and desire to make sure the next 20 years will be as successful as the last 20!

Cheers!



Barbara Sullivan, Executive Director VtVN

# National Village Day Celebrates 20th Anniversary of the Village Movement

To celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the Village Movement and the positive impact Villages are having on the experience of aging, Tuesday, February 15 will be recognized as National Village Day. From its beginnings when a small group of Beacon Hill neighbors established the first Village in Boston in 2002 to a thriving network today of more than 300 nonprofit, community-based Villages across the country, the Village model is now established as a cost-effective, sustainable solution for healthy, vibrant aging—a milestone worthy of celebration!

The celebration will include a Zoom webinar, organized by the national Village to Village Network, that will feature the Beacon Hill story of how it all began, trace key developments in the Village Movement, highlight stories from several Villages representing different models, and celebrate the role of Villages in communities across the country and internationally.

The celebration also will reach the halls of the U.S. Congress with a proclamation in the House of Representatives designating February 15 as National Village Day, sponsored by Congressman Stephen Lynch (MA), and recognizing Beacon Hill Village and the Village Movement.

“Village to Village Network is delighted to celebrate this 20th anniversary of Beacon Hill Village and the Village Movement,” said Kim Grier, president of Village to Village Network, the national association that

champions Villages and serves as a Village commons with resources and guidance. “Villages are a cost-effective care model for our rapidly aging society that increasingly recognizes the benefits of home and community-based care for older adults. We celebrate the positive impact Villages are having on the lives of an estimated 40,000 older adults today, even as we work toward a bright future in which Village membership is an option for every older American, regardless of where they live or who they may be.”



## Funding for Villages:

- 44% from dues
- 22% from individual donations
- 12% from private foundation grants
- 9% from fundraising events
- 6% from corporations
- 5% from governments

## Services Villages Provide:

- Social events
- Transportation
- Educational events
- Companionship
- Help with technology
- Referral to outside services

## Villages Are:

- 36% urban
- 35% suburban
- 13% rural
- 16% mixed

# VtV Network welcomes new board members and gives thanks to those retiring

The start of 2022 saw a few changes at VtV Network. Board President Carol Paquette and Secretary Peggy Simpson retired from the board following the December 2021 board meeting as both of their terms expired. Fellow board members and VtVN staff expressed great appreciation and admiration for both Paquette and Simpson for their years of dedicated service to the Network.

Kim Grier, moved to the position of President, while Pazit Aviv moved to Secretary. The board also welcomed three new members!



Eram Abbasi is the LTSS Public Policy Analyst at LeadingAge, a nonprofit organization that advocates for providers that serve older adults. She also supports the grassroots efforts of LeadingAge. Prior to joining LeadingAge,

Eram worked for Maryland Department of Aging where she helped implement the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Eram also co-founded the Golden Age Village located in Baltimore County under the umbrella of the Islamic Society of Baltimore. Eram holds a bachelor's in health administration and Policy and Masters in Management in Aging Services from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.



William L. Kincaid, MD, MPH is a graduate of Washington University and St. Louis University School of Medicine, Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology and holds a Masters of Public Health

degree from the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston. Bill is retired and now lives in Washington D.C. with his wife, a retired ophthalmologist. The Kincaids have been members of the Foggy Bottom West End Village for 5 years. He currently serves as the Village treasurer.



Leigh Sempeles is currently a Del Mar Encore Fellow, working for The Dayton Foundation and in partnership with Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) on establishing Age-Friendly initiatives in the southwest region of

Ohio, as part of the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities. Trained as an attorney, with more than 20 years in leadership roles in legal information services at LexisNexis and Bloomberg L.P. Leigh served as the Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul in the Dayton community and as the Executive Director of the Foggy Bottom West End Village in Washington D.C. She has remained active in the Village Movement holding positions as Treasurer and President of the Board of the Washington Area Villages Exchange (WAVE). Leigh was also an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland Global Campus in the MBA program. She earned her BA in History from Wright State University, possesses a Masters in Management from Antioch College, received her JD from the University of Dayton and is licensed to practice in the state of Ohio.

Welcome new board members! To read more about all of the VtVN board members, please visit our website [www.vtvnetwork.org](http://www.vtvnetwork.org).

## Resources from the National Virtual Village Gathering are available for anyone to use

The annual conference of Villages was again held virtually in 2021. The National Virtual Village Gathering was October 5-7, 2021 and provided outstanding content for those currently working with a Village, as well as valuable information for those who are trying to get a Village going.

The goal of Village to Village Network is to assist Villages in all stages of development. To that end, we are making available ALL of the content from the 2021 conference.

This content includes videos and PowerPoint presentations that you can download for FREE!

[Click Here for Resources](#)



## VtVN board member explains what Villages do

Village to Village Network board member Eddie Rivas talks with Lylie Fisher Lylie Fisher of Montgomery County Maryland's Caregiver Support program about transportation issues and touches on some of the many services that Villages provide, using his local Village as an example. Click the video to watch.





# Northwest Neighbors Village is Awarded The 2021 LeadingAge D.C. Excellence in Innovation Award

The 2021 LeadingAge D.C. Excellence in Innovation Award recognizes a program or service from an organization which goes above and beyond normal operations and enhances the field of aging services.

More than 30 [Northwest Neighbors Village](#) members and volunteers nominated NNV for their rapid and innovative response to the COVID-19 pandemic. NNV received the award because their Village demonstrated unusual creativity and out-of-the-box thinking to keep their members and the community informed, engaged, and supported during a time when the vulnerability for social isolation threatened everyone.

Amanda Marr, Acting Executive Director of LeadingAge D.C. presented the award at a lunch with NNV members. NNV offers sincere thanks to the everyone who nominated them for this prestigious award!



(Left to Right) NNV Executive Director Stephanie Chong, Acting Executive Director of LeadingAge D.C. Amanda Marr, NNV members Janet Novotny, Jane Whitaker, Pat Kasdan, and Ingrid Rose, and NNV Board President Morgan Gopnik gathered at Little Beast to celebrate the receipt of the LeadingAge DC Excellence in Innovation Award.

## Villages in the News



December 27, 2021  
Caelin McCallum Named  
Director of Healthy  
Community Initiatives  
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December 20, 2021  
Opinion: Forging a TRAIL  
for others to follow has  
helped Johnson County  
seniors  
[Read Here](#)



December 20, 2021  
Seaglass Village  
volunteers deliver  
homemade cookies for  
First Responders Day  
[Read Here](#)



December 20, 2021  
Twenty-six volunteers  
surprise deliver poinsettia  
plants to 240 Staying Put  
in New Canaan members  
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December 19, 2021  
Village Volunteers  
honored for dedication to  
older adults  
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December 9, 2021  
Sharon Martula:  
Northampton Neighbors a  
livesaver  
[Read Here](#)



December 5, 2021  
Northwest Neighbors  
Network named  
outstanding human  
services program  
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November 25, 2021  
D.C.-area organizations  
expected to receive about  
\$6.6 million in grants to  
improve mobility options  
for seniors, the disabled  
[Read Here](#)



November 19, 2021  
Community Thread needs  
help for holiday giving  
[Read Here](#)



November 15, 2021  
Seaglass Senior  
Community Opens In  
Marblehead, Swampscott  
[Read Here](#)



November 10, 2021  
ILC students, community  
combine to combat  
pandemic isolation  
[Read Here](#)



October 25, 2021  
Tech-enabling the future  
of Villages  
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October 21, 2021  
Seniors Step Out  
[Read Here](#)



October 20, 2021  
Community Counts: Pay  
it forward  
[Read Here](#)



October 20, 2021  
How Family Caregivers  
Can Lighten Their  
Workload  
[Read Here](#)



# Village Anniversaries!

## October 2021

[Avenidas Village](#) - 14 years  
[Capital City Village](#) - 10 years  
[Capitol Hill Village](#) - 14 years  
[Dupont Circle Village](#) - 13 years  
[Eastside Village - Villages NW](#) - 6 years  
[Good Neighbors of Park Slope](#) - 6 years  
[Love Living at Home](#) - 5 years  
[Mount Vernon at Home](#) - 12 years  
[Neighbors Network - FL](#) - 8 years  
[North Star Village-Villages NW](#) - 4 years  
[River West Village-Villages NW](#) - 4 years  
[San Clemente Village](#) - 5 years  
[SPRYE](#) - 10 years  
[Sausalito Village](#) - 11 years  
[The FriendShip](#) - 6 years  
[Village of the Coastsides](#) - 5 years  
[Viva Village - Villages NW](#) - 5 years  
[Village Without Walls - Villages NW](#) - 5 years

## November 2021

[Bethesda Metro Area Village](#) - 5 years  
[Northeast Village PDX - Villages NW](#) - 5 years  
[Penn's Village](#) - 14 years  
[SLO Village](#) - 5 years  
[Village Volunteers](#) - 8 years  
[Wellesley Neighbors](#) - 10 years  
[Wellington Cares](#) - 9 years

## December 2021

[Georgetown Village](#) - 10 years  
[Methow at Home](#) - 6 years  
[NEXT Village San Francisco](#) - 12 years

## January 2022

[Aging At Home Fairbanks](#) - 6 years  
[At Home In Greenwich](#) - 13 years  
[Community Village Lawrence](#) - 5 years  
[Groton Neighbors](#) - 4 years  
[Growing Older Together](#) - 3 years  
[It Takes a Village 10591](#) - 7 years  
[Jersey Village Senior Outreach](#) - 3 years  
[Lake Barcroft Village](#) - 8 years  
[LOWLINC](#) - 5 years  
[Palos Verdes Peninsula Village](#) - 5 years  
[SAIL Shepherdstown Area](#)  
[Independent Living](#) - 9 years  
[Staying Put in New Canaan](#) - 14 years  
[The Village Common of RI](#) - 5 years  
[The Village in Howard](#) - 6 years  
[Villages of Kensington](#) - 5 years

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