

From
the desk
of...

Barbara Hughes Sullivan, Executive Director



Dear Village Members,
Friends and Supporters!

Summer daze! Hope you are all enjoying some summertime adventures, catching up with family and friends and maybe even taking time for vacations.

Our office is working on making our annual conference a great success. One aspect of the conference is working with so many Villages to register for the event. Meeting (by phone) our newest members and reconnecting with long-time Village members.

I am amazed at the amount of new "opportunity" members we have seen this year. This past year, we re-organized and made attempts to include more Villages that were in the past unable to join our organization. Developing Villages can join for \$150 for a year. All-volunteer Villages and low/no dues Villages typically didn't join because of cost and support. Our new

category, *Individual Village Membership*, has allowed Villages to join at a reduced rate. These are Villages that have annual budgets of \$25,000 or less. Small Villages sometimes have a hard time joining the Network because of the cost.

We at the Network strive to show the value of being a member. Of course, we emphasize that Village to Village Network is the national organization that represents and advocates on behalf of the Village Movement. But, we continue to point out that the VtVN provides a variety of services and products to support the development and operation of Villages and acts as the "Village commons" enabling Villages to connect with their peers.

I love that we now have multiple partnerships with national and local businesses to help further our mission of scaling the Village model.

I continue to urge all our members to reach out to local communities and towns to mentor new Villages. Together is better!

Have a great summer and enjoy the lazy daze! Silly as it sounds, stop and smell the flowers! Hope to see you all in September!

Best,



Barbara

Transportation Options for NVC19 in Chicago

We are quickly approaching the National Village Conference in Chicago, **September 18-20** at the Sheraton Grand Hotel!

Here is some handy transportation information for those planning to attend.

Flying into Chicago is easy! You can pick **Chicago O'Hare International Airport** or **Chicago Midway International Airport**. Both are similar in travel time to the Sheraton Hotel.

Check out this link to search for travel options from the airport to the hotel. You can change between airports in the search box.

Transportation Options

Keep in mind that if you take the subway from either airport, your last stop will be **about a mile away from the Sheraton**. From O'Hare you would take the **Blue Line**, and from Midway you would take the **Orange Line**.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE DIRECTIONS FROM PUBLIC TRANSIT

Midway to Sheraton:

[Wheelchair Accessible Route](#)

[Non-wheelchair Accessible Route](#)

O'hare to Sheraton:

[Wheelchair Accessible Route](#)

[Non-wheelchair Accessible Route](#)

Once downtown it is up to the rider whether to transfer to a bus to shorten the amount of time spent walking.

[Chicago Transit Authority](#)

HOTEL ROOMS UPDATE

There are still rooms available at the Sheraton at the conference rate of **\$199 for Sept. 18 and 19**.

Unfortunately we have **SOLD OUT our room block for September 17**.

You can still get a room at the Sheraton on Sept. 17 and after Sept. 19, but not at the conference rate. The Sheraton has agreed to offer conference attendees a slight discount off their regular room rate for those dates.

If you haven't already booked your room, it's best to call the Sheraton and tell them you are attending the National Village Conference.

The number for the Sheraton is: **(800) 325-3535**

OTHER OPTIONS

We've searched to find other solutions to the hotel room issue and we've worked out a deal with a nearby hotel!

Courtyard Chicago Downtown/River North, located at 30 East Hubbard, Chicago, IL 60611, will host the National Village Gathering Overflow Room Block at a rate of **\$216 for September 17**.

If you don't mind switching hotels after the 17th, you could save a little money this way.

To book your room for September 17 at Courtyard, call: **(800) 321-2211**

It's possible to find quite affordable rooms at other hotels by using a search site such as booking.com, hotels.com or trivago.com.

SHARE A ROOM!

We encourage sharing a room as a great way to save money. Network members can communicate via the online Forums.

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Waverton Hub model shared in the Barossa

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Village Anniversaries!

At Home Chesapeake - Severna Park, MD - 11 years

Ashby Village - Berkeley, CA - 9 years

Ashland at Home - Ashland, OR - 7 years

Sequoia Village - Redwood City, CA - 4 years

ChaiVillageLA - Beverly Hills, CA - 3 years

South Whidbey at Home - Langley, WA - 3 years

Union County Neighbor to Neighbor - Marysville, OH - 3 years

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