

From
the desk
of...

Barbara Hughes Sullivan, Executive Director



Dear Village Members, Friends
and Supporters!

With summer buzzing by rapidly, we are working hard at VtVN to host a great National Village Conference! A lot of moving parts! I thought I would outline some of the events, speakers and sessions that are on the upcoming conference agenda.

First of all, we have amazing breakout sessions selected from a tremendous amount of proposals. We have sessions on mentor programs, partnership programs, grant writing, transportation, caregiving, wellness, fundraising, technology, leadership transitions and so much more! We are excited to introduce Pazit Aviv, who is the Village coordinator for Montgomery County, MD, who will facilitate a wonderful Village 101 pre-conference on Wednesday morning.

Speakers! Wow, what a line up! We are thrilled to have Marc Freedman, CEO of Encore.org as our dinner keynote speaker. Our own Kate Hoepke, ED of San Francisco Village, will jumpstart the conference. Kerry Burnight, renowned Gerontologist is back! Bob Blancato will talk on the state of advocacy in aging. And finally, two AARP keynotes, the first from Lisa Marsh Ryerson, the president of the AARP

foundation and innovative leader and advocate for those less fortunate, and the last keynote will be from Danielle Arigoni who will talk about livable communities and the Village movement.

A big shout-out to our Sponsors! We have some great exhibitors and sponsors this year. Be sure to stop by each table and say hello! There are a lot of new technology exhibitors to help our Villages run more smoothly and to support their own members to age in place. We are also hosting a Technology Showcase event this year! Several of our vendors have produced a short video on their technology product, which we will run throughout the course of the conference. Then our conference participants will get to vote on the Most Innovative Technology, Most Wanted Technology and the most Likely to Buy.

The agenda is almost finalized. This year, we scheduled everything in the hotel. Our schedule starts on Wednesday with the opening remarks. A casual dinner will host our first speaker, Marc Freedman, then followed by a dessert bar and regional networking. We also included this year a networking reception for our annual dine arounds. There will be a sign-up sheet listing all the dine arounds available at the registration table.

We are excited to see everyone and hope you enjoy the conference this year! More details to follow!

Happy Labor Day! Enjoy the last of the summer daze.

Best,



Barbara

National Village Conference Program Available!

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

FULL PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE!

NVC 2019 PROGRAM

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**.

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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 **but our room block has closed**.

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.

See YOU in CHICAGO!

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We look forward to an awesome National Village Conference in September. If you would like to be an exhibitor, please give us a call at (617) 299-9638.

A Collaborative Relationship with Local Hospital

The Village in Howard (TVIH) is located in Howard County, Maryland, which is a mixture of urban and rural populations, totaling approximately 325,000. Approximately 13 percent of the county's residents are 65 or older, and is expected to grow significantly by 2040. The county created healthy aging initiatives a few years ago and TVIH investigated how to engage in and benefit from this movement for their members. **Howard County General Hospital**, a member of Johns Hopkins Medicine, has grown in size and commitment to improving the health of all members of the community, including the aging population. Toward this end, they developed programs and committees that engaged the Office on Aging and Independence (OAI) and the Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition (HCLHIC). TVIH formed a "Healthy Aging Workgroup" to explore potential collaborations between organizations.

They followed these steps:

- 1) Identify, in writing, the vision/mission/goals of the Workgroup, working closely with the TVIH Board;
- 2) Contact via formal letter, the hospital Chief Administrator and the VP of Population Health who oversee in-hospital and outreach efforts for the elderly, and explain purpose;
- 3) Follow-up with formal correspondence with the Director of the actual programs;
- 4) Arrange a meeting onsite at TVIH office including the major leaders of the hospital programs and the Workgroup and TVIH Board representatives, with the agenda of exploring mutual goals and opportunities for engagement;
- 5) Include in the agenda, questions and program descriptions to further the dialogue (e.g., How can we work together toward healthy

- aging? Describe TVIH programs that could help the hospital's efforts);
- 6) Identify hospital committees on which TVIH can be represented;
- 7) Identify communication mechanisms for engaging TVIH members with the information available at the hospital; the Workgroup uses TVIH Forum to post hospital announcements and opportunities;
- 8) Summarize meeting minutes and share, with follow-up on action items;
- 9) Identify hospital communication channels for healthcare improvement (including public relations at the hospital).

TVIH's Healthy Aging Workgroup has used this template in its outreach efforts with the OAI and HCLHIC. Members represent TVIH on various committees and these organizations provide classes and healthy aging programs either directly at TVIH's office or in a county location. They have also become a host organization for the county's effort to complete and submit into the hospital database advance directives of the population. This is a collaborative relationship with the county hospital where both organizations benefit!



The Village in Howard created a mutually beneficial relationship with Howard County General Hospital, the Office on Aging and Independence and the Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition.

Villages in the News



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VtV Network presents at forum in New York

On August 20, 2019, a Community Forum on the Village Movement was held at the Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham, NY. This event brought together organizations and folks that are either directly related to Villages or interested in Villages in their area. The forum described what the Village movement is and how joining a Village can help someone stay in their home and community longer.



Speakers included Greg Olsen, Acting Director, NYS Office for the Aging, **Barbara Sullivan, National Director, Village to Village Network**, Althea Pestine-Stevens, PhD, Consultant for Albany Guardian Society, Betsy Mulvey, Project Director, VTAC, Albany Guardian Society and Ken Harris, Executive Director, Albany Guardian Society. Also included were Nina Lynch, President and Anne Brueckner, Vice President, Rhinebeck at Home, Nancy Varley, President, Shenendehowa Neighbors Connecting, and Karen McGraw, President, Neighbors of Northern Columbia County.

Topics included NYS Aging in Place initiatives, Village to Village Network updates and benefits of joining the Network, information on an all-member volunteer Village, partnerships and linkages for Villages, and how a rural Village is different than an urban Village. Also, included was information about the Capital Region Villages Collaborative (CRVC) and the new Villages Technical Assistance Center (VTAC), and the benefits of Village membership.



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