



## What is the Village Movement?

The Village Movement began in 1999 when a group of older friends on Beacon Hill gathered to explore ways they could continue to live in their own homes and help each other stay healthy and socially active in their own community.

They realized the need for support in the future and didn't want to rely on existing solutions such as nursing homes, retirement communities, and hired helpers. They wanted to stay connected with their friends.

The Village Movement is an innovative grassroots movement built on the idea that together we are stronger.

Twenty years later, there are more than 300 Villages across the nation and more are in development. This has proven that seniors want to age independently in their communities with the Village model. The Village Movement allows seniors to be part of an active community and find a purposeful way to age.

## Is there a local Village?



**Yes!** The Seaglass Village is currently in formation. It is a community of neighbors in the Marblehead and Swampscott area helping each other maintain our dignity, independence, freedom and safety as we age in our homes. Seaglass Village will provide a coordinated network of volunteers and vetted paid services as well as friends who enjoy recreational, social, cultural and educational events.

Seaglass Village is a growing group of members and volunteers, some who

will be both a member as well as a volunteer. For example, a member may need a ride to an appointment but is able to volunteer walking another member's dog.

Members will benefit from access to an expanding list of volunteer services, programs and vetted paid providers as well as opportunities to reciprocate as we are able. As the list of services develops, Seaglass Village anticipates exciting opportunities to collaborate with the towns' existing organizations, e.g., the Councils on Aging, libraries, and houses of worship.



## **Volunteers provide services, such as...**

- **Transportation** - to medical appointments in Boston, Local COA or Logan Airport (with assistance from the home to the car as needed)
- **Home Maintenance** - putting in air conditioners, light yard work or clearing snow off the front steps (home repairs not requiring a license)
- **Basic Technical Support** – programming cell phones or the TV
- **Social Programs** - friendly calls or visits
- **Short term Support** - help with meals, sorting mail and house minding when a member is away

## **Programs may include:**

- **Social gatherings** like an afternoon tea, cocktail hour or potluck.
- **Educational programs** based on the members' interests.
- **Affinity groups** like bird watching or international cooking.
- **Cultural or Sporting event outings** like theater or a game.

## **Vetting of Service Providers:**

Seaglass Village will maintain lists of preferred providers, ensuring they are licensed and vetted and are ready to serve our members, including home health agencies, plumbers, or other licensed contractors.

## **How do I get involved?**

Seaglass Village has a variety of ways you can get involved. We are currently developing lists of:

- Potential members
- Board/committee members
- Volunteers to provide services
- Preferred vendors to vet
- Funders – donations are always welcome\*

**Email us at [seaglassvill@gmail.com](mailto:seaglassvill@gmail.com) for more information and to join our mailing list. Or call us at 781-718-9584.**

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