

From  
the desk  
of...

## Barbara Hughes Sullivan, Executive Director



Dear Village Members,  
Friends and Supporters!

Count down! Four months  
until the 11<sup>th</sup> annual  
National Village Conference.

The planning committee  
is diligently working to

make this the best conference yet! We  
are excited about our agenda, which is  
90 percent finalized and we're working  
on the finishing touches. We have some  
amazing speakers and a wonderful choral  
performance lined up too!

Last year we sent out surveys to see how  
we could enhance and also consolidate our  
conference and got some great suggestions  
on speakers, breakout sessions, costs and  
networking opportunities. Late last year,  
Mandy Summerson, VtVN board president,  
and I went to the AARP conference in  
Charlotte. It was a great opportunity to  
learn about AARP initiatives, but also a  
learning experience about how to make  
the most out of conference time. The

take away for this year is reduced cost of  
registration and a consolidated conference.

It helps that Chicago is located right in  
the middle of the country and has easy  
access from all points of the U.S. Our  
agenda is packed in two-and-a-half days!  
The preconference will start on Wednesday  
morning and is a great opportunity for  
Villages in the exploratory or development  
phase. The main conference will start at  
3 p.m. that day and will end on Friday at  
noon.

Both conference evenings are filled with  
speakers and networking opportunities.  
Stayed tuned for information on Thursday  
evening's dinner, which will be held in the  
ballroom but will incorporate our "dine  
around" feature.

We are still working on sponsorships, so  
if you know of a vendor that would like to  
participate, have them get in touch with  
us in the office. This is a great opportunity  
for face-to-face conversations with Village  
decision makers!

Last but not least, don't forget to  
register and also book your hotel. Early  
bird registration ends June 1, so take  
advantage of the discount. Groups need  
to contact the office for registrations  
this year, you cannot book them online.  
All the information is on our website at  
[vtvnetwork.org](http://vtvnetwork.org).

Thank you all and enjoy this late spring—  
here comes summer!

# National Village Conference SCHEDULE AVAILABLE!

Details are still coming together for the National Village Conference in Chicago, **September 18-20** at the Sheraton Grand Hotel!

## SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE!

A tentative schedule is now available to peruse. We are excited about the speakers and presenters that are lined up this year!

Click on the button below to view the schedule.

[View The Schedule!](#)

## BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM

A room block at the Sheraton is available for conference attendees.

**The special rates are available from September 14-22**, in case you want to come to Chicago a little early or stay a little late. You must book by **August 15** to get the special rate.

Click the button below to book your room now!

[Book Sheraton Room Here](#)

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

Marc Freedman, author of *How to Live Forever* is a keynote speaker this year! **Check out a recent article that Freedman wrote [HERE](#).**

The first 100 conference registrants will get a FREE copy of Freedman's book! Don't miss out!



## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL JUNE 1

Registration for the 2019 National Village Conference is now open! Visit the [Conference](#) page at [vtvnetwork.org](http://vtvnetwork.org) to view pricing and to keep up on the latest details. Early Bird registration will end on June 1. Time is running out to save, so register NOW!

[Click Here To Register](#)

## BECOME A SPONSOR!

We are still looking for Sponsors and Exhibitors for the conference. If you or someone you know would like to become a sponsor of this year's conference, check out the Sponsor Prospectus!

[Sponsor Prospectus](#)

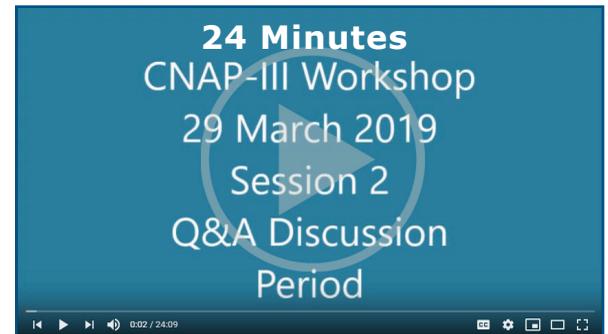
Fill out and return the Sponsor Agreement form by **June 28, 2019**.

[Sponsor Agreement](#)

# VtV Network Pushing Village Movement Forward

The Community Networks for Aging in Place Alliance teamed up with Village to Village Network and the Massachusetts Council on Aging to host a workshop to examine the spectrum of needs and interests of an aging population that are critical to individual health and well-being. The workshop was held in Newton, Massachusetts in late March and streamed to Villages in the Berkshires and Cape Cod.

Village to Village Network Executive Director Barbara Sullivan and board member Eddie Rivas attended a focus group with the Virginia Villages and Shepherd Centers, held at Chesterbrook Residences in Fairfax, Virginia in late April. As the keynote speaker, Sullivan encouraged Villages in Virginia to work together to scale the Village movement. Rivas talked about the Washington Area Village Exchange, the benefits of the regional coalition and the mentoring program.

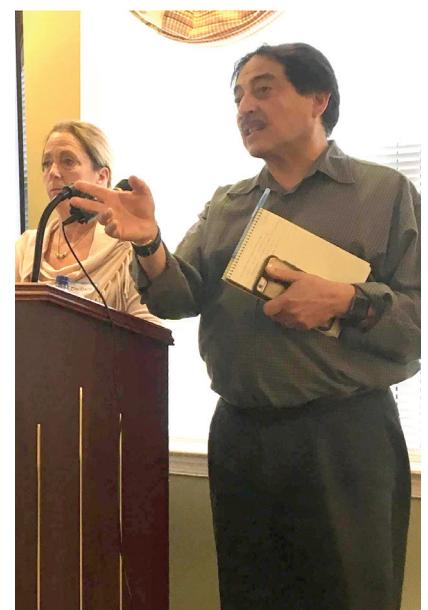


**Click videos above to watch some of the discussion!**



**LEFT:** Laura Connors, Executive Director of Beacon Hill Village and Barbara Sullivan, Executive Director of Village to Village Network, take a moment away from meetings to pause for a photo.

**RIGHT:** Village to Village Network Board Member Eddie Rivas speaks to the crowd at the Village Leaders meeting in Fairfax, Virginia.



# Silvernest Working To Help Teachers In Need



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I remember the teacher who made me fall in love with learning. I won't let cost of living stop me from being that person for one of my students.

*Caroline Silva*, AGE 21 - Early Childhood Educator  
**ESTIMATED SALARY: \$26,000**

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Earlier this year, CNN published a story exploring the income crisis faced by Colorado teachers. The story profiled teachers who drive for Lyft, live out of friends' basements, take on side hustles and sacrifice savings to pursue the profession they love.

Colorado teachers in urban areas earn an average \$32K/year, making affordable housing a major challenge.

In the Denver area, Teach For America (TFA) and Silvernest are partnering to alleviate some of the financial pressure on educators by giving them access to affordable housing through homesharing.

Interested homeowners can sign up to rent space in their homes to TFA educators, creating major rent savings for the teachers and a new income stream for themselves.

Learn more on the Silvernest blog:

[\*\*A Homesharing Program to Give Colorado Educators Affordable Housing\*\*](#)

Village to Village Network has a great relationship with Silvernest and we support their efforts to help struggling teachers.

Learn more about homesharing with Silvernest at [www.silvernest.com/v2v](http://www.silvernest.com/v2v).

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## Vision Resources Worth Looking Into

VtV Network member Palos Verdes Peninsula Village, shared a Vision Resources document compiled by student volunteer, Rachael Kengott, who is finishing up her master's in gerontology at USC.

While some of these resources are located

in California, many are available to anyone and the document might give you ideas about services you could check into in your own community.

Click the button to download the Vision Resources document.



**Vision Resources Document**



# Mill City Commons Celebrates 10 Years!



Minneapolis, Minnesota, is home to a variety of top-notch arts venues, professional sports teams, educational institutions and a city-wide park system second to none. It's a beautiful city with a thriving downtown. Subsequently, old and young, alike, have made the decision to relocate and call downtown Minneapolis home.

Nestled along the Mississippi riverfront, Mill City Commons, part of the 250+ Village to Village National Network, provides its members a place to thrive and belong. A robust calendar of programs is offered each month, member-to-member transportation and hospitality services are greatly appreciated and a means to connect and build relationships with one's neighbors carries significant value. Members can select from a wide array of programming opportunities each month featuring the arts, community engagement, education/cultural, social, wellness or volunteer options. Taken together with all the downtown has to offer, membership in our Village offers a stimulating and connective experience.

In its 10th Anniversary Year, MCC serves as an anchor to its larger neighborhood, collaborating with a variety of area businesses, restaurants and arts organizations in joint efforts to build community. Members' daily interactions, whether on the street, inside an area shop or outside a community partner's business, are common. The pervasive sense of neighborhood delights members who are glad to call the Mill City District home.

Two hundred and twenty members strong, Mill City Commons keeps its pipeline of new members filled in several ways. Word of mouth remains the most effective means by which new members make their way to us. Whether membership info is received through a local realtor or a current member, the personal touch is highly effective. In addition, invitations to attend an upcoming program as our guest appear weekly in our e-newsletter. Oftentimes, potential new members wish they could "try on" membership for a short while to assess what MCC has to offer, not only to experience the quality of our programming but also to see if it's a good fit. As a result, the Board agreed in 2017 to offer trial memberships to people who have never been a member. Trial memberships run for a set three-month period each year and include full member benefits. If the trial member decides to



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purchase a full membership at the end of the trial membership period, the initial fee is applied against the full membership fee. It has been hugely successful, increasing MCC's bottom-line membership numbers positively by 14%!

There's a lot to be grateful for! Our Great Decisions program touts a strong membership of one hundred participants and our Nosy Neighbor Tours are a member-favorite. The following quote pretty much sums up the MCC experience: "I am enjoying my membership in MCC. It is one of the best things to have happened to me recently. I have found it an extraordinary diverse group of thoughtful, curious and caring people. The organization is supported by responsive staff who deliver the mission of MCC at every point of contact...face-to-face, news letters and follow up."

We're excited for the next 10 years of Village life together and being part of the ever-increasing density and vitality of downtown Minneapolis.

Mill City Commons: We learn. We share. We engage. We give.



Mill City Commons members enjoy a wide variety of programs and services and have had great success with their three-month trial membership.



# Village Anniversaries!

**Clayton Valley Village** - Clayton, CA - 2 years

**Eden Area Village** - Hayward, CA - 2 years

**MY Neighbors** - Burnsville, NC - 2 years

**Portland Area Villages** - Portland, ME - 2 years

**Arlington Neighborhood Village** - Arlington, VA - 5 years

**Cleveland & Woodley Park Village** - Washington, D.C. - 6 years

**Rhinebeck at Home** - Rhinebeck, NY - 6 years

**Chevy Chase at Home** - Chevy Chase, MD - 10 years

**Gramatan Village** - Bronxville, NY - 11 years

## SYNERGY HomeCare is looking for you

Are you retired but not tired? Great news, SYNERGY HomeCare is hiring with positions from coast to coast. As mature adults, we are at a stage in life when we can choose what we want to do when we want to do it. Start a part-time career in kindness and enjoy a flexible schedule.

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