

From
the desk
of...

Barbara Hughes Sullivan, Executive Director



Dear Village Members,
Friends and Supporters!

Happy 2020! What an exciting start of the next decade! First of all, Happy 10th Anniversary to Village to Village Network! To borrow an old cliché, "You've Come a Long Way Baby!" We have some exciting news to start our new year off with a bang.

First, we want to welcome our newest board members, **Pazit Aviv, Hilary Lenz, Susan Wylie** and **Wendy Zenker**. They are joining our current board members, Mandy Summerson, Carol Paquette, Peter Fitzgerald, Peter Engstrom, Eddie Rivas, Dick Elkin, Emily Miller, Joel Shapira and Peggy Simpson. We also want to congratulate Carol Paquette, who will be serving as our Vice President. Many thanks to Paul Ramsey and Yasmin Shah for their service on our board and their many contributions to the organization.

Our National Village Conference is ramping up and will be held in **Charlotte, North Carolina on October 5-7, 2020**. The planning committee is working diligently to ensure that all the information and sessions will be posted as soon as possible.

Tentatively, we have planned a pre-conference Village 101 session for relatively new Villages or those just starting. The Village 101 sessions will be in the morning on Monday, October 5. The full conference will start that afternoon. So if you are part of a mature Village that's been operating for a few years, you could skip the morning sessions on Monday and attend the afternoon sessions. This will save you a hotel night if you fly in Monday morning.

We have a room block again this year, but it tends to sell out quickly, so book as soon as you can to secure your room.

You can find all the information on our website at www.vtvnetwork.org, just click on **Conference 2020**. See the next page for more details.

Some dates to keep in mind: If you are looking to do a presentation, the call for proposals deadline is **March 6, 2020**. If you are looking to sponsor or exhibit, the deadline is **May 1, 2020**. Early bird and group pricing for registration also ends **May 1, 2020**.

Feel free to contact our office if you have questions or need help in registering. All groups of four or more will need to register through our office.

Looking forward to a great couple of months!
As always, thanks for your support.

Kind regards,

Barbara H. Sullivan
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NATIONAL VILLAGE CONFERENCE

Charlotte
North Carolina
October 5-7, 2020

20/20

~Clear Vision
for the Future~



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Registration for the 2020 National Village Conference is NOW OPEN!

The Conference is scheduled for **October 5-7, 2020 in Charlotte, North Carolina.**

Conference pricing is as follows:

Early Bird Member = \$399

Early Bird Non-Member = \$475

Group of 4 or more = \$375 per person
If you have a group, call the office to register.

After June 1 - Member = \$450

After June 1 - Non-Member = \$550

[Click Here to Register](#)

We are working on the Conference program, gathering sponsors and speakers.

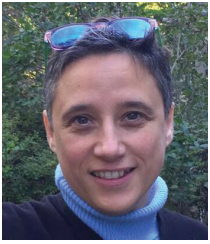
The Call For Proposals is ALSO NOW OPEN!

Click the button below to download the Call For Proposals form to your computer. You must save the form to your computer before filling out and sending back.

[Call For Proposals Form](#)

We hope to see you at NVC2020!

VtV Network Welcomes New Board Members



Pazit Aviv works at Montgomery County Area Agency on Aging as a Village Coordinator. She consults grassroots community organizations on nonprofits startup and developments

and facilitates the growth of all active and developing Villages in the County. One of her top priorities is capacity building for aging in place in diverse communities. Prior to this position, Pazit worked at Montgomery County's housing authority, where she developed innovative programs for independent low income older adults through partnerships and collaborations. Pazit holds a Certificate of Nonprofit Management from the George Washington University, an MSW degree from Salem State University with a focus on Aging and end of life care and two undergraduate degrees from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem: one in Social Work and one in East Asian Studies and Communication.



Susan Wylie is the Community Programs Coordinator at Episcopal SeniorLife Communities, based in Rochester, New York. ESLC owns and operates several living

facilities for older adults, offering a continuum of care. Susan is involved in a range of planning activities on behalf of ESLC, including the organization's Neighborhood Program, which is a community-based initiative that addresses the physical and sociological attributes of a community, to help older adults remain living independently in their place of choice. Susan joined ESLC after earning her Master of Architecture degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology. She is an attorney with twenty-five years of experience in private practice and as in-house counsel. Susan is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Notre Dame Law School.



Hilary Lenz, MPH, is the Executive Director of A Little Help, a village connecting neighbors to help seniors thrive throughout Colorado. Hilary has over 11 years of experience as a director

for various organizations and businesses, including six and a half years as the Program Director and one and a half years as the Board Treasurer with A Little Help before rejoining the team as the Executive Director in January 2020. Previously, Hilary served as the Vice President of Finance for a software startup and as a Senior Consultant. In addition to her professional experience, Hilary founded an LLC to perform financial analytics services for over five years, has served as a board member for several organizations, and has been active in her community. Hilary earned her bachelor's degree from Duke University in Psychology and English and earned her Master of Public Health degree from the University of Pittsburgh.



Wendy Zenker is the Executive Director of Arlington Neighborhood Village, a Village providing services, support and engagement activities to 230 members in Arlington,

Virginia, a suburb of Washington D.C. Prior to joining Arlington Neighborhood Village in 2017, Wendy was the Senior Vice President for the National Council on Aging, where she directed the implementation of nationwide programs to improve the health and financial well-being of older adults, especially those with low incomes; and had a 30+ year career with the Federal Government, her last position as the Chief Operations Officer of the Corporation for National Service, which oversees the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs.

Albany Guardian Society Creates Village Creation Opportunity Award

Founded in 1852, **Albany Guardian Society** (AGS) located in Albany, New York, is a not-for-profit charitable foundation with a mission to engage in a wide range of endeavors including education, research, information, and community engagement that will improve the life of seniors, family members and/or caregivers of seniors. AGS has been supporting the development of Villages in the Capital Region for over eight years partnering with several organizations including the Village to Village Network.

New York State Capital Region Village Projects

In 2018 AGS formed the **Capital Region Villages Collaborative** (CRVC) which is a group of individuals, agencies, organizations, and Villages interested in forming, operating, and supporting Villages in the region surrounding Albany, New York.

The CRVC convenes regular meetings with Village updates, networking opportunities and educational presentations on aspects of developing and operating a Village. The CRVC provides resource materials, a listserv, and a website dedicated to developing Villages in the Capital Region.

In 2018, the New York State Office for Aging (NYSOFA) provided, through AGS Village, start-up grants enabling two Villages (Neighbors of Northern Columbia County and Shenendehowa Neighbors Connecting) to incorporate, file for and be recognized as tax exempt, begin operations, and membership recruitment. Managing the NYSOFA Village grants for these two emerging Villages enabled AGS to amass a wealth of information about steps and resources needed to form a nonprofit Village in New York State.

Starting in 2019, AGS again partnered with NYSOFA to develop a **Villages Technical Assistance Center** (VTAC) that assist individuals and organizations in understanding the technical aspects of developing Villages including incorporation, budgeting, background checks, volunteer recruitment and insurance requirements for Villages. The VTAC has been an excellent resource for the development of Villages in Capital Region.

Village Start-up Funding

Start-up funding is always critical to the success of an emerging Village, but until the entity is incorporated it can't receive grants, and without funds an entity cannot incorporate. Realizing that the lack of funding is a barrier to startup, Albany Guardian Society recently initiated the **Village Creation Opportunity Award**. The Village Creation Opportunity Award provides successful applicants with funds for:

- A Village to Village Network Opportunity Membership to have access to a variety of documents and information that is extremely helpful in developing a Village; and
- Funds to cover the cost of Incorporation, filing with the IRS for 501(C)(3) tax exemption and Charities Bureau Registration.

The first Village Creation Opportunity awardee is Niskayuna Neighbors Network (NNN). The founders will be joining the Village to Village Network and will work with AGS and VTAC with the goal of launching this new Village later this year.

For more information about the work of AGS and the Village Movement visit

www.CRVillages.org

Northwest Neighbors Village receives Community Cornerstone Award

Northwest Neighbors Village is the proud recipient of the 2019 Community Cornerstone Award, awarded this past January by D.C. Councilmember At-Large Anita Bonds. Each year, Councilmember Bonds honors individuals, organizations, and local businesses whose efforts have positively impacted residents of the District of Columbia. Northwest Neighbors Village is honored to be recognized for providing over 10,000 hours of volunteer service last year and for our ongoing commitment to building a generous, supportive community where older adults are valued, age with dignity, and enjoy opportunities for growth and engagement.



Above: Councilmember At-Large Anita Bonds watches on while Northwest Neighbors Village Executive Director Stephanie Chong accepts the Community Cornerstone Award.

Left: The Community Cornerstone Award

Village Videos for your viewing pleasure

Here are a couple of Videos shared by our members. See the impact that Villages have on people's lives! **Click on each video below to view.**



Villages in the News



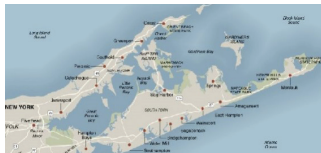
1/29/2020
Guilderland Neighbors to offer help with aging in place
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1/29/2020
Sedona nonprofit takes older adults where they need to go with the help of Season for Sharing
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1/11/2020
Grant helps LOW program and others in community
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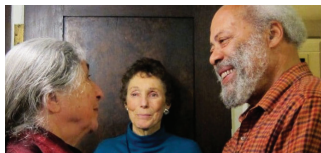
1/9/2020
Out East Neighborhood Network Hosting Informational Session
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1/7/2020
Staying connected important for aging individuals
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1/3/2020
Rainy Day Village Network hosting another round of Coffee Conversations in January
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1/2/2020
Pilot program aiming to keep seniors in their homes 'successful'
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1/2/2020
For 25 years, Community Caregivers has marshaled volunteers to help people in need
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12/30/2019
San Franciscans are getting older fast. NEXT Village helps them do it with dignity
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12/26/2019
'We need each other': Seniors are drawn to new housing arrangements
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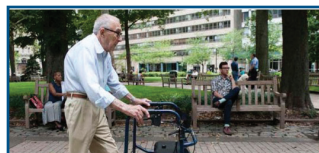
12/23/2019
Canopy of Neighbors takes 'grassroots' approach to help seniors age in place, combat isolation
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12/14/2019
Gramatan Village Spreads Holiday Cheer to Local Seniors
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12/6/2019
Wilton seniors launch a podcast
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12/5/2019
Philadelphia's aging population needs help fighting loneliness
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Village Anniversaries!

January 2020

[Growing Older Together](#) - Honesdale, PA - 2 years

[Jersey Village Senior Outreach](#) - Jersey Village, TX - 2 years

[Groton Neighbors](#) - Groton, MA - 3 years

[Community Village Lawrence](#) - Lawrence, KS - 4 years

[LOWLINC](#) - Locust Grove, VA - 4 years

[Palos Verdes Peninsula Village](#) - Palos Verdes Estates, CA - 4 years

[The Village Common](#) - Providence, RI - 4 years

[Villages of Kensington](#) - Kensington, MD - 4 years

[Aging At Home Fairbanks](#) - Fairbanks, AK - 5 years

[The Village In Howard](#) - Columbia, MD - 5 years

[It Takes A Village 10591](#) - Sleepy Hollow, NY - 6 years

[Lake Barcroft Village](#) - Falls Church, VA - 7 years

[SAIL - Shepherdstown Area Independent Living](#) - Shepherdstown, WV - 8 years

[At Home In Greenwich](#) - Greenwich, CT - 12 years

[Staying Put In New Canaan](#) - New Canaan, CT - 13 years

February 2020

[Villages Clark County](#) - Vancouver, WA - 1 year

[Santa Fe Neighbors](#) - Santa Fe, NM - 3 years

[Villages Santa Cruz](#) - Santa Cruz, CA - 3 years

[Waterfront Village](#) - Washington, D.C. - 3 years

[Community Connections at Findley Lake](#) - Findley Lake, NY - 7 years

[Foster City Village](#) - Foster City, CA - 7 years

[NEST - North East Seattle Together](#) - Seattle, WA - 8 years

[Canopy of Neighbors](#) - Buffalo, NY - 9 years

[Nauset Neighbors](#) - Orleans, MA - 9 years

[Westside Pacific Villages](#) - Los Angeles, CA - 9 years

[WiseUp: Aging With Attitude](#) - Evanston, IL - 10 years

[Fearrington Cares](#) - Pittsboro, NC - 30 years



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