## **Interested in Volunteering?**

## Volunteering for the Village is easy

No set schedules or time commitments

Online access to volunteer opportunities 24/7

Volunteer opportunities that match your interests and availability

### **Assignments come in many forms**

Friendly visits and walks

Rides to medical appointments, lunches, exercise or continuing education classes, errands...

Simple household maintenance (replacing light bulbs, water filters, smoke alarm and CO batteries), picking up mail, watering plants, help organizing

Assistance with pets

One-on-one technical help

Joining our Steering Team and helping create new programs and services

To learn more about volunteering, contact Karen Robbins at 415-519-3420 or karobbins@comcast.net

## **How to Join**

Mill Valley Village is a place to belong, to connect with old and new friends.

Memberships for individuals are \$35/month or \$400/year; household memberships are \$45/month or \$500/year.

Scholarships are available based on household income.

Print a membership or volunteer application at www.mvvillage.org or contact our central office:

Marin Villages 4340 Redwood Highway, Suite F-142 San Rafael, CA 94903 415-457-4633

Donations are gratefully accepted!



For membership information, contact Sue Steele at 415-388-7832 or xerty.10@gmail.com

# Mill Valley Village

a branch of

## MARIN VILLAGES



Our Paths - Our Choices

Helping Mill Valley's older adults maintain active, independent and connected lives in the place they call home

www.mvvillage.org

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## What is Mill Valley Village?

Mill Valley Village, now in operation for more than seven years, is part of a national movement dedicated to helping older adults maintain active, independent and connected lives.

We are not a place but a non-profit organization, bringing to life a great idea: a vibrant local community of members and volunteers, enriching each other's lives, building new connections and making everyday life easier.

Our more than 100 volunteers couple old-fashioned neighborliness with modern know-how to provide a wide range of local programs and valuable benefits to fellow villagers as well as the broader Mill Valley community.

Our parent organization, Marin Villages, maintains a small staff to provide key services, such as fielding phone calls and matching volunteers with member requests for Villages across Marin.



Members call to request a friendly visit, a ride to the doctor or grocery store, even someone to walk the dog. Our staff make arrangements with a local volunteer and call you back.

It's that simple!

## **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

The Village Movement started over 15 years ago when a group of friends in the Beacon Hill area of Boston, intent on staying in their own homes, decided to create a community-based organization to meet their needs.

The concept was simple but powerful: neighbors and volunteers would assist with routine tasks and occasional rides, and would create opportunities to develop and grow relationships, establishing a "village-like" atmosphere in which no member is forgotten.

The concept caught on and there are now over 200 active Villages throughout the country with a similar number in development.

Marin Villages, our parent organization, began in 2009, and is a non-profit organization qualified to receive tax-deductible contributions.

In 2012, Mill Valley Village began offering programs and services. We are now a community of over 250 villagers, more than 100 of whom are volunteers, organizing programs and offering services.

Enrich Your Life Become a Village Member, Volunteer, Donor....or all three!

## **Benefits of Membership**

Meeting people and making friends

Join us for coffees, lunches, happy
hours, a men's group

## Pursuing interests and exploring new ones

Join us for trail walks, memoir writing, a book club, knitting, hiking, presentations and more

### Keeping up with the times

Get one-on-one help with computers, tablets, printers, televisions, phones and other devices

#### Meeting transportation needs

Enjoy the company, as well as the rides, to social engagements, exercise programs, grocery shopping, medical appointments, village events and more

## Keeping the household in order

Get "handyman" assistance with minor jobs

#### Referrals to paid providers

Access to service providers referred by other members and volunteers

#### Discounts and other benefits

From your local merchants in support of the village

#### Chances to give back

Volunteer opportunities according to your interests and availability