



BETHESDA METRO AREA VILLAGE

Your home Your neighborhood Your future

Bethesda Metro Area Village (BMAV) is a neighborhood-based, non-profit organization that helps our members remain in their homes as they age. We also offer social and other activities members can enjoy.

Our mission is

To build an engaged, caring community of members who want to remain in their homes as they age.

Our members enjoy opportunities to make and strengthen social connections, explore educational and cultural activities, and engage in shared interests with friends. Our volunteers provide services that help members remain in their homes with dignity.

To become a member of BMAV:

Complete the following application and mail pages 5-8 with your payment to the address below. Payments can also be accepted online or over the phone.

Contact us with any questions at membership@bmavillage.org or 240-630-2628. We look forward to hearing from you!

Bethesda Metro Area Village

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Bethesda Metro Area Village Membership Agreement Terms and Conditions

If you are age 50 or older and live in our neighborhood you can join BMAV, whether you own or rent your home or apartment. (If you live outside our neighborhood boundaries but are interested in becoming a Social member, please contact us for details.)

BMAV offers two levels of membership:

Social members have access to a full calendar of social events including coffees, teas or happy hours at local restaurants or members' homes, outings to museums and theaters, classes, and guest speaker series. We also have several special interest groups to choose from, including hiking, knitting, arts, birdwatching, bridge, film, art, travel, and a discussion group on aging well, with more to be formed. Membership includes a weekly email with event information and a newsletter full of interviews and articles of interest emailed every two months, as well as access to an online membership directory.

Full Service members receive the benefits above as well as access to our volunteer service providers. BMAV currently has neighbor volunteers offering: transportation (rides to BMAV events and personal appointments and errands), friendly phone calls or visits, small home repairs, limited technical assistance in the home for computers and other devices (such as set up or basic troubleshooting), absent owner services outside the home such as watering plants and picking up packages (for up to three weeks), and occasional non-medical respite care for primary caregivers.

BMAV's dues are:

\$300 a year for an individual social membership entitling you to participate in all BMAV social events, discussion groups and seminars. \$600 a year for a household (regardless of size) for the same benefits.

\$450 a year for an individual member seeking the complete package of programs and services. \$750 a year for a household (regardless of size) who want the same access to all programs and services.

Social members who experience a change of status during the year and find they need Full Service benefits can upgrade their membership on a pro-rated basis. Contact our Membership Chair for details.

BMAV's policy is that no one who wishes to be a member should be excluded for financial reasons. The village's mission is to help neighbors who want to stay in our

neighborhood by offering services and social activities that make that possible for all of us, even as we age and our circumstances change.

If you are concerned that you don't have room in your budget for membership, BMAV will work with you to make it happen. On an individual basis, we can offer a reduced fee membership plan, or a payment plan, whenever appropriate. All requests for a reduced fee or other financial accommodation are treated confidentially. Please contact our Executive Director at director@bmavillage.org or 240-630-2628 for more information.

BENEFITS PROVIDED:

Bethesda Metro Area Village (BMAV) is a non-profit organization established in 2014 with the goal of helping seniors stay in their homes as they age and in the community they love. The village offers volunteer-provided services and opportunities for social engagement. There are two levels of membership. A Social member pays an annual fee and is entitled to participate in all activities and social events. A Full Service member pays an annual fee and is entitled to receive services in addition to participation in social activities.

PRIVACY:

BMAV will take reasonable steps to protect the personal information of its members. The Village will not sell any of your information to third parties. However, where concerns arise about a member's health or safety, the Village reserves the right to contact appropriate people, as determined by the Village. In addition, to connect a member with a third-party service provider at the member's request, the Village may disclose contact and other relevant information.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

We are neighbors helping neighbors. We want to protect our volunteers and request that members agree. Payment of the membership fee constitutes an agreement to (i) release and discharge Bethesda Metro Area Village and its directors and officers from all responsibility or liability for services rendered by BMAV volunteers or any third-party providers to the extent permitted by law, and (ii) hold Bethesda Metro Area Village harmless from and against any cost, expenses, or damages (including without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees), to the extent permitted by law, arising in connection with any and all claims brought by or through the member, including but not limited to claims brought by the member's insurance carrier.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

BMAV reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate a member's membership, at any time, if the Village determines that it is in the best interest of the member, the

Village, its volunteers, or other members of the Village. If the Village terminates a member's membership, it will return a portion of the annual fee paid on a prorated basis from the first month following termination until the end of the paid membership period. A member may terminate his or her membership at any time by providing written notice to the Village. If a member terminates his or her membership, no portion of the annual fee will be refunded.

LIMITATION OF SERVICES:

BMAV is not a home health care provider, and does not arrange for home health care services. It provides limited services to help members who paid dues as full members. These services may change from time to time. Generally, we will expand the number or nature of services provided, but sometimes we may eliminate a service that is not used very much or is deemed to carry too great a liability. Full membership is limited to residents within the BMAV borders.

PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY:

At BMAV events, a volunteer may take photographs to use on BMAV's website, brochure, newsletter, or other promotional material. Signing this application form provides consent for BMAV to use a photograph in which a member may appear for these limited village-related purposes.

DIRECTORY POLICY:

BMAV creates a membership directory to help facilitate connections between members. The directory and information within is not to be used for commercial purposes of any sort at any time. Members' name, phone, address and email address are by default included - if you prefer that any or all of your information not be viewable by other members, please contact the Executive Director or Membership Chair to opt out.

As a strictly non-partisan organization, BMAV consists of members with diverse ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds who hold differing political opinions. At BMAV-sponsored events it is therefore important that when matters of current interest and concerns are discussed, members recognize other members might have different views. As a village we endeavor to provide an opportunity for all members to express their views comfortably and enjoy events together.

**Bethesda Metro Area Village
Membership Application**

I/We wish to join the Bethesda Metro Area Village as:

Individual Full Service Member - \$450 _____

Household Full Service Members - \$750 _____

Individual Social Member - \$300 _____

Household Social Members - \$600 _____

INDIVIDUAL NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

Bethesda, MD ZIP CODE _____ **HOME PHONE** _____

EMAIL _____

CELL PHONE _____

BIRTH YEAR _____ (this is used for aggregate reporting for grants, etc).

ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER (Please give phone and email if different from above)

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

CELL PHONE _____

BIRTH YEAR _____ (this is used for aggregate reporting for grants, etc).

I/WE agree to become Member(s) of the Bethesda Metro Area Village under the Terms and Conditions of Membership above by signing this application and paying the designated membership fee.

Name

Additional Name (if household)

Signature

Additional Signature (if household)

Date

Date

If you are joining as a Full Service member, please list emergency contact information for a neighbor and for a family member:

NAME(S) _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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What services are you most interested in?

- Transportation
- Friendly visits or calls
- Light home repair – this can include help with replacing lightbulbs, storm doors, moving heavy items, putting up drapes or screen doors, and most other light at-home help you can think of
- Limited technical assistance in the home for computers and other devices
- Limited absent owner services outside the house – this includes picking up flyers and packages
- Occasional non-medical respite care for primary caregivers – this includes visiting with your home-bound spouse or family member while you are out

Others not yet listed? _____

After enrollment, you will receive a letter which explains how to access our website and our various communications. If you need newsletter or weekly emails mailed or dropped off to you, please let us know. You are welcome to attend any social event or special interest group meeting, so jump right in and RSVP when you see one you like. Our current Shared Interest Groups are hiking, bridge, birding, knitting, arts, film, travel, and a discussion group on aging well.

If you have other hobbies or areas of interest, we are always looking for new special interest groups. Please let Elizabeth Haile or Elyse Jacob, Programs Chair, know and we will assist you.

Please indicate which Committees you might be interested in learning more about. We welcome your participation in the Communications, Programs, Development, Finance or Volunteer Committees.

Please let us know if you would like to learn about becoming a volunteer service provider, to help other full-service members with rides, in-home help or friendly visits.

In order to grow, we encourage all members to consider becoming a volunteer, joining a committee, leading a group or planning programs. Our Executive Director is happy to talk with you about your interests. It takes a village to run a village!