

## Lake Currents Article

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### **LOWLINC Now Accepting Memberships: Q&A** Mary-Jane Atwater, Jeff Flynn, Carolyn Graham and Joe Sakole

LOWLINC is getting ready to launch! We are a new, nonprofit charitable organization that will coordinate an array of support services so older LOW residents can remain safe and independent in their homes, in our community, for as long as possible.

Here are a few questions and answers about membership. For more information, please visit the LOWLINC website at [www.lowlinc.org](http://www.lowlinc.org).

**Q. What services will be provided to LOWLINC members?**

A. Members will benefit from the following services: transportation (vetted volunteer drivers will pick you and drive you to medical appointments, shopping, meetings and errands); a list of vetted service providers (landscapers, plumbers, electricians, home health care, etc.); yard and home maintenance; friendly visits and check-in calls; computer support; and a variety of social activities.

**Q. Who provides the services?**

A. More than 40 enthusiastic volunteers, your LOW neighbors, have signed on to drive, help at home and in the yard, make friendly visits, assist with computers and electronic devices – and help you stay in your home. In addition, we are collaborating with organizations both inside and outside LOW to supplement volunteer-provided services.

**Q. What is the cost to become a member?**

A. The annual fee for an individual will be \$400 (\$33/month) and \$500 (\$42/month) for a household. This fee entitles LOWLINC members to all of our services. If budget permits, we hope to be able to offer financial assistance to residents with a demonstrable need.

**Q. Why is there a membership fee?**

A. The fee covers overhead expenses (insurance, website, office expenses, etc.) and a part-time coordinator who will ensure quality, reliable services and referrals.

**Q. Do I have to share my financial information to become a member?**

A. Absolutely not! If you are interested in joining LOWLINC and are able to pay the fee, we have no interest in or need for financial information.

**Q. Is LOWLINC affiliated with the Lake of the Woods Association?**

A. LOWLINC is an independent nonprofit organization and our activities have no impact on LOWA member fees or assessments.

**Q. How can I become a LOWLINC member?**

A. The first step is to fill out a Membership Application, available to download from the LOWLINC website at [www.lowlinc.org/membership](http://www.lowlinc.org/membership). Or you can call Jeff Flynn at 540-273-5078 to request an application. Next, we'll arrange a time to meet with you to discuss your specific needs and how LOWLINC can help. We look forward to serving older residents at LOW.

