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To Learn More About Us:

See our website and Facebook:

- www.villagesofkensingtonmd.org
- <https://www.facebook.com/KensingtonVillages>

To contact any of our officers or Board members:

Go to our website and click on the “**CONTACT US**” tab.

What is a Village?

- Community grass-roots
- Non-profit
- Volunteer driven
- Neighbors helping neighbors
- Unique to each community's needs
- Range from 1 street to a whole county



Villages become a Movement

- Started in 2002 in Beacon Hill, Boston
- Now: 150 nationwide, Netherlands, UK, and Australia.
- Washington Area most prominent in country
- MC has 23 Villages: only county w/Village Coordinator
- Substantial support locally and nationally

Why are Villages so Popular?

- Enable seniors to “age in place”
- Get essential services and referrals
- Make new friends-no longer alone
- UC Berkeley study: substantial benefits



Our Mission

Build and sustain a supportive, diverse, and intergenerational network of neighbors helping neighbors to be engaged in their community throughout their lives.

Our goal is to serve people **of all ages** in all Kensington communities.



VoK Services based on Preliminary Survey Results include:

- Transportation
- Computer/electronic assistance
- Home maintenance/handyman services
- Baby-sitting or after school care
- Yard maintenance/snow shoveling



Social/Educational Activities based on Preliminary Survey Results Include:

- Exercise, e.g., group walks
- Lectures/classes
- Book clubs/discussion groups
- Social gatherings (e.g., coffees, lunches, potluck dinners)



Progress toward Opening for Business



- Formed a Steering Committee
- Established Board of Directors with Officers
- Finalized ByLaws
- Gained 501c3 (non-profit) status
- Exhibited at Day of the Book; Kensington Labor Day Festival

Other Accomplishments

- Formed partnerships
- Attended Village Gatherings
- 50+ Kensington residents ready to volunteer
- Plan to open next Spring/early Summer



Questions & Answers



Come and Join Us!

- We'd love to have you in our Village and share its benefits with you
- Parkwood would be an invaluable addition to our Village
- We'll keep you updated on our progress



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