



Village to Village Movement in Central Vermont

Several new “Villages” are in various stages of exploration or development in the CVCOA service area. These Villages are not actual towns or physical spaces. They are an organized network of volunteers and trusted service providers who offer support and services to Village members, so they can remain active, socially connected, safe and comfortable in their homes and communities as they grow older.

The Village concept began in Beacon Hill, Boston, in 2001. There are now more than 250 Villages around the country, with many more under development. Each Village reflects the needs of its members and community. Although every Village is different, the kinds of services they provide often include light home maintenance and handyman services, assistance with simple household tasks, transportation around town, grocery shopping and other errands, and social opportunities. For needs that volunteers can't meet, many Villages also provide referrals to screened service providers who offer discounts to Village members.

The Mt. Mansfield Village, in development, will include Cambridge and Jeffersonville, as well as Underhill and Jericho. For more information contact 802-644-6548. Lamoille Neighbors will focus on Morristown and Hyde Park. According to founding member Lisa Dimondstein, they plan to launch in April 2019. For more information contact lisadimondstein@me.com.

The Montpelier Village Project is in the process of surveying Montpelier residents who are 50+ to find out what they have to say about aging at home. The survey can be accessed at <https://goo.gl/forms/tLLaivTY70tWBK0u2> or print copies are available at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, City Hall, and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Completed surveys may be dropped off in marked boxes at those locations. Completed surveys are due December 7. For more information, contact the Montpelier Village Project at montpeliervillagegroup@gmail.com or call 802-223-7158.