



LAMORINDA Village

neighborhood support for aging in our community...

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It's Time to Become a Lamorinda Village Member

As we get closer to April 6, the day we will launch Lamorinda Village, we want to remind you to sign up before April 1 in order to take advantage of our Charter Member deal. As a Charter Member, you will receive 15 months of membership services for the price of 12 (April 6, 2015 through June 30, 2016).

We also want to let you know that based on feedback we've received from you at our presentations and living room chats, we have simplified the fee structure and reduced our pricing for the social membership for individuals. The individual social membership rate is now \$300, which amounts to only \$25 a month.

Some of you may still be wondering whether you need the Village benefits and services at this time. Why not dip your toes in the water by signing up for a social membership? Or become a Village volunteer and support your neighbors who just need a little help to remain safe and independent at home. You'll have a chance to participate in this growing national movement, and you'll help ensure that the Village will be there for you in the future, when you do need it.

You can find the new membership types and fees, as well as information on how to become a member, on our website at www.lamorindavillage.org, under the *Membership* tab. You can also reach us by email at info@lamorindavillage.org, by phone at (925) 253-2300, or by mail at P. O. Box 57, Lafayette, CA 94549.



Progress update: Preferred Service Providers

Lamorinda Village volunteers are continuing to process applications from local service providers. The good news is that about 90% of providers who answered the discount question on their application forms are willing to give Village members a discount, mostly in the range of 10-25%.

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As a Member, You Can Help Shape the Village

One of the key benefits that Village members enjoy is the opportunity to participate in social and educational activities. Members develop and organize many of these activities, with support from Village volunteers and staff. For example:

- ◇ Have you ever wished that you could get together with a few other individuals to play a game of bridge, talk about your travel experiences, or share photographs, recipes, or stories?
- ◇ Do you have a special collection that you love to talk about and share with others?
- ◇ Have you ever wished that you and a few friends could get together to discuss a book or to hear a review of a book you might be interested in reading?
- ◇ Do you wish you knew how to do exercises that would improve your balance and increase your strength?
- ◇ Would you like to learn strategies to improve your memory?
- ◇ How about getting together with a few friends for lunch and conversation?

As a member of Lamorinda Village, options like these can be a part of your experience. Think about what you would most enjoy doing, and get ready to add your ideas for a thriving Lamorinda Village community, because Lamorinda Village will be what its members want it to be.

Preferred Service Providers, continued...

The broad categories we are pursuing came from the results of a survey of potential members' top needs for service. More than 500 people responded to the survey -- a significant sampling of the approximately 10,000 residents over 65 in Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda. Here are the top categories, in order of priority set by the survey responses:

1. Transportation
2. Help with Computers/Tablets/Phones
3. Handyman Services
4. Home Repair/Maintenance
5. Health Care and Safety
6. Senior Nutrition
7. Personal Services
8. Pet Care
9. Professional Services

How Are We Selecting Preferred Service Providers?

Most of the service providers we reach out to have been recommended by members of our Board of Directors and the Task Force volunteers who have been building the Village, and we will continue to ask for your recommendations, as members, in the future. As part of the application process, tradesmen such as plumbers and electricians are asked to provide evidence of their licenses and insurance. For providers like handymen and gardeners, where appropriate, we are completing formal background checks. References are checked for all service providers.

It's all part of our commitment to members that anyone you select from our list of recommended providers has been screened. The Village will also follow up after the work has been done to assure the member's satisfaction.

We will have a robust directory of screened providers when we launch on April 6. Of course we can anticipate one thing: the first request we receive may well be for a service we never even thought of! If that happens, we won't say no; we'll do our best to satisfy the member's request.

Help Us Communicate With You

We'd love to hear how you like the Lamorinda Village newsletter, and what you hope to read about once we go live in April. How would you like to stay engaged with Village news? Send us a message at info@lamorindavillage.org and give us your suggestions. If this is the first newsletter you have received and you would like to catch up on the news, you can find past issues on the website at www.Lamorindavillage.org, under the *About* tab.

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