



*A rural community of neighbors helping aging adults
lead independent and engaged lives at home.*

Leverett + New Salem + Shutesbury + Wendell

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Village Neighbors

Working Together to Create Community!

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VN Small Home Repairs Application

If you have small repairs which need attention in your home, free assistance is available from the Village Neighbors Small Home Repairs Program.

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts has generously renewed our grant for **Small Home Repairs** again for 2022. The amazing team of volunteers who have been working to assist our members in keeping their homes safe and in good repair will be back to work this Fall.

An application has been included with this mailing. When you complete it and mail it back to us, the team will contact you. It's as easy as that!

If you need assistance in completing your application, contact our Call Managers at servicerequests@villageneighbors.org

or give us a call **1-413-345-6894 ext.1**

and leave your name, phone number and the reason for your request, we will return your call.

*Sponsored through The Church Street Fund, administered by
the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts*



Summer Fun on the Wendell Town Common

The Catalytics performed for Village Neighbors on **Saturday, July 31st**. The delightful music in the shade of the trees on the Wendell Common was welcomed by many members as well drawing on neighbors and potential new members!

We laughed, sang the chorus and hula hooped to the swing of the Catalytics. Join us next time, Village Neighbors will give you a ride!



VN Annual Members Meeting

The VN Annual Members Meeting and Board Elections was held on August 27th at 1:30 at the Deja Brew in Wendell. Committees shared reports of this year's activities, and board members **Mary-Ann Palmieri** and **Dina Polizzi** were elected for a second term. Our Thanks to our generous sponsors **Trader Joe** for our delicious snacks and **Patti Scutari** for the use of the **Deja Brew** backyard and pavilion.

Member Creative Corner

Laureen Shea

I live in Leverett and am happily retired. My joys are my grandkids, painting, gardening, hiking and reading. My work can be seen at the **Leverett Coop, Red Fire Farm, Salmon Falls Gallery, the Garlic & Arts Festival** and the **Shutesbury AC Holiday Fair**. Come visit me at my table **September 10th**, noon to 4pm, at the **Leverett Co-op Second Saturday Rattlesnake Gutter Artisans Fair**.



Are You Interested in Sharing Your Art with Other Village Neighbors?

VN is accepting submissions of your creative projects for publication in our newsletter. Because of space limitations, we will only be able to print one piece per newsletter, but we will be adding a gallery to the VN website this year, and additional submissions will be highlighted there. For more information, please contact Dina Polizzi dina@dinapolizzi.com

Local Fun, Food, Music, Crafts and Company

The Leveret Village Co-op has opened its outdoor patio for food and drinks. Don't miss the last **Leverett Co-op Second Saturdays Artisans Market** of the season **September 10th** noon to 4. Wonderful local artisans and crafters, along with live music provided by **Isosceles** and **DJ Brian Boyles** will be spinning records.

180 Rattlesnake Gutter Rd, Leverett
(413) 367-9794 • <https://leverettcoop.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/LeverettCoop>

Deja Brew Cafe & Pub is open again on Saturday nights, 6pm to 1am, for food, drinks, great beers on tap, and live music under the pavilion. Family friendly, gluten free options, no cover charge.

57 Lockes Village Rd, Wendell • (978) 544-2739

Check out their FB page for upcoming events
<https://www.facebook.com/dejabrewwendell/>

Shutesbury Athletic Club is now open Tuesday-Thursday 5-11pm, Friday and Saturday 5pm-1am

Live music Friday & Saturday, **Free Pool Wednesday, Viking Karaoke**, meals, events and more.

Also don't forget on September 17 is the **Clambake and BBQ Chicken Dinner**, with music by the Mark Snow band. Clambake/Lobster tickets \$50, BBQ Chicken tickets, \$20. Buy your tickets at the SAC. **Deadline for orders is September 12!**

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **Shutesbury Holiday Shop**, December 1st-3rd, 2022! Locally Handcrafted gifts for all ages!
282 Wendell Rd, Shutesbury • (413) 259-1474
Find out about this week's happenings on their FB page **<https://www.facebook.com/ShutesAC>** or website **www.shutesburyac.com**

Need a Ride?

Contact **VN Services** in advance if you need a ride or company for a night out.
Email **servicerequests@villageneighbors.org** or call **413-345-6894**

Please DONATE to Village Neighbors and support our Free Membership. You can donate online at **www.villageneighbors.org** or mail a check to **P.O.Box 501, Shutesbury, MA 01072**

Upcoming Events

Writing To Remember

A Memoir Writing Class with Ruth Flohr

In this memoir writing class we will discover the inspiration and tools to effectively begin writing your life-story. This class is open to fledgling writers as well as seasoned writers.

Each Tuesday for six weeks we will meet on Zoom to explore the following topics: Getting Started, Memory Techniques, Creating a Writing Space, Story Structure, Memoir Themes, and Writing Voice. This method includes instruction, reading memoir samples, discussion, and impromptu writing exercises with feedback. There will also be an online forum with writing resources and a platform to post your stories.

Dates: **Tuesdays, Sept. 6th through Oct. 11th**
Time: **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Tuition: **FREE**

Call to register with Ruth **978-544-6534**

*Generously sponsored by the **Leverett, Shutesbury, Wendell, and New Salem Councils on Aging, Village Neighbors, and the Mass Cultural Council***



Looking For Something Super Silly To Do?

Village Neighbors will be joining the **DOOZYDO Parade** sponsored by **Northampton Neighbors** on **September 17th**.

Dress in green to reflect our VN logo and our forests.

Village Neighbors will have a red truck, provided by member **Sam Rogers**, for those who'd like to sit and ride. You can ride your bike or walk with us as well. Bring sun protection!

Sign up by calling **413-345-6894** or emailing **pr@villageneighbors.org**

The Northampton Neighbors' DoozyDo Parade is a joyful, inclusive, unconventional celebration in the City of Northampton.



Preserving Summer in a Bottle

September 15 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join **Leslie Cerier, The Organic Gourmet** chef/teacher and cookbook author and learn how to make your own delicious:

- Flavored Honey
- Flavored Oils
- Flavored Vinegars
- Marinated Dried Tomatoes with Fresh Herbs

Come learn how to preserve summer's flavors, colors, herbs, edible flowers, spices, fruits and more.

Discover how to transform everyday meals into health enhancing gourmet experiences all year round. Plenty of time for Q&A.

*Sponsored by the **Dunbarton Library***

FREE

Email Leslie to register **leslie@lesliecerier.com**
For more info visit **www.lesliecerier.com**

This festival of silliness, such as a drill team of lawn mowers, will be featuring people of all ages, local organizations, and businesses. Come enjoy local bands and musicians, roller derby devotees, bagpipers, floats and antique cars, and teams of kids, adults and seniors joining in the fun.

You've been to parades before, but not like this one.

<https://doozydo.org/about-northampton-neighbors/>

Village Neighbors is actively recruiting new volunteers now!

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION Wednesday, September 14th, 6:30 PM

Hybrid meeting both on Zoom and in person at the Wendell Senior Center: 2 Locke Village Road, Wendell

Email volunteers@villageneighbors.org or leave a phone message with a contact number at **413-345-6894 ext.3** to receive a Zoom link and additional information.

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact Us To Learn More

Village Neighbors has grown quickly while meeting the new challenges posed through CoVid in our elderly community. We need Volunteers to assist members at home, and also behind the scenes on the committees that keep our organization working! Contribute as much or as little time as you want. Match your interests and skills to what's needed in the community. *Make a difference in the lives of your neighbors and our future...*

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Village Neighbors is a community volunteer-run organization, part of the Village-to-Village national network, dedicated to helping aging adults lead independent and engaged lives at home.

**We offer FREE Membership for anyone over 60 in our 4 Towns:
Leverett, New Salem, Shutesbury and Wendell.**

Call or email today to find out more about membership, services and volunteering.

1-413-345-6894 or email generalinfo@villageneighbors.org

Visit our website to view the list of free services we offer www.villageneighbors.org



Need a Hand with Your Garden?

Volunteers from your town are available to help with garden care! They will bring their own tools and maintain safe social distancing protocols.

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