



We Are Open!!!!

After 24 months of development , including 3 months of limited operation SLO Village is now open for business. February first we began operation with about 33 Villagers (members, associate members and volunteers). The plan is to continue to add members and volunteers at a rate that ensures a high quality of member service and volunteer experience.



We wish to thank all of you who have supported the idea of helping seniors age in place and the establishment of a local Village. We thank everyone that held gatherings in their homes and to those of you who shared information about the Village to their family and friends.

A special thanks goes to our members, associate members and volunteers that made SLO Village operation a success

Soft Start Success!

This last November we opened with a limited number of members and volunteers. Our purpose was to make sure our processes worked for both members and volunteers.

Over the course of 3 months we ran many errands, and provided transportation. We also installed a television, got printers to print, rebuilt some kitchen storage cabinets. We found a plumber and cleaning service for our members.

In our preparation for SLO Village these were all things we expected to do. What we didn't expect was a request to read the New York Times to a member who has lost his sight, provide date night transportation or to find a walking companion. But through our caring volunteers, we serviced those requests as well.

We celebrated the end of limited operation with a wine and cheese social in Edna Valley. Members and volunteers were pleased with the operation and were excited about the future of our Village.

New Friends

A common experience in any village is the development of new friendships. We live in a relatively small community it doesn't take long for strangers to discover who they know in common. But in our Village, making a short trip to the market, fixing a sticky door or attending a wine and cheese social creates the opportunity to get to really know someone. The time to share life experiences. In a relatively short period of our operation, many new friendships have been formed, for members and volunteers alike.

SLO Village

SLO Village is a community-based membership organization focused on empowering older adults to live happily, healthfully, and successfully in their own homes as they age. SLO Village is a volunteer organization that connects seniors with existing services, vetted businesses and social programs.

SLO Village History

Feb 2015
First community gathering
Joined Village-to-Village

Mar 2015
Name chosen
Facebook group started

Oct 2015
Survey goes live
Website live
Lifelong Learners class

Nov 2015
Development teams
Identified Partners

Dec 2015
Project Plan established
Business Plan Outline

Jan 2016
Meetings with Partners
SLO Village Brochure
Business plan reviewed

Feb 2016
Working Board established
1st Newsletter

March 2016
First public presentation
Legal Review

April 2016
Non-Profit Status

May 2016
1st Ambassador Event

October 2016
Civic group presentations

November 2016
Soft Start Begins

Feb 2017
Open for Business

BE A VILLAGE MEMBER

Do you know of a senior neighbor, friend, or relative who may need services or social connections? Let us know. We would be happy to meet and provide information to help that person determine if SLO Village would be of value for them.

Members

Members have access to volunteer services, vetted businesses and social programs. Members pay a yearly fee and receive volunteer services at no additional cost. Members are encouraged to attend social events and become volunteers.

Associate Members

Associate members receive no services, but can attend all social events. They are both social and financial supporters of SLO Village. Associate Members can instantly become full Members if the need arises. Associate Member membership fees are tax deductible.

Subsidized Members

SLO Village realizes that the membership fees may be out of reach for some seniors. It is our desire not to deny access to our Village because of financial limitations. Our village does have a limited number of Subsidized Memberships for those cases.

Become a Member

Call our office 805 242-6440 and we can setup an informational meeting at a coffee shop or at our office to answer your questions about SLO Village. If you see value in SLO Village, we will send two volunteers to your home to get to better know you and your needs.

Need Help ?

If you are a member or an associate member and are in the need of preferred businesses, give us a call. We have Handymen, Plumbers, Senior-Proofing, Roofers, Painters, Landscapers Housekeeping, Electrical, Automotive, Insurance, Financial Counselors, Home Health Care, Eye Glasses, Computer expertise.

Membership Fees

Single Membership	\$500 annually/\$138 quarterly
Household Membership	\$750 annually/\$206 quarterly
Associate Membership	\$250 annually/\$69 quarterly
Subsidized Membership	\$250 annually/\$69 quarterly



BE A VILLAGE VOLUNTEER

A New Way to Volunteer

Choose the assignment you want. The service might be to provide transportation on a specific date and time, or handyman service with an open date and time.

After picking the assignment from the list, you are given the member contact information. You call the member, confirming the service and work out any details. You can select as few or as many service requests as you like.

Volunteers Needed

Social Director: We are looking for a volunteer to help our members establish ongoing social events. This person would call members and determine what social events would be of interest. This volunteer would then help promote these events. Events might include Book Clubs, Tea/Coffee Socials, Walking Groups, etc.

Drivers for Los Osos, Morro Bay: We are looking for volunteers that could provide rides and run errands in the Morro Bay and Los Osos area.

News Editor: We are looking for a volunteer to produce our newsletter. This volunteer would work with members, Board members and volunteers to create content in order to keep members, volunteers and friends of SLO Village informed. This volunteer should know Publisher or In Design .

If you are interested in these volunteer positions, please call our office at 805 242-6440 or email office@slovillage.org.

Volunteers Provide

Transportation, make courtesy calls, provide technology help, do home repairs, gardening and in home services. Volunteers also manage the office, conduct member interviews, and help with development of programs.

Become a Volunteer

Go to our website slovillage.org, click on Volunteer, and fill out the volunteer request form. An application will be sent to you. After filling out the application, you will receive an invitation to Verified Volunteers for a background check.

If you provide transportation, we will need a copy of your insurance and DMV driving record.

Note: SLO Village provides insurance coverage for all of its volunteers.

Village Movement

In 2002 Beacon Hill, in Boston, became the first Village and changed the way in which seniors can age in place. Today, there are about 200 Villages across the nation that are in operation, with over 40,000 Village members. There are another 190 Villages currently in development.

California leads the country with over 70 villages. Nearby California coastal villages include Santa Barbara to the South and Monterey Village to the North.

SLO Village is a member of the Village to Village Network. The first community meeting was in February of 2015. We received our Non-Profit Status 501(c)(3) in April of 2016 and opened to all seniors in February of 2017.

Why volunteer for SLO Village?

- Help seniors in YOUR community
- Volunteer when YOU have time
- Choose YOUR own assignments
- Fit volunteering into YOUR lifestyle
- There are no time requirements
- There are no set schedules
- And it's incredibly rewarding!



Serving: Arroyo Grande - Avila Beach - Grover Beach
Los Osos - Morro Bay - Oceano - Pismo Beach - Shell
Beach San Luis Obispo



SLO Village Friends

SLO Village is most grateful for the help and support from the following businesses and organizations.



Dignity Health.
French Hospital



McGee Insurance



Spirit Winds Physical Therapy

GALA

Gay And Lesbian Alliance



A special thanks to First Presbyterian of San Luis Obispo for providing much needed office space for SLO Village.



SLO Village Links

[SLO Village](http://slovillage.org)

slovillage.org

[Membership](http://slovillage.org/membership.html)

slovillage.org/
membership.html

[Volunteer](http://slovillage.org/volunteer.html)

slovillage.org/volunteer.html

[Recommend a Vendor](http://slovillage.org/vendors.html)

slovillage.org/vendors.html

[Get on Our List](#)

SLO Village Distribution

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Financial Help

If you would like to support our Village with a donation contact meg@slovillage.org or click on PayPal logo below.



California Villages

California now leads the nation with the most Villages. Check out what is happening at some of these Villages.

[Ashby Village](#) (Berkeley)

[Avenidas Village](#) (Palo Alto)

[Marin Villages](#) (Marin)

[Monterey Bay](#) Village

[Santa Barbara](#) Village

[Sequoia Village](#) (Belmont, San Carlos and Redwood City)

SLO Village Board

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