

A Village Is Starting in Kemp Mill!

Community Meeting: Information, Questions, & Input

Sunday, June 3, 2018, 3-5pm,

Kemp Mill Elementary School, 411 Sisson Street

What is a Village?

A village is a neighborhood organization where residents help provide services to their neighbors who are elderly or with disabilities, so that they can remain in their homes as they age. Villages are part of the “aging in place” movement. **A village’s structure is determined by the neighbors who build it, and includes all in the neighborhood, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or other differences.**

A village can help people avoid moving into outside institutions as their physical capabilities diminish, e.g., driving, by providing:

- **Transportation**
- **Check-in visits**
- **Social, educational, recreational events**
- **Assistance with medical visits and shopping**
- **Home and lawn care, snow shoveling**
- **Discounts at local stores and vendors**

Like in other neighborhoods, the most rapidly growing segment in Kemp Mill’s population is over 65. For the last few months, a wide cross-section of Kemp Mill residents have been meeting and talking about how to create a village.

Why a Village?

Not only do villages give seniors and people with disabilities practical help and dignity, they dignify the entire community by making it more humane and inclusive. A village can more efficiently identify where help is needed, and use best-practices technology to make it easier for people to volunteer. Including the entire age continuum makes a more complete and natural community, adding the wisdom, memories, and skills of its older members. Supporting a village in Kemp Mill when you are younger builds a structure that can help and protect you as you age. There are about 200 villages in the United States, and about 50 villages operate or are in development in the DC metro area.

Help Us Get Started and Find Out More

Please fill out a **SURVEY** at bit.ly/kempmillsurvey, so that we can better understand our needs and resources. For a written copy, **call 301-649-5031**. **Our village will be built and designed by neighbors, so your input is needed.** We also benefit from some government funding, other institutional help dedicated to villages, and the counsel and experience of other villages. Meet representatives from government and other villages at our **June 3 meeting**, as well as express your comments and thoughts, and the things you’d like to see and do. **For a ride, call 301-649-5031.**