

WAVE Conference 2025

Marketing Fundamentals for Villages

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- The Basics
- Your Customer
- Brand Development
- The Marketing Funnel
- Leads
- Planning: S.M.A.R.T
- Website Refresh?
- The Essentials

What Is Marketing?



- Not just advertising
- Building relationships
- Inspiring action
- Understanding your audience

Marketing is the process of identifying and solving customer needs.

Be the solution!

The Four P's of Marketing

- Product
- Price
- Place
- Promotion

Marketing Tools

- Knowledge & Data
- AssetsWebsite, flyers, photos
- ChannelsDigital or physical
- MessagingBrandingStorytellingCall to Action
- Relationships

- GoalsDefine clear outcomes
- Strategy
 Outline how to reach and engage your audience.
- Processes
 Simple workflows.
- Budget & Resources
 Even small investments can make a big impact.

Become Data Driven

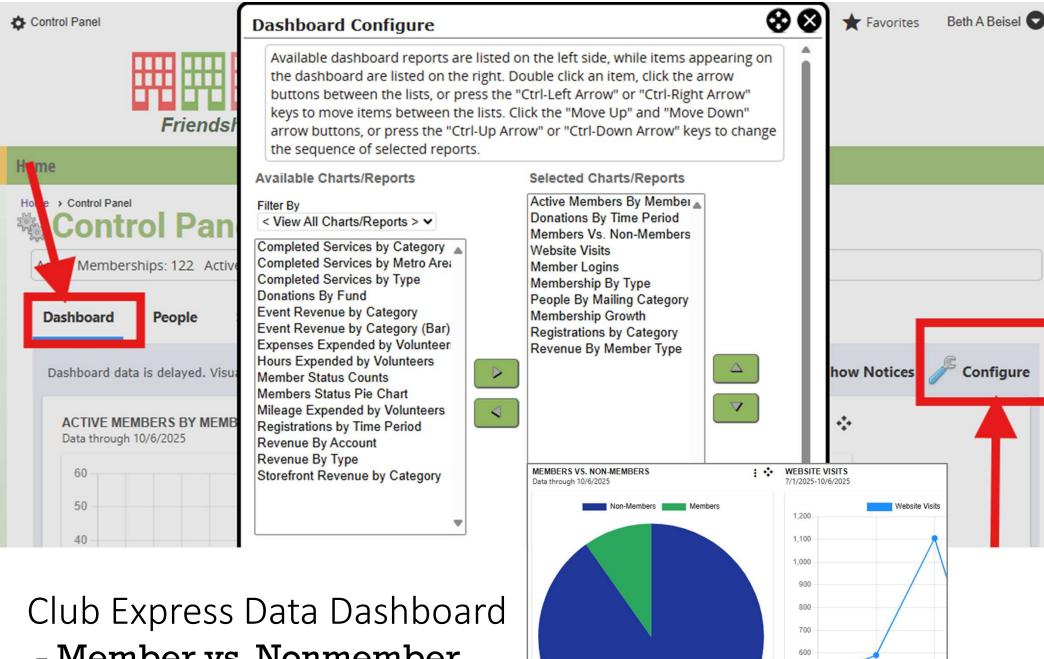
Key
Performance
Indicators
(KPIs)

Consistently
Compile Data

- Membership levels
- Event attendance
- # of PDF downloads
- Open rates on emails
- Website visits
- Club Express Dashboard

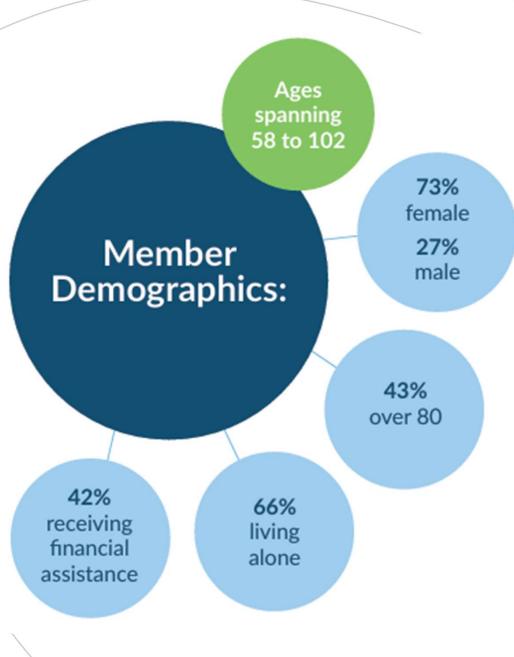
CAUTION

- Choose the right one.
- KPIs can be misleading
- Beware Vanity Metrics

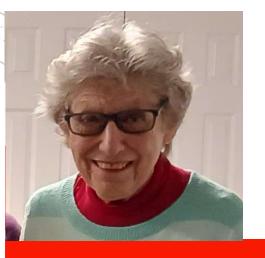


August 2025

- Member vs. Nonmember
- Website visits



From Arlington Neighborhood Village's 2024 Impact Report





Get to Know Your Customer

Be Data Driven



Customer Segmentation

Village Key Customer Segments

Create Different
Marketing Campaigns
for Each Segment

Independent Seniors

FOCUS: Social Connection

Mindset: Loneliness

Adults Searching for Assistance

FOCUS: Safety & Independence

Mindset: Fear

Volunteers

FOCUS: Looking to be useful.

Mindset: Value / Purpose

Attending to Mindset

Focus on Emotions

- Emotion drives action
- Avoid dry listing of benefits
- Always be the solution

Loneliness

Always be the solution

Friendship Heights Neighbors Network



FHNN NEW Social Member

Sign up as a NEW

Social Member for 2026 and get the rest of 2025 FREE.

Up to a \$75 value!

Special is for new members only. Not applicable to renewing members.

Join for the Cause, Stay for the Fun

- ✓ Support fellow seniors
- ✓ Find friends & connections
- √ Volunteer opportunities
- ✓ Coffees, lunches, outings
- ✓ Over 370 events a year

Individual: \$300 a year Household: \$450 a year FHNN is a Friendship Heights nonprofit that serves older adults in the neighborhood. Our mission is to help seniors remain in their homes and stay active in our community. Discover the joy and purpose of membership with FHNN.



Easy Online Sign Up

www.fhneighbors.org/membership



Support. Connect. Thrive. information.fhnn@gmail.com | 240-620-3285

Fear

Always be the solution

Friendship Heights Neighbors Network



Peace of Mind Is a Phone Call Away

Worried about the little things?

Let our trained and vetted neighborhood volunteers help you with everyday tasks.

Stay safe and independent

in your home as you age with FHNN.



Connect with our Member Service Specialist Today! Call: 240-620-3285

www.fhneighbors.org information.fhnn@gmail.com

- √ Rides to medical appointments
- √ Grocery Shopping / RX Pickup
- √ Yard work
- ✓ Light Home Repair
- √ Tech Coaching
- √ Social Visits
- √ Educational Programs
- ✓ Lunches, Coffees, Outings



Brand Development

More Than a Logo

A Brand Is Mutual

Core Brand Values

- Dignity
- Compassion
- Reliability
- Fun
- Connection

Consistency Is Powerful Builds trust.
Aids recognition.
Creates loyalty.

A **brand** is not just the logo or name; it is the **promise** a company makes, the experience it delivers, and the reputation that exists in the minds of its audience.

Brand Identity: You *define* your brand. Mission, Voice, Logo, Values, Promises **Vs.**

Brand Image: Your customer *decides* your brand by what you actually deliver.



Mount Vernon at Home

...thriving at home and in your community

The Words





ABOUT NEWS ACTIVITIES SERVICES CALENDAR JOIN VOLUNTEER DONAT



REIMAGINE LIFE OVER 50!

- Friendly, welcoming voice
- Simple sentence structure
- Integrate Core Brand Values
- "You" "We" "Together"
- Build a Brand Story
- Create unique Village tagline



Support. Connect. Thrive.

The Design

Font Options

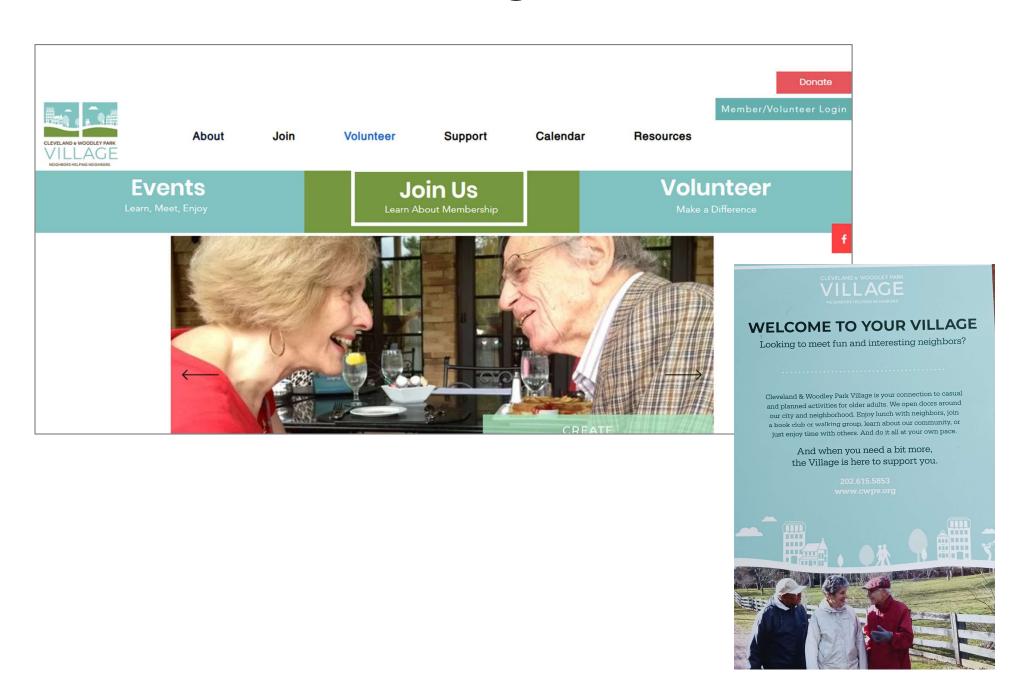
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Sans Serif

Display

- Color: Rule of 3:One main color, balance color, "Pop" color
- Choose 3 fonts: Stick to them
- Use professional designer
- Logo and URL on everything
- Photos of real people
- Use Canva, mindfully
- Consistency is key
- Beware of (your) boredom
- Make incremental changes

Cleveland Park Village



The Customer Journey

Choosing the Right Channels & Assets at the Right Time

Assets Vs. Channels

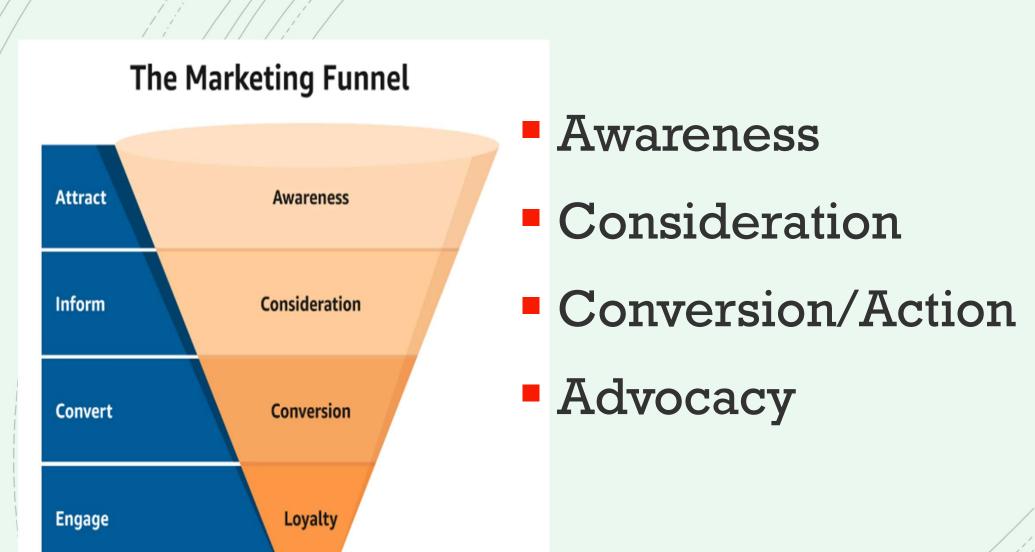
Asset

- Brochure
- Lawn Sign
- Flyer
- Digital Ad
- Website

Channel

- Emailing
- Social Media
- Direct Mail
- Print & Online Media
- Events
- Website

The Marketing Funnel



Awareness

Digital Channels

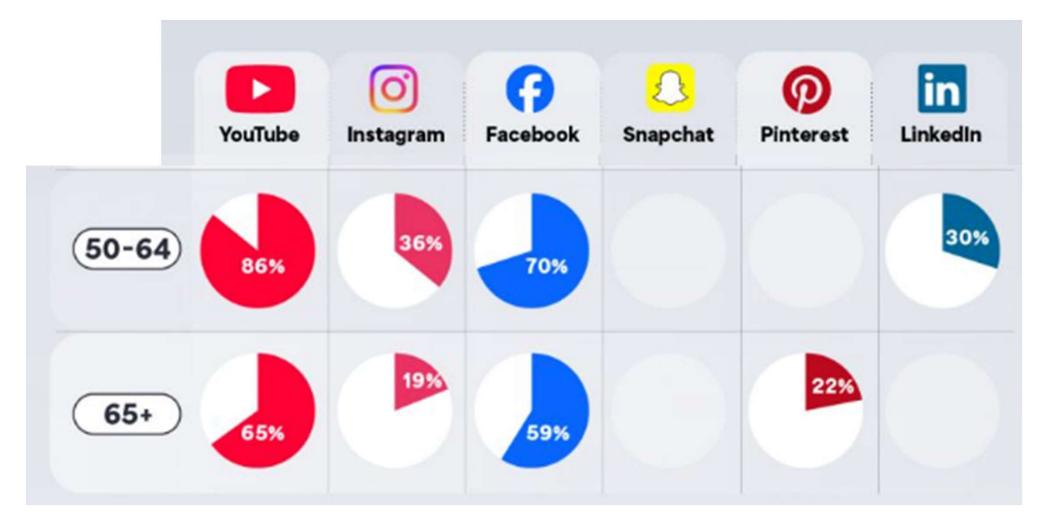
Five Must-Add Channels

- Google Business Profile (Free)
- Yelp
- Better Business Bureau
- Apple Maps (Apple Business Connect). Will connect Siri
- Social Media: Facebook
- Website
- Emails
- Zoom Educational Programs
- Local Online Directories
- Search Engine Optimization (SEO)
- Local Media: Radio & TV, Bloggers, newsletters

Make Relationships!!

Social Media Preference of Those 50+

Source: Pew Research Center's Social Media Fact Sheet



Awareness

Social Media



Facebook

- Post 2 Times a Week: Just Look Active
 - One event
 - One story, photo, quote
- Take Advantage of Facebook Groups
 - Chevy Chase Chatter
 - Interest Groups & Location
- Find a Volunteer
- Targeted Social Media Ads: Facebook (inexpensive)
- Don't use Boost My Post (rip off)
- NextDoor: Try It!

Physical Asset

- Brochure: Half page or Trifold
- Village Business Card
- Flyers targeting customer segments or events
- Lawn Signs
- Door Hangers
- A-Frame / Sandwich Boards
- Volunteer T-Shirts (Bonfire, Printful)
- Community Bulletin Boards
- Magnets on Cars
- Branded Giveaways (pens or bags)

Village Business Card

Canva: 100 for \$22 *free redo*

Vistaprint 250 for \$25

Make type 12 point or above



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SUPPORT FOR SENIORS

- Car Rides
- Tech Support
- Volunteering
- Social Events
- · ...and More!

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FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS **NEIGHBORS NETWORK**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

At FHNN, we're passionate about enriching the lives of seniors. Whether you're eager to create community, explore topics like art and senior wellness, or simply savor coffee with friends — both old and new, we'll help make it all possible.

And when you need that extra bit of support to age at home . . . We're here for that too.



JOIN US

Choose the membership that's right for you.

Social Member

\$25/month individual or \$38/month couple with yearly membership*

- Over 400 programs a year
- Cultural outings
- Zooms on art & history
- Senior wellness updates
- Volunteer opportunities
- · Monthly coffee and lunches
- Walking club
- Crafts & Chat group
- Men's meetups
- · Meditation groups ... and more!

Full Member

\$38/month individual or \$50/month couple with yearly membership*

Full Members get all Social Member benefits PLUS support from neighborhood FHNN volunteers, such as:

- Rides to doctors, stores, & events
- · Grocery and Rx deliveries
- One-on-one tech coaching
- · Social visits and conversation
- · Errands around the neighborhood
- · Companions for walking
- Light household repairs & chores

Reduced membership fees are available for those with limited incomes.

Friendship Heights Neighbors Network is not affiliated with the tax-supported activities of the Village Center. FHNN is a separate, non-profit organization.

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*Membership to be paid in full for year Wisconsin Place

FHNN Service Area

4615 N Park 4620 N Park

The Carleton

The Elizabeth

The Highlands of Chevy Chase

Somerset House

Willard Towers The Willoughby



Vistaprint postcard, 5.5" x 8.5" 500 for \$120

Hear What ANV Members Are Saying:



"When I had to give up my driver's license, it felt like losing my independence.

But ANV's transportation service has become so

much more than just rides. My drivers arrive early, ensure I get to appointments on time, and wait patiently to take me home. But the real gift? These aren't just drivers—they're interesting people who've become friends. What started as a practical solution blossomed into connections that brighten my days."

"ANV has helped with household chores, driving to appointments, introducing me to a wider circle of friends and events around town. Since I became a widow a few years ago, and with no immediate family in the area, ANV has allowed me to remain in my home and continue to enjoy my life here."



Be a Part of Our Village!

Whether you're:

- An older adult seeking support and friendship
- A neighbor wanting to make a meaningful difference
- A community member believing in the power of connection

You can help create an Arlington where older adults can age with dignity, independence, and joy. Join our caring community today!

> Visit www.ANVarlington.org or call the ANV Office at 703-509-8057



ship dues cover only a of our operating expenses. ns help ANV provide services adults in Arlington who need lp staying in their own homes ge—particularly those with comes.

uctible donations can be www.ANVarlington.org/



Do You Want to Age in Place?

ANV Can Help You Thrive!



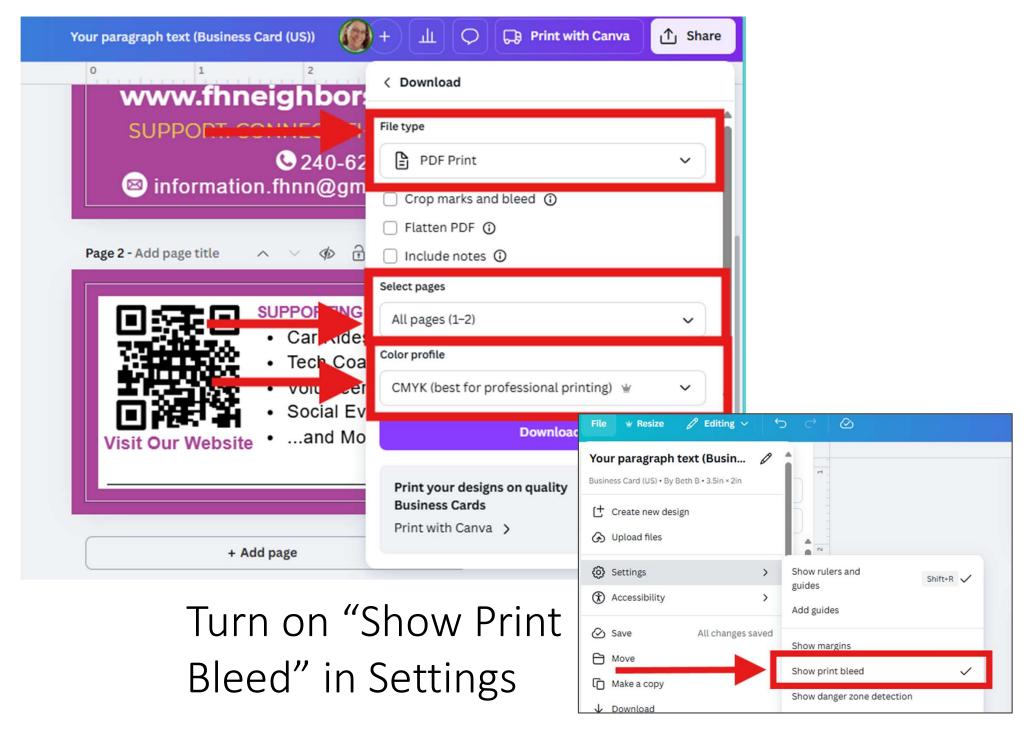
Arlington Neighborhood Village connects older adults to a caring community and the volunteer help needed to live independently in the places they call home.

Arlington Neighborhood Village 4000 Lorcom Lane Arlington, VA 22207 www.ANVarlington.org



Vistaprint, 100 at \$115 Amazon, Lucite Stand: 6 for \$20

Creating Printable PDF File in Canva for Vistaprint



Flyers as Promotion

A Word About Flyers

- Include text in email
- Attach an image file
- Attach flyer artwork as a file

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS NEIGHBORS NETWORK

Free In-person Event



For Friendship Heights Residents

End-of-Life Planning, Part 2 **Important Documents**

Wednesday, October 29, 2:00-3:00 pm In-Person at the Friendship Heights Village Center

Learn how to replace fear with a plan for your end-of-life care and make empowering decisions. This program is a follow up to the September session. This in-person session will provide you with additional information, including some of the forms you need to ensure your wishes are documented. Attendance at the September program is not required.

SPEAKER INFORMATION

Dixcy Bosley is a geriatric nurse care manager and a nurse-practitioner. She has spent the last 30+ years developing wellness programs, raising a family, caring for her own aging parents, and advocating for informed end-of-life care in

various community settings. She has been a hosp as an End-of-Life Activist.

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To register and for more information: www.f

For help registering, email information.fhnn@gmail.com or call 240-620-3285.



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For help registering, email or call 240-620-3285.



Awareness

In-Person Channels

- Information table at events
- Community Events:
 - 4th of July Parade
 - Local Art Festival
- Events you make yourself
 - Vaccine Clinic
 - Charity Drives
- Info sessions at community groups

Awareness

Community Groups, Partnerships, & Sponsors

- Provide Your Assets
- Create a Relationship
- Sponsors

- Religious Communities
 - Adult Education
 - Care Teams
- Spiritual Groups
 - yoga
 - meditation
- Book Clubs
- Continuing Education
- Coffee Houses
- Restaurants
- Libraries
- Local Media

Consideration Create Access: Open vs. Non-Open Events

Taking You for a Test Drive

- Create Onboarding Events:
 Walking Group, Coffee,
 Lunch Group, Happy Hour
- Weekly, if possible
- Retain Member Value
- Temporary Memberships?
- Offer a "You're Invited" card

Social Members

The Friendship Heights Neighbors Network (FHNN) offers more than just services—we offer community.

You're invited to a fun and engaging opportunity to share, learn, and grow together.

See event details on the back. Please join us!

www.fhneighbors.org
CONNECT. SUPPORT. THRIVE.



One-time Invitation: Village Ambassadors

Postcard Invitation

- Digital or Printed
- Glossy on one side
- Vistaprint: 250 for \$35

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TO:			
FROM:			
DAY/TIME:			
EVENT:			
LOCATION:			
RSVP?			

Encourage Engagement and Activity



Uplift Is Key

- Quiz or Game Nights
- Friendly competitions
- Potlucks in people's homes
- Community picnics
- Cornhole/Bocce ball
- Dancing Music & Movement,Zumba Gold, Line Dancing
- Listening Parties
- Shared interest groups

Consideration Essential: Social Proof

Storytelling & Testimonials

- People connect with stories, not statistics
- Social Proof through human voices; trust real people
- Repurpose throughout multiple channels
- Regularly collect testimonials
- Create a "Meet Our Members" one-pager
- TIP: Have a few stats
- Create your Brand Story

Consideration

Member Stories: One Pager, Front & Back

- Renewals
- Appeal Letter
- New member package
- Flyer at Information table

Vistaprint 250 flyers \$100

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Suzanna: Crafting Connections

From fleeing Soviet-occupied Hungary to navigating a new life in America, Suzanna has always been resilient. But in retirement, she faced new challenges. Companionship from work was gone, and she worried about getting to doctor's appointments without bothering her busy family.

That's where we came in. FHNN connected Suzanna with nearby volunteers for rides and social visits. The best part? We found a volunteer who speaks fluent Hungarian! They now meet regularly for visits, sharing stories and laughter in Suzanna's native language.



"FHNN is great!" – Suzanna

Suzanna's connections don't stop there. She's a regular at our social events, and she also gets advice on her crocheting projects from members of our Crafts & Chat group -- like this blanket she made for her granddaughter. With FHNN, Suzanna can focus on the parts of life that bring her joy, instead of worrying about the future.

No senior should have to face growing old alone.



Friendship Heights Neighbors Network

Mari: An Artist at 80

Mari proves the adage that it's never too late to learn. When Mari retired, she decided to fill her days by teaching herself to make art. Her home is now filled with her beautiful sculptures and paintings, bursting with color and humor.

Mari has no immediate family in the area, so we help her stay safe and connected at home. Her mobility issues often keep her indoors, so we provide in-home social visits and rides to her doctor's appointments.

We also make sure she gets to our big events, like our Annual Ice Cream Social. A natural talker, Mari loves the new social connections she has made through our community. And if you're lucky, she just may invite you to one of her special teas!

www.fhneighbors.org SUPPORT. CONNECT. THRIVE.

Consideration

Newsletter as Storyteller

Over 1,500 downloads a month



Sandy and Stape Roy (see page 4)

It was much, much more than getting together to enjoy a little wine and cheese. It was a celebration! On Sunday, August 17, Little Falls Village and Bannockburn Neighbors Assisting Neighbors (NAN) gathered to mark their new partnership. As LFV Executive Director Doran Flowers explains, "Partnering with NAN offers not just practical benefits like shared resources and expanded programming, but the chance to work hand-in-hand with kindred souls who share our values."

NAN President Anne Quinlin is in total agreement. She told the party guests, "We're going to feel our way through getting together, but it's a good partnership for everyone, for the community as a whole." Stay tuned for more information on the new partnership between LFV and NAN.



Celebrating together! From left, Anne Quinlin (NAN President), Doran Flowers (LFV Executive Director), JoAnn Krecke (NAN Vice-President) and Pattie Howe (NAN Treasurer).

www.littlefallsvillage.org



Conversion

Encouraging Action

- Send email asking to join after first and third event attendance
- Make a personal appeal
- Use Village Contact
- MAKE IT EASY
 - Club Express online apps
 - Use Fillable PDFs

Call to Action

TIPS

Action-Oriented

Use strong verb

Be Specific

Focus on Benefit

Highlight Time-Limit or Exclusivity

EXAMPLES

- Join Today!
- Call Us
- Begin Your Membership Journey
- Discover Your New Chapter
- Sign Up for Monthly Updates
- Unlock Caregiver Support
- Register Before October 31
- Access Member-Only Workshops

A **Call to Action** (CTA) is a prompt, typically a short phrase, designed to tell your audience exactly what to do next. It is the final, crucial step in your marketing message, moving a prospect from passively consuming content to active engagement.

	Potential Members						
/	First Name	Last Name	Phone	Email	Events Attended	Village Contact	Notes
	Sandra	Adams	3019514183	sandyA271@gmail.com	Workshop 10/20/2024	Sirley H., Volunteer	Retired from NIH. Lost her husband a few years ago. One child in California. Interested in books. Very social. Dog named "Skip."
					Social 6/23/2024		



All staff contribute to a lead sheet

FOLLOW THE JOURNEY



Advocacy: Word of Mouth



- ---
- Teach members to advocate
- Outreach Committee
- Village Ambassador Program

Tools for Member Outreach

- Informational PowerPoint
- Ask Me/Help Buttons
- T-Shirts
- Village calling card
- Invite postcards
 - 5-Minute Pitch
 download example from
 www.thebeisel.com

Making a Plan

Your Marketing Strategy

Long-Term Planning

Be Attentive to Your Value

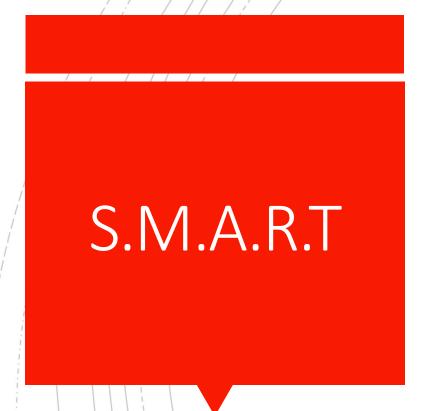
Member ServicesListen to Your

Members

Update & Enhance

- Are you fulfilling customer needs?
- Brand awareness

Creating Marketing Goals



- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Relevant
- Time-bound

Vague Goal: Increase membership next year.

SMART Goal: Increase the total number of paid annual social members (Specific) by **10%** (Measurable) by the end of the **fourth quarter of 2026** (Timebound), by implementing a new Village access program and revitalizing a weekly open happy hour (Achievable, Relevant).

Strategic Marketing

Yearly Marking
Plan

Keep it simple
Be aware of staff time
Learn & Build on success
It takes time

- One or Two S.M.A.R.T marketing goals for the year.
- Assign KPIs
- Get assets in order
- Budget
- Focus on developing a few channels at a time
- One weekly outreach event
- Create a simple workflow
 - assign staff tasks
 - talk about Leads at staff meeting

Time to Refresh Your Website?

The Signs

- Text Heavy
- Not clearly branded
- Old photos or few photos
- No stories/testimonials

The Change

- Gear homepage to new member acquisition
- Add stories & testimonials
- Slim it down

The Warning

Time-Consuming to Do Allot 6 months



ABOUT SERVICE

ICES

VOLUNTE

DONAT

RESOURCES

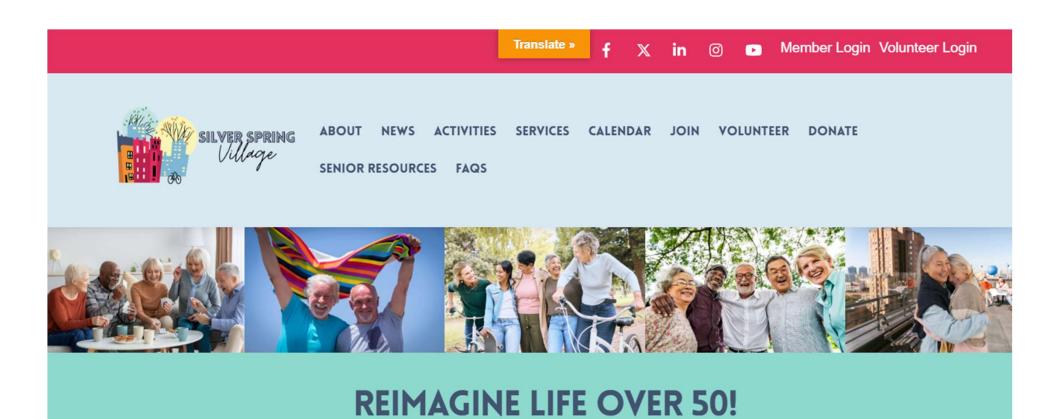
EVENTS



Arlington Neighborhood Village (ANV) is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization dedicated to helping older residents of Arlington, Virginia continue living in their own homes — safely, independently, and with an enhanced quality of life.

A village is a community-based network of neighbors helping neighbors – providing support services and social and educational programs to its members.





Find a Village - Washington Area Villages Exchange



How did you hear about us?

What are you looking for?

Marketing Must-Haves



- Outreach Committee
- Table Runner*
- Tri-Fold Brochure & Stand
- Village Business Cards
- 5-Minute Pitch

*Pictured (34"x72"), NextDayDisplay.com, \$60 in 2023

Key Takeaways

- Marketing = Relationships
- Know your audience
- Build a strong, consistent brand
- Guide people through the funnel
- Follow those leads
- Tell stories, not just facts
- Be guided by data
- Create a plan with specific goals



Marketing Fundamentals for Villages

- Slides
- Writing an Effective "5-Minute Pitch"

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