



Working Out the Kinks

Nashoba Neighbors prepares to bring needed services and community connection to seniors in our towns. Members of the newly-formed nonprofit have worked throughout the pandemic to design an all-volunteer support system for seniors in Berlin, Bolton, and Lancaster who want to age at home, in preparation for a full launch in early 2023.

Pilot Test

Starting next month, we are joined by approximately 20 enthusiastic supporters to take the role of Member or Volunteer and to test the system. This group will test the ways Nashoba Neighbors plans to address members' needs; the ways the organization will vet, train, and support community volunteers; and the way volunteers will be matched up with members' requests for assistance. "There is more to this than you'd think," says board member Mary Anne Cleary of Lancaster, adding that she is excited that residents across the three towns are engaged in the pilot. "We know they will bring great energy to our trial run and offer useful feedback so we can refine our approach and be fully ready to open for our area seniors in 2023."



Our towns provide invaluable assistance to seniors through the Councils on Aging, food pantries, Friends of Seniors, and community centers. Nashoba Neighbors will focus on filling gaps in services that are necessary for seniors to remain independent while aging at home. Several of these include:

- Flexible, personalized transportation, available during a variety of hours - day, night, and weekends - and for a range of purposes, from medical appointments, errands, and trips to the post office to cultural events, tea with friends, and social gatherings.
- Help with tasks around the home that can become more difficult as we age. These may include putting away yard hoses for winter, cleaning out a closet, raking leaves from the deck or pathways, transplanting some favorite house plants, replacing light bulbs or smoke detector batteries, and many other tasks.
- Guiding members to learn ever-changing technology that is important for connecting with family and friends, like smart phones, tablets, cable, and TVs.

Join Us

Are you interested in being part of our Volunteer Squad? This fall we will start taking names for the full-launch in early 2023 – call or email us to express your interest or with questions.

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