



August 2024 – MONTHLY News

INTRODUCING TRAILBLAZER MEMBERSHIPS!

GET 3-6 MONTHS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR FREE!

Trailblazer memberships are now available! If you prepay for an annual social or a regular membership before we open for business, you will receive **15 months of membership starting on our launch date**. If you prepay for an annual premium membership before we open for business, you will receive **18 months of membership starting on our launch date plus get a free UpRiver Village t-shirt!** Your name will be listed on the Supporters page of our website.

MEET OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

The UpRiver Village Steering Council has met monthly since March 2024. We meet on the 4th Friday of every month at noon either in-person or virtually. Please contact

us at contact@uprivervillage.org if you would like to join our meeting or give input.

Read Leadership Bios



VILLAGE NAME, TAGLINE AND LOGO

Choosing our Village name - UpRiver Village – was one of the first decisions our leadership team made. We then decided on the tagline, “Helping Neighbors Stay Neighbors in East County.” Joyce Park donated her graphic design skills to create our beautiful logo that has received many compliments. *Thank you so very much, Joyce!*

OUR MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

Read more about these on our site.

**WHY WILL UPRIVER VILLAGE SUPPORT BE DIFFERENT THAN THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES MANY SENIORS ALREADY RECEIVE?**

FOUR VERY IMPORTANT REASONS:

- Services will be delivered by volunteers who are neighbors and friends - our community.
- Our goal is to provide an extensive array of support, with an emphasis on socialization. Volunteers will provide transportation, assistance with house work and yard work, technology help, etc. Volunteers will organize social activities and events like book clubs, picnics, coffees, etc. Member requests can be for nearly anything and everything you can imagine. There are only a few limits to what volunteers will be able to do (providing direct physical care that is typically given by a nursing or home health agency is one).
- Volunteers may be available every day of the year, and nearly every hour of the day.
- UpRiver Village memberships are much more affordable than other services. Compare a premium membership for \$40/month for up to 24 hours of service to other options that charge \$38-\$42/hour!

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

UpRiver Village now has a website. Please see www.uprivervillage.org. Frank Wolfe donated his web design services to create this for us. *Thanks a million, Frank!*

BOUNDARIES

We have decided that the boundaries of our service area will be the city limits of Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village. People who live outside of the boundaries of these four cities but who have Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview or Wood Village addresses or who vote in these cities' elections will also be eligible for membership.

Sunnyside East Village is developing to the south of us. Our southern boundary will meet their northern boundary so there will be no service gap to the south. However, there will remain a gap in service between UpRiver Village and Eastside Village whose eastern boundary only extends to 122nd Ave.

It would be great for someone to start another Village in this gap area!

ORGANIZATION

UpRiver Village will become a “spoke” of the regional Villages NW “hub.” This means that Villages NW will be the fiscal sponsor and will maintain the 501(c)3 tax-exempt status for UpRiver Village. There are currently 13 existing and developing Villages in the Villages NW network. UpRiver Village will also be a member of the national Village to Village Network. The Village to Village Network currently includes over 500 existing and developing Villages.

SERVICES AND FEES

UpRiver Village leadership has decided on the member support services our volunteers will provide and our membership fees. Please see details on the new [SERVICES](#) and [MEMBERSHIP](#) pages of our website.

Trailblazer memberships are now available!

Help UpRiver Village with development costs before we open for business and get an extra three to six months more in membership in return after we launch plus your name listed on the Supporters page of our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Presentation at Gresham Natural Grocers on Diet & Nutrition to Improve Digestive Health Aug 20 at 1:30 PM.

A Gathering in the Garden Brunch:

Sharing Stories of Gardens we Have Known, Grown, Weeded and Loved

Aug 26 at 11am at the home of UpRiver Village supporters

Don and Linda Neal. **RSVP** required.

Vote Forward Letter Writing, Wed, Aug 28 at 11 AM at the Gresham Black Bear Diner.

Vote Forward Letter Writing, Wed, Sep 11 at 11 AM at the

Gresham Black Bear Diner.

Banned Book Club Sat Sep 14 at the home of UpRiver Village supporters Charles O'Bannon and DeAnne Warner. We will be discussing The Catcher in the Rye. **RSVP** required.

UpRiver Village Monthly Pizza Get Together, Mon, Sep 16 at noon at the Flying Pie Pizzeria in Gresham.

Music and Dinner Thu Sep 19 at 5 PM at the home of UpRiver Village supporters Don and Linda Neal. **RSVP** required.

PROGRESS TOWARD LAUNCH & WHAT IS STILL NEEDED

UpRiver Village can apply for our Memorandum of Agreement with Villages NW when we have a core group of 5-6 volunteers who are committed to spending 5-10 hours per week in Village development for the next year. We currently have a core group of five and would like to add a Steering Council Secretary and an Outreach Coordinator.

We also need a minimum of 25 prospective members and 25 prospective volunteers to open our doors to serve seniors.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Are you a member of a church, neighborhood association, HOA, fraternal organization, social club or other organization that would like to know about UpRiver Village? We'd love to come make a presentation and share the exciting news about our development plan!

We also continue to look for places to have community meetings, most especially places with a FREE separate room where guest speakers can make presentations.

Please let us know of good places for these meetings.

We are recruiting volunteers for organizational development, communication and outreach. We'd love help with website content, newsletter and brochure development, posting on social media sites, scheduling presentations and tabling at community events. We're looking for key volunteers to join our leadership team and

other volunteers willing to take on smaller pieces of our marketing plan.

Please let us know if you have a family member, friend, neighbor or work colleague who would be interested in volunteering during our development stage, or volunteering or receiving services in the future.

CONTACT US!!



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