

What Does the Staff Do All Summer?

By Linda Hampton, Executive Director

Ever wonder what the Senior Village staff does during the summer? While the pace of life slows down in the Arizona heat, the pace inside the Senior Village office does just the opposite. Summer is our planning season, and we're busy preparing for the year ahead.

Here are just a few of the projects that keep us busy:

Care Connect – We're developing an exciting new program designed to help protect some of our most vulnerable members. Care Connect will use innovative technology to provide an added layer of safety for members living alone by helping ensure they are safe from falls. This new service will also create opportunities for a brand-new volunteer team.

A Fresh New Look – After many years with the same design, our quarterly publication is getting a makeover! We're rethinking the format, adding new features, and creating a publication that is more engaging, informative, and enjoyable to read.

Building the Budget – Our fiscal year ends September 30, so summer is budget season. We carefully evaluate every program and expense, making thoughtful decisions about where every dollar can do the most good. As always, we strive to be wise stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

Planning Our Signature Events – Behind the scenes, we're also hard at work preparing for our annual State of the Village gathering to be held in January and an exciting fundraising concert coming this November. Both events take months of planning, and we can't wait to share them with you.

So, while it may look quiet from the outside, there's plenty happening behind the scenes. Everything we're working on now is designed to strengthen Senior Village and better serve our members and volunteers in the months ahead.

Watch for more details — it's all coming your way soon!

Volunteers: Why Become a Member?

By Mary Toth, Volunteer Coordinator

As volunteers, we spend countless hours helping members maintain their independence, stay connected in our community, and enjoy a better quality of life. But life can change unexpectedly for any of us. By becoming a member, you ensure that support is available when you need it, too.

Important Reasons to Become a Member

1. Access to Services When You Need Them

Membership makes you eligible to request services should circumstances arise that make it difficult for you to manage on your own. Whether it's transportation, companionship, assistance with technology or help with home projects, or other available services, membership provides peace of mind knowing help is just a phone call away.

2. Plan Ahead for the Unexpected

Many people don't think they'll need assistance until a health issue, injury, or life transition occurs. Becoming a member now allows you to be prepared before a need arises.

3. Experience the Full Circle of Community

Our organization is built on neighbors helping neighbors. As a volunteer and member, you become part of a community that both gives and receives support.

4. Support the Mission

Membership dues help sustain programs and services that benefit our entire community. Your membership strengthens the organization's ability to provide assistance to those who need it most.

5. Enjoy Greater Peace of Mind

Knowing that a network of caring volunteers is available if circumstances change can bring reassurance to you and your family.

You've Earned the Right to Receive Help, Too

Many volunteers are comfortable giving assistance but hesitate to think about receiving it. Yet our mission is built on mutual support. By becoming a member, you're not only investing in your own future—you are helping ensure that everyone in our community has access to the services they need.

If you're already volunteering but have not yet become a member, we encourage you to learn more about membership benefits and eligibility. After all, even the most dedicated volunteers may someday need a helping hand.

Membership is Easy

Access up to 72 services each year. Annual membership costs just:

- \$60 for an individual
- \$96 for a couple or household

Special prorated memberships in August make joining even more affordable:

- \$20 for an individual
- \$32 for a couple or household

What a deal—and a wonderful way to get started as a new member! Annual membership is due in January 2027.

You've Helped Others — Now Help Yourself

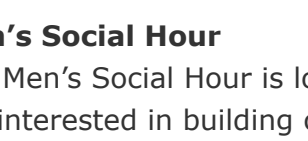
Join today and discover why membership is one of the best investments you can make in your future—and in your community.

Call Senior Village Dispatch at 520-314-1042 and ask to be a member. A friendly volunteer will give you the details.

Senior Village Presents A MUSIC MATINEE

Double Bill:

BRASS ART QUARTET



JOHN MCALISTER

NATIVE AMERICAN FLAUTIST

AUGUST 27, 2026, 2 pm

DESERTVIEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

www.seniorvillage.org

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

If you know a talented musician (or are one yourself!) who would be interested in volunteering their time and talents, please let us know!

We are scheduling monthly music matinees for the 2026 season.

Please contact JoAnn Wilbour at music.matinee@seniorvillage.org.

Events and Benefits August 2026

Senior Village provides activities for members and the general SaddleBrooke Community throughout the year. Confirming the date, location, and time of an event is easy; just click [this link](#) and scroll down to the Activities & Events section for details.

Page Turner's Book Club at Senior Village Center in Catalina

Meeting on the third Thursday of each month. Open for new members. Interested? Contact Lynne Thompson at thomplynne@gmail.com.
Date: August 20 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Music Matinee Double Bill: Brass Art Band & John McAlister

The Brass Art Quartet has been playing together for over ten years. Carl and Mark live in SaddleBrooke while Tom and Jerry live close by. They have a large library from which to choose their music for any audience. John McAlister, Native American Flautist. John's music is free form and is based on improvisation. The desert provides his inspiration.
Date: Thursday, August 27th at 2 p.m.

Friday Fun Day at Senior Village Center in Catalina

Meeting on the fourth Friday of each month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the business office at 16460 N. Oracle Road in Catalina. Games, friends and tons of fun! RSVP to events@seniorvillage.org.
Date: August 28th from 1 to 3 p.m.

Men's Social Hour

The Men's Social Hour is looking for a volunteer leader and gentlemen who are interested in building connections with others in our community. If you have ideas for engaging men through conversation, activities, or shared interests, we would love to hear from you.

Whether you'd like to help lead the group or simply join in, this is a great opportunity to meet new people and strengthen community bonds. We hope to bring back this important social event in September. Interested? Please contact Mary Toth at mary.toth@seniorvillage.org.

Summer Service

By Mary Toth, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Andrea Nommensen and Member Myrna Solis.

As summer continues and temperatures climb into the triple digits, most of us look for ways to stay cool and comfortable. Air-conditioned homes, shaded patios, and cold drinks offer welcome relief from the relentless heat. Yet every day, remarkable Senior Village volunteers make a different choice. They step outside, endure the scorching temperatures, and show up to help their neighbors.

For many of our members, your volunteer service represents a source of comfort, connection, and reassurance. Whether delivering services, providing transportation, or making visits, your presence sends a powerful message: You matter, and you are not alone.

Summer volunteering is not easy. It would be understandable for anyone to stay at home where it is cool and comfortable. Instead, Senior Village volunteers choose to serve. They adjust their schedules and continue showing up with smiles on their faces and kindness in their hearts.

As we move through the hottest months of the year, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our outstanding volunteers. Even in the blistering heat of summer, you continue to show up, and our community is stronger because you do.

Thank you for being the heart of summer service.

Welcome July 2026 New Volunteers

Our new July volunteers faced the blazing heat, stepped out to attend orientation, and answered the call to serve their community. Their willingness to begin this journey during one of the hottest times of the year speaks volumes about their commitment, compassion, and generosity.

We are delighted to welcome these new volunteers and are grateful for their decision to share their time and talents with our members. Their dedication reminds us that the spirit of service knows no season—and that even in the heat of summer, caring neighbors continue to step forward to make a difference.

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest volunteers!

Left to right: **Shahnaz Damasio**, Membership; **Tom Meanwell**, Helping Hands; **Brigitte Meanwell**, Membership; **Pat Lowe**, Home Tech; **Evelyn Lowe**, Going My Way; **Naomi Miller**, Going My Way; **Dick Kreutzen**, Care Connect; **Kim Obele**, Going My Way; **David Mann**, Home Tech.

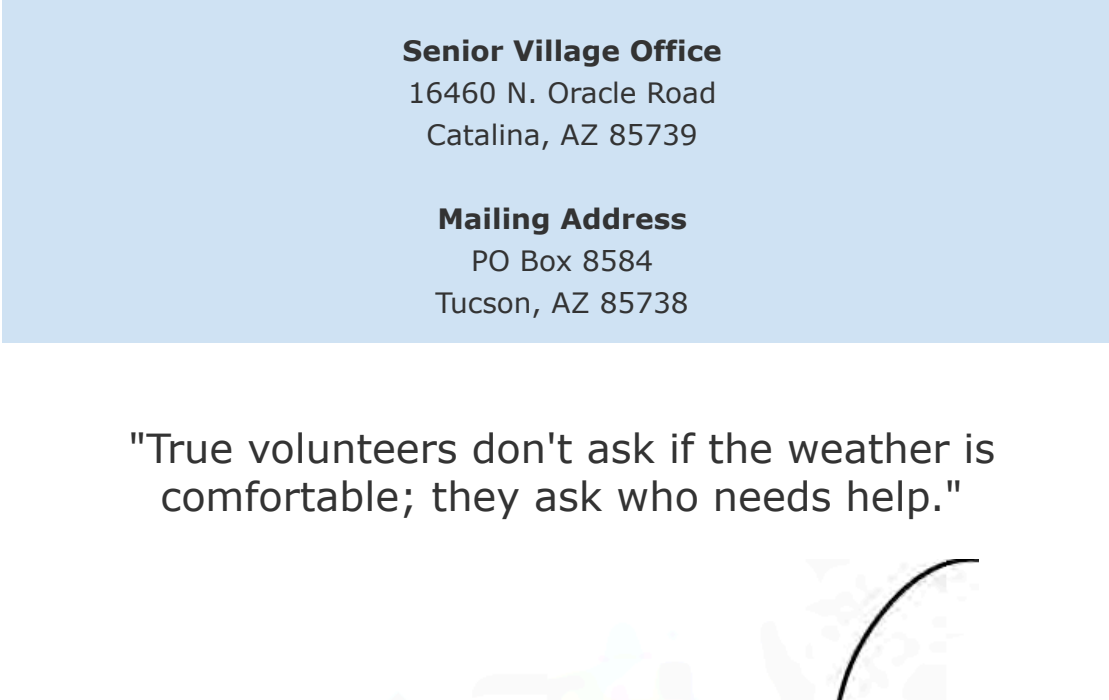


Photo by Mary Toth.

KUDOS

"I want to pass along a compliment. Rick Fay was here Wednesday to take care of a little project for me and did a wonderful job. He's a very courteous, helpful gentleman and he didn't need my help at all. I just want to let you know that he is doing a super job, and we appreciate him. Thank you." — Member MLW

"Many, many, many thanks to the amazing Dolly Boyd for taking me to Oro Valley Hospital this morning at six o'clock am for my knee replacement surgery." — Member SM

Anniversary Milestone

Congratulations to these outstanding volunteers celebrating their 5th year of service. Your dedication and generosity continue to make a meaningful difference for our members.

Please watch for a notice from True Hire and respond promptly to complete your re-vetting process. Thank you for your highly valued service and the care you bring to our community.

Barbara Barr Bengan, Communications
George Brown, Going My Way & Communications
Jim Cox, Fun With Friends, Guitar Entertainment

5 Years Anniversary

Senior Village Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission — The mission of Senior Village at SaddleBrooke is to provide simple, non-medical services for members and to serve as a resource to the greater SaddleBrooke community.

Vision — The vision of Senior Village at SaddleBrooke is to be a volunteer-driven organization aspiring to create a better everyday life for the people of SaddleBrooke.

Values — The leadership of Senior Village at SaddleBrooke is guided by a steadfast commitment to **integrity, empathy, and confidentiality**. These core values form the foundation upon which all decisions are made.

New Volunteer Orientations

If you would like to be on the Going My Way, Home Tech, or Communications teams, or you have a friend that is interested, please have them contact mary.toth@seniorvillage.org for details.

New volunteer orientations are scheduled for the following Wednesdays:

August 12
September 16
October 14

Volunteer Writers Needed

Do you enjoy meeting people, conducting interviews, and telling their stories? The Communications Team is looking for a few volunteer writers to help create engaging articles and share community experiences. If you have a curiosity for people and a passion for writing, we'd love to have you on our team. No matter your experience level, your voice can make a difference!

Join us and help tell the stories that connect our community!

New Summer Hours

Through Tuesday, September 8:

Our office will be open: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our office will be closed: Tuesday, Thursday

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"True volunteers don't ask if the weather is comfortable; they ask who needs help."

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors