

History of The Village In Howard (2012-2014)

Public Meeting at Linden Hall Village Center

11/8/2012

Sixty seniors attended this meeting, sponsored by the Columbia association. The speakers were representatives from the Capitol Hill Village in Washington, DC.

Public Meeting at Miller Library

1/28/2013

Fifty seniors attended this meeting. Questionnaires on the desired services to be offered by the Village were collected from the attendees.

Steering Committee

2/18/2013

Under the leadership of Mary McGraw, a group of volunteers decided to form a steering committee which would meet monthly to explore the possibility of establishing a senior village in Howard County. The committee members were Dayna Brown, Joy Cheung, Philip Dopkowski, Pamela Johnson, Phyllis Madachy, James Madachy, Nancy McCord, Mary McGraw, Judith S Pittman, Duane StClair, and Virginia M Thomas. The sub-committees worked on budget, communications, volunteers, fundraising, membership and legal issues.

Article in the Columbia Flier

3/28/2013

Mary McGraw, Dayna Brown, Duane St. Claire and Philip Dopkowski were interviewed by a reporter from the Baltimore Sun newspaper. An article titled, "Behind Columbia's McGraw, national movement could be coming to Howard County", about the planned "village in Howard County" was published on April 5, 2013. (To read the article, click on this link,

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/columbia/ph-ho-cf-senior-village-0404-20130405,0,6619859.story>)

Public Meeting

4/6/2013

One hundred and twenty seniors attended a public meeting at the Miller Library to learn about TVIH and the progress made to date. A video produced by AARP, describing the Beacon Hill Village in Boston was shown. Mary McGraw gave a presentation on the goals of a "village for seniors" in Howard County and the services the "village" planned to offer. A Q&A session followed. Names and email addresses of the attendees were

collected at this meeting in order to keep the interested seniors informed of the organized events and the development of the organization.

Electronic Newsletters

2/24/2013

The first TVIH monthly electronic newsletter was sent to more than 200 interested seniors to keep them informed of the progress of TVIH. The email addresses were collected at TVIH public meetings.

Name of Organization

5/10/2013 The name, The Village In Howard, Inc. (TVIH), was chosen by the Steering Committee.

Mission Statement

6/17/2013

The mission statement, "TVIH helps its members age in their own homes through volunteer efforts and linkage to community support", was chosen by the Steering Committee.

Logo

7/15/2013

A circular logo with the words "The Village In Howard" in the center was chosen. The tagline "Aging in Howard just got easier" was chosen.

Board of Directors

8/5/2013

Seven members of the Steering Committee agreed to serve as Board of Directors for TVIH for one year. Their names were entered in the Articles of Incorporation. They were Jih-Jen Joy Cheung, Philip Dopkowski, Pamela Johnson, Phyllis Madachy, Mary McGraw, Judith S Pittman, and Virginia M Thomas,

Articles of Incorporation

8/5/2013

Articles of Incorporation was filed for The Village in Howard, Inc. with the Maryland State Department of Assessments. The purpose of TVIH are charitable, educational and nonprofit. Mary McGraw was the Incorporator and Resident Agent. The application fee was \$263.

EIN (tax ID) from IRS

8/8/2013

Form SS-4 was filed with IRS. The Employer Identification Number (EIN), 46-3369708, was issued to The Village In Howard, Inc.

Potluck Luncheon

10/8/2013

Fifty-five seniors attended a potluck social at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center. Phyllis Madachy gave a presentation. A Q&A session followed. The facility rental fee was \$270.

Conflict of Interest Policy

10/25/2013

The "Conflict of Interest" policy was adopted by the Steering Committee.

First Organizational Meeting

11/22/2013

The first TVIH organization meeting was held at the Miller Library.

Bylaws

11/22/2013

The TVIH Bylaws were adopted. It was signed on 12/20/2013.

New Board Members

11/22/2013

Michele Millican, Joseph Bettinger, George Maestri, and Susan Hailman, were elected as new board members. Dayna Brown, Administrator at Howard County Office on Aging, will attend board meetings as liaison.

Officers

11/22/2013

Five officers were elected. The officers were Mary McGraw (President), George maestri (Vice-president), Michele Millican (Secretary), Pamela Johnson (co-Treasurer) and Joseph Bettinger (co-Treasurer).

Committees

11/22/2013

The following committees were set up, legal, fundraising, membership/services, volunteer, finance, and marketing. The chair of each committee is a board member.

TVIH Post Office Box

12/11/2013

A TVIH PO box was rented at \$72 a year until 11/30/2014, at the Fulton post office. The mailing address of TVIH is PO Box 363, Fulton, MD 20759-0363

TVIH Bank Account

12/1/2013 A bank checking account was opened. \$250 was deposited. Two signatures (treasurer and/or president) are required on every check.

Strategic Planning Meeting

12/17/2013

A strategic meeting was held at the Vantage House. Mark Charles was the facilitator. Twenty board members and committee members attended.

Donations to the Founders Fund

3/20/2014

Fundraising letters were mailed to more than two hundred friends who were interested in joining TVIH and were on our electronic email list. Seventy-one friends donated a total of \$7,000 in three months to the TVIH Founders Fund.

Joining The Village To Village Network

5/18/2014

TVIH joined the network (www.VtVnetwork.org) of more than 100 senior villages in the nation. TVIH will have access to documents and the best practices of other established villages. The annual membership fee is \$375.

Registration, fundraising, with MD State

4/24/2014

TVIH mailed the "Exempt Organization Fund-Raising Notice" form to MD State Office. The Secretary of State of MD issued a registration number to TVIH for accepting charitable contributions less than \$25,000.

Grant from the Columbia Association

6/7/2014

The TVIH grant-writing committee submitted an application for a grant to the Columbia Association and received a start-up grant of \$10,000 for recruiting members and volunteers, office setup and organizing activities.

Co-sponsor of AARP Social Event

5/21/2014

TVIH was the co-sponsor of the AARP event, "Life Reimagined", at Union Jack's restaurant in Columbia. About 75 friends of TVIH attended the social hour. Mary McGraw, President of TVIH, gave a presentation about TVIH.

Fund-raising at Tino's Restaurant

6/23/2014

A fundraising event was held at Tino's Italian Bistro in Columbia. 10% of the receipts of TVIH friends was donated TVIH. Twenty friends of TVIH had dinner or takeout food at this restaurant. \$387 was donated to TVIH.

501 (c)(3) Tax Exempt Status

7/9/2014

TVIH submitted form 1023 to IRS on 12/30/2013. The application fee was \$850. Our application for non-profit tax exempt status 501(c)(3) was approved. TVIH received the IRS determination letter on 7/19/2014. The effective date of tax exemption was 8/5/2013, the date of incorporation in MD state.

Office at Winter Growth

10/1/2014

Winter Growth, Inc. at 5466 Ruth Keeton Way in Columbia agreed to donate office space to TVIH. A one-year lease was signed on 10/3/2014. Telephone and internet connection was installed in this office. Donated office furniture were moved in on 10/13/2014.

Weekly Wellness Activity

10/4/2014

The first regular TVIH group activity, Sneakers and Coffee, was held at the Kittamaqundi Lake in Columbia.

New Website Launch

10/16/2014

The new website, www.thevillgaeinhoward.org, hosted by Club Express was launched. The website displays up-to-date information and support office operations of membership, volunteers, and services.

50+ Senior Expo

10/17/2014

TVIH participated at the Howard County 50+ EXPO to introduce TVIH to the community of older adults in Howard County. Our booth was #149 in Hall A.

Open House

11/1//2014

An Open House was scheduled on 11/1/2014 to celebrate the opening of our new office at Winter Growth and the start of operations to accept new members and to provide services of social/educational wellness programs.