

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to live in York to join?

No

What communities must I live in to join the Network?

York, Ogunquit, Wells, Kittery, South Berwick and Eliot, Maine.

What are the ages of Neighborhood Network Members?

Members can be as young as 50. The statistics show a bell curve, with most members in their 60s. As baby boomers join, the median age will go down.

What is included in my membership fee?

Members enjoy access to a great wealth of information and advice by simply calling the Neighborhood Network office. Activities open to members without charge may include parties, walking groups, fitness programs and group talks on various subjects. The office also arranges some free service, such as an escort home when required by a doctor. Other services are provided for a nominal fee, such as grocery shopping. Volunteers provide some services at no cost; and many other providers offer members discounts.

What if I need something that hasn't been mentioned?

Just call The Neighborhood Network office. We will work with you to find an answer to your question or need. We have a long and varied list of volunteers and providers. We are skilled at finding new sources. Members will likely find themselves saying, "I didn't know the Network could do that."

Can I buy my parents a membership?

Yes. Families may want to buy a membership as a gift for a family member. In such cases, we

urge the family and prospective member to talk with the Network coordinator. Families are often surprised and reassured to learn how much the Network can do to help a loved one stay in his or her home and neighborhood.

Why should I join if I am healthy?

Our members join for a variety of reasons: They enjoy the programs and activities; the convenience of going to one source for all kinds of answers and services; the discounts; or the opportunity to connect with others in their neighborhood. Some people join because they need some help at home now. Others join because they want to prepare for the future — anything can happen so it makes sense to plan now.

Can Neighborhood Network help in an emergency?

The Network can often address a need on short notice. In a medical emergency, the first call should go to 911 or your physician. The Network can, however, help with changed circumstances in many ways such as arranging for home caregivers, case managers or patient advocates. We can find volunteers to pick up prescriptions, run an errand, or simply drop in to chat.

How much will it cost me to join?

The monthly fee for Membership in the Network is \$50 for an individual and \$80 for a two-person household. A sliding scale fee structure based on income is available for those who qualify. If you would like to be considered for a sliding scale rate, please contact the Neighborhood Network office.

Any other questions?

Call the Neighborhood Network office at 207-351-1828.

