



## LAMOILLE NEIGHBORS

### Updated news for Lamoille Neighbors:

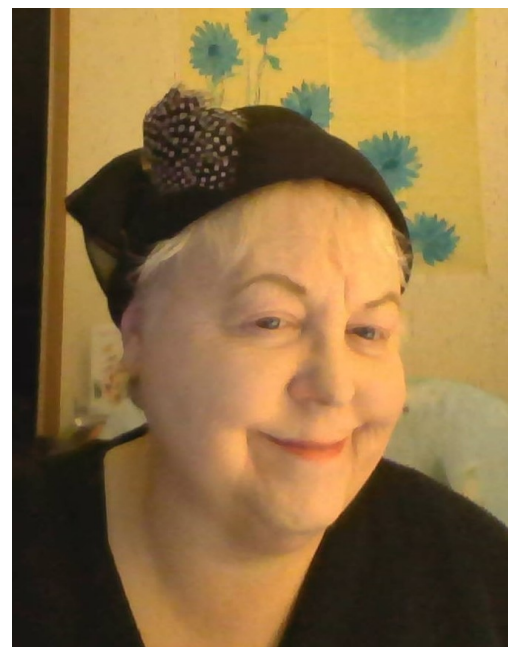
- Eric Nuse telling "Wild Tales" was a great success with 40 in attendance. Thank you, Eric.
- We currently have 32 members and 25 vetted volunteers.
- We had our first Johnson house party with 22 people in attendance. A big thank you to Jan Gearhart for organizing and hosting this event.
- We are excited to have so many wonderful volunteers and want you all to be patient as we build our membership base. Since opening, Lamoille Neighbors our requests have been for transportation only.
- Our software system is working smoothly! If you need a service call 802-585-1233 or log into the website, go to the member tab and put in a service request. When calling please leave a message and your call will be returned by the next business day.
- We are thrilled to have our first staff person, Bonnie McDermott. She will be working 6 hours a week at our Park Street office. If you can climb stairs, stop by and say hello. Bonnie's voice will become familiar to our members and volunteers over the coming months.

My parents moved our Italian, Catholic, Democratic family from Massachusetts to conservative, Protestant, Republican Vermont in 1962. I always admired my father's dedication to his traditional democratic values of people taking care of each other and helping those in need. It is one of the reasons I am so excited to be working for Lamoille Neighbors with its similar values.

I have since lived in New Hampshire and St. Louis pursuing education, and New York state while working and married, before returning to Vermont. Currently, I live with my cranky cat in Hyde Park after living in Morrisville for many years. Some things that describe me include a reader, music lover, lifelong learner, Seth Yacovone's aunt, and I have been told that I have the sense of humor of a middle schooler. I am not sure about that last description.

This opportunity to join your organization is a privilege I undertake with gratitude.

Bonnie McDermott



## Board Member Ellen Gibbs



Ellen is a native of Lowell MA. She and her husband Larry lived in Acton MA before they moved to Hyde Park VT 5 years ago. Their home in VT has extensive gardens and a wonderful view of Mount Elmore. They moved to VT to enjoy outdoor activities such as skiing, hiking, kayaking and swimming. Or even better, sitting on the deck after dinner in the summer listening to the birds, watching the world go by.

Ellen graduated from Boston University with an MSW and has been a geriatric social worker for 35 years. She “retired to VT” but still has a small private practice in Morrisville VT.

As a relative newcomer to Hyde Park,

Lamoille Neighbors has been a wonderful experience. It is not easy as a newcomer to meet people. As a board member she met many of the folks who live relatively close. “Who knew I had such wonderful neighbors?” Lamoille Neighbors is her way to give back to the community and establish an organization that will help Ellen and Larry age in place in the community that they love.



Our first Music in the Morning was a great success with 7 members participating. Member Betty Polow is leading this effort and you should hear her play! If you need a ride to Music in the Morning let us know.



Lamoille Neighbors **June member events** are listed below but check the website for more detail.

- ☼ Walking Wednesday in June, 4 PM at the Hyde Park Rail Trail Parking. All levels of walkers encouraged.
- ☼ Music in the Morning, Thursdays 10-11am. Join the fun (you don't have to be a good singer). Check the calendar for the location.
- ☼ June 22nd, 10AM, history and storytelling tour of Hyde Park Village by Jack Anderson
- ☼ June 29th, 9AM nature walk with forester, Rick Dyer at the Morristown Nature Center.

Why be a Member of Lamoille Neighbors:

- Make new fulfilling friendships
- Attend social/cultural and educational activities that keep us connected and engaged. Many activities are just for Members.
- Receive support from vetted Volunteers when needed.
- Be a supporter for this innovative solution that will help us age in our own homes for as long as possible.

Join this exciting movement as a Member, Click [HERE](#)

As a Volunteer, Click [HERE](#)

As a Donor, Click [HERE](#)

Or any combination of the above! Volunteers can be Members and Members can be Volunteers and anyone can be a donor.

**COMMUNITY CORNER:** Calendar of Events that might be of interest. If you're a member let us know if you need transportation to any community events.

**Area Cancer Network, June 22nd, 11AM. Lacing Up For Cancer Walk**

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**Lamoille County Civic Center: June 27th, 3-8. Meals on Wheels 20th anniversary**

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