**Membership Criteria**

* age - 50 and older. Younger than 50 years may apply and decision is on a case by case basis
* resident of Bellingham WA or within the Bellingham At Home Boundaries

**Membership Fees and Benefits**

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| Year ofoperation | MembershipLevel |  | Annual Fee (paid monthly) | RecommendedVolunteer Service provided by Member |
| **7/18/17-18** | Full Household | $450 | $525 | 5 hrs/month |
|  | Associate Member | $225 | N/A |  |
| **7/18-7/19** | Full Household | $550 | $625 | 5 hrs/month |
|  | Associate Member | $275 | N/A | 5 hrs/month |

 **Bellingham At Home Member Benefits**

**Full Household** Membership (Charter and non-Charter): As a full Member of Bellingham At Home you have a team of volunteers striving to help you age with the highest quality of life, on your own terms, in your home. With one phone call, we will help get the support services to fill your needs. First, we try to fill that need with a volunteer. If the job requires skilled labor or is technical, we can provide you with names of our recommended venders who have the skills, but are not volunteer. Each additional member of a household is a fee of $50 annually.

**Full Household Membership Additional Member:** People living at the same residence are eligible for Membership for payment of $50/year. This payment includes the Membership in the Bellingham Senior Activity Center.

**Associate Membership:** As an associate Member, you can request a list of recommended vendor providers for a specialty, attendance a our social and educational activities, Bellingham Senior Activity Center. Associate Membership is available to those who live inside or outside our service area.

**Member volunteers**: As a Member and a volunteer, you are part of the solution. As you make someone else's life better you gain friends and have the gratification of helping others, which makes your own life better too! Bellingham At Home is transforming the way we age. Members are encouraged to volunteer 5 hours a month. The application to volunteer and details are available online at [Bellinghamathome.org](http://www.bellinghamathome.org).

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THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE SERVICES. ULTIMATELY THE MEMBERS DETERMINE THE SERVICE.

**Examples of Bellingham At Home Membership Benefits** (Primary Household Member is automatically enrolled in the Bellingham Senior Activity Center.)

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| **Volunteer Services we provide:** |  | **Volunteer Services available mid-year 2018** |
| **In the home –** Possible services may include:* Taking recycling, garbage to curb
* Simple handyman tasks: changing light bulbs, changing furnace filters, hanging pictures, clearing steps & walks of snow
* Household chores: Laundry, washing dishes, assistance with paying bills, making phone calls, and appointments; watering plants
* Short-term pet care

**Outside the home -**  **Without Member:** Running errands, picking up and delivering groceries, bringing/returning library books. **With Member:** Transportation to/from medical appointments; taking to do errands such as shopping, PO, bank, stores, etc; transportation to/from social, recreational, religious activities; trips to/from local airport, train, or shuttle. Limit 4 trips/household/week.**Social support:** Friendly visits, going for a walk,attending an event or activity with the Memberdaily contact, if desired.**Social activities**: Bellingham Senior Activity Center activities, potluck dinners, and educational seminars, luncheons, holiday celebrations. **Referrals to commercial service providers:** For services that are not filled by a volunteer our Members get a list of names and contact information for commercial service providers. In some cases, the vendor may offer discounts on a variety of services to Bellingham At Home Members. | **Year 1 services, plus…****In the home -*** Short-term gardening, limited yard assistance, watering in/outside
* Technical support with computers, phones, TVs & remotes, etc.

**Bellingham At Home Website –** * Member-to-Member Connections
* Forums
* Interest Group

**Health Advocacy** Volunteer to accompany Member to medical appointments, help preparing for an elective hospital stay, help getting back home and set up after a hospital visit, assistance getting medical supplies, home safety check for fall prevention | **Year 2 services, plus…*** Hazardous waste identification and disposal
* Disaster preparedness planning
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