



What is WISE Connections?

WISE Connections is a membership-based virtual community that supports aging in place for adults 50 and better in the greater Los Angeles area. The model is broadly based off of the “village” concept, which originated as a grassroots community effort in Boston’s Beacon Hill neighborhood and has been replicated around the country with 106 communities actively engaged in developing “village” associations.

A group of your neighbors, together with WISE & Healthy Aging, is developing a membership-based program called “Santa Monica WISE Connections,” serving the community’s 50 and better residents. It is a grassroots effort and is 100 percent member driven, providing what the community wants and needs.

Who can participate?

Membership is for those ages 50 and better; however, all members of the community will be encouraged to participate as volunteers and partake in the Santa Monica WISE Connections neighborhood activities.

What are the benefits?

Santa Monica WISE Connections will serve as a one-stop shop to meet your needs. The goal is to simplify your life, enable you to feel confident in the services you receive, keep you active and socially connected and help you to age well. As a member, you will have access to a range of benefits and services, such as:

- **Transportation**
- **Grocery assistance**
- **Household services**
- **Health and wellness opportunities**
- **Social and cultural outings**
- **Vetted and discounted vendors**
- **Concierge services**
- **Volunteer opportunities**

How can I participate?

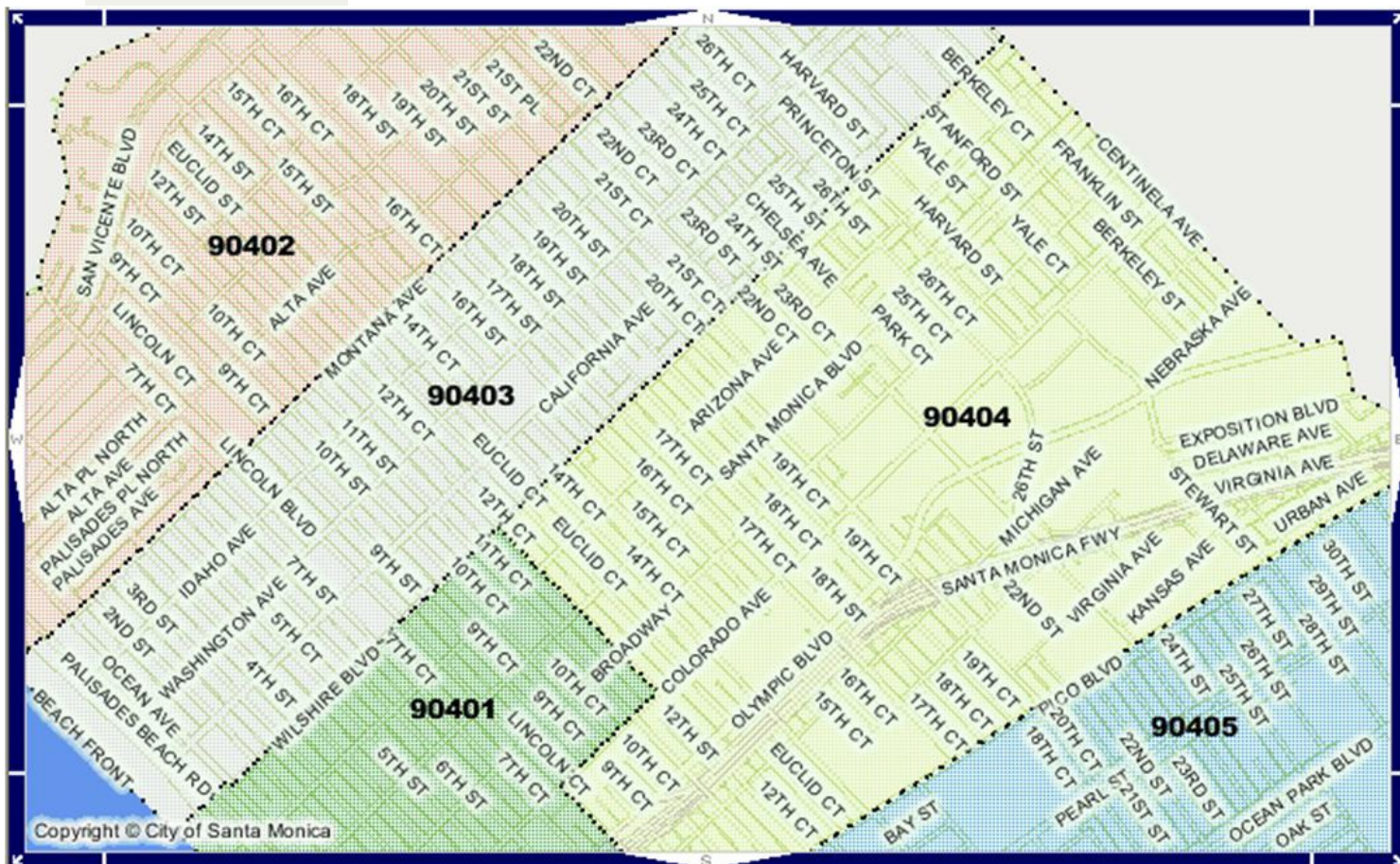
One hundred percent member driven, Santa Monica WISE Connections would like to understand your wants and needs. Please visit the following link to complete a survey that will help us to build out our programs to best serve you:

www.wiseandhealthyaging.org

If you would like to be involved in the leadership of Santa Monica WISE Connections, you have the opportunity to join the Governing Council, a group of Santa Monica residents engaged in helping to shape this grassroots effort and bring the project to fruition.

To learn more about Santa Monica WISE Connections, please contact Caroline Koskinas at (310) 394-9871, ext. 435 or via email at ckoskinas@wiseandhealthyaging.org.

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Santa Monica WISE Connections represents members ages 50 and older who are residents of the City of Santa Monica

WISE Connections is a program of WISE & Healthy Aging, a multi-service, non-profit social services organization with more than 40 years of experience providing services to older adults, their caregivers, and professionals in the aging field throughout the County of Los Angeles. Services touch the lives of more than 50,000 people annually.

WISE & Healthy Aging's Mission Statement

WISE & Healthy Aging enhances the independence, dignity and quality of life of older adults through leadership, advocacy and innovative services.

Currently, WISE & Healthy Aging offers the following programs and services:

- Adult Day Service Center
- Caregiver Services
- Nutrition Program
- Frail Elderly Services
- Elder Abuse Prevention
- Financial Services
- In-Home Services
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Mental Health Services
- Peer Counseling
- Transportation & Mobility Program
- Volunteer Services



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