

August 1, 2026

Caring Neighbors News

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Mission

To provide free non-medical services that enhance the quality of life for residents of The Villages, Florida. We offer vital support for residents through a trusted network of thoroughly vetted resident volunteers.

Vision

To build a compassionate, community-wide volunteer network that provides non-medical services to ensure every resident feels supported, thereby empowering residents to age in place with confidence, dignity, and

Fun Fact

In the US, **August** is National Golf Month.

Hmm..I thought every month in The Villages was golf month.



Wildwood Soup Kitchen

Founded in Oxford, Florida in 1992, the Wildwood Soup Kitchen has grown from a small church ministry into a vital community resource. On July 1, 2026, it reached another milestone by moving into its newly renovated facility.



Recently, Caring Neighbors volunteers toured the new building with President Barbara McManus, whose passion for serving others was evident throughout the visit. The facility was bustling as volunteers prepared meals and sorted fresh food donations from community partners, including Sprouts, Walmart, Aldi and Publix.



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Today, the Wildwood Soup Kitchen prepares and serves approximately 5,000 meals each week through delivery and dine-in services. Caring Neighbors proudly partners with the Soup Kitchen to help meet the nutritional needs of its clients and recently presented the organization with a \$1,000 donation.

The Wildwood Soup Kitchen is a remarkable example of neighbors helping neighbors, and Caring Neighbors is honored to support its mission.



Wildwood Soup Kitchen
610 N. Main Street
Wildwood, FL 34785
(352) 748-1008

www.wildwoodsoupkitchen.org

Did You Know?

Orange Blossom Garden Lions Club in Lady Lake

- ❖ Weekly - Friday Night Bingo Event
- ❖ North Lake Presbyterian Church
 - 975 Rolling Acres Road / Lady Lake
- ❖ Doors open at 3:00pm, games start at 5:00pm
- ❖ Bring your own food and drinks
- ❖ \$12 Standard Card
- ❖ Last game – guaranteed \$250 payout

www.obglions.com



June Statistics

Villages
Covered

63

Client
Services

669

Responding
Volunteers

333

Volunteers
Hours

2,346

Upcoming Events

August 3rd – Go Live of our Beta group on Monday.com platform

Project **Stronger Together** is the modernization of our software platform designed to improve the effectiveness in serving our resident clients.

August 28th – Board Meeting at Colony Cottage (10am)

Participation from Service Coordinators and Directors is encouraged.

October 2nd – Blood Drive benefiting Caring Neighbors

Time: 8:30am – 4:00pm

Location: Fire Station #44 / 3035 Morse Blvd. Wildwood, FL

See link on Caring Neighbors website for pre-registration

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