CARING NEIGHBORS NEWS

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CARING NEIGHBORS IS HOSTING A LIFESOUTH BLOOD DRIVE

Tony Bifulco is coordinating the Blood Drive for Caring Neighbors. The date is **March 21st between 8:30am and 4pm at the Rohan Recreation Center**. You do not have to be a CN Volunteer to donate so please post this notice on your Facebook page, your newsletter, your social club, etc.

Sign up by emailing Tony at ttcntonybifulco@gmail.com. Provide your name, phone number, a preferred time to donate, Village, and if you are a member of Caring Neighbors. Call Tony with questions at 352-552-0126.

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MEET BRIAN HOLDSWORTH

Brian Holdsworth is a welcome addition to the Executive Board as the Director of Technical Projects. His 25 years of technical background with Microsoft and ServiceNow will allow him to modernize, automate, simplify various Caring Neighbors processes, helping the organization grow and expand to new Villages

Brian was born in Seatle, WA and was always interested in electronics and computers.

The first Caring Neighbors project, developed by Natalie Skadra, is a process to make reporting volunteer service hours easier and reduce the possibility of error. Future plans include more automation and restricting access to the Caring Neighbors Drive, which houses all our corporate forms and documents.

Brian also anticipates providing computer training to volunteers to help them become more comfortable with the updates.

A volunteer from a young age in Southern California, Brian served on a search and rescue team where he wanted to be a fireman until he suffered a serious back injury. He later volunteered to support the community through his church in San Diego. Caring Neighbors fulfills his desire to volunteer, serve his community and to use his computer skills.

Brian and his wife Traci learned about The Villages from his best friend's cousin. They came for a visit and bought a house on their second day!

You may see Brian and Traci around the Village of Citrus Grove, where they enjoy spending time with friends, listening to live music, attending community events, and meeting neighbors. They're excited to be part of The Villages community and look forward to contributing to Caring Neighbors.

CN GROUPS FORMING

Two Liberty Park residents (Kathy Doran, a CN client and Linda Kloeckner, her sister) created a Super Bowl pool for their friends and neighbors and donated a portion of the money ($200) to Caring Neighbors. Kathy is on the right holding the money in the photo with her niece on the left.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21	Blood Drive 8:30-4 – Rohan Rec. Ctr
March 13	Mental Health Summit 10-3:45 – Wildwood Community Ctr.
March 26	Executive Board Meeting 10 am - President's Home

ARE YOU INTERESTED???

The Executive Board is creating a fundraising committee. As CN moves forward and automates, there will be a need for funds to accommodate the growth and improve our processes. For example, just to email this monthly newsletter, Jean Davio can send only 100 emails at a time and we have over 1000 volunteers. She counts over and over as she updates the distribution list each month. If the file is too big or there is 101 emails, she gets a "delivery failed" message. The system to send an email to ALL volunteers at once, is costly.

So, if you have any fundraising experience or would like to serve on this important committee, please let Ellen Broedlin know.

Megan McCarthy of the Florida Department of Health in Sumter County, invites you to a Mental Health Summit being hosted by various community organizations at the **Wildwood Community Center on Friday, March 13th, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.** The event will include speakers on various mental health topics as well as vendors from community organizations that support mental well-being. Registration guarantees entry to the event and a no-cost lunch and is not required, but highly recommended. Residents can register for this event by or visiting the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NORTHMentalHealthSummit

Submit news items, events, and photos for the April CN Newsletter to ab.ultimateassistant@gmail.com

NO LATER THAN MARCH 20, 2026