



**Neighbors
Network**
of Lee County, Inc.



Connecting the dots:
By connecting neighbors with neighbors to age in community



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Mission and Vision of NNLC

Mission: to make the experience of aging in one's home a feasible choice with neighbors helping neighbors across generations to create a socially connected community that benefits everyone.

Vision: to make Lee County both a destination and a home, where people are provided with an assurance that the support system they rely on as they age independently within the community is sustainable.

Village to Village Network Model



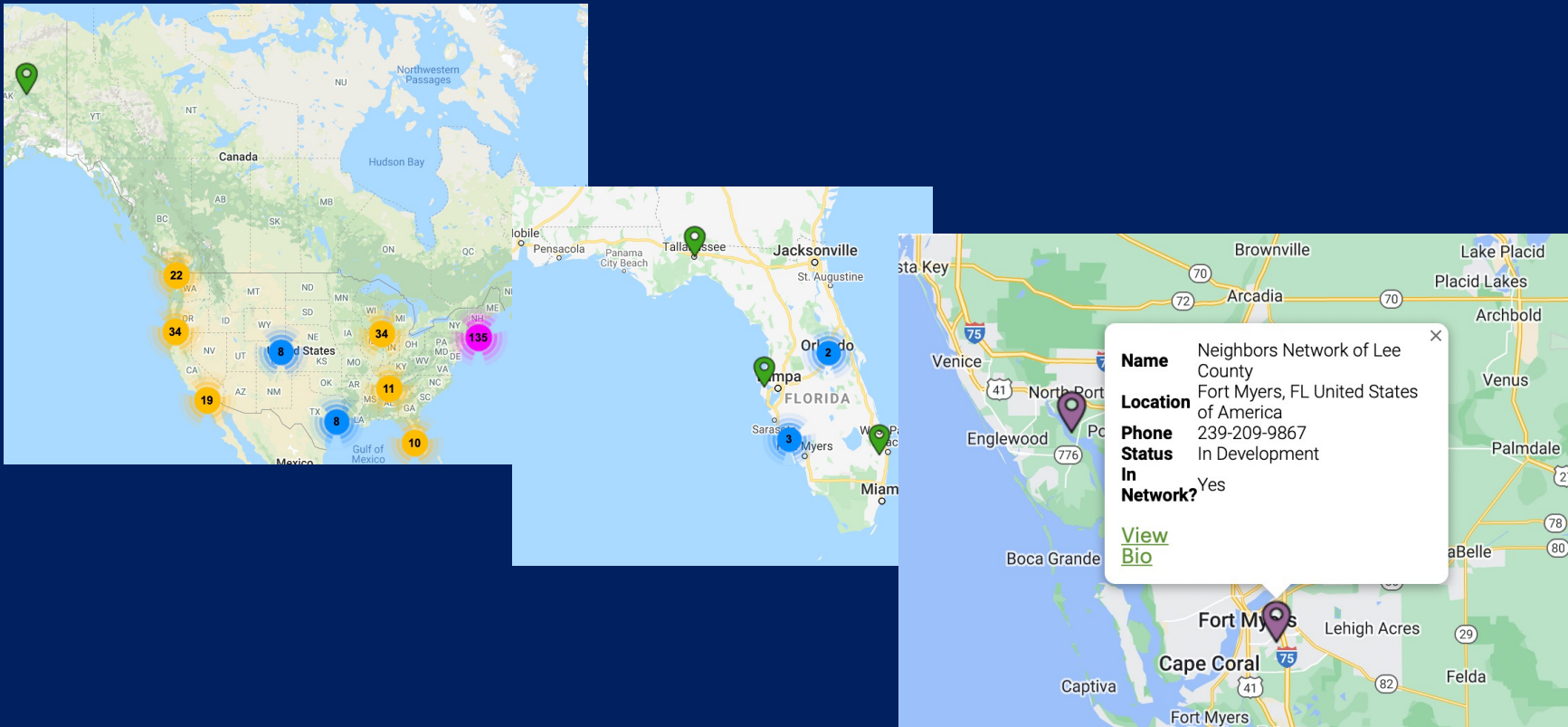


What are Villages?

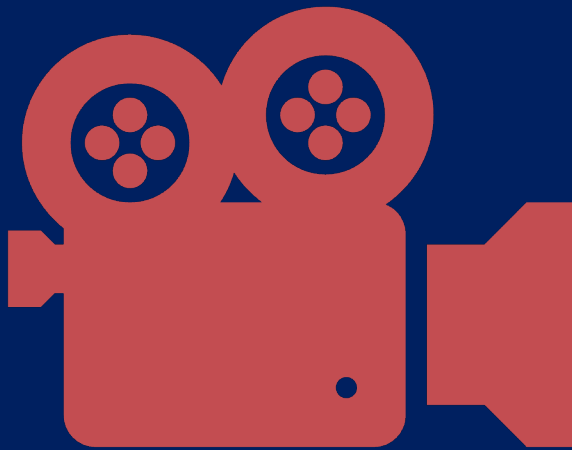
Villages are grassroots, **member-driven**, non-profit, community-based organizations of neighbors helping neighbors. **Supported primarily by volunteers** who provide an array of support services, Villages enable older adults to **live life independently in their homes and communities**. Villages reflect their communities and respond to the needs of their members. While their business models may vary, their primary mission is to empower older adults to age successfully at home.

The Village to Village Network

For more information: <https://vtnetwork.org>



Please watch these videos from other villages for a greater understanding of the Village model.



- Video from Neighbors Network, Inc. (Maitland, FL)

<https://youtu.be/ay3TPdp4xSk>

- Silver Spring Village, MD

See video on home page:
<https://www.silverspringvillage.org>

**WHY
are
we
doing
this?**

Age independently in our own homes



Maintain and make new friendships



Stay connected and healthy by participating
in activities and programs



THRIVE!

The Plan



The Neighbors Network of Lee County is forming a **hub** which will provide essential infrastructure for spokes (neighborhoods).



The Neighbors Network of Lee County first pilot spoke village is in the Six-Mile Cypress geographic area.



New villages will begin to form by identifying interest and informing people in the other neighborhoods.

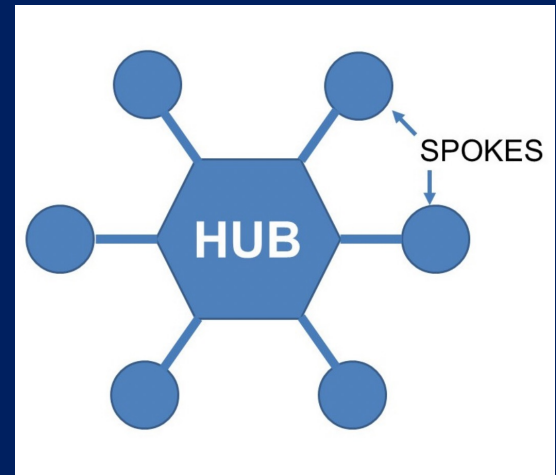
Benefits of a County-wide Hub and Spoke Model

Administrative support for all spoke neighborhoods

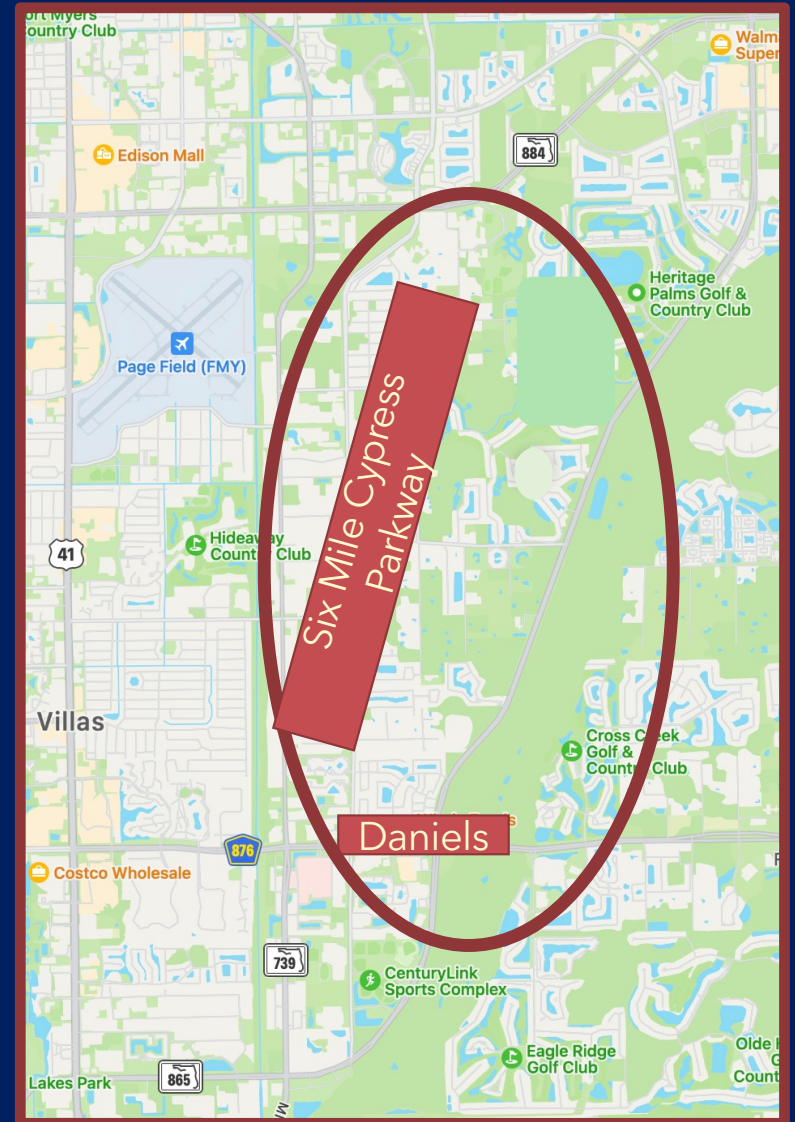
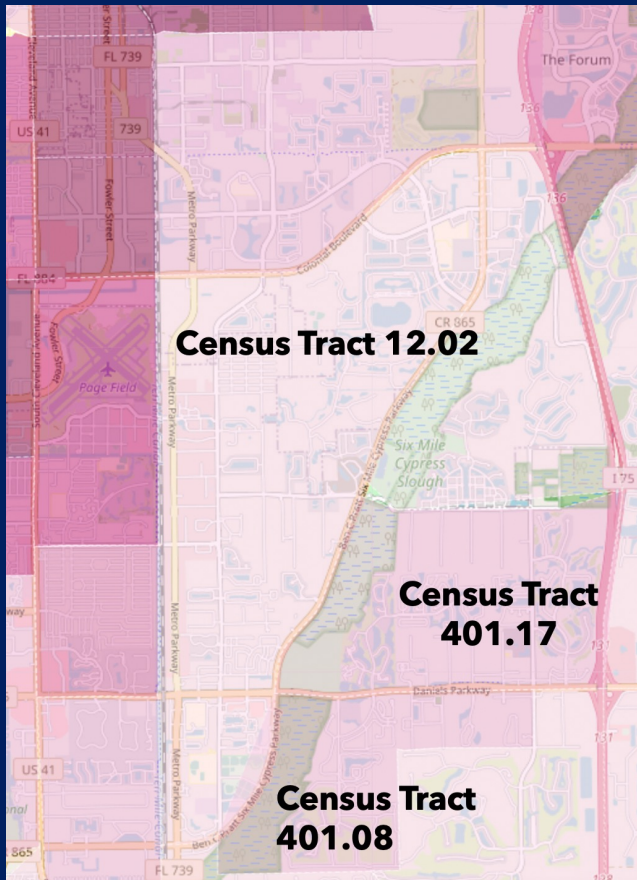
Only one 501(c)3 covers all neighborhoods

Resources and programs can be shared

One website will serve all of Lee County



Pilot Neighborhood has 6,000+ people over the age of 65.



The Aging Coalition of Lee County born of the creative minds of its members



With leadership by The Florida Department of Health, Lee County,

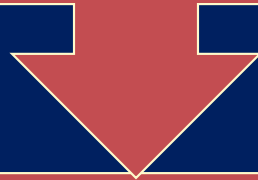


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Our evolution

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We value and appreciate the support of our cohort villages:

Lutheran Intentional
Village - Upper
Pinellas

Neighbors Network
(Maitland)

Pueblos en la
Comunidad
(Orlando)

Neighbor to
Neighbor in the
Nenes (Tallahassee)

Wellington Cares
(Wellington)

Read all the latest news about the
Neighbors Network of Lee County!



<https://leeneighbors.org/newsletters/>



Don't ask what the world needs.
Ask what makes you come alive and
go out and do it. Because what
the world needs is people
who have come alive.

--Howard Thurman

