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WILDWOOD CLINIC RETURNS TO LONGER HOURS *Halifax Regional Responds to Patients*

Wildwood Clinic, Halifax Regional's primary healthcare center serving Lake Gaston, is now open longer hours.

The Clinic, located near Pea Hill Creek and Washburn's Marina at 2053 River Road in Henrico, has returned to its original hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for Wednesdays when it closes at 12:30.

"Our response is based on the concerns expressed by patients and a renewed commitment by Halifax Regional to make the Clinic a success," said Will Mahone, president. "We are convinced that patients will support Wildwood and that they will encourage their friends to use the Clinic for their primary healthcare needs."

Mahone said reduction in hours was made because Wildwood was losing money, and that the Clinic should share in the \$4.8 million reduction in expenses at Halifax Regional. "I have spoken with a number of loyal Wildwood patients, who understand our situation but have pledged their support of Wildwood, if we would return to longer hours."

The change will be evaluated after three to six months, Mahone said. "We must break even financially at Wildwood to maintain these longer hours," he added. "We are depending on our patients to continue their support of the Clinic and to encourage friends to use Wildwood."

Darlene Kocich, nurse practitioner at Wildwood, says the calls and letters have given her a sense of partnership with the Lake community. "We feel appreciated and encouraged by the support we have received," she said. "At the same time, Wildwood is a service that must be successful, so we must work together."

In addition to treatment of illness and injury, Wildwood Clinic offers residents of the Lake area:

- Wellness care
- Health checks
- Immunizations
- Lab services, and
- Chronic disease management.

Patients have direct access to the full range of services at Halifax Regional, the largest medical center in the area.

New patients are welcome. Call 252 537-9400 for an appointment. Wildwood also accepts “walk-in” patients. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.us.

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