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NEIGHBORHOD WEBSITE

A PALM BEACH COUNTY/NEIGHBORHOOD LINK PARTNERSHIP
"Good Communication Builds Great Neighborhoods"

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Interactive Area

- **Talk About It** - Includes an interactive discussion area where residents can post and respond to questions, problems and concerns.

- **Post It Here** - Allows anyone to post notices, such as "found wallet," "lost dog," "PTA meeting" and "garage sale."

- **Meet Your Neighbors** - Provides residents and members of local groups (such as neighborhood youth group) the opportunity to create Web pages on Neighborhood Link or hotlink their existing Web pages to the neighborhood site. Presents a fun and entertaining medium for posting pictures and information, as well as a way to learn about other residents and organizations in the neighborhood.

Association Info

- **About Our Association** - Features neighborhood association history, covenants and bylaws, and board of directors lists - even displays digital images.

- **Neighborhood Contact** - Provides information on how to contact the neighborhood association Web site coordinator, including name, address, telephone and fax numbers.

- **Become a Member** - Presents an easy-to-understand form for completion by individuals interested in becoming members of their neighborhood association. After filling in basic information such as name, address and telephone number, potential members simply click a button to submit the form directly to a neighborhood association e-mail address.

- **Neighborhood Association Newsletter** - Enables neighborhood associations to post their newsletters online.

Neighborhood Information

- **About Our Neighborhood** - Provides a brief description of the neighborhood association, its history and its activities.

- **Neighborhood Schools** - Neighborhood coordinators can select appropriate public schools to display on their site from a metro-area list compiled by Neighborhood Link with the assistance of the Office of Community Revitalizaiton. The information then posted includes principals' names and e-mail addresses, school addresses and phone numbers. If the school has a Web site, this link can be added as well. Coordinators may also call or e-mail Neighborhood Link if they wish to add local private schools.

Local Government

This area contains hotlinks that enable neighborhoods to connect instantly with appropriate government officials including the county commissioners, the Office of Community Revitalization, and any local

government Web sites. (Neighborhood Link locates and makes these links available to neighborhood coordinators; members just choose the local officials that apply to their neighborhood.) Additional hotlinks to other city and county Web sites can also be added.

Crime & Police

Neighborhood Link automatically posts links to all applicable police, public safety and sheriff's department Web sites on all neighborhood sites. If the Crime Stoppers national crime alert network operates in a community, links to its Web site also appear on all neighborhood sites.

- **Neighborhood Officers** - Coordinators have the ability to post contact information (such as telephone and pager numbers and e-mail addresses) of individual officers assigned to their neighborhoods, thus facilitating Community Policing by encouraging closer relationships between residents and police.

- **Fax Your Police Station** - Coordinators have the ability to create links to fax machines at their district police stations, enabling anyone to fax information (such as anonymous crime tips) directly to appropriate authorities.

Community Pages

- **Add-a-Page** - Gives the neighborhood coordinator and residents the ability to create an unlimited number of additional pages that offer information on neighborhood issues, groups and resources. These might include:
  * Zoning issues
  * Babysitting co-ops
  * Recycling programs
  * Community Center classes and activities
  * Neighborhood beautification initiatives
  * Gardening tips
  * Graffiti watch groups

- **Add-a-Fax** - Gives the Neighborhood Coordinator and residents the ability to create faxable forms that allow everyone to instantly send faxes directly from the Web site. An unlimited number of such forms can be created and used to start political fax campaigns, send messages to the local newspaper, or simply communicate with any fax machine in the area.

Civic Resources

This section provides a library of pertinent local, metro, state and national hotlinks, such as public libraries, public schools, county courts, real property records, state government, nonprofit organizations, the White House, and many more.

Community Hotlinks

This area enables community organizations to create hotlinks to their Web sites through a quick and easy feature, "Add-a-Link."

Helpful Resources

- **Weather** - Provides a local weather forecast that is updated every hour, as well as hotlinks to weather forecasting information and a local weather radar map.

- **Free Classifieds** - Gives neighborhood residents access to a complete online forum for posting and perusing free classified advertisements - as well as photographs of items for sale.

- **Extremely Useful Things** - Provides handy information through time-saving hotlinks, such as arts & entertainment, health & fitness, home & garden, parents & kids, homework helper, travel, finance & investment, and resources such as the federal government and online directories.

- **Search the Web** - Link directly to leading Internet search engines, including Alta Vista, Excite, Hot Bot, Infoseek, Lycos and Yahoo!

- **Today's News** - Contains hotlinks to local and national news resources.

For further information or to set up a website for your community group or association, please contact Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, OCR Principal Planner and Neighborhood Link Coordinator, at 233-5376 or via e-mail at rmoguill@pbcgov.org.