

RESIDENT NEWS



Palm Beach & Martin Counties

On May 5th & 6th 2015, 5:00 pm to 5:00 pm, as part of a nation-wide program called Give Local America, Neighborhood Renaissance, Inc. is participating in the **GREAT GIVE, a 24-hour online giving event** designed to raise as much money as possible in a single day (5pm – 5pm). Locally this effort is being led by the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, and United Way to help raise crucial funds for local nonprofits. Please help us in our efforts to provide quality homes that are within the financial reach of hard working families like yourself by supporting Neighborhood Renaissance with a **tax deductible gift of \$15, \$20, or \$25**. Anyone can make a secure on-line donation of \$10 or more by visiting <https://www.greatgiveflorida.org/#npo/neighborhood-renaissance-org>. **Our goal for this event is to raise \$4,000** in a single-day! Please spread the word and encourage your colleagues, family and friends to consider a donation as well. Everyone needs a place to call home – somewhere safe and comfortable to raise a family that will grow and prosper.

About Neighborhood Renaissance

Established in 1992, Neighborhood Renaissance, Inc. is a nonprofit community based organization dedicated to building and supporting strong economies and diverse communities in Palm Beach County. We do this by providing quality affordable homes for low and moderate-income residents of Palm Beach County.

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Best Kept Homes - First Quarter: 1/1/30 - 3/31/15

Starting with 2015 quarterly home inspections, Neighborhood Renaissance Property Manager, Mark Karageorge will select a best kept home each quarter of the year. Winners will be announced in the RESIDENT NEWS and will receive a \$25 gift card. To be eligible to win, residents must be current with their rent payment and have timely reported any needed repairs. The winning selection is based upon the following:

- Exterior of the house & yard must be clean, neat & free of debris.
- House should have curb appeal - looks great from the street, no dead plants, trash, oil stained driveways or inoperable vehicles...
- Smoke detectors' batteries must be connected and in working order.
- Ceiling light bulbs must be working and burnt out bulbs changed.
- Electrical outlets must have covers.
- Clean air conditioner filters with no dirt build up.
- Plumbing drains free of grease and foreign matter not meant for the drain.
- Interior of the home must be clean, sanitary, clutter free and well maintained.
- Appliances clean and well maintained.
- All the terms of the lease have been complied with.
- Please read the rules and regulations in your lease.



**Best Kept Home Winner,
Ms. Tysinger-McGraw**



**Best Kept Home Runner Up,
Ms. Parker & Mr. Jackson**

This quarter's winner is Ms. Levern Tysinger-McGraw of Urquhart St. and runner up is Judith Parker & Roger Jackson of Woodland Ave who will receive \$25 Publix gift cards. In addition to being meticulously maintained inside and out, Ms. Tysinger-McGraw added a fountain and white stone flower bed at the front of her home. Ms. Parker and Mr. Jackson started a small garden in their back yard and put a flower box around their mailbox. Next quarter inspections will be done in May. So get your house in order!



Your Way Home Realty, Inc. is a licensed real estate company, which is wholly owned by Neighborhood Renaissance. The purpose of Your Way Home Realty is to assist low and moderate-income families to purchase, sale and lease affordable, quality homes. We work with the general public including our current tenants. All fees earned by Your Way Home Realty help to fund the affordable housing programs operated by Neighborhood Renaissance. If you are looking to buy or sell your home, the best way is with the experienced professionals at Your Way Home Realty. This way you will work with a trained real estate agent to help you find

your home, but you will also be helping others. Contact Mrs. S. Lashea Brooks, Realtor at (561) 249-1166 (office); (561) 312- 4441 (cell) or [email: info@yourwayhomerealty.com](mailto:info@yourwayhomerealty.com) for help in finding your new home!

April Is Financial Literacy Month

Neighborhood Renaissance officially kicked off its **Youth Financial Literacy Program** on April 9, 2015 at the Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church. Other youth financial workshops are scheduled for April 11 at the Neighborhood Renaissance office in West Palm Beach from 10 am - noon, and April 21, 23, & 28 for the Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches' Project Grow - After School Program in Lake Worth. The workshops are sponsored by ThirdFederal Savings & Loan.

The goal of the program is to teach and educate youth about money – earning, saving, and spending. The earlier children learn how to handle their money wisely and begin to set savings goals, the better off they will be in the future. Hands-on activities and worksheets take children through the process of identifying their needs vs. their wants, creating a budget and coming up with creative ways to earn money. The lessons help them become financially smart, learning how to avoid frauds and scams and not fall prey to the tricks advertisers play. This way they can become strong spenders and savers. The program curriculum serves two age groups: elementary school youth (ages 4 - 11) & teen (ages 12 - 18). Contact Mrs. S. Lashea Brooks at (561) 832 – 6776 ext. 103 for details.



Financial Counseling

We can help you get back on your feet with financial & budget counseling. If your rent has been late more than 4 times in a 12 month period, you will be required to attend a budget counseling session before we consider renewing your lease. Even if you have not been late, you may want to consider our free training to help you improve your credit score or start saving for your family's future. This is a service that no other landlord provides. Contact Mrs. S. Lashea Brooks at 561 832 – 6776 ext. 103 for an appointment or email: lbrooks@neighborhoodrenaissance.org

First Time Home Buyer Classes

Are you ready to own a home? Neighborhood Renaissance is your first stop. Learn what it takes and find out about first-time home buyer opportunities. You will earn your Home Buyer Education Certificate, which satisfies lender requirements for loan approval. Our partner, Clearpoint Credit Counseling Solutions, with over 50 years of service is the presenter. Classes are free. Reservations are required and please no children. Classes are held at our office located at 510 24th Street Suite A, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 from 9 am – 5 pm on Saturdays. The remaining 2015 schedule is:

April 18

July 11

October 17

May 16

August 15

November 7

June 20

September 12

December 12

Become a Homeowner! Reserve your seat today by contacting Mrs. Brooks at (561) 832-6776 ext. 103 or email: lbrooks@neighborhoodrenaissance.org

HOME FOR SALE \$105,000

BEAUTIFUL REMODELED 3/2 HOME WITH 1 CAR GARAGE- 1,232 SQ. FT

701 48th Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33407

This home features:

- Wood floors.
- Pecky Cypress ceiling,
- large living room.
- Formal dining room.
- Huge yard with privacy fence, perfect for entertaining.
- Close to hospital and downtown.

Owner occupied buyers only. Buyers must meet income criteria.



For information contact:

Mrs. Brooks at (561) 249- 1166



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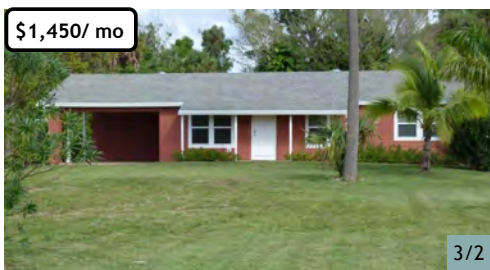


Resources for Help...Because we care.

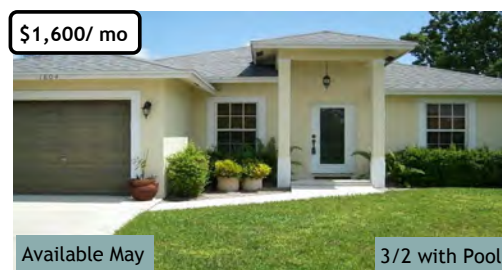
Do you know where to call if you, a family member or friend need help? The following is a contact list of organizations and services that can assist:

- Palm Beach/ Treasure Coast 2-1-1 is a free and confidential telephone helpline/hotline service available 24/7 providing an array of support and assistance including: information, assessment, advocacy, referral to appropriate community agencies, as well as crisis intervention and suicide prevention. Dial 2-1-1 or (561) 383-1111. Web site: www.211palmbeach.org ; email 211@211pbtc.org
- Palm Beach County Community Services Department (561) 355 – 4700. Programs include: Head Start, Utility Assistance, Pathway for Achieving Self-Sufficiency, Income Tax Assistance, Food and Nutrition, Ryan White Comprehensive Aids Resource Emergency (C.A.R.E.) Act, and Senior Service Division. Web site: www.pbcgov.com/communityservices/programs
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach (561) 775 – 9560 - is a comprehensive nonprofit family service organization with offices located in Martin, Palm Beach, Indian River and St. Lucie counties. Web site: www.catholiccharitiesdpcb.org
- Domestic Abuse: Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (561) 265 – 2900; Rape & Violent Crimes hotline (561) 833-7273; Florida Abuse Hotline (800) 962 – 2873
- Employment: CareerSource Palm Beach County (800) 556 – 5627
- Social Security Administration (800) 269 – 0271
- Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County (561) 655 – 8944

PROPERTIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT



4653 Evans Lane, West Palm Beach, FL 33415



1804 Breezy Lane, West Palm Beach, FL 33417



1164 Edgehill Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33417

Call (561) 832-6776 ext. 107

Monday - Friday (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

www.neighborhoodrenaissance.org

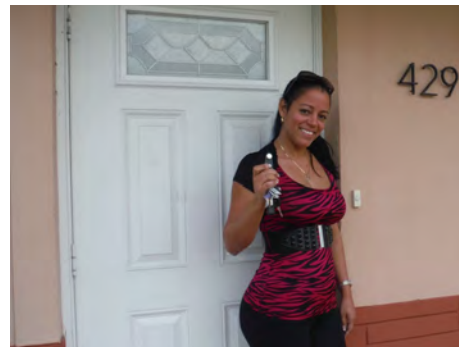
Great American Cleanup – We Need Your Help!

The Great American Cleanup is about people volunteering to keep America beautiful one neighborhood at a time. We invite you to help us on **April 18th, 2015 from 9 am until noon** for a neighborhood clean-up. We will begin at the Mathis Place Apartments located at 4509 -4525 Mathis St., Lake Worth, FL 33461 and then continue along Mathis Street to Melaleuca Rd. and over to Gulfstream Rd. and finish at our Gulfstream Apts. Neighborhood Renaissance will provide bottled water and trash bags. You need to bring your own gloves. We will be putting the trash bags in the dumpsters at Mathis and Gulfstream. Mathis & Gulfstream residents along with others, please help pitch in to keep America and your neighborhood beautiful. Contact Mark at (561) 832 – 6776 ext. 104 to sign up or email mkarageorge@neighborhoodrenaissance.org.

Welcome New Residents



New Resident, Adraine Jones



New Resident, Aurelki Rivera

Poinciana Gardens Model Block

Beautification Happening In The Heart Of Boynton Beach. Through a \$229,300 grant from Wells Fargo's **UrbanLIFTSM** program and a \$60,800 grant from the City of Boynton Beach, Neighborhood Renaissance began construction of beautification improvements to the Poinciana Gardens neighborhood located between the Sara Sims Park and the Poinciana Elementary School in the Heart of Boynton Beach. A ground breaking ceremony was held on March 24, 2015. Improvements to this Model Block include: lush landscaping, shady street trees, new sidewalks, neighborhood entrance signs and a new bus shelter, and are scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2015. Two new single-family homes have also started construction. The City of Boynton Beach, Community Redevelopment Agency, and residents are excited about this beautiful improvement to the community.



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE TEAM:

- S. Lashea Brooks, Realtor & Housing Manager contact for: Available homes for sale, to list a home for sale, homebuyer classes, financial & budgeting counseling (561) 832-6776 ext. 103 lbrooks@neighborhoodrenaissance.org
- Mark Karageorge – Property Manager contact for: Maintenance/repairs, pest control, landscaping, late payments and lease concerns. (561) 832-6776 ext. 104 mkarageorge@neighborhoodrenaissance.org
- Jenny Bretz – Office Manager /Bookkeeper contact for: Rent Payments, late payment, or other fees and accounting. (561) 832-6776 ext. 101 jbretz@neighborhoodrenaissance.org
- Stefania Russell – Program Assistant contact for assistance in Spanish, program information, leasing, additional keys, and renewals. (561) 832-6776 ext. 107 srussell@neighborhoodrenaissance.org

