

Village of Palmetto Bay Explanation and Apology for Actions of Community Newspapers

The Village of Palmetto Bay was made aware that recently the publisher of Community Newspapers (*Palmetto Bay News*) sent an unsolicited email to all email addresses of the Village's *e-Currents* (electronic newsletter) list. As members of the public who had subscribed to the Village's *e-Currents*, the Village administration wished to apologize for and explain this recent unfortunate occurrence.

Under Florida's broad Public Records Laws, written communications to and from local officials regarding official business are public records that are available to the public and to the media upon request. All records are reviewable, unless a specific statutory exemption applies. The publisher of Community News requested the Village's *e-currents* list in accordance with the Florida Statutes, and used it to promote his personal editorial opinion. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Obviously, the opinion of this individual is not the Village's position, and, to clarify, we have attached [see link on Village website homepage] Councilman Dr. Ed Feller's (District 1) recent communication wherein he explains the Village's stance.

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