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Online firm helps residents keep track of legislation

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Obtaining information and voicing opinions about community association laws should be easier during the 2012 Florida legislative session thanks to AtHomeNet Inc., a leading website service firm that caters to associations and their residents.

The partnership between Florida's Community Advocacy Network and AtHomeNet will give residents the option of subscribing to CAN Alerts, which consist of legislation updates involving community associations, bill reviews and a bill tracker.

"We're about education and outreach and giving people an opportunity to play a role in the issues that impact them," said Donna Berger, executive director of the Community Advocacy Network. "By partnering with AtHomeNet, we're expanding our educational outreach further into the community."

AtHomeNet provides Web services to about 482,000 households in more than 1,600 community associations across Florida. The agreement with CAN will provide those associations with improved access to Florida legislators, and with an opportunity to voice opinions on potential bills.

"It's important to keep home and condo owners educated on the community association industry and to be aware of the bills that are being discussed," said Susan Sanders, CEO of AtHomeNet. "Our clients will have a direct link to all the advocacy information and tools that the network has to offer with a special password created specifically for each community."

Residents who have AtHomeNet and opt to receive CAN alerts will gain immediate access to legislative information, including up-to-date bill trackers and an email tool to voice their opinions about bills.

"Homeowners and condo owners don't get to hear about the issues that affect them, and we hope this gives community association issues more exposure that they usually don't get," Sanders said.

With the legislative session set to begin Jan. 10, residents have an interest in knowing how bills will affect community associations and how to connect with Florida legislators.

"We believe this partnership with AtHomeNet will go a long way toward informing and empowering Florida community association residents so that through their greater participation in the democratic process, they can make a truly positive impact on the future of the communities in which they live," Berger said.

For more information, visit www.canfl.com or www.athomenet.com.