



## Melrose Park: *The Caring Community*

Bordered by State Road 7 at the west and Southwest 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue on the east, Davie Boulevard and Broward Boulevard at the south and north respectively — Melrose Park is one of the newer additions to the City of Fort Lauderdale, thanks to annexation in 2002. This 2,000-home development has a population of just over 7,000 people and is one of the city's most diverse neighborhoods.

From the height of its development in the late 1950's and early 60's Melrose Park developed a rich tradition of being a prestigious neighborhood. Now, with the many on-going improvements throughout the community, the neighborhood is beginning to restore some of its past glory and desirability. The community can brag of a new sewer system, improved storm-water drainage and newly paved roads throughout.



The maze-like traffic pattern through Melrose Park makes it different from any other layouts in the area, but also presented challenges and made the area vulnerable to speeders. The addition of "speed humps" has helped to bring traffic to a more reasonable rate – particularly in areas where children like to play.

Recently several neighborhood improvement grants have been approved and we are anxiously waiting the start of beautification process from the Neighborhood Community Investment Program. The grants awarded will include:

- Two entrance monument signs;
- New landscaping and solar lighting in 4 grassy areas; and
- Replacement of street signs for those areas.

The goal of the program is to beautify neighborhood while enhancing the quality of life for people who live, work, and visit the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Melrose Park also includes The Shirley Small Park, which provides recreational activities for all to enjoy. Named after the former President of the Melrose Park Homeowners Association, the park has tennis and basketball courts, an area for football as well as soccer, a walking path, and a play area for the little ones. Since its inception, the Shirley Small Park has provided an outlet for the residents to enjoy.



The Melrose Park Homeowners Association boasts active resident participation in projects that benefit our community and our city. Our members include retirees, young and upwardly mobile professionals, as well as stay at home moms. All are eager to volunteer for just about any project! Several events have been held to improve our community, Smart Watts, Back-To-School giveaways, Nextdoor

Melrose Park, and several annual dinners for the community.

Our doors are open and we're ready to welcome you.