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The City of Port St. Lucie to Donate Home to a Deserving Veteran

PORT ST. LUCIE (November 3, 2016) – The City of Port St. Lucie wants to donate a home it acquired through a federal affordable housing grant program to a qualified veteran and their family.

The City purchased the home by using a federal grant from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. In June 2016, the Port St. Lucie City Council directed staff to create a veterans housing program that would dedicate the final five properties the City has acquired through the NSP grants. That inventory includes this fully rehabilitated home, along with four vacant lots that are earmarked for development in 2017 as affordable housing for veterans.

“The City of Port St. Lucie would like to honor the men and women who have served our country,” said Carmen Capezuto, the City’s Neighborhood Services Director. “We wish to kick off this new veterans affordable housing program by awarding this renovated home to a veteran on Veterans Day.”

The City is working with GENESYS Community Development Corp., a non-profit affordable housing organization, to identify qualified veterans who will be entered into a lottery for the house at 680 SE Walters Terrace. The City plans to hold the lottery on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at 1 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.

GENESYS has been working to find qualified veterans for the lottery. Information about the lottery was sent out through the St. Lucie County Veteran Services, United Veterans, other veteran service organizations and social media.

While the City plans to hold the lottery event on Veterans Day, a key ceremony to turn the house over to

the new owner and welcome them to the neighborhood is expected to take place in the following weeks.

Interested veterans must meet the 2016 income guidelines, minimum credit score requirements, and all other City requirements in order to be considered for the lottery. The future owner of the home will be responsible for maintaining the insurance and property taxes. The deadline to apply is Sunday, Nov. 6 at 12 p.m. For more information about the selection process, please contact GENESYS at 321-247-5516 or email at genesyscdc@gmail.com or visit the City's website <http://www.cityofpsl.com/veterans.html>.

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The City of Port St. Lucie is proud to be a hometown where people live, learn, work and play, and celebrate all of life's opportunities. With over 179,000 residents, Port St. Lucie is Florida's eighth largest city by population (South Florida's 3rd largest city). The City occupies an area of 120 square miles in St. Lucie County on Florida's east coast, about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach, half way between Miami and Orlando. The City provides most traditional municipal services including law enforcement, water and sewer, and public works. For more information, please visit: www.cityofpsl.com

