



There.com Lot Set-Up Manual

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Introduction

This document offers new and prospective Neighborhood Lot owners information about how to purchase, place, set up and customize a Lot within a Neighborhood Zone in There. If you're a Neighborhood Zone owner, this will serve as a companion to the Neighborhood Zone Set-Up Manual. Unlike the Neighborhood Zone Set-Up Manual, however, this document focuses specifically on Lots, the smaller areas of property that can be placed within Neighborhood Zones.

Whether you're a Neighborhood owner or just getting started with a new Lot of your own, we hope you find this a helpful guide to getting up and running in your very own place within There.

The Basics

Neighborhood Lots are reserved areas of empty land that can be placed into one of There's Neighborhood Zones and moved around within a single Neighborhood or moved to a completely different Neighborhood. This allows you, as a Lot owner, to build and create whatever you wish in your own designated space.

Each Neighborhood Zone has a **Neighborhood Club**. Once you've found a Neighborhood for your Lot, you must first join that Neighborhood's Club. After you've found just the right spot for your Lot, you can decorate it with objects like trees, houses, and other items. As a Neighborhood Member, you will pay a fixed amount of rent per month to the Neighborhood Zone owner.

Lot Options

New Lots can be purchased from Shop Central. Used Lots are available in the Auctions. After you purchase your Lot, the next step is to find a Neighborhood to join. Keep in mind that Lots can *only* be placed within Neighborhood Zones.

Lot Size	Drops	Initial (T\$)	Per 30-day (T\$)	US \$ Price	Dimensions
2 acres	50 Drops	6,000	36,000	\$ 20.00	90m2
1 acre	50 Drops	4,000	24,000	\$ 13.33	64m2
1/2 acre	30 Drops	3,000	15,000	\$ 8.33	45m2
1/4 acre	20 Drops	2,000	9,000	\$ 5.00	32m2
1/16 acre	10 Drops	1,000	4,500	\$ 2.50	16m2






Drop Counts

A **drop count** is the maximum number of objects you can place in your Lot. The more objects placed in-world, the longer the load time for each visitor and the greater the "lag" time in your Lot. To make sure performance is always at optimal levels Lots are limited to drop counts based on the acreage size of the Lot.

Purchasing Lots

Lots can be purchased from Shop Central. On your Menu Bar go to **Shop > Shop Central**. The Lots are offered in the **Neighborhoods** section.

Neighborhood Lots

Neighborhoods	Neighborhood Lots	Regular Price	Buy It	Return Policy
		Regular Price:1,000T Sixteenth Acre Neighborhood Lot	Buy It	Return Policy
		Regular Price:2,000T Quarter Acre Neighborhood Lot	Buy It	Return Policy
		Regular Price:3,000T Half Acre Neighborhood Lot	Buy It	Return Policy
		Regular Price:4,000T One Acre Neighborhood Lot	Buy It	Return Policy
		Regular Price:6,000T Two Acre Neighborhood Lot	Buy It	Return Policy

Choose the size you wish to purchase and click **Buy It** to purchase the Lot.

You will be asked to confirm the purchase. When the purchase is complete, your Lot will appear in your Inventory.

Shop Central Neighborhood Lot Page

Placing Lots in a Neighborhood Zone

Lots can *only* be placed in a Neighborhood Zone. Perhaps you have a Neighborhood in mind already. If not, you can browse the list of Neighborhoods available for tenancy at


<http://zones.prod.there.com/zones/browse?ZoneType=hood&Fulltext=&RequiresClub=&Region=&Rentable=&PageSize=10>

From the list on this page, you can find out if a Neighborhood is accepting new members by clicking on the name of the Neighborhood and selecting **Members Club** or **Residents Club**. The "Group Info" section will list whether this club is accepting new members. It also indicate whether membership is restricted or not restricted. If a Neighborhood is restricted you will need to apply for membership. To join or apply for club, click on the Join Now button.

Neighborhood_524611565 Home Page
Search Groups
[Help](#)

Group Description
Test Hood 45 Acres

Group Photo




Group Info

- ▶ Group Type: Neighborhoods / Neighborhoods
- ▶ Founded 08/31/2006 by [There Hoods](#)
- ▶ Current leader: [There Hoods](#)
- ▶ Group is **not listed**
- ▶ Group is **accepting new members**
- ▶ Membership is **unrestricted**

Group Welcome Message

Clubhouse



Neighborhood 524611565
Clubhouse
Test_Hood_Owner's neighborhood

[VISIT](#)

Your Status

You are a **visitor** to this group.

[Join Now](#)

Group Stats

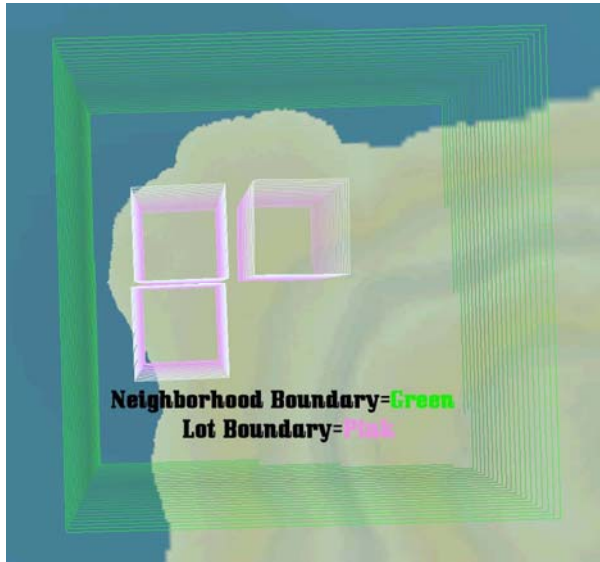
- ▶ 5 members
- ▶ 0 pending applications
- ▶ 0 pending invitations

Clubhouse Status

- ▶ open to members only

If the Leader of your chosen Neighborhood has the club set to automatic approval you you will automatically become a member of the club and can immediately drop your Lot into the Neighborhood Zone. If the Permissions are set to application approval there will be a waiting period while the Neighborhood Leader reviews your request. If the Neighborhood Leader accepts your application, you will be added to the Neighborhood Club and will then be able to drop your Neighborhood Lot into their Neighborhood Zone.

Check your profile page to see if the club has been added to your Groups list. You may wish to check periodically, as acceptance to the Club is determined by how quickly the Neighborhood Zone leader checks their applications and approves them at his or her leisure.



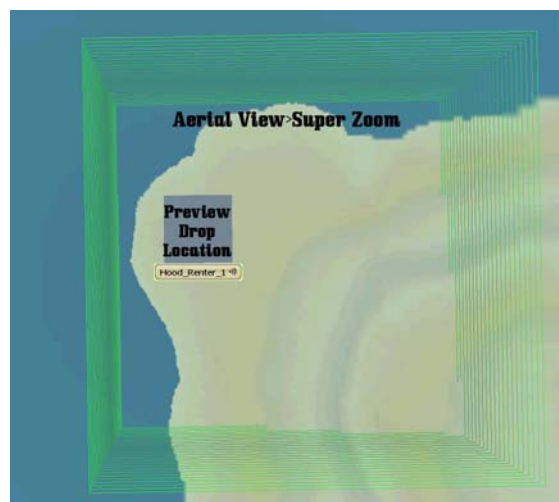
When placing your Lot into a Neighborhood Zone, it's best to preview the drop location first. To do this, change your view to **High Zoom**. On your Menu Bar go to **Views > Aerial View > High Zoom**

To see the Neighborhood Zone boundaries, click **Ctrl+Shift+N** once to view the green boundary line of the Neighborhood Zone. Click Ctrl+Shift+N a second time to view the Lot boundaries. These will be pink. If there are no Lots in the Neighborhood Zone then you will not see pink boundary lines yet.

Use **High Zoom** and turn on the boundary lines to help guide you to an area to drop your Lot.

To preview the location of your Neighborhood Lot, go to **My Things > Neighborhood Lot > Preview Drop Location**.

A gray "preview drop location" area will extend from the front of your Avatar. If you are in High Zoom view, you will see the gray square appear in front of your nametag. You can walk around the Neighborhood Zone to scout just the right location to drop your Lot. To turn the "preview drop location" off go to **My Things > Neighborhood Lot** and click **Preview Drop Location** again.



When you've found just the right spot, go to **My Things > Neighborhood Lot > Take Out**. A pop up menu will ask you to verify if you want to pay the designated amount of rent every 30 days. Click **Yes** to drop the Lot.

It may take a few seconds for the Preview Drop Location area to disappear. You can double check the location by going back to High Zoom or Super Zoom View.

It's important to note that other members do not have the ability to see your gray preview drop location screen so they will not be able to help you place your Lot within the Neighborhood Zone. Once you have actually dropped the Lot, other members will be able to view your boundary lines and offer helpful hints or advice but it will be up to you to make the initial drop.

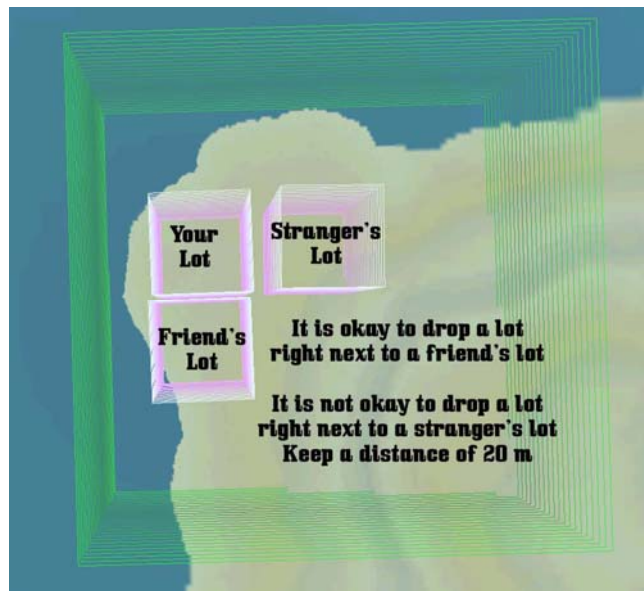
Real Estate Placement Policies

Some Lot tenants prefer to keep some distance between their Lot and their neighbors' Lots. When placing your Lot please keep There's Real Estate Placement Policies in mind.

Unless you have permission, *do not* place your Lot within 20 meters of someone else's Lot.

Do not place your Lot on top of a stranger's Lot without the owner's permission.

You may drop your Lot at a closer distance or on top of another Lot *only if you have their permission first*.



Be courteous to your new neighbors – give them some space unless they invite you to drop right next-door.

Changing Your Lot Settings

The Lot description and permissions can be changed by taking the following steps:

1. On the Menu Bar, choose **This Place > Info about "Your" Lot**
2. In the description tab, you can change the name of the Lot
3. Add a brief description of your Neighborhood under "sign for your place"
4. Click **Update** to save your changes.

Description [Permissions](#)

Name for your place: (32 character max.)
Hood_Renter_1's lot

Lot's Region: Comet

Lot's Location: Test_Hood_Owner's neighborhood
[VISIT](#)

Sign for your place: (64 character max.)
|

Rent: **36000T** per 30 days

Rental Period: Your rental agreement expires at 12 a.m., the morning of 12/08/06.

Neighborhood Lot Details Page Description Tab

Please note on the Lot Details Page Description tab, the third entry down listed as **Sign for your place** is NOT an actual 3-D sign that will be placed in your Lot. This is a description of your Lot that members will view by clicking on the **This Place** button on the Menu Bar when they enter your Lot's boundaries.

Click the **Permissions** tab to change your Permissions. On this page you can:

- ◆ control who can enter your Lot
- ◆ set the activities permitted in your Lot
- ◆ change the capacity level (number of avatars who can enter)
- ◆ allow or restrict Third Party Event hosting

The screenshot shows the 'Permissions' tab of the Neighborhood Lot Details Page. It is divided into two main sections. The left section, titled 'Control who can enter', asks the user to select one of three options: 'Just Me' (selected), 'Me and my buddies', or 'Anyone but my ignores'. Below this is the 'Set activities permitted in' section, which includes checkboxes for 'Paintguns', 'Vehicles', 'Change Clothes', 'Pick Up Object', 'Drop Object', and 'Use Forcefield', all of which are checked. The 'Capacity' section indicates that the lot can hold up to 50 people and has a dropdown menu currently set to 30. The right section, titled 'Third Party Event Hosting', allows the user to choose between 'No third party event hosts', 'Anyone may host events', and 'Only members I select may host events'. Below these options is a text input field for entering event host names, a list of members who can host events in the lot, and a checkbox for 'Event host(s) may configure zone permissions'. An 'Update' button is located at the bottom of the right section.

Neighborhood Lot Details Page Permissions Tab

Please note, if you allow other members to host third-party events in your Lot they will have the right to drop any item they wish. They will also be able to remove items within the Lot. *If you do not want others to have the ability to decorate in your Lot, it's best to turn the third-party event options off.*

If you want to allow a select number of trusted members to run events and help decorate your Lot, you can select **Only members I select may host** and enter the names of these members.

Decorating Your Lot

Now for the fun part! Now that you've gone through the process of purchasing and setting up your Lot, you can decorate your new space with items from Shop Central and the Auctions. Some Neighborhood Zones like to stick to a specific creative theme. Take a look around the Neighborhood and see how other Neighborhood Members have decorated their own Lots. Sometimes the Neighborhood Owner may even provide guidance or set specific rules for the design and style of Lots within the Neighborhood.

Drop Limits

Because Neighborhood Zones and Neighborhood Lots have a drop count limit, it is a good idea to budget the amount of items you drop in your Lot. For example, you can purchase a refrigerator (1 drop), a stove (1 drop), and kitchen cabinets (1 drop) which would add up to an amount of 3 drops. Some developers offer “1-drop” sets to help with drop budgeting, so you can purchase a “1-drop kitchen set” that contains all 3 items, saving yourself 2 drops. The drops you save can be used to furnish your home with additional ornaments or knick-knacks.

There keeps track of your drop count automatically. To check how many drops you have left at any given time, visit your Zone and go to your **Menu Bar > This Place > Gear**. The amount of remaining drops will be displayed in the Gear menu.



Drop Count Display

Purchasing Decorative Items

There are hundreds of items to choose from in **Shop Central** and **Auctions**. The possibilities are endless for a number of themes. A great place to start is the “Home and Garden” section. This section contains everything from custom designer homes to trees and plants to furniture. The **Home and Garden Auction** page has five different tabs to choose from:

Home and Garden



- ◆ The **All** tab shows all items available in Auction.
- ◆ The **Auctions** tab lists all items available for Auction and requires you to place a bid. Other members may outbid you and the object will not be available to you. Auctions can last anywhere from a day to a few weeks. If you would like an object that is only available in Auctions you will have to wait until the item in Auction closes to receive it in your inventory, only if you are the highest bidder.
- ◆ The **Buy Now** tab shows items which you can purchase which will be delivered to your inventory as soon as the sale is complete.
- ◆ The **Designer** tab lists items in auctions by individual Designers. If you have a favorite Designer you can list items made specifically by them for purchase.

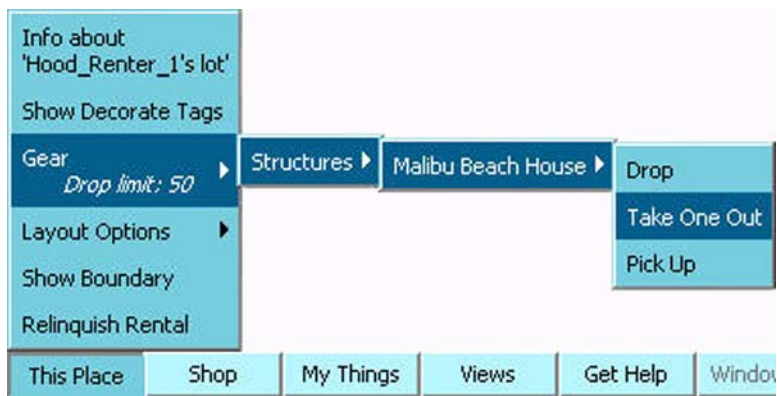
- ◆ The **Rental** tab shows items available only for rent. Rental items are in your inventory for a short amount of time.

When you've found an item you'd like to purchase, click the **Buy** button and confirm your purchase. The item will automatically be placed in your inventory. To view the item in your inventory list go to your Menu Bar and click: **My Things > (item name)**

Placing Items in Your Lot

There's Lot decorating tools let you find just the right place to place your items. The **Take One Out** command allows you to view the item and move it around to get a good idea of what it will look like in the space before you actually place or "drop" the item.

To **Take One Out** in your Lot go to your Menu Bar and click:
This Place > Gear > Structures > (Item Name) > Take One Out



Take One Out Menu Item

When you have positioned your item just where you want it, you can "drop" it in place by moving your mouse cursor over the decorating tag and clicking **Place Here**.



Place Here Action Tag Item

It might take a few tries to find the right location for your item. Try dropping the item and then stand back to look at it to see if you like its position.

Sometimes due to a Neighborhood Zone's terrain, the object you are trying to drop (for example a house) may include some of the terrain inside the building. In order to "remove" the terrain from inside of your house, you will need to raise the house above the terrain. If you have already dropped the item and need to change the position you must **Pick Up** the item to make necessary changes.

Go to your tool bar and click: **This Place > Gear > Structures > (Item Name) > Pick Up**

Once the item has been picked up you can raise and lower the item with the **(+)** and **(-)** key on your desktop's numerical keypad. **To raise the item click +. To lower the item click -.** You can adjust the positioning with these small "nudges" until you're satisfied with its location. When you've got the item exactly where you want it, click **Place Here**.



Terrain in the Living Room



Functional Living Room

Removing Items from Your Lot

You can **Put Away** an item after you have dropped it and replace it into your inventory. Go to your Menu Bar and click: **This Place > Gear > Structures > Item Name > Pick Up > Put Away**

Repeat the easy drop process for all items you would like to include in your Lot. During the decorating phase it is best to keep the **Decorating Tags** turned on so that you can move or remove items at will. To turn the **Decorating Tags** on go to your Menu Bar and click: **This Place > Show Decorate Tags**

Layout Options

Layout Options gives you the freedom to save and drop your placed items easily. Go to your Menu Bar and click: **This Place > Layout Options**

- ◆ **Clear Layout** allows you to remove all dropped objects in your Lot all at once. A pop up menu will ask you to verify if you want to clear the entire layout of your Lot.

- ◆ **Freeze Layout** lets you freeze (save) items in a particular spot. For example if you have an item hovering in the air, you can choose the Freeze option to save it in that location.
- ◆ **Remove Foreign Object** allows you to remove items such as scrolls or books left in your Lot by other members.
- ◆ **Set Entry Point** lets you set the exact location avatars will teleport into your Lot.
- ◆ **Save Layout** gives you the option to save the position of dropped items in your Lot. You are allowed 20 empty saved options which you will need to rename.
- ◆ **Load Layout** allows you to choose from your saved options. A pop up menu will ask you if you would like to load pieces to their original locations or to a position relative to where you are standing. The existing layout will be cleared if you choose one of the two options.

Scheduling Events in Your Lot

When your Lot is up and running, it's time to plan and schedule some events! When you were setting up your Lot details, you may have noticed that the **Lot Details Page** includes an Event Schedule interface on the right hand side of the page.

To schedule a new event in your Lot, click the **Add New Event** button. This will open the **Schedule an Event** page.

Choose the date, time and length of the event. You can also choose to include "prep time" if necessary.

Click the **Schedule Event** button.

Schedule an Event in Levy Island

When do you want to run this event?

[View my schedule](#)

- Now
- Today or Tomorrow
- Within the next 7 days
- Within the next 30 days

How long will the event last?

30 minutes ▾

No prep time needed ▾ (what's this?)

Schedule Event

Listing Your Event

When you schedule an event in your Event Schedule interface it will automatically list your event in the activities page on your toolbar. Members can find your event by going to the **Find Activities** link.

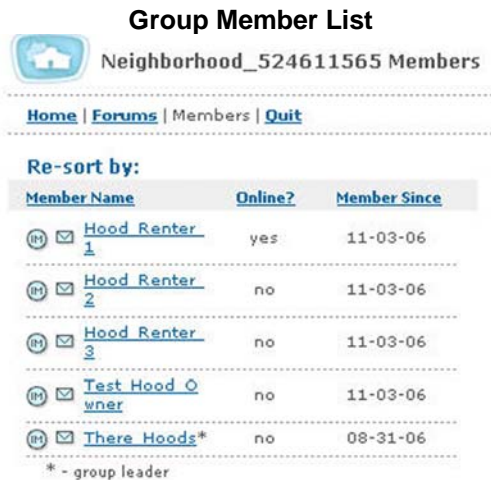
- ◆ **List Activity** allows you to create a 3-D flag to advertise your event. You will need to enter your event title, event type and event description. The flag will appear wherever you are standing in world so be sure to find an ideal spot for your flag before you begin the List Activity process.
- ◆ **Find Activities** enables members to search for monthly There promotional events, weekly events, happening now events and also provides an event search engine.
- ◆ **Schedule Events** is a link to a list of FunZones and Houses that allow event hosting. This is an alternative to hosting events in your Neighborhood Zone or Lot.
- ◆ **Happening Now** allows you to browse events by category.
- ◆ **My Schedule** lists all of the events you are currently signed up for as an attendee or host. It also shows you which events you've been invited to.



Advertising Your Event

To let the other members of your Neighborhood know about an event you're hosting, you can send them a **ThereMail** announcement. To send email to Neighborhood Members go to your Neighborhood Club page and click the "Members" link. The Group Member List will provide you with each member's avatar name, their online status and the date they became a member. Just to the left of each member's name you will see an envelope icon. Click this envelope icon to send the member an email.











The **Group Member List** allows you to send email to individual members.



Group Member List
Neighborhood_524611565 Members

[Home](#) | [Forums](#) | [Members](#) | [Quit](#)

Re-sort by:

Member Name	Online?	Member Since
  Hood Renter 1	yes	11-03-06
  Hood Renter 2	no	11-03-06
  Hood Renter 3	no	11-03-06
  Test Hood Owner	no	11-03-06
  There Hoods*	no	08-31-06

* - group leader

To let non-residents know about your event, you can list it or post an announcement in the Advertisements and Announcements section of **There Forums**.

We can help you get the word out about your event! To let us know about your upcoming event, invite the avatar **There Events** and we'll consider it for future placement in the weekly "There Fun Times" newsletter.

Removing Troublemakers from Your Event

Unfortunately sometimes troublemakers also known as "griefers" may show up to disrupt an event. The good news is that there is a quick and easy way to remove them from your Lot. Simply add the avatar to your ignore list and this will remove them from your Lot and prevent them from entering again.

To remove a member click on their nametag and choose **Ignore**.

Keeping Track of Your Lot Rental Period

To view the Neighborhood Lot Rental Period information Page, make sure you are within the boundaries of the Lot, then go to your Menu Bar and choose This Place > Info About "Your" Lot > Description Page. At the bottom of the Description Page you will see information regarding your rental period for the amount due on a thirty day basis.

Rent: **36000T** per 30 days

Rental Period: Your rental agreement expires at 12 a.m., the morning of 12/08/06.

Make sure you have enough Therebucks in your account when the rent is due! If you don't have enough Therebucks in your account to pay the rent when it comes due, your Lot will automatically revert back to your inventory. You will not be able to re-drop the Lot into a Neighborhood Zone until sufficient funds are provided for a 30 day rent period.

Glossary

Here's a list of terms used throughout the set-up manual for your reference.

Cumulative Drop Limit

The total number of items that can be placed within a Neighborhood Zone.

Designer Homes

Houses that can be placed in Neighborhood Lots. Designer Homes are available in Auctions and can be kept in your inventory, dropped and moved at will. Designer Homes are not private, meaning other members can see type and hear voice coming from inside. Other features include:

- Unlimited styles and sizes to choose from.
- Interiors and exteriors can be decorated.

Neighborhood Club

A Neighborhood Club has a single Neighborhood associated with it. Only members who belong to the Neighborhood Club can drop a Neighborhood Lot in the associated Neighborhood Zone.

Each Neighborhood Club has a Neighborhood Leader who decides who can be in the club. If the Neighborhood Leader removes you from the club or you quit, your Lot will be picked up and returned to your inventory.

A Neighborhood Club may have many members who do not actually have Lots in the Neighborhood. However, they would be allowed into the Neighborhood Zone and/or Event, should its permissions be set to Neighborhood Members only.

Neighborhood Leader

The Neighborhood Leader is a person who purchased a Neighborhood Zone from auctions. The Neighborhood Leader pays a monthly rent to There.com. He or she leads the Neighborhood club and associates it with the Neighborhood Zone.

If the Leader so chooses they may set the Neighborhood permissions to automatically add anyone who wishes to add the group or a member may have to fill out an application to join the group, at which point the Leader will accept or decline the application. Only the Neighborhood Leader can approve membership or reject members from the Neighborhood Club.

The Neighborhood Club may have a banned Avatar list which prevents members on the Leaders Ignore List from dropping lots or joining the club. The Neighborhood Leader has the right to remove people from the club.

If a Neighborhood Leader goes into default or is not able to pay the Neighborhood rent then There_Hoods will become the leader and will continue to collect rents from existing Neighborhood Lots. There_Hoods will put the Neighborhood back up for auction without disrupting the lives of the individual Neighborhood Lot renters.

Neighborhood Lot

A Neighborhood Lot can be dropped in a Neighborhood Zone. A Neighborhood Lot owner can move the Lot around the Neighborhood as they see fit. Other features include:

- Any member can purchase a Neighborhood Lot from the Store or by Auction.
- Neighborhood Lots are available in five different sizes.
- Neighborhood Lots are charged a monthly rent every thirty days to be paid directly to the Neighborhood Leader.

Neighborhood Member

Only members may drop Neighborhood Lots in the Neighborhood Zone. A Neighborhood Member belongs to the Neighborhood Club. If the Neighborhood Club Settings are set to automatic approval a member may drop a Neighborhood Lot into a Neighborhood Zone and will then be automatically added to the club as a Neighborhood Member.

To view your Neighborhood Club information click on your avatar's nametag to preview your profile. Under the listing "Groups" there will be a link to your Neighborhood Club.

Neighborhood Zone

Neighborhood Zones are pre-set 45-acre or 100-acre parcels with no pre-placed objects. Initially, Zones are empty of lots, which are then dropped by individual Neighborhood members. Other features include:

- The Neighborhood Zone belongs to a Neighborhood Leader who purchased the Zone through auctions.
- The Neighborhood Leader pays a fixed rent amount for the privilege of leading the Neighborhood and collects rent from each Neighborhood Lot within the Neighborhood.
- The Neighborhood Zone is permanently linked to a Neighborhood Club.
- PortaZones (PAZ) may not be dropped in Neighborhoods only Neighborhood Lots can be dropped.

Therebucks (T\$)

Therebucks is the currency used in There. The conversion rate between Therebucks and US \$ is 1,800T=US \$1.