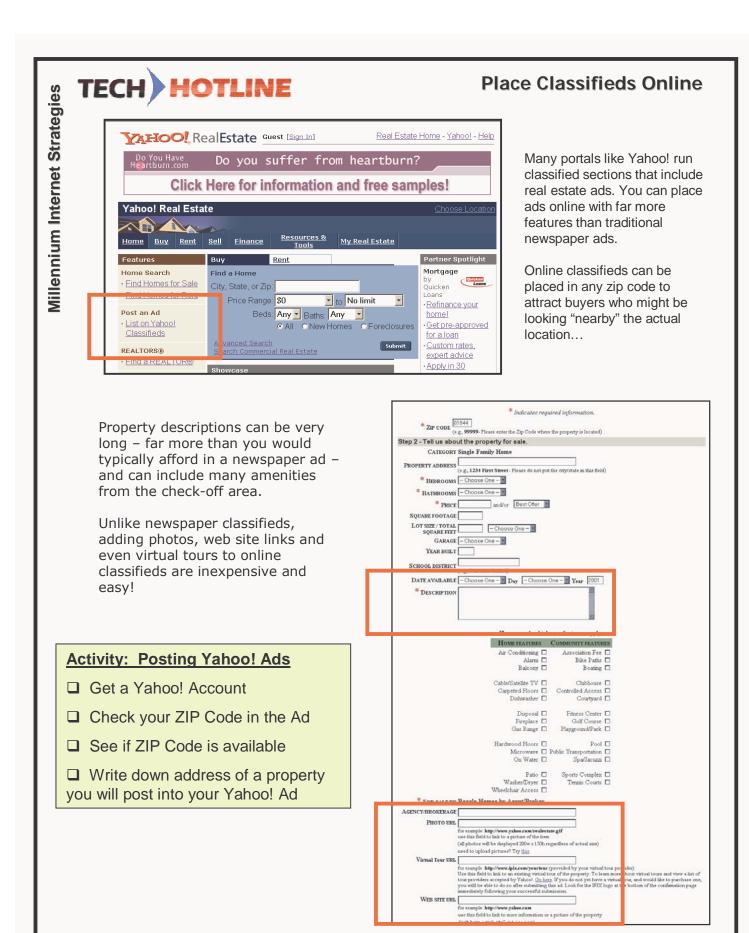


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# **Millennium Internet Strategies**



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## TECH HOTLINE

### Capturing Prospects Online Using FSBO Web Sites

Many home sellers attempt to sell their home on their own each year. While 80% of these sellers *ultimately* work with a real estate professional, there exists a time period when their house is actually on the market but they have not yet selected an agent. The faster you can track such "pre-professionally represented" properties, the easier it will be for you to target and convert qualified consumers to clients.

An excellent method for finding potential qualified seller clients is to monitor the For-Sale-By-Owner web sites such as **www.owners.com** 



#### Some facts about FSBO sites:

▶ Many require sellers to "pay" for their listing, photos, tours, etc; making these listings "more qualified" than mere free-listing sites

▶ In many cases, FSBO sites contain more entries than the local newspaper, since they can contain large quantities of information for less cost than a simple three-line classified in the paper

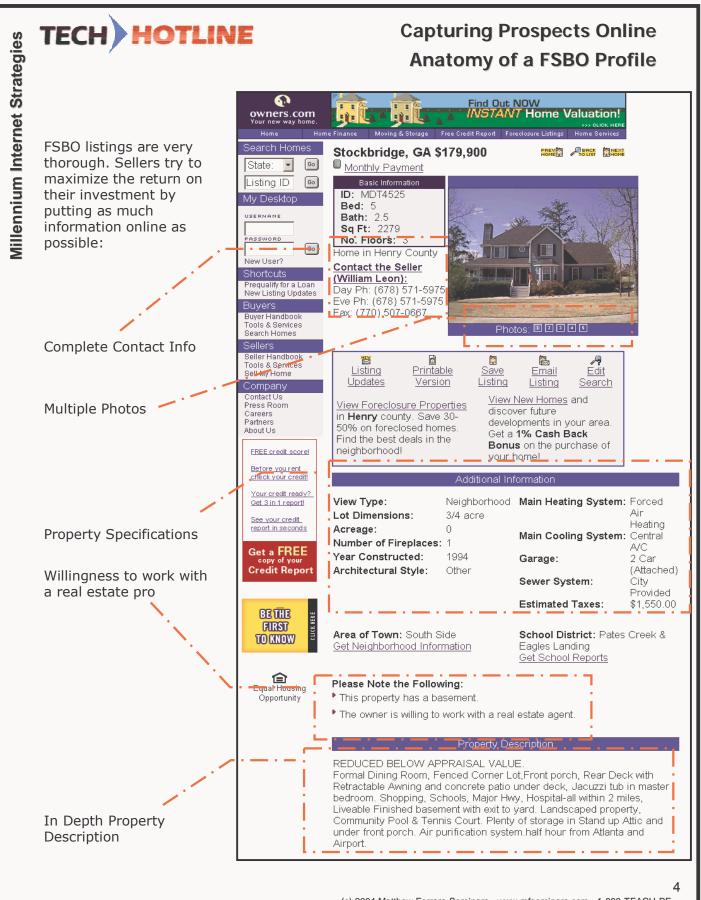
► FSBO content is usually very thorough, including street address, phone numbers, email and full name of the seller – perfect prospecting info!

#### Ways in Which FSBO Sites Can Be Useful:

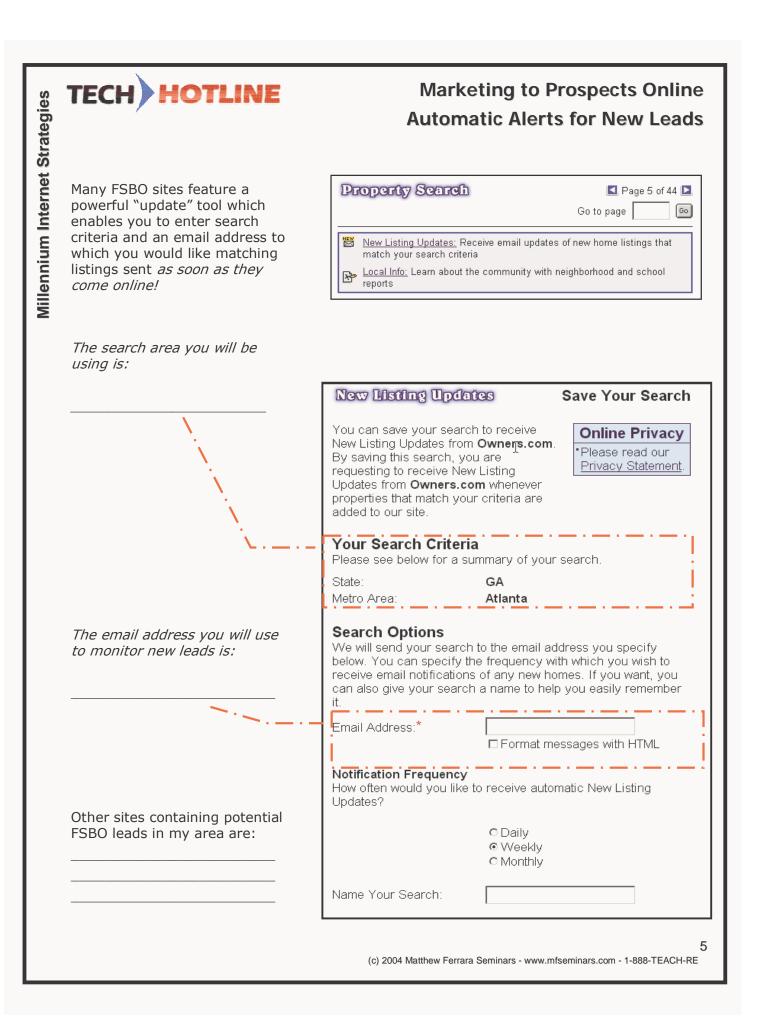
FSBO sites represent sellers in your area who are motivated to sell their homes right now. They are an excellent source of potential listing appointments.

FSBO sites contain properties for sale in your local marketplace that you *might not otherwise have noticed* because they are not in MLS or advertised in newspapers. Such properties may be good opportunities for your *buyer clients.* 

FSBO sites are statewide in scope; you could look up the sellers in other cities in your state and send them helpful email messages. If they become interested in working with a pro, you could make a referral without actually traveling to distant cities in your state.



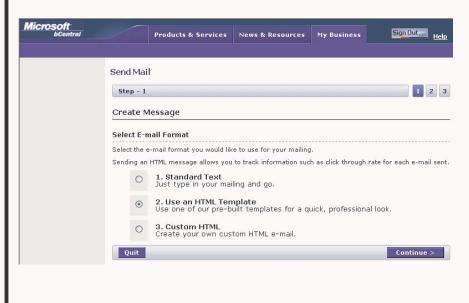
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### **E-mail Newsletter Tools**

The typical net-savvy consumer participates in an average of two online digests, receiving daily and weekly messages on a variety of topics such as travel, weather, sales or topics of close personal interest.

Start your own E-Newsletter with **BCENTRAL and for less** than \$30 per month you can send 10,000 newsletter emails. Put a sign up box on your web site so visitors can join when they visit your site.

You can ask new subscribers to fill out a quick survey, too. Visitors join various "Interest groups" you offer based upon their real estate goals; this makes it easier for you to send specific messages to subscribers based upon interest topics.

BCentral newsletter tools also manage subscriptions automatically, eliminating the need to purge and maintain complex mailing lists. BCentral will even remove accounts that 'bounce' so you don't spend money sending messages to inactive accounts.



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