

Get Involved, Stay Informed, Do Your Part

When most of us decided to buy our home and live within our community association, the last thing that probably came to mind were the possibilities that community association living presented. After all, anytime a group of homeowners work together for a common goal, practically *anything* is possible. From increasing our community's aesthetic appeal and eliminating neighborhood crime, to creating a more influential voice in regional issues, the opportunities to benefit from being a part of a community association lie waiting to be seized. The possibilities are limited only by our ability to work *together*.

Unfortunately, without a clear understanding of *how* and *why* our community association operates, those possibilities will elude us. When we can grasp the theory that underlies our governing documents and the reasons that our Board and management company *must*, at times, do what they do, then we take a giant step towards realizing the potential of our community.

Our community association is no different than any other organization. In order to succeed and reach its potential, it needs the support and *involvement* of its members. Just think of the goals that can be achieved when we *all* work together for the betterment of our community. Instead of perceiving our association as an obstacle to overcome, try thinking of it a tool to help us create a more comfortable life-style. But, like any tool, we need to learn how to use it effectively before it can do any good. Get involved, stay informed and do your part. You won't be sorry!