

## **If You Want To Thrive In Your Community, Get Involved!**

Community Association living is a very personal experience. Some owners prefer to forget that they are members of a non-profit corporation (your community association) and refuse to take any active role in the operation of their association. Others resent their membership and take every opportunity available to express their discontent and frustration. And still others embrace their community and their association and work diligently to improve their community. They volunteer their time to serve on an association committee and even take their turn to serve on the Board of Directors. And they do this, not just for themselves, but for the entire community (even for those owners who refuse to participate and those who are overly critical).

To thrive as a member of a community association is to recognize the important role that each member of the association serves and to act on that recognition. To thrive is to step up to the plate and take your best swing. It is to contribute to the protection of your community's assets by getting involved. When your community's assets are maintained, preserved and enhanced, then your property values and the investment you have in your home are also protected.

Getting involved does not always mean serving on an association committee or the Board of Directors. Every time you obey and comply with your community's governing documents (Rules & Regulations, Architectural Guidelines, CC&R's) then you are involved. Whenever you take the few minutes needed to fill out, sign and mail in your proxy prior to your Annual Meeting, you are getting involved. When you assist the Board of Directors by helping them identify owners who fail to comply with your governing documents you are getting involved. When you choose to attend a Board of Directors meeting you are getting involved. When you read your community's newsletter you are getting involved. Involvement has many faces.

Certainly the investment you have in your home is worth a little involvement. Community association members have a tremendous opportunity to work together in the achievement of common goals and objectives. Each time one of those goals or objectives is reached, everyone benefits and thriving in your association becomes a bit easier. Start thriving today...get involved!