



Newsletter

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Wishing you a safe, happy 4th of July!



The American tradition of parades, BBQ's, and fireworks are synonymous with celebrating our nation's birthday on the Fourth of July. Before purchasing fireworks and sending out invitations, please be sure to check your association documents. Many associations have rules that prohibit the use of fireworks.

If your association prohibits fireworks, you may choose to send out a gentle reminder notice to your Residents. Your notice should include information on the local fireworks displays in your area. Providing notice and information to your Residents in advance of the holiday may prevent compliance issues on the day of the celebration.

The fourth of July is a day to celebrate with family and friends. Sarasota and the surrounding communities have plenty of activities scheduled from parades to food to festivals, and of course, fireworks. The various activities are spread out over a few days. To see a list of activities and events, please click on the below link:

<http://www.escape-to-sarasota.com/sarasota-fourth-of-july.html>

Remember to check the weather channel to be prepared for the day. Have a safe, fun holiday celebrating with those you love the most.

When celebrating the 4th of July, don't forget the bug spray!

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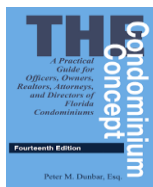
Mosquitos

Can you believe that a mosquito is the deadliest animal in the world? In fact, according to the World Health Organization, mosquito bites result in the deaths of more than 1 million people every year.

While many of us do not worry about deadly consequences from a mosquito bite, most of us do not enjoy this miniscule animal in our lives.

Mosquitos can breed in an area as little as a teaspoon of standing water. So, what can you do to prevent mosquitos in your community? Take preventative measures to reduce or eliminate the source. Send notice to your owners asking them to check their property for items like bird baths, planters, small toys, and bromeliads that can all hold enough standing water for mosquitos to lay their eggs. In addition, check your gutters and drainage ditches to be sure that they are free flowing.

If you are looking for help or want to know more about mosquito control, feel free to contact us. We'll be more than happy to help direct you to the proper channels for mosquito control and education.



Great reference guide for Board Members

When working with new and old Board Members, we always recommend that the Board purchase the most recent version of Condominium Concepts (for condo assns.) or The Law of Florida Homeowners Associations (for HOA's or Master Associations). These books are a great tool to help your Board successfully manage your association within the guidelines of Florida Statutes.



Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

It's everyone's responsibility to conserve and protect water resources. The decisions and actions we take affect our water resources for the future. The following suggestions will help you get in the habit of saving water in the great outdoors:

- Use a rain gauge to measure rainfall. One inch of rain per week is generally sufficient for lawns and gardens. Supplement only when rainfall is inadequate.
- Use mulch around landscaping; it eliminates weeds and holds moisture in the soil.
- Select hardy plants that don't need much water. Plants native to our climate and soils will survive well without supplemental watering.
- Water during the cool part of the day to avoid rapid evaporation.
- Raise the mowing heights on your lawn mower. This promotes healthier grass that has a better chance to survive dry periods.
- When watering is necessary, water slowly and thoroughly. If puddles form or water runs off, slow down and wait for water to soak in. Be sure your sprinkler puts water where you need it-not on driveways or sidewalks.
- Wash cars efficiently. Use a bucket and sponge, and don't let the water run while you scrub.

How Do I Receive Future Newsletters?



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President

We understand that the job of a Board Member can often be time consuming and thankless. Our monthly newsletter is designed to help your Board Members with their discussions on some of the issues that your association may be dealing with.

We'd love to continue to send you newsletters that can be used as helpful tools for managing your association. If you'd like to continue to receive newsletters, please go to www.communicuemgmt.com, click on 'Contact Us' and send us a comment that you would like to receive future newsletters. Once received, we will be more than happy to send future newsletters to you electronically.