

# East Side Forum

## Hi-Riser

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### Condo town halls popular among boards and owners

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The only thing trickier than navigating the muddy waters of condo rules and regulations is navigating those same obscured waters on a state level.

With that in mind, many local law firms and state condo advocacy groups have made concerted efforts to host recurring town hall programs that aim to educate condo owners and board members.

One such firm, Kaye Bender Rembaum, is hosting a free informational town hall meeting on Tuesday to help clarify any recent legislative changes that affect community associations.

Kaye Bender Rembaum is a law firm in Pompano Beach that represents community associations in South Florida. The firm began hosting the town hall sessions about seven years ago.

"We developed these town hall meetings as an open educational forum so board members can gain insight into the pressing and pertinent issues they are actually facing rather than what we think they need to hear," said Robert L. Kaye, a managing firm member.

The informational town hall meeting be-

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gins at 6:45 p.m. Jan. 13 at ArtServe, 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. Topics to be discussed during the town hall event include various 2014 legislative changes as well as how to handle emotional-assistance animals.

"For all community association leaders running their communities, we feel that they would be more effective in their roles if they are as fully informed as possible about the issues that they continually face," Kaye said.

Along with discussing various changes and other hot topics, the seminars also feature a Q & A session about any community association topic

and how to incorporate law changes into their communities. Part of the seminars will also be used to clear up misconceptions of how boards operate and the power they can impose.

Kaye said each year the concerns of attendees change and topics are always different.

"As it has developed, we have found that each town hall meeting tends to be unique because each new audience brings different topics and questions, which are fully covered for all in attendance," Kaye said.

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