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## Condominium town hall series offers open forum

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Lawyers from the Kaye Bender Rembaum law firm are bringing back their town hall series for condo residents and board members.

Now in its eighth year, the annual educational series offers discussions, lectures, and a forum for those living in community associations to have their questions answered.

"Recognizing that there was no course being offered which allowed for a large variety of topics to be discussed during one program, we decided to come up with a format that would allow the attendees to set the agenda and allow managers and board members a forum to have all their community association questions addressed, regardless of the underlying topic," said Michael Bender, a partner

and lawyer with the firm.

The town hall series kicks off at 10 a.m. Dec. 9 in Pompano Beach at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center, 530 NW Third St. Other dates include Jan. 21 in Sunrise and Feb. 9 in Delray Beach. Admission is free.

The series emphasizes educating board members and residents on how legislative changes affect their communities. Seminars will also focus on how to clear up misconceptions about living in a community and how boards operate and the power they can impose. The forum will also provide a platform for residents and board members to ask questions.

"Our expectations remain that all attendees will leave the town hall with a lot more communi-

ty association education than when they arrived," Bender said. "While the program is scheduled for two hours, we typically run longer as we make sure that all questions from those in attendance are addressed."

Bender said each year the concerns of attendees change and topics evolve as new issues arrive.

"With a better understanding of the issues the board faces, an educated board will be in a better position to timely and properly address those issues," Bender said. "It also allows educated residents to better understand the role of the board in governing the association."

*For information about the town hall series or to make reservations, call 954-776-1999 ext. 242.*