



Community Concerns

Creating Neighborly Communities

(NAPSA)—A growing number of homeowners and the associations that manage their communities, condominiums and co-ops have realized that there are benefits of working together to make sure there's no place like home.

For example, one group helps homeowners and their associations cooperate and build better neighborhoods by giving neighborly advice on a number of topics—ranging from how to live well in an association managed community to the best ways to find a good contractor.

Since 1973, the group—called the Community Associations Institute (CAI)—has served as the largest support network and voice for community associations in the country.

Experts say membership in the organization can give homeowners and community association members peace-of-mind in a number of ways:

- **Resources.** CAI's ever growing collection of over 100 association-related publications, guides and literature can help community members stay on top of the latest trends, regulations and information affecting community management.

- **Expert Advice.** Community association members and homeowners can benefit from the association's qualified and knowledgeable advice on reserve funding and investments, drafting association rules, community association insurance, risk management, contract negotiations and more.

- **Credentialing Program.** CAI provides education and train-



Community Associations Institute helps homeowner associations and residents create great neighborhoods.

ing and credentials for professional managers of community associations and a means by which associations can judge the skill base of potential managers.

- **Networking.** As a multidisciplinary alliance working with many different audiences, CAI can offer members a variety of networking opportunities. CAI's members range from cooperative and homeowner association board members to private homeowners and public officials. Other members include community managers, lawyers, accountants, insurance and other professional service providers.

- **Membership Benefits.** CAI members receive a free subscription to the association's magazine—*Common Ground*—as well as membership in local chapters. In addition, members receive free access to CAI's e-newsletter, specialized discounts on the organization's print publications and information on conferences.

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