



10 Ways to Destroy Your Association

(In other words, how to quickly hurt all of your property values.)

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1. Stay away from meetings. Show up at meetings only if you have a problem or complaint.
2. Decline office or appointment to any Committee. Then, get angry if you are not nominated.
3. Insist on describing the Association in Negative terms only. Never prepare an agenda, never plan the details of an event, and never coordinate with affiliates.
4. Don't do any association work if you can avoid it. Then, when the old reliable individuals pitch in and get the job done, accuse them of being a clique.
5. If you do come to a meeting, don't speak until the meeting is finished. Then, criticize and say how things should have been handles.
6. Oppose all new programs as being a waste of the membership's money.
7. When nothing new happens, complain that the officers lack imagination.
8. Read your bulletins infrequently or throw them out when you get them. Then, complain that you don't know what is going on.
9. Never introduce yourself to new members or visitors – try to make them come to you.
10. Never help out a neighbor when you know that they may have issues that they can't address (trash cans, holiday lights, etc.) when you can bring them to the Associations attention instead.

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