



## **Associa and Community Advocacy Network Partner to Provide Free Community Association Education Forums Across the State of Florida**

*The "Community Forum 2010" Conversation Starts NOW, with Registration Open for Three Seminars Sept. 27-29 in Naples, Orlando and Ft. Lauderdale, FL*

**FT. LAUDERDALE, FL and DALLAS, TX – Sept. 16, 2010** – [Associa](#), the leader in community association management, and the [Community Advocacy Network \(CAN\)](#), the leading statewide advocate for the interests of millions of Florida community association residents, today announced "Community Forum 2010," a series of community educational forums for residents of condominiums, homeowner associations and other common interest ownership communities across the state.

At no other time in community association history have so many opportunities for learning and growth been available at once to homeowners. Associa and CAN, with their joint decades of national and Florida community association experience, invite homeowners to engage in conversations about:

- Legislative Update: What the 2010 Legislative Session changes actually mean;
- BP Oil Spill: How BP's oil spill has already made an impact and what to do about it;
- Best Management Practices: How proper management is critical to surviving and thriving; and,
- Disaster Readiness: Why and how your community should prepare itself for any disaster.

Free advance registration is currently open online at the Community Forum 2010 website ([www.CommunityForumFL.org](http://www.CommunityForumFL.org)) for community residents, Board members, managers and others for all three forum events, scheduled for:

**Dania Beach/Ft. Lauderdale**  
**Sept. 27, 6pm - 9pm**  
IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame  
300 Gulf Stream Way  
Dania Beach, FL

**Naples/Ft. Myers**  
**Sept. 28, 2pm - 5pm**  
Norris Community Center  
755 8th Ave. So.,  
Naples, FL

**Orlando**  
**Sept. 29, 10am – 1pm**  
Springhill Suites by Marriott  
Orlando International Airport  
5828 Hazeltine National Drive  
Orlando, FL

Interested individuals may also request additional information or register in advance by telephone by calling toll-free to +1 800-714-3514.

"Sharing our knowledge and opening the conversation among residents, Board members, managers and professional service providers about issues that most impact our Florida communities is paramount in these trying times," said Donna DiMaggio Berger, Executive Director

of CAN and Managing Partner of the statewide community association law firm of Katzman Garfinkel & Berger.

“We’re dedicated to making Florida homeowners feel heard and by answering the hottest and most concerning questions in community management today,” said Wendy Murray, Director of Business Development at Association Services of Florida.

The Community Advocacy Network (CAN) is as a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization established in 2007 by the law firm of Katzman Garfinkel & Berger, with the aim of educating and informing the millions of Floridians living in private residential communities about the issues that impact their lifestyles and property values as well as advocates at all levels of government (city, state and federal) to protect those values.

### **About Associa**

Building successful communities for more than 30 years, Associa is the leader in community association management and serves its clients with local knowledge, national resources and comprehensive expertise. Associa and its 8,000 employees operate more than 100 branch offices in the United States and Mexico. To learn more about Associa, go to [www.associaonline.com](http://www.associaonline.com). Find us on [www.Facebook.com/Associa](http://www.Facebook.com/Associa) or follow us [www.twitter.com/Associa](http://www.twitter.com/Associa).

Association Services of Florida ([www.associaflorida.com](http://www.associaflorida.com)) in Fort Lauderdale, Benson’s, Inc. ([www.bensonsinc.com](http://www.bensonsinc.com)) in Naples, and Community Management Professionals ([www.community-mgmt.com](http://www.community-mgmt.com)) in Orlando, Florida, are Associa companies that have provided community association management and developer services for more than three decades across Florida. To learn more about each company helping to host the Community Forums, please visit their Facebook pages by searching for: “Association Services of Florida,” “Bensons Inc.” or “Community Management Professionals Inc.”

### **About the Community Advocacy Network**

The Community Advocacy Network® (CAN) is the leading statewide advocacy network dedicated to improving the quality of life of all who live, work and serve in Florida's more than 55,000 common interest ownership communities. Throughout the year CAN performs its work through the tools on its website such as the Capitol Connection, educational materials for board members, residents and association managers, email alerts and free Board Member Boot Camp® training.

The Community Advocacy Network membership is open to all Florida common interest ownership communities, including condominiums, co-operatives, homeowner associations, timeshares and mobile home communities. To find out more about CAN activities and membership, as well as links to CAN on the social networking sites Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, visit [www.CANFI.com](http://www.CANFI.com) or phone 954-315-0372.

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