

The HOA Board & Social Media Communication Playbook

How HOA Boards Can Build Trust, Manage Social Media, and Communicate Effectively With Residents.



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The Hidden Risk Facing HOA Boards

Many HOA boards assume their biggest risks are legal exposure, financial management, or vendor issues. But in practice, many of the most difficult challenges in communities stem from something much simpler: communication.

When residents don't understand the reasoning behind board decisions, even small issues can quickly escalate into conflict.

Why Most HOA Conflicts Start With Communication

Many HOA conflicts stem not from the decisions themselves, but from how they're communicated.

Residents are more likely to support board decisions when they understand:

- ✓ What decision was made
- ✓ Why it was necessary
- ✓ How the board arrived at the decision
- ✓ What the expected outcome will be

The 5 Biggest Communication Mistakes

1. Waiting too long to communicate important updates
2. Using overly technical or legal language
3. Failing to explain the reasoning behind decisions
4. Communicating only when problems arise
5. Engaging in debates on social media



Using Social Media Wisely

Social media can help residents stay connected, but it should never replace official communication channels.

Boards should avoid debating issues online and instead direct residents to official information sources.

Protecting the Board Online

Board members should always exercise caution when communicating online. Statements made on social media can create legal exposure, and online debates can escalate quickly.

HOA Communication Checklist

- ✓ Establish official communication channels
- ✓ Maintain an up-to-date community website
- ✓ Communicate early about major decisions
- ✓ Explain the reasoning behind board actions
- ✓ Provide regular updates
- ✓ Treat social media as a secondary channel
- ✓ Avoid debating issues publicly online
- ✓ Document communications for transparency

10 Things HOA Boards Should Never Say Online

1. "We'll fix that immediately."
2. "That rule doesn't apply to you."
3. "We're still figuring it out."
4. "This isn't the board's problem."
5. "Don't worry about the budget."
6. "The lawyer said it's fine."
7. "We'll make an exception just this once."
8. "Residents don't need to know that."
9. "It's not in the rules, but we're doing it anyway."
10. "This conversation is over."



Strong Communities Start With Strong Communication

HOA boards serve as stewards of their communities.

By prioritizing proactive communication, clarity, and consistency, boards can reduce conflict and strengthen trust with residents.

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