

Only One Association Avoided the Fraud

There were half a dozen associations involved, and while it is a board's responsibility to protect Association assets, only one took that responsibility seriously. As a result, only one avoided the fraud. [Read more](#)

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Christmas Holiday Wreath, Anyone? (OK, Lighten up)

Receptionist: Hello, welcome to Obama Flowers. My name is Trina. How can I help you?

Customer: Hello, I received an email from Professional Flowers stating that my flower order has been canceled and I should go to your exchange to reorder it. I tried your website, but it seems like it is not working. So I am calling the 800 number.

Receptionist: Yes, I am sorry about the website. It was supposed to be fixed by the end of November. But I can help you.

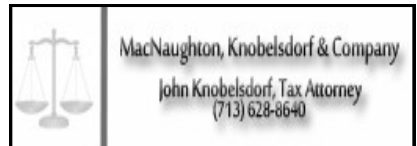
Customer: Thanks. I ordered a "Christmas wreath" for our house, and wanted it delivered to my wife. [Read more](#)



Merry Christmas!

HOA Pulse will be taking next week off in celebration of the Christmas Holiday. We wish you and yours a wonderful Holiday Season. Look for us to resume publication on December 31, 2013.

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New cases this week include:

[Clipper Estates Master Homeowners' Association v. Harkins—Louisiana](#)

[Falls Garden Condominium Association, Inc. v. Falls Homeowners Association Inc.—Maryland](#)

[Granville Condominium Homeowners Association v. Kuehner—Washington](#)



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Receptionist, interrupting: Sir, "Christmas wreaths" do not meet our minimum standards, I will be happy to provide you with our Holiday bouquet.

Customer: But I have always ordered "Christmas wreaths"— done it for years. My wife likes them.

Receptionist: Holiday bouquets are better, sir. I am sure your wife will love them.

Customer: Well, how much are they?

Receptionist: It depends, sir. What is your monthly income?

Customer: What does that have to do with anything?

Receptionist: I need that to determine your government flower subsidy, then I can determine how much your out-of-pocket cost will be. But if your income is below our minimums for a subsidy, then I can refer you to our Flower Aid department.

Customer: Flower Aid?

Receptionist: Yes, flowers are a right. Everyone has a right to flowers. So, if you can't afford them, then the government will supply them free of charge.

Customer: Who said they were a right?

Receptionist: Congress passed it, the President signed it, and the Supreme Court found it constitutional.

Customer: Whoa... I don't remember seeing anything in the Constitution regarding flowers as a right.

Receptionist: It is not really a right in the Constitution, but Obama Flowers is constitutional because the Supreme Court ruled it a "tax." Taxes are constitutional. But we feel it is a right.

Customer: I don't believe this...

Receptionist: It's the law of the land, sir. Now, we anticipated most people would go for the Silver package, so what is your monthly income, sir?

Customer: Forget it. I think I will forgo the Christmas wreath this year.

Receptionist: In that case, sir, I will still need your monthly income.

Customer: Why?

Receptionist: To determine what your "non-participation" cost would be.

Customer: WHAT? You can't charge me for NOT buying a Christmas wreath!

Receptionist: It's the law of the land, sir, approved by the Supreme Court. It's \$9.50 or 1% of your monthly income —

Customer: This is ridiculous. I'll pay the \$9.50.

Receptionist: Sir, it is the \$9.50 or 1% of your monthly income, whichever is greater.

Customer: ARE YOU KIDDING ME? What a ripoff!!

Receptionist: Actually, sir, it is a good deal. Next year it will be 2%.

Customer: Look, I'm going to call my congressman to find out what's going on here. This is ridiculous. I'm not going to pay it.

Receptionist: Sorry to hear that, sir. That's why I had the NSA track this call and obtain the make and model of the cell phone you are using.

Customer: Why does the NSA need to know what kind of CELL PHONE I AM USING?

Receptionist: So they get your GPS coordinates, sir. (Doorbell rings, followed immediately by a loud knock on the door)

Receptionist: That would be the IRS, sir. Thanks for calling Obama Flowers, have a nice day... and God bless America.



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Article Title	Article Summary	State
Heritage Lakes resident's at-home business nixed	A homeowner is being forced to either move or end her at-home business after her homeowner association filed a complaint with the city. The Planning and Zoning Commission rejected her application for a conditional use permit needed for the in-home business.	Ohio
Fire concerns could lead to dropped policies, increase in dues	Homeowners are being warned that their fire insurance could be dropped after the number of fires have increased within the homeowners association.	North Carolina
Proposed bill to regulate homeowners associations	A new bill in South Carolina would require homeowners associations to have better communication with nonpaying residents and also to be regulated by a state agency.	South Carolina
Lawsuit alleges fraud by officers of Brentwood homeowners association	Board members are being accused of fraudulently trying to obtain portions of neighborhood common land for the benefit of giving it to a handful of residents at no cost. They are also being accused of suppressing opposition by intercepting and blocking community emails.	Tennessee
Justice Department charges Minn. Condominium association, management company and property manager with discrimination against families with children	The Justice Department has filed a lawsuit against a homeowners association for violating the Fair Housing Act. They feel the association has discriminated against families with children.	Minnesota
Property owners clean up in wake of tornado	A storm that ended up being a tornado, caused major damage at a Condominium in Atlantic Beach. Two of the property's three buildings were condemned.	North Carolina
Wells Fargo fee payment at center of Delaware court battle	Wells Fargo bank purchased hundreds of vacant lots in a development during a sheriff's sale because the developer owes them \$72 million. The association is claiming, as owners, they must pay association fees.	Delaware
Protection sought for Westboro property values, historic character	A group of homeowners wants to establish a Neighborhood Conservation District to protect the architectural styles present in the West Topeka community. They desire to protect the English Tudor, English Cottage and French Eclectic styles to keep their property values and historic character.	Kansas
Bank required to pay overdue HOA assessments	In this Q & A bad debt line items and poorly run elections are the topics being discussed.	Nevada
Five things every condo association board member should know	The author of this article highlights five responsibilities and obligations a volunteer must be aware of as they take on a position with the board of their association. By not being aware, the author claims the volunteer can potentially open themselves up to lawsuits.	Georgia