

Training Workshop Planned for Community Associations

The Delaware Department of Justice's Common Interest Community Ombudsperson Advisory Council and the Justice of the Peace Court, with support by Community Associations Institutes will lead a day-long forum in Sussex County designed to assist the formation and function of local residential organizations.

"Introduction to Community Associations" will cover such topics as the role & responsibilities of the directors, officers and owners, communication with the association members, handling meetings and volunteers, fundamentals of financial management, creating and enforcing association rules, conflict resolution and collection of delinquent Assessments without using a lawyer.

The event will take place Saturday November 5, 2016 at the Sussex County Association of Realtors' Conference Center, 23407 Park Avenue in Georgetown. The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$35 per person and is open to the first 50 people with a paid registration. The fee will include continental breakfast, lunch and a course book with handout materials.

Registration is available by email, regular mail or fax to:

Email: CIC.OmbudsmanDOJ@delaware.gov

Mail: Dept. of Justice – Ombudsman, 820 N. French St., 5th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801

Fax: (302) 577-6499, attn. Dept. of Justice, Community Ombudsman

Payment may be mailed with the registration or made in person at the event, however only the first 50 people who have paid

will be admitted. Payment must be made by check or money order. NO cash or credit cards will be accepted.

For more information, people can call, the Department of Justice at (302) 577-8600.

The General Assembly created the Office of the Ombudsperson for the Common Interest Community in the Department of Justice in August 2014. The purpose of the Office is to assist members of residential "common interest communities" to understand their rights and responsibilities and where possible, to resolve disputes without use of the judicial system.