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## President's Message—Election Time Again

by Allison Smith

On April 18, 2010, we'll hold our Annual Meeting and elect five Board Members. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to run for the Board. The Board makes important decisions about our Community and would benefit from your participation. Several Board Members have served for a number of years and would like to give others a chance. Please consider filling one of these important positions.

There are many benefits of being on the Board. Most of us don't know what our HOA does and are confused about its governance, responsibilities and authority. Some of us complain about the services our HOA provides (or lack, thereof), but most of us don't have any idea what it costs to provide the landscaping, maintenance and other amenities that are required by law.

You can learn these things, and many more, by being on the Board. You can also get hands-on experience making decisions that are important to our Community. So, please help us and run for the Board. It takes only a couple of hours a month. To become a candidate, simply complete the candidacy form on the website or request one from the Management Company and return it no later than March 15, 2010 to have your name on the ballot. Candidates must be Members in good standing, current in the payment of their assessment and have no outstanding violations on their lot.

## Disposal Etiquette

Please be mindful of the fact that 56 units share the trash bin & recycle bins. With everyone's cooperation we can contain costs by utilizing the trash bin for household trash, break down boxes to fit in the recycle bins, order a special pick up for larger items, and require any contractors working at your home to dispose of building materials and debris off-site, etc. Finally, report violators to the management company.



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## *2010 Board Meeting Schedule*

Date: Third Thursday of the Month

Time: Homeowners' Forum at 6:30 PM

March 18 –

April 15 – Annual Meeting

May 20 – Pool opens

June 17 –

July 15 -

August 19 -

September 16 -

October 21 – 2011 Budget

November 18 - CPA

Attend an upcoming Board meeting! Volunteers are being sought to welcome new residents to the Community; organize the Social Committee? Are you interested? Contact [Trevor@acihoa.com](mailto:Trevor@acihoa.com).

