

Why you should become a Member of the Westmont Landlord Association

The Westmont Multi Family Housing Licensing Ordinance presents a number of unknowns, specifically the undefined locally amended building codes listed in the 'Scope of Inspection' part of the ordinance, and this prompted the need for our Landlord Association, to provide for a forum by which we can all come together to discuss and input our opinions towards fair and reasonable building standards and any other undefined areas of concern with the Village. We all need to come together on this because as individuals our voices won't be heard, it's only in the size of numbers that we can emphasize our input.

As an additional benefit, our Association is all about the business of landlording and there is a wealth of information passed on to us about better managing and operating our properties. The information we get is about cash-flow, tax credits, collecting back rent, financing, tenant-landlord situations, etc and we are also kept up to date on any legislation that is relevant to our industry. And, the association's meetings provide for industry related show and tells, speakers from local businesses, and a forum for us all to get together pertaining to the new ordinance and with that we get to network with each other to exchange info and ideas. It doesn't matter if a person owns an apt building in a community of apartment buildings (the Ponds, Willow View, etc.) or an owner of a standalone apartment building or a single family rental, the business of landlording is the same. The ordinance prompted us to form an association, but, when coming together to establish the association, setting aside the ordinance, we discovered there is a greater promise for the association and we would've been better off today if we had formed an association years ago.

We are also offering an associate membership to businesses that offer products and services that are related to our business, this works both ways, it's an inexpensive way to put their business in front of a wide audience and it's a means for us to know about services that service our needs, especially niche type businesses that provide specific products & services to service our specific needs.

Everybody that becomes a member of our Association will also become a member of the 'Illinois Rental Property Owners Association', IRPOA, when we join that association. The IRPOA is composed of a number of local landlord associations from across the state and is a proponent of good legislation by the state thru a lobbyist in Springfield. By joining the state association we become part of a network of many landlord associations and support a much larger input to the state towards fair and reasonable legislation pertaining to our rental housing industry and we'll have access to an even greater amount of information that may be beneficial to each of us, individually.

Your annual membership fee is tax deductible because we are a non-profit organization, this fee is to pay for meeting places, P.O.Box, website hosting, and other support materials, etc. The benefits are much greater than the cost.

'We are Landlords helping Landlords'

Complete the printed form and return, with the appropriate annual fee, to:

**Westmont Landlord Association
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