

Presidents letter to Members of MRTNA

As president of the MRTNA, I feel it's my responsibility to keep our members informed regarding any actions put forth to the board, which may have an effect on them.

I'm writing you in regards to a request Mr. Smith submitted to us in an effort to obtain MRTNA membership information, a request which we denied him on two occasions.

I have since received a letter from the law firm of Arnstein & Lehr LLP in regards to Mr. Smith's request and they're asking that the MRTNA board comply with said request and supply all member names and phone numbers to him. We have not complied, nor do we have any intentions of doing so, and I will respond to the firm in kind.

The board of directors feels it is under no legal obligation to release your private information to anyone. Our association is a private entity, strictly engaged to better our neighborhood and community and therefore we are not required to comply with The Public Records Act CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES. Nor are we to do so under any other statute as having been confirmed by our city attorney's office.

The MRTNA board has an understanding that our members have a certain level of expectation regarding their privacy and as your board it's our duty to protect that privacy.

In closing, I apologize to our membership and I have to say it's very unfortunately our association is forced to spend time, our limited resources and possibly association funds on matters such as these.

Sincerely,
Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association
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