

## *This and That . . .*



★★★★★ In 2011, Tom Schild will be teaching a two-day course on **Community Governance** in Seattle, Washington and Phoenix, Arizona. The course is part of the Professional Manager Development Program of the Community Associations Institute. In 2010, he taught the Community Governance course in Sarasota, Florida, and Baltimore, Maryland.



★★★★★ In February, 2011, Tom Schild presented a portion of the FHA Condominium Approval program for the Chesapeake Regional Chapter of the Community Association Institute (CRC CAI).

In March 2009, Tom Schild participated in a program in Washington, D.C. on **Condominium Insurance**. The program was part of the Annual Conference and Expo of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the Community Associations Institute (WMCCAI).

In October, 2008 Tom Schild taught Essentials of Community Association Volunteer Leadership in Silver Spring, Maryland. Mr. Schild presented the portion of the all day course regarding association **legal documents and rules enforcement**.

In On May 13, 2008, Tom Schild was featured in a Fox TV news story about the "foreclosure crisis" and the financial impact of unpaid assessments on condominium and homeowner associations. Fox 5's Melanie Alnwick reported that the rising number of owners behind in payment of assessments cuts across all geographic and demographic areas and could result in higher association assessments to make up for any budget shortfall.

★★★★★ In 2011, Christopher Hitchens is serving as a **Hearing Panel Chair** for the **Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities**. He leads arbitration hearings involving disputes between homeowners and associations.

★★★★★ Tom Schild is a member and immediate past-chair of **Maryland Legislative Action Committee (MD-LAC) of the Community Association Institute**. The Committee formulates and represents CAI's views on proposed Maryland state legislation.

★★★★ Throughout the 2011 legislative session, Tom Schild and other members of the Community Associations Institute's Maryland Legislative Action Committee (CAI) met with legislators, submitted written testimony and attended committee hearings in support of the priority lien bill. Enactment of this legislation caps a 15-year effort by CAI and community associations throughout Maryland to establish a statutory priority for assessment liens.

★★★★ Christopher Hitchens serves on the Legislative Committee of the Washington Metro Chapter of the Community Association Institute. The Committee monitors and participates in legislative matters in Montgomery, Prince George's, Frederick, and Charles Counties.