

SASY guidelines for email and online forum discussions

Code of conduct

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The mission of the SASY is to advocate for a better community for its residents, businesses, and visitors through an open, consensual process.

This email listserv was established to facilitate communication among SASYNA community members. Our expectations are that all contributors to this listserv will communicate in a manner that affords all members mutual respect and dignity. To facilitate effective, respectful communications within our community, all listserv contributors will adopt the following guidelines for electronic communications:

Do not post or send any communications to the group that is:

- Exclusive, such as an invitation to an event that does not include everyone on the discussion group or email list.
- Promotionals including selling, advertising, or “offering” products or services to others; junk mail, “spam,” chain letters, contests; or any other form of promotion or solicitation except as directly relevant to the SASYNA community.
- A defamatory, malicious, or disrespectful communication targeting race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, physical characteristics, or disability.*
- Obscene, vulgar, harmful, insulting, threatening, abusive, harassing, defamatory, libelous, slanderous, untrue, a personal attack, or invasive of someone else’s privacy.*
- Profanity or other inappropriate language. If you have any doubt that a specific comment might be considered offensive by someone else, don’t post or send it.*
Not yours to publish (because you did not create it or you don’t have the legal right to publish it).
Don’t violate any copyright or other proprietary rights.

*Note: Using misspellings, asterisks, or other symbols to represent the actual letters in a word or phrase that’s listed above is not acceptable.

Also please don’t:

- Quote someone else’s communication (verbal, written, or electronic) without that person’s explicit permission.
- Divulge private information about another person.
- Forward or post messages that someone has sent to you unless you have his or her permission.

Please:

- Always sign your name with your real name. This is a neighborhood list of neighbors.
- This discussion group is meant to be used to communicate matters directly relevant the community that are of interest to the people in the discussion group or on the email list.
- Remember that discussion groups and email communications by nature are not private, they are public, and while the practice is discouraged by etiquette and these guidelines, they can easily be forwarded.
- Also, be aware that you are responsible for all of your communications and their content while using the discussion group or email list.
- If an issue occurs with the communications of another person in discussion groups or email, please try to resolve the matter constructively by contacting that person directly, talking it through, using your own good judgment, and assuming the best intentions.