

# The Effects of Rumors

Rumors are like tiny seeds planted in peoples' heads. Eventually, they grow and sprout branches, then drift away in passing conversation only to be planted again, grow again and drift away once more. Combating the effects of rumors lies in refuting them rather than allowing them to fester, transmit through social circles and come back as a whole different story.



What is a rumor? According to several sources, a rumor is the spreading guesses or unverified information. Is this harmful? Absolutely. Rumors can cause hurt feelings, anger, fear and unjustified beliefs.

In the case of our homeowner's association, the best way to combat rumors is to get the facts by attending the meetings and asking questions. Often, the person spreading the rumor does not attend meetings regularly and is guessing or embellishing the little they know about the subject.