

Public Notices should be printed in newspapers.

The Internet is NOT a legitimate replacement for the newspaper when posting public notices.



Community newspapers have been the official chroniclers of our towns and government since the founding of the United States. Public notices are reported in newspapers because that is where citizens gather to read a responsible, diverse, significant compilation of news.

Internet web sites are impermanent, subject to revision and vulnerable to attack. A public notice in a newspaper is a historical record that cannot be altered, is absolutely secure, and provides information that is essential to an informed citizenry. Independent publication of public notice is essential for government to maintain the trust of its citizens.

The Sunshine Law is a law for everyone, not just the news media. This newspaper asks you to support openness in local and state government records and meetings. Democracy does not work if meetings are held in secret or public information is expensive to get.



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