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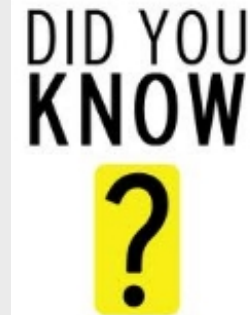


**i'mPOWERED! Vol. 1.6 February 2015**



**NMHOA's President Tim Sheahan Welcomes You to i'mPOWERED!**

Welcome to NMHOA's educational series,



**i'mPOWERED!** As they say, "knowledge is power," which inspired NMHOA to create a new and distinctive name for this service that combines the three words I-am-empowered.

The goal of **i'mPOWERED!** is to inform and educate so you have the tools to help yourself in dealing with the precarious situation of owning a home on someone else's land. Knowledge will help ensure your "home/land security" and make your manufactured home living experience more enjoyable and enriched, with reduced stress and anxiety.

Last month we focused on ways to reduce safety hazards in your home and this month we are providing information on emergency preparedness, which could benefit virtually any manufactured home community, regardless the type of threat to health and safety.

For the rest of Tim's welcome go [HERE](#).

## Ask Ishbel

Q. *How do we go about recruiting new members and retaining current members?*

A. This is a question often asked by Home Owner Association (HOA) board



Surprising as this may seem, there are 14 states across the Union that have no statutes governing the relationship between home owners and landlords in manufactured housing communities.

Fortunately, this may be about to change since Rep. Jim Wayne in Kentucky, has recently introduced a bill that would provide some basic rights for home owners living in manufactured housing communities in his state. NMHOA is offering to help support this bill which has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

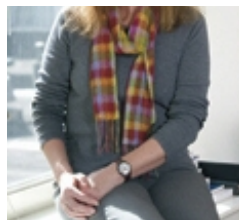
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members and others interested in growing their organizations – indeed I will be conferring with the Mobile Home Owners Association of Illinois (MHOAI) on this very subject in the very near future.



**Recruiting members** can sometimes be very easy – people will want to join a vibrant group of educated, informed, articulate leaders, especially if they can answer questions, provide resources, and assist home owners through a crisis situation. When no crisis exists the challenge is much greater. This is particularly true in parts of the country where home owners fear retaliation, intimidation, or eviction if they choose to stand up and speak out. The important piece here is to ensure that nobody is alone.

*To read more of Ishbel's answer about recruiting and retaining members, click [HERE](#).*

*If you have a question for Ishbel, please email it to her at: [ishbel@nmhoa.org](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org)*

## **Are You Prepared?**

*By: Tim Sheahan*



As a Member, you have access to more resources. Archives for i'm**POWERED!** are kept on [NMHOA's website](#). Log in to i'm**POWERED!** from the main menu using the password: MHO2000\*

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Whether it's hurricanes in Florida, floods in the Northwest, snowstorms in New

England, tornadoes in the Midwest, earthquakes in California or harrowing events in regions in between, virtually all of our manufactured home communities are vulnerable to some form of threat to our health and well-being. While many threats are weather related, other hazards such as natural gas leaks, electrical problems and home fires can also wreak havoc.

For me, the severe earthquakes in northern California last year that damaged countless manufactured homes and a quake-caused fire that completely destroyed several others were yet another reminder that homeowners should work diligently with fellow homeowners, management and local officials to be prepared for a variety of emergency situations that might hit our communities.

In California, State law requires community owners to have an Emergency Preparedness Plan but no comprehensive requirements for what has to be included in the plan. Some plans are not much more than suggestions for evacuating the community, while others are much more detailed. Below are links to three documents we hope you find helpful as reference when developing or

expanding a plan for your own community:

[State Endorsed Plan](#)

[Homeowner Generated Checklist](#)

[Comprehensive Homeowner Generated Plan](#)



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