

## June 2014 Eblast

Welcome to the June 2014 Eblast from the National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA). Please share these monthly Eblasts with as many home owners and other interested individuals as you have on your email list. The Eblast is an important way for NMHOA to share exciting news from across the country.

**Welcome and Thank You** – NMHOA is very pleased to welcome **De Anza Park** in California as our most recent home owners' association (HOA) to join NMHOA. NMHOA also welcomes renewal applications from the **Manufactured Home Owners Association of New Jersey (MHOANJ)** and the **Utah Coalition of Manufactured Homeowners (UCOM)**, Utah's statewide association. These three organizations exemplify "strength in numbers" which is part of NMHOA's motto.

**SAVE THE DATE** – NMHOA is pleased to announce that its Annual Convention will be held in Seattle, WA, from November 13 – 15. The Convention will kick off with a reception on the evening of November 13 and culminate with the NMHOA Annual Meeting on the afternoon of Saturday November 15. The Convention Committee is already beginning its work of putting together an exciting and inspirational program for manufactured home owners from all across the country. NMHOA hopes to be able to provide two stipends for each member state to send two representatives to the Convention. Of course, we hope that more than two from each state will attend! Check this space for regular updates, and if there is anything special you would like NMHOA to consider including in the Convention Agenda, please contact Convention Committee Chair, Rita Loberger, at [rloberger@comcast.net](mailto:rloberger@comcast.net) The NMHOA Convention follows immediately on the heels of CFED's Conference and State Associations who are Lead Organizations can look forward to additional opportunities to participate in the CFED Conference as well as the NMHOA Convention.

**Consumer Concerns** - The National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA) is interested in hearing from people who have recently purchased manufactured/mobile homes. We would like to hear about the process you had to go through to get financing; what did your loan package look like; and what has been your experience since getting the loan – has it stretched you financially, are you worried you might lose your home through repossession/foreclosure; and what were you told when you signed the paperwork to purchase your home. Please email NMHOA Executive Director, Ishbel Dickens, at: [ishbel@nmhoa.org](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org) with your home purchase experience. All information will be kept confidential.

**NMHOA Board Retreat** - The NMHOA Board and staff recently attended a two day retreat in Minneapolis, thanks to the generosity of CFED. The retreat was a resounding success with all board members present renewing their commitment to NMHOA and developing some realistic goals for the next 18 months to two years. You can read a full report of the Retreat and NMHOA's goals in *NMHOA Across America*, our quarterly newsletter which will be coming out in mid-July.

**NMHOA Across America** – NMHOA's quarterly newsletter will be coming your way in mid-July. If there are any items of interest or calendar items from your state that you would like to include in NMHOA's newsletter, please get them to Ishbel ([ishbel@nmhoa.org](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org)) by July 11 for publication in this issue. Also, if you would like to share your state association's newsletters with others, please send them to Ishbel for posting on the NMHOA website.

**Last words for June** – On Thursday June 26, NMHOA Executive Director, Ishbel Dickens, President Tim Sheahan, and other home owner representatives as well as representatives of the industry, participated in a three hour conference call for the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC). The MHCC has not met recently and this was the first call with newly elected HUD staff, Ms. Pamela Danner, and the new Administrative Officer for the MHCC, BLH Technologies. The Manufactured Housing Act of 2000 requires the MHCC to meet in person at least once every two years and therefore there will be an in-person meeting later this year. Items under discussion include recommendations on ventilation systems, quality of wood used in construction of manufactured homes, and energy efficiency. If you have any questions about the MHCC please do not hesitate to contact Ishbel ([ishbel@nmhoa.org](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org)) or Tim ([tpsheahan@cox.net](mailto:tpsheahan@cox.net)) who are both HUD appointees to the MHCC.

You can read about all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: [www.nmhoa.org](http://www.nmhoa.org) and please check out our facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/NationalManufacturedHomeOwnersAssociation>

***If there are stories from your state that you would like to share through the Eblast, please contact NMHOA Executive Director, Ishbel Dickens at: [ishbel@nmhoa.org](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org) – your story will inspire others.***