

## March 2014 E-blast

Welcome to NMHOA's March 2014 Eblast. 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** – NMHOA is very pleased to welcome **Rancho Ventura** in California, another home owners' association (HOA) that has recently joined NMHOA.

...and speaking of HOAs, here is a link to a story about NMHOA member, Bella Vista Estates HOA in Boardman, Oregon – congratulations to everyone there.

[http://m.eastoregonian.com/mobile/free/boardman-residents-take-ownership-of-mobile-home-park/article\\_cc4cac6c-afe3-11e3-86a8-0019bb2963f4.html](http://m.eastoregonian.com/mobile/free/boardman-residents-take-ownership-of-mobile-home-park/article_cc4cac6c-afe3-11e3-86a8-0019bb2963f4.html)

**Thank You for Supporting NMHOA** – NMHOA is only as strong as its membership and its board. The past couple of months have been a time of transition for the NMHOA Board but things are settling down and the board is more united than ever and looking forward to a very productive year ahead. However, the board is in need of a **Secretary and a South Regional VP**. If you have the time, commitment, and passion needed to serve on the NMHOA board then please contact Tim Sheahan, NMHOA President, to find out more about what these positions entail. Tim can be reached at: [tpsheahan@cox.net](mailto:tpsheahan@cox.net).

**Policy initiatives** – In the February 2014 Eblast mention was made of great work that NMHOA members are doing at the state level to help strengthen protections for manufactured home owners. This month NMHOA wants to make sure that home owners are aware of some proposed federal legislation that would **not** be in our best interests. **Beware HR 1779 and S. 1828**. While the title of these companion bills is "Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing" this title is very misleading. In fact, if enacted these bills would weaken consumer protections, exempt some employees in the manufactured housing lending industry from regulation, and negatively impact the financing options available to people who want to buy manufactured homes. There will be a more detailed article about these bills in our quarterly newsletter, **NMHOA Across America**, which will be in your in-boxes in the middle of April. Please take the action steps recommended in this forth-coming article.

**Last words for March** – Congratulations to **Ed Green and his co-volunteers in Florida**. Their bill addressing the ever-increasing rents in manufactured housing communities passed out of the House Committee 13 to 0. Best of luck with the next step in your bill's journey towards enactment. Congratulations are also in order for two NMHOA Board members – at its March meeting the NMHOA Board voted to appoint **Tim Sheahan** as President and **Carla Burr** as First Vice President.

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.*