



April 2016 Eblast

Welcome to the April Eblast of 2016 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.

Thank You – NMHOA is excited to welcome new members this month from **Washington**, and **Colorado**, including the **Vista Village HOA from Boulder, CO.** as well as renewing State Association Member - **FMO from Florida**, **MMHOA of Suffolk County, New York** and renewing individual members from **Arizona**. Your support and commitment to NMHOA are very much appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE – NMHOA is pleased to announce that its **Annual Convention and Annual Meeting** will be held this year in **Las Vegas** on the weekend of **September 23-25**. Please start saving now and plan to send as many representatives from your state and individual HOAs to this great event – it promises to be even bigger and better than last year (if that is at all possible!)

HUD Office of Manufactured Housing Programs Launches Website for Dispute Resolution Program -
New website will provide education to homeowners and the manufactured housing industry about the Program

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Manufactured Housing Programs (OMHP) has launched www.huddrp.net — a new website that provides detailed information about the HUD Manufactured Home Dispute Resolution Program (DRP), including educational materials for the manufactured housing industry and homeowners, and information for submitting a request for dispute resolution.

The HUD Manufactured Home DRP provides timely resolution of disputes between manufacturers, retailers and installers regarding the responsibility for correction or repair of alleged defects reported by the homeowner in the one-year period after the first installation of the home. The program is intended to address defects in construction, safety and installation, but does not address cosmetic issues and contractual agreements. Over the past year and a half, OMHP has ramped up its efforts to educate the manufactured housing industry and homeowners about the program. The launch of www.huddrp.net is a milestone in this effort.

Requests for dispute resolution are typically received from homeowners, but retailers, manufacturers and installers can also submit a request for dispute resolution when involved with disagreements between parties regarding unresolved manufactured home issues. The website explains who can use the program and provides downloadable educational materials about how the process works. Available for download are an illustrative video, a tri-fold brochure and FAQs about the program.

To help homeowners find information about the program, homeowners associations are encouraged to include a link to www.huddrp.net on their respective websites.

If you would like to learn more about the HUD Manufactured Home DRP, please contact Demetress Stringfield at Demetress.E.Stringfield@hud.gov, Shelby Giles at sgiles@savangroup.com, or call 571-882-2928. To learn more about the Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, please visit www.hud.gov/mhs.

Members only – please keep in mind that NMHOA members receive an additional eblast every month – *i'mPOWERED* - this is an educational publication with useful information related to board governance, health and safety reminder for manufactured homeowners, and other helpful articles. There is also a **Did You Know** section and an **Ask Ishbel** section – so if you have questions about anything related to manufactured home living and you are a member of NMHOA, please do not hesitate to contact Ishbel: ishbel@nmhoa.org with your burning question. A membership form is attached for your convenience.

Last words for April – Congratulations to **MHOA-NJ** on garnering the support of **Assemblyman Coughlin** who plans to introduce a manufactured housing titling bill. This bill mirrors closely the Manufactured Housing Act that NMHOA worked on and which was adopted by the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) three years ago. You can read the ULC's Act here: [http://uniformlaws.org/Act.aspx?title=Manufactured Housing Act](http://uniformlaws.org/Act.aspx?title=Manufactured%20Housing%20Act)

You can read all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: www.nmhoa.org and please "like" our facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/NationalManufacturedHomeOwnersAssociation>

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