

April/May 2022 E-Blast

Welcome to the April/May 2022 E-blast from the **National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA)**. Please share these monthly E-blasts with as many home owners and other interested individuals as you have on your email list. The E-blast is an important way for NMHOA to share exciting news from across the country.

Thank You! – NMHOA is excited to welcome many new and renewing members. We thank you very much for your support and commitment to NMHOA!

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Negotiations on 2023 federal spending bills, including proposed manufactured housing program, continue

Congressional leaders met April 28 and will meet again in May over a **2023 federal spending budget** in the hope of reaching agreement before Memorial Day. If no agreement is reached, the U.S. House will move forward with the appropriations process using President Biden's 2023 budget request as a benchmark. Drafts of the 12 spending bills that make up the annual budget are expected to be released in June and voted on by committees in July, including spending on affordable housing, homelessness, and community redevelopment.

President Biden and **congressional Democrats** are also working to revive a **proposed budget reconciliation proposal** often referred to as the "Build Back Better Act." Senator Joe Manchin (D—WV) remains the sole Democratic opponent to the proposal, but has expressed support for actions that would fight inflation and reduce the federal deficit. The cost of housing is the single largest component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), a popular measure of inflation, and addressing the rising cost of housing is central to decreasing inflationary pressure on households, especially in the long term.

One housing proposal still awaiting action is a **Manufactured Housing Improvement Grant** program to address critical health and safety issues. Manufactured home park communities would be eligible for an improvement grant if they are either resident-owned or enter into a binding agreement to be maintained as a manufactured home community and remain affordable for low-income families.

Contact your Member of Congress and ask that they support funding of affordable housing, including the Manufactured Housing Improvement Grant program. Find your Member of Congress: [HERE](#)

White House Manufactured Housing Task Force listening sessions

The **White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)** convened a federal **Manufactured Housing Task Force** co-chaired by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Energy, and including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Treasury Department, Federal Emergency Management Agency/DHS, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Consumer

Financial Protection Bureau. The Task Force is seeking to address market and regulatory barriers to manufactured housing as an affordable, equitable, and accessible housing option.

In April, the Task Force convened a **series of four listening sessions** with manufacturers, financiers and lenders, and advocacy organizations, others. The session will discuss 1) the state of manufactured housing financing options and opportunities to enhance the lending market; 2) the role of state and local governments to enhance the availability of manufactured housing as an affordable housing option; 3) homebuyer counseling, consumer awareness and protections; and 4) the potential role for Community Development. NMHOA was one of the invited participants and shared comments on both the role of state and local governments, and homebuyer counseling and protections.

Stay Connected with the I'M HOME Network

The **Innovations in Manufactured Homes (I'M HOME) network** was launched in 2005 by Prosperity Now to unite the efforts of homeowners, advocates, developers, and others in promoting and preserving manufactured housing. Key national partners in this effort included **NMHOA, ROC USA, Next Step, NeighborWorks**, and **National Consumer Law Center**. The network launched national initiatives, developed informational resources, and hosted annual conferences and monthly convenings. The network became less active during the height of the pandemic.

Prosperity Now is handing things off to the **Lincoln Institute of Land Policy**; a research organization that looks at how changes in land policy can improve quality of life and solve economic, social, and environmental challenges. This spring, the Lincoln Institute spoke with key partners, including NMHOA, about the network's future and convened an in-person strategy session to map out the initial steps for its relaunch.

One of those next steps is a webinar about I'M HOME's future planned for mid-June. If you want to receive email updates, you need to [sign up for the new I'M HOME mailing list](#).

CFA's Annual Meeting & 2022 Consumer Assembly

The **Consumer Federation of America** will hold its **annual meeting** virtually on Tuesday, May 24 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will include updates on CFA's activities and finances as well as a vote on board officers and directors. It will also be an opportunity to meet and hear from CFA's new Chief Executive Officer/President, Susan Weinstock. Registration for the meeting is available: [HERE](#).

Normally the annual membership meeting follows the annual Consumer Assembly. However, this year, the **56th annual Consumer Assembly** will again be held in-person on Wednesday, June 15 at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in downtown Washington, DC. A virtual option will still be available for those who are unable or not comfortable attending in person. The schedule and registration information is available: [HERE](#).

Stay informed about the Coronavirus

All forms of media are now dominated with information about the coronavirus, but some less reputable sources are spreading incomplete, misleading, false, or even malicious information. Stay informed but make sure that you are relying on reputable sources and, ideally, confirming the

information with at least two sources. A couple of the best sources are the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and [your own state health department](#).

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 reminders for manufactured homeowners, and other helpful articles. There is also a **Did You Know** section and an **Ask Dave** section – so if you have questions about anything related to manufactured home living and you are a member of NMHOA, please contact Dave at david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com with your burning questions. For your convenience, a membership form is a click away at: <http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us/membership.html>

You can read all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: <http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us/> and please “like” our facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/NationalManufacturedHomeOwnersAssociation>

If there are stories or legislative successes from your state you would like to share through our E-blasts, please contact NMHOA Executive Director, Dave Anderson at: david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com. Your story will inspire and educate others.