
December 2020 / Year-End E-Blast

Welcome to the December 2020 and end-of-the year 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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www.manufacturedhomeowners.us

Federal Rental Assistance is approved

On December 21, Congress passed an emergency COVID-19 relief package that includes \$25 billion in emergency rental assistance. The legislation also extends the deadline for states and local government to use the funds provided by **Congress under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)** from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2021. Many states and localities used these funds to set up their own emergency rental assistance programs, which have sometimes been slow to pay out benefits because of the significant demand.

The relief legislation will provide essential and desperately needed protections for renters, tens of millions of whom would otherwise be at risk of losing their homes this winter. The **National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)** released a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) fact sheet to help understand this new round of rental assistance.

Federal Eviction Moratorium is extended

The emergency COVID-19 relief package also extended the federal eviction moratorium issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through January 31, 2021. The moratorium will keep renters in their homes while state and local governments work quickly to distribute aid to households in need. For more information on the CDC moratorium, The **National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)** released a [summary fact sheet](#).

The moratorium only protects tenants facing eviction for non-payment of rent. Unlike with other COVID-related eviction bans, the protections under the CDC moratorium are not automatic. Tenants must fill out a form declaring that they meet certain eligibility requirements and give it to their landlord. You are eligible if you meet the following five criteria:

- Make less than \$99,000 (or \$198,000 if you file a joint tax return)
- Unable to make full rent “due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, a lay-off, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses”
- Making an effort to make timely, partial rent payments
- Used your “best efforts” to seek out and apply for all available [state or local rental assistance programs](#)
- At risk of homelessness or at risk of having to double up with others in cramped, close quarters if you were evicted

The declaration form can be found in English [on the CDC's website](#). The National Low Income Housing Coalition also has [the form in Arabic, Mandarin, Spanish and Vietnamese](#).

HUD’s Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee reviews proposed changes to federal housing code

The **Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC)** is a committee of **U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)**. It has 21 members with seven members each representing consumers, producers, and government agencies. It plays a role in the development of manufactured housing regulations.

In July, HUD released [proposed changes](#) to the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards (HUD Code) for the 2020-2021 review cycle. The **Regulatory Enforcement, Structure & Design** and **Technical Systems sub-committees** met in November and December to review several of the proposals.

The full committee will meet on January 7 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Eastern Time to review [proposed changes](#) to the payments made to states for their participation in the federal program. The public can observe the meeting, either by:

- **Video** – <https://zoom.us/j/91922949559> or
- **Phone** – Call-in Number: 301-715-8592 OR 646-558-8656 (Meeting ID: 919 2294 9559)

Farewell to Lori Dibble, manufactured housing advocate

Lori Dibble passed away in late December. It's hard to imagine her gone. Lori was a constant source of energy and ideas. First, as the president of the **Paradise Park Homeowners Association** in Highlands, NJ, she led the residents in an effort to purchase their community, and, when the community was lost to Hurricane Sandy, in a new effort to make sure the 53 households received the assistance they needed to recover. Later, Lori became a leader within the **Manufactured Home Owners Association of New Jersey** (MHOANJ) as a board member, officer, and Policy Coordinator; leading the organization's advocacy at the State Capitol.

Not surprisingly, Lori take on a number of national leadership roles as well. She joined **NMHOA's board of directors** in 2014 and served as treasurer, first vice president, and Northeast Region Vice President. As a regional VP, she organized with residents in several states throughout her region. When it formed in 2005, she was the first resident to join the **I'M HOME** (Innovations in Manufactured Homes) Network set up by **Prosperity Now** and served on its national steering committee. She also served on the **U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Manufactured Home Consensus Committee**, which provides recommendations to the HUD Secretary on federal manufactured home construction and safety standards.

The seriousness with which Lori approached each role she took on isn't surprising when you consider the education she received and the work she did. Lori received graduate degrees in both Anthropology from **Rutgers University** and Philosophy from the **London School of Economics**. She was trained as an anthropologist and conducted archaeological research in Northern Kenya (in conjunction with the **National Museums of Kenya**) on Holocene era fishing communities.

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

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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.



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