

January 2022 E-Blast

Welcome to the January 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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www.manufacturedhomeowners.us

“Build Back Better Act,” including manufactured housing, in negotiations

The federal **Build Back Better Act** ([H.R. 5376](#)) that passed the U.S. House of Representatives, but stalled in the U.S. Senate is at risk of losing its investments in affordable housing as Congress and the White House negotiate a slimmed down version of the bill. The bill current invests \$150 billion in affordable housing priorities, such as: \$25 billion to expand rental assistance; \$65 billion to preserve public housing; and \$15 billion to build and preserve homes through the national Housing Trust Fund.

The BBB Act also includes a new \$500 million **Manufactured Housing Improvement Grant** program, in order to address critical health and safety issues. To be eligible for an improvement grant, a community must either be resident-owned or enter into a binding agreement to be maintained as a manufactured home community and remain affordable for low-income families.

Join NMHOA Legislative Committee: 1st Wednesday of the Month

NMHOA is the nation-wide membership based organization representing and advocating for manufactured home owners. Our mission is to promote, represent, preserve, and enhance the rights and interests of manufactured home-owners throughout the United States. The first Wednesday of every month, we hold a Legislative Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

These meetings involve a range of activities, including identifying possible national legislative activity, working with national legislative allies, supporting state and local legislative efforts, and encouraging people from across the country to share successful strategies. Residents can join these meetings by:

- Video – [Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 830 5524 4206 | Passcode: HOME)
- Phone – [Find your local number](#) (Meeting ID: 830 5524 4206 | Passcode: 208610)

Consumer coalition holds High-Cost Lending Advocacy Week

A coalition of consumer organizations, including National Consumer Law Center, Consumer Federation of America, is organizing a virtual [High-Cost Lending Advocacy Week](#) in early February.

The week begins with the [18th Annual High Cost Lending Summit](#) on **February 1 and 2** and continue with meetings with U.S. Senators and Representatives from **February 7 to 11**.

Organizations will push for a national 36% interest rate cap included in the Veterans and Consumers Fair Credit Act (H.R. 5974/S. 2508) among other issues. The VCFCA would put an end to high-cost predatory lending and rent-a-bank evasions of state interest rate laws. Consumer Federation of America is hosting a training for participants on **February 2**.

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U.S. DOE Energy Efficiency Standards

The **Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA)** directed the **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)** to establish energy conservation standards for manufactured housing based on the most recent version of the **International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)**. DOE proposed a tiered approach to address affordability and cost-effectiveness concerns. NMHOA was among the 234 groups and individuals that submitted comments. DOE has now published a **draft environmental impact statement (EIS)** analyzing the impacts of the standards for manufactured housing. Comments can be provided through February 28. Two virtual public info/comment meetings were held January 26 and 27. Find details here: <https://ecs-mh.evs.anl.gov>.

National Low-Income Housing Coalition Policy Forum 2022

The **National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)** will hold its **Virtual Housing Policy Forum 2022: Achieving Housing Justice** on March 22-23, 2022. It will run 12:30-5:30 pm ET on March 22 and 1:00-5:30 pm ET on March 23. The forum will feature keynote speakers and panels on:

- Racial Equity and Housing Justice with MacArthur Genius Awardee LaToya Ruby Frazier
- The HoUsed Campaign for Universal, Stable, Affordable Housing – Progress To-Date and Road Ahead
- Capitol Hill Insiders Panel
- Ending Rental Arrears to Stop Evictions
- Achieving Renter Protections
- Expanding the Multi-Sector Affordable Housing Movement
- Best Practices in Organizing
- Discussions with Members of Congress and Senior Administration Officials.

The forum will also provide interactive sessions on: Our Homes, Our Votes 2022: Non-partisan Voter and Candidate Engagement; Disaster Housing Recovery; Effective Media/Social Media Strategies & Practices; and Anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

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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.