

## March 2015 Eblast

Welcome to March's Eblast 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 delighted to welcome two new HOA members, one from **Colorado Springs, CO** and the other from **Everett, WA**. NMHOA also welcomes 15 new members from **New York** and additional new and renewing members from **Arizona, Florida, and Washington**. Your support and commitment to NMHOA is very much appreciated.

**Welcome** - NMHOA is pleased to announce two new staff hires. **Kylin Parks**, former NMHOA board member, has been hired as NMHOA's Community Organizer. Kylin has a long history of organizing with manufactured home owners and residential tenants and we are delighted to welcome her to the team. **Elizabeth (Liz) Hill**, joins us on a part-time basis to keep our webpage and facebook page up-to-date and to make sure that all current members of NMHOA receive their monthly *i'mpowered* eblasts on time. NMHOA appreciates the dedication and expertise these two women bring with them. There will be more complete articles about Kylin and Liz in the Spring edition of "**NMHOA Across America**", which will be coming your way in late April.

**Ambassador Program** - We are thrilled that NMHOA's first round of Ambassador Program meetings was a resounding success. Many thanks to NMHOA board members, **Gary Miller** and **Lori Dibble** for all their work helping leaders in **Suffolk County, NY** where on a snowy Saturday in March **180 people** (!) came together to identify the issues and begin to lay the groundwork to affect positive change in their communities. Thanks also to **Paulette Cross** and **Kylin Parks**, who travelled to **Garden City, Idaho** to work with home owners there in order to support them as they work to save their communities. NMHOA board members **Carla Burr** and **Edward Green** were in **Manassas, VA**, working with home owners there to help them overcome significant legal barriers and hostile living situations. Finally, NMHOA President, **Tim Sheahan** has been meeting with home owners in **Arizona** to help them address the significant issues they face. There will be more detailed reports on these Ambassador Program meetings in the spring edition of "**NMHOA Across America**" but be assured NMHOA is on the move!

**Federal Legislation** - Please be aware of bills that appear to be supportive of manufactured home owners, but are not. Case in point - **HR 650**, entitled "The Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015" *does little to preserve access to manufactured housing and instead weakens consumer protections and allows lenders to operate outside of Dodd Frank regulations*. Please go to NMHOA's website: <http://www.nmhoa.org/whats-new> to read more on this issue.

**Last words for March** - Congratulations to **Utah Coalition of Manufactured Homeowners (UCOMH)** for a successful legislative session. Passage of SB 190 requires the state to set up a manufactured home owners' helpline, whereby home owners whose rights under the Utah Mobile Home Landlord Tenant Act (Sections 57-16-1 *et seq*) have been violated can call the helpline.

You can read 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 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](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org) - your story will inspire others.*