

## May 2015 Eblast

Welcome to May'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 renewing state home owners' association members DMHOA from Delaware and AMHRO from Ohio as well as the Oceanside Home Owners' Association a renewing HOA member from Oceanside, CA. NMHOA also welcomes new members from Washington. Your support and commitment to NMHOA is very much appreciated.

### **Equity Lifestyle (ELS) Shareholders' Meeting**

NMHOA Executive Director, Ishbel Dickens attended the ELS shareholder meeting in Chicago on May 12. She was able to address the ELS Board and raised concerns regarding ELS business practices in several of their communities across the country. She was also able to have a private conversation with the two ELS Regional VPs who were present. As a result both Ishbel and NMHOA President, Tim Sheahan, will have follow up conference calls with these two representatives to discuss ways that the concerns raised might be addressed. We are hopeful that these conversations will be fruitful, since issues Tim raised at the ELS Shareholders' meeting in 2014 were successfully resolved.

**Ishbel also has regular calls with Patrick Waite another ELS Executive. If there are any issues you would like Ishbel or Tim to raise with ELS staff please email Ishbel at: [ishbel@nmhoa.org](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org)**

### **Fire Safety Campaign**

NMHOA is delighted to be partnering with the Red Cross in their fire safety campaign. The goal of this campaign is to ensure that every manufactured home is equipped with a smoke detector.

NMHOA staff will be contacting state association presidents as well as individual HOA presidents to share details of this campaign and to enlist help to get smoke detectors into every home.

### **NMHOA At Work**

NMHOA staff are currently working with home owners in Alaska, Arizona, and Washington as they deal with the devastating impact their community closures are having on their lives. The situation is dire for all of them as they will be unable to move their homes and will lose all the equity they had in their homes. Some young families are still paying off mortgages for homes that are now worthless. With the economy on the up-swing again, it may only be a matter of time before other manufactured housing communities across the country are sold for alternative development purposes. NMHOA is committed to doing everything possible to ensure long-term preservation of manufactured housing communities so that affordable home ownership may still be a viable option for millions of people. Please let us know how we can help you guarantee the long-term preservation of your community, whether through local zoning ordinances, improved protections at the state level, or specific funding set-asides for resident or non-profit purchase of the community.

### **Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB)**

NMHOA members very much appreciated the conference call we hosted with the CFPB. The information CFPB staff shared with us was invaluable. We were able to forward links to various CFPB sites, including how to make a complaint to CFPB, to everyone who signed up for the conference call. If you were not able to join the call but would still like access to the CFPB materials please request them from NMHOA Executive Director, Ishbel Dickens, [ishbel@nmhoa.org](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org).

### **Last words for May**

Congratulations to David Anderson, All Parks Alliance for Change (APAC), MN, on his 10th Anniversary as their Executive Director. Dave has had the privilege of working with one of the most active manufactured home owners' associations in the country. We look forward to meeting many APAC members at NMHOA's Annual Convention, being held in Minneapolis in October.

*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.*