

May/June 2022 E-Blast

Welcome to the May/June 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

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

Congressional leaders returned to work June 6 and continued negotiations on the **2023 federal spending bill**, including spending on affordable housing and homelessness, and a significantly scaled-down version of the \$1.75 trillion reconciliation package 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.

Lawmakers are aiming to reach an agreement on a reconciliation outline by July 4 and to finalize legislative text and move the package through both the House and Senate before Congress adjourns for August recess on August 8. 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](#)

Tell us what you think at I'M HOME Relaunch Webinars

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

In the wake of the pandemic, the network is being relaunched by the **Lincoln Institute of Land Policy**; and we ask you to [register for webinars](#) being held Monday, June and Saturday, June 18 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time, both days. The webinar will include a panel discussion with Dave Anderson, Executive director of NMHOA; Stacey Epperson, President and CEO of Next Step; and Paul Bradley, President of ROC USA. George W. McCarthy, President and CEO of the Lincoln Institute, will moderate the panel.

Come prepared to share your thoughts: What is the greatest threat facing manufactured housing and what responses are needed? Is there a need for a national manufactured housing network like I'M HOME and what role should it play? Does something limit the work you do on manufactured housing and what information, support, or partners do you need?

[Please sign up and join us for the webinars!](#)

CFA's Annual Meeting & 2022 Consumer Assembly

The **Consumer Federation of America** will hold its **56th annual Consumer Assembly** in-person and online on Wednesday, June 15. CFA is a national consumer organization established in 1968 with over 250 active members that advances the interests of consumers through research, advocacy, and education. This year's Consumer Assembly includes a wide range of speakers and panels addressing the impacts of systemic racism, harmful online content, climate change, competition, housing discrimination, and online purchasing. The schedule and registration information is available: [HERE](#).

HUD Webinar: Nuts and Bolts of Manufactured Housing

The Office of Manufactured Housing Programs is offering a free online seminar hosted by HUD's Office of Housing Counseling called the "Nuts and Bolts of Manufactured Housing: Access, Affordability, and Opportunity." The seminar will be held June 21 from 2:00-3:00 Eastern Time. Participants will learn about:

- Financing options for and affordability of manufactured housing purchase and rehab
 - Common misconceptions about manufactured housing
 - Federal, local, and state property standards for manufactured housing
 - Manufactured Housing Quick Tips reference sheet
- Manufactured housing key topics for HUD certified housing counselors and those studying for the HUD Housing Counselor Certification Exam

[Register today!](#)

NMHOA in the News

• **USA Today:** "[Unable to get a mortgage, millions of Americans turn to risky lenders, but at what cost?](#)", April 21, 2022. NMHOA executive director, Dave Anderson, shared comments about the challenge of manufactured housing being a highly affordable source of housing and path to home ownership, but a purchase that is difficult to finance forcing buyers to use questionable alternatives.

• **Scotsman Guide:** "[The much-maligned manufactured home wants more respect](#)," June 2022. In a column for this publication targeted to mortgage originators, the writer spoke with NMHOA executive director, Dave Anderson, and Manufactured Housing CEO, Lesli Gooch, about the benefits of manufactured housing, but some of the challenges manufactured homes need to overcome to be fully embraced as the importance source of middle- and lower-income housing and home ownership they represent.

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.