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August 2022 E-Blast

Welcome to the August 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!

The **NMHOA** web site address is now:

www.nmhoa.org

NMHOA recently redesigned and expanded our web site. Please take a minute to [complete a survey \(click here\)](#) about how we can use our web site, newsletter, and social media to provide you with better information and opportunities for engagement. **Let us know what you think!**

Proposed Federal Manufactured Housing

Legislation

NMHOA supports manufactured home owners through proposed federal legislation, regulations, and administrative actions, both those specific to manufactured housing as well as other consumer, tenant, and home owner protections. NMHOA has helped to develop or endorsed the following proposals being considered this Congressional session:

- [**Manufactured Housing Community Improvement Grant Program Act \(S.3188\)**](#) authored by U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) requires HUD award grants to manufactured home park communities for projects that protect the health and safety of community residents and the long-term sustainability of the community. addresses critical health and safety issues.
- [**Manufactured Housing Community Preservation Act \(H.R.3332\)**](#) authored by U.S. Rep. Cindy Axne (D-IA) requires HUD award grants to nonprofit organizations, public housing agencies, and other entities to: acquire and preserve manufactured housing communities; make improvements to common areas and community property; and (3) demolish, remove, and replace dilapidated home.
- [**Frank Adelman Manufactured Housing Community Sustainability Act \(S.4475 / H.R.7220\)**](#) authored by U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN). The bill allows a new tax credit equal to 75% of the gain from the sale or exchange of real property to a qualified manufactured home community cooperative or corporation.
- [**Fair Manufactured Housing Lending Act \(H.R.3828\)**](#) authored by U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) repeal a 2018 exemption to the Truth in Lending Act granted to manufactured housing retailers that no longer defined them as mortgage originators, and therefore replaced stronger protections for manufactured home buyers with ineffective disclosure requirements.
- [**Manufactured Housing Tenant's Bill of Rights Act \(H.R.3332\)**](#) authored by U.S. Rep. Cindy Axne (D-IA). The bill requires community owners meet certain conditions for federally-backed loans, including: one-year renewable leases, except for good cause; 60-days' notice of rent increases, park sales and park closures; a five-day rent payment grace period; and a right to sell a manufactured home after eviction.

If you are interested in learning more or supporting these proposals, contact us at:

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Consumer Federation's 2022 Consumer Advocacy Week

Consumer Federation of America's 2022 Consumer Advocacy Week 2022 will kick off on

September 14th at **2:00pm ET** with a training webinar, followed by virtual advocacy the week of **September 19th** in support of stronger consumer protections for:

- **Payment Fraud and Theft:** Ensuring consumers are protected from fraud, theft, and errors in older payment forms, like bank wire transfers and EBT cards, as well as newer, faster payment forms, like person-to-person (p2p) payment apps, including Zelle, Venmo, PayPal, and Cash App;
- **Overdraft and Nonsufficient Funds Fees:** Instituting common-sense limits; and
- **Federal Trade Commission:** Restoring the FTC's authority to fight scams, return funds to victims, and deter wrongdoers.

CFA can schedule virtual meetings (likely phone calls or Zoom) with your U.S. Senators and Representatives and provide all the necessary materials. Be sure to register by **September 2**.

[Register Now](#)

Proposed HUD Code changes, deadline for comments: September 19

The **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** published the proposed rule amending the **Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards**. The proposed updates are the largest set of changes to the HUD Code in over two decades, and should further improve the quality and safety of manufactured home construction. This proposed rule is open for public comment for 60 days.

All interested parties are invited to review and comment on the proposed revisions. Comments are due by **September 19**. Links to resources and other information regarding HUD's Manufactured Housing Programs can be found [HERE](#).

U.S. DOE publishes new manufactured housing energy standards

On May 31, the **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)** published its final rule for manufactured housing energy standards, which will be implemented May 31, 2023. The finalized rule will be the first-ever energy conservation standards for manufactured homes. The standards were developed from the 2021 version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and stakeholder input, in consultation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The rule requires specific standards be met by manufacturers for air sealing, insulation, HVAC, and other equipment and systems.

Learn more about the standards on [DOE's webpage](#).

SAVE THE DATE: NMHOA's Annual Meeting is November 12

The **NMHOA Board of Directors** is pleased to announce our **2022 Annual Meeting** and **board of directors' elections** will take place virtually on Saturday, November 12 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will include presentations and small group discussions providing useful information for manufactured home owners.

NMHOA is governed by a 17-member board of directors, which is elected for two-year terms. Half of the positions are elected in even-numbered years. The positions up for election this year include:

- **Executive Officers** – President, Secretary, and Associate Treasurer.
- **Area Vice Presidents** – Midwest Region Vice President and South East Region Vice President
- **At Large Members** – Four (4) positions

On our web site, you can learn about responsibilities of these positions in our [Bylaws](#) or the people serving on our [2021-2022 board of directors](#). If you are interested in being elected to any of these positions, please contact our Executive Director to let us know:

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[Register in Advance to Attend](#)

I'M HOME stakeholders meet to plan network relaunch

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.

As part of the network's relaunch in the wake of the pandemic, the **Lincoln Institute of Land Policy** hosted a meeting of national partners in May, informational webinars in June, and now a

mini-conference on August 16. The conference brought together more than 50 people playing key roles in manufactured housing, representing home owners, advocates, researchers, nonprofit housing organizations, lenders, industry professionals, and federal officials, including HUD Commissioner Julia Gordon and Manufactured Housing Programs Administrator Teresa Payne. The participants identified key issues and next steps related to manufactured home construction, manufactured housing financing, security of land tenure, and zoning ordinances and other local policies.

[Recordings of the webinars](#) can be viewed on Lincoln Institute's YouTube channel. The best way to receive updates on the network is to [sign up for the I'M HOME mailing list](#).

NMHOA in the News

- **Realtor.com:** "[Forget the American Dream of a single-family home: These alternatives appreciate faster and can cost less](#)," July 5, 2022. NMHOA executive director, Dave Anderson, shared comments on the increasing appeal of manufactured homes as an alternative to site-built, single-family homes.
- **The Street:** "[Prices for this kind of housing are rising faster than single-family homes](#)," July 5, 2022. MHOA executive director, Dave Anderson, comments on the continuing affordability, but also the recent rapid appreciation in value of manufactured homes.

Thank you to our supporters!

NMHOA is a member-based organization of manufactured home owners. The **support we get from our members is critical** to our continued work on behalf of the 22 million people who live in manufactured homes. In addition, **we also receive generous support in the form of grants, sponsorships, and advertisements** from other sources, including recently receiving support from Resident-Owned Communities USA (ROC USA).

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](#).

The mission of the National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA) is to promote, represent, preserve, and enhance the rights and interests of manufactured home-owners throughout the United States.

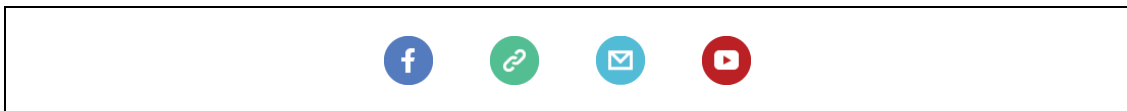
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You can read all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: <http://www.nmhoa.org/> and please "like" our facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/NationalManufacturedHomeOwnersAssociation>

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: dave.anderson@nmhoa.org. Your story will inspire and educate others.

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