



November 2015 Eblast

Welcome to the November 2015 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 that **GSMOL (CA)** and **Land Lease Homeowners Coalition Inc. (DE)** have both renewed their state association memberships. NMHOA is also thrilled to welcome back all **nine ROC homeowners' associations located in Oregon, Madelia Co-op in MN, and Otarnic Pond Co-op in NH**. NMHOA is excited to welcome new and renewing members from **Alaska, Delaware, Oregon, Utah, and Washington**. Your support and commitment to NMHOA are very much appreciated.

Giving Tuesday December 1 - NMHOA is participating in the "Giving Tuesday" campaign again this year and we hope that our members and friends will give generously to NMHOA at this time.

The concept has been around for four years. It is a way for people to give to the charities/non-profit organizations of their choice in response to "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" – the big holiday shopping days of the year.

So why does NMHOA need you to participate in "Giving Tuesday"?

NMHOA is the national membership organization for some of the most vulnerable homeowners in the country – families who own their homes but rent the land under them and reside in manufactured housing communities (commonly called "mobile home parks") – can lose their equity and find themselves homeless whenever that land is sold for other purposes.

NMHOA works across the country to support homeowners as they unite to protect their homes and preserve their communities – some specific examples from across the country in 2015 include:

- *Manufactured Housing Summit in Suffolk County, NY – 180 homeowners meeting on a snowy Saturday to address unsanitary living conditions and egregious acts by their landlords – result – immediate attention from city officials forcing landlords to follow the law.*
- *Meetings with predominantly Latino homeowners in Des Moines, WA – working with homeowners to help them save their homes after they were issued notice that their park was closing; and helping others establish a strong HOA to counter manager abuse.*
- *Working with homeowners in the City of Boulder's three manufactured housing communities to help address landlord abuses – result - successful passage of local ordinance to hold landlords more accountable and to ensure older homes being sold, still have value.*
- *Representing homeowners on HUD's Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee to ensure new homes are built to the highest quality health and safety standards while still maintaining affordability for seniors and young families just starting out on the homeownership ladder.*

NMHOA is celebrating 15 years of hard work on behalf of manufactured home owners – our goal is to raise \$15,000 – please give generously so that we can continue this work for the next 15 years and beyond – find out how to donate by clicking here: <http://www.nmhoa.org/giving-tuesday.html>

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 reminder for manufactured homeowners, and other helpful articles. There is also a **Did You Know** section and an **Ask Ishbel** section – so if you have questions about anything related to manufactured home living and you are a member of NMHOA, please do not hesitate to contact Ishbel: ishbel@nmhoa.org with your burning question. A membership form is attached for your convenience.

Last words for November – Congratulations to **Delaware!** Here are links to two inspiring stories from Delaware. This first link highlights how important the work of every individual is when we choose to speak up for what is right and fair: [COMMENTARY: Homeowners being drowned in own money - Delaware State News | Delaware State News](#)
This second link illustrates the importance of connecting with the Attorney General's office in your state – they are there to protect consumers – you are all consumers – read more about how the DE AG is looking out for the homeowners in that state: <http://news.delaware.gov/2015/11/16/attorney-generals-office-acts-to-protect-manufactured-housing-tenants-from-improper-conduct-by-community-owner/>

You can read all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: www.nmhoa.org and please “like” 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 – your story will inspire others.