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**NMHOA's
President Tim
Sheahan
Welcomes You to
i'mPOWERED!**

Welcome to NMHOA's educational series, i'm**POWERED!**. As they say, "knowledge is power," which inspired NMHOA to create a distinctive name for this service that combines the three words I-am-empowered.

The goal of i'm**POWERED!** is to inform and educate so you have the tools to help yourself in dealing with the unique circumstances of manufactured home living. We hope you find the articles valuable and welcome your question or suggestions for future content.

Wishing you success and satisfaction!

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The 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is the model code for "stick-built" home building codes, which are set by the states. However, it is the federal government that sets codes for manufactured homes because the factory does not always know where a home will end up. When it comes to

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Cold Weather Safety Tips

By: Tim Sheahan

As the weather gets colder and you begin to use your furnace/heaters more, it's important to be aware of possible hazards. Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February and the prevalence of Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning also rises in winter months. Heating equipment is involved in roughly one in six home fires and fire deaths. Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or the alarms are not working. ...

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manufactured homes, the energy provisions of the "HUD Code" (set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development) have not changed significantly since 1994, even though the IECC was created and has been updated five times since then. ...

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Ask Dave

Q. How can I keep my home warm and safe during the cold winter months?

A. With rising rents and rising utility costs, many lower income families struggle to stay warm during the coldest months of the year. You may want to check with your local public utility company to see if they offer reduced rates to income-qualifying households. Some people try to use self-help in an effort to stay warm, BUT please BE CAREFUL. Carbon monoxide released inside your home can cause serious illness and even death since it is odorless and often not detected until too late. Please read this report from the Government Accounting Office about the hazards of carbon monoxide in manufactured homes:

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-13-52>

Remember to replace the battery in your smoke detector as you turn your clocks back on November 6!

If you have a question for Dave, please email it to him at: dave.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com

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