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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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FEATURED ARTICLE:

Political Empowerment

By Tim Sheahan

A potentially great way to empower your homeowner advocacy efforts is to gain the support of elected officials. With some, all you have to do is ask; with others, it takes education and continued effort to gain support, while in some cases you might never gain support. Needless to say, elected officials are in a position to take action to protect their constituents against predatory actions of opportunistic MH community operators, but it often takes patience and persistence to reach the level of support we need.

With elections nearing, this is the time to execute a strategy for strengthening the level of support of your elected officials at all levels. It starts with doing your homework to identify which candidates support MH owner rights and “pin them down” publicly, or in writing. If they are incumbents, what was their voting record on issues that affect us? Seek opportunities to meet with all candidates, whether it’s individual one-on-one meetings, candidate forums, town hall meetings or to provide them with written questionnaires. Candidates soliciting support are generally receptive to discussing issues so try your best to meet with them face-to-face. ...

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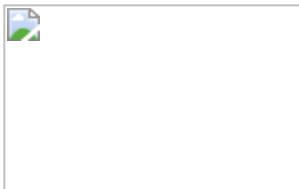
Ask Dave

Q: How can I or my state or community association participate in the 2018 elections? Are there any limits on what I am allowed to do?

A: There is intense interest in the 2018 elections. This is a good thing. Strong participation in elections is a sign of strong communities. It takes an active and engaged public to ensure public officials are responsive to community concerns. As an individual or as a group that is not incorporated as a nonprofit organization, your only real limit on participation in the elections is whatever restrictions may exist at the federal, state, or local levels for that race for campaign contributions. Otherwise you can support campaigns or parties in whatever way you want. ...

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