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## **September 2020 E-Blast**

Welcome to the September 2020 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!

**New NMHOA Web Address:**  
[www.manufacturedhomeowners.us](http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us)

### **CDC Issues Federal Eviction Moratorium**

The **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** issued a federal eviction moratorium in order to keep people housed and prevent the further spread of COVID-19. It went into effect on September 4 and will continue through December 31. It replaces the previous 120-day eviction moratorium created as part of the federal **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act** that expired on July 25. It only applies in states where no eviction moratorium is already in place (see [Emergency Bans on Evictions by State](#)).

The moratorium only protects tenants facing eviction for non-payment of rent. Unlike with other COVID-related eviction bans, the protections under the CDC moratorium are not automatic. Tenants must fill out a form declaring that they meet certain eligibility requirements and give it to their landlord. You are eligible if you meet the following five criteria:

- Make less than \$99,000 (or \$198,000 if you file a joint tax return)
- Unable to make full rent “due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, a lay-off, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses”
- Making an effort to make timely, partial rent payments
- Used your “best efforts” to seek out and apply for all available [state or local rental assistance programs](#)
- At risk of homelessness or at risk of having to double up with others in cramped, close quarters if you were evicted

The declaration form can be found in English [on the CDC's website](#). The National Low Income Housing Coalition also has [the form in Arabic, Mandarin, Spanish and Vietnamese](#).

## **Forest Fires Destroy Manufactured Home Communities**

**California, Oregon, and Washington are experiencing a historic wildfire season.** Dozens have died, millions of acres have been burned, and thousands of structures have been destroyed, including homes in manufactured home park communities. In Oregon, forest fires destroyed 17 park communities and displaced 2,100 families. With several large fires still burning, the full scale of damage will not be known for several weeks.

The **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** is supporting state responses and providing financial assistance. FEMA provides a maximum household benefit of \$35,000 for repairs, temporary housing, and replacing household appliances and goods. There is also a maximum \$35,500 benefit for “other needs assistance,” for medical expenses, vehicles, clothing, and so on. People can register for disaster relief:

- Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) or using the FEMA app
- By phone at 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for people with speech and hearing disabilities. If you use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone lines operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. PDT, seven days a week.

Unfortunately, many manufactured home owners are experiencing problems applying for relief because of difficulty in documenting ownership of their home, which is classified as personal property with a title rather than real property with a deed. If your initial claim is denied, don't give up. There is a 60-day appeal period and you can call the agency's hotline (1-800-621-3362) for help.

## **Deadline to Claim Federal Stimulus Checks in October 15**

Authorized in the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act**, people are eligible to apply for Economic Impact Payments, better known as “stimulus checks,” but the deadline to do so is October 15.

Every eligible adult can receive a one-time direct payments from the federal government of up to \$1,200. People who filed taxes in 2018 or 2019 and recipients of certain benefit programs automatically received checks. However, individuals earning less than \$12,200 or married couples earning less than \$24,400 annually, including people who had no income and people whose sole source of income was Social Security Income (SSI), are eligible but will not receive checks without filing a request with the Internal Revenue Service.

You can learn more and apply on the IRS web site by going [HERE](#).

## **Take Action to Support Federal Rental Assistance**

Many families are struggling to pay their rent even with the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act** stimulus checks and increased unemployment benefits. NMHOA is pushing to increase rental assistance and make residents eligible for that assistance, supporting the **Emergency Rental Assistance and Rental Market Stabilization Act** ([S. 3685](#) / [H.R. 6820](#)) to provide \$100 billion in emergency rental assistance, which has now been included in the **Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act (HEROES) Act** ([H.R. 6800](#)).

Learn more about the HEROES Act [HERE](#) and contact your senators and representatives and urge them to cosponsor the and ensure that it is included in the next coronavirus relief package! Find the phone numbers of your members of Congress [HERE](#)

## **Save the Date: NMHOA's 2020 Annual Meeting & Elections**

The **NMHOA Board of Directors** is pleased to announce our **2020 Annual Meeting** and **board of directors' elections** will take place virtually on November 7. Our full Annual Convention program, however, has been postponed until spring 2021.

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 positions

On our web site, you can learn about responsibilities of these positions in our [Bylaws](#) or the people serving on our [2019-2020 board of directors](#).

## **Don't forget about the 2020 Census!**

We need all manufactured home park residents to be counted. The data from the census will help determine how federal funds are distributed each year for things like housing assistance, health care, education, and roads, including making sure that park residents aren't left out.

It has never been easier for people to complete the census! During the COVID-19 outbreak, you are able to respond from your home and minimize the need to send census takers door-to-door in our communities to follow up. If you haven't already, **please respond today** by:

- Filling out your form online at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) or
- Calling 844-330-2020 (*Phone support is also available in 13 non-English languages. Visit the Census Bureau website to learn more!*)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com). Your story will inspire and educate others.***



### **National Manufactured Home Owners Association**

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