



Yucaipa Mobilehome Residents Association

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Our Next YMRA Open Monthly Meeting will be April 8, 2023

From 10 -11 A.M. at the Yucaipa Woman's Club Building, 35215 Avenue A, Yucaipa, CA 92399

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Open Monthly Meeting – April 8, 2023

YMRA holds its Open Monthly Meeting at 10:00 am on the second Saturday of each month at the Woman's Club at 35215 Avenue A, corner Adams Street. Our next meeting will be Saturday, April 8. Scheduled guest speaker is Donnakaye Ostrander, Senior Advocate, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. She will be speaking on the YANA (You Are Not Alone) Program provided by the Sheriff's Department. The program has a roster of volunteers who make week-day telephone calls to seniors, disabled persons, or others living alone as a safety feature. They make sure you are okay. Time permitting, she may also speak about opportunities for citizens to volunteer with the Sheriff's Department. All residents of mobilehome parks and other interested persons are invited to attend.

From the YMRA Chair - Shirley Dalton

I live on the south side of Yucaipa. For those of us who often travel to, and do business in, Calimesa life has become more complicated. One of the main intersections connecting Yucaipa and Calimesa is 5th Street and County Line Road. That intersection is now closed and will be for another estimated six weeks or so. A new roundabout is being constructed along with street and sidewalk improvements. So be careful when traveling either County Line Road or south on 5th Street.

We still need newsletter delivery people. If you live in one of the parks listed below and are able to deliver newsletters to your neighbors, please let us know. We will appreciate your help. People are needed in these 17 parks:

Aladdin Avalon Bel Aire Crafton Hills Crestview 1 Grandview East Hitching Post Hidden Village Las Casitas Melody Lane Mission Valley Oaks Mountain View Skyline Valley View Valley Breeze Wildwood Canyon Yucaipa Valley

Changes at Yucaipa City Hall

As you may be aware, Yucaipa has a new City Manager, **Chris Mann**. Not everyone in Yucaipa is happy with the changes, but it's a done deal and we need to move on. Mann will be our guest speaker at an upcoming YMRA meeting in July and will update us on his vision and plans for the mobilehome park community in Yucaipa. Two new positions have been approved for City Hall staff with some re-organization of responsibilities among existing positions. These changes will probably not be obvious to most people in Yucaipa, but one directly affects mobilehome park residents. **Kim Metzler** has a new title and new responsibilities: Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Rent Administrator. She will be able to focus more on the Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Program while backing up City Clerk functions as needed. Hopefully this means she will have more time to devote to relationships between City Hall and park residents and to help improve our quality of life in Yucaipa.

Help with Soaring Energy Bills

If you made it through the ridiculously high heating bills without having to ask for assistance in paying them, you might want to consider cost of cooling your home in what will probably be a very hot summer. You can request help from the same places we recommended for heating bills.

- **CARE**, So Cal Gas: Call 1-800-427-2200 or visit website www.socalgas.com Click on "Save Money & Energy" then "Assistance Programs". Maximum household Yearly income for 1-2 people \$36,620. They have a 20% monthly discount available or a one-time bill grant. Also a Past Due Bill Forgiveness plan if you qualify.
- **FERA** – Southern Calif. Edison: Maximum Yearly income same as CARE. Contact So Cal Edison at 1-800-655-4555
- **HEAP** – Electric, Gas, Water, assistance. Maximum monthly income 1-2 people \$3,353.87. For an application packet you can call (909) 723-1500 or email utilityassistance@capsbc.org.

YMRA Contact Information:

- Telephone number - (909) 232-1910.
- Email address – sd.ymra@gmail.com
- YMRA Website at www.yucaipaYMRA.com.

Membership Matters

YMRA membership is important to the mobilehome park residents community. We need your involvement and attendance at our meetings. This gives us the right to say that we represent our large mobilehome park community, the only local organization that supports, advocates for and gives a united voice to mobilehome park residents. Thank you to all mobilehome park residents who support YMRA.

New California Legislation Introduced in 2023

About 2,600 bills have been introduced in the California State Legislature for the 2023 session. More than 1,000 are “placeholder” bills without specific language to leave room for additional bills which might be proposed. Bills of specific interest to mobilehome park residents include:

- **AB 1035 Mobilehome Parks: Rent Caps** (Muratsuchi): This bill would prohibit the management of a mobilehome park from increasing the gross rental rate for a tenancy for a mobilehome space more than 3 percent plus the percentage change in the cost of living, or 5 percent, whichever is lower, of the lowest gross rental rate charged for the tenancy at any time during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the increase.
- **AB 604 Mobilehome Parks: Water Utility Charges** (Lee): This bill would provide that the limitations on charges and fees in connection with water utility service apply to all management that elects to separately bill water utility service to homeowners.
- **AB 318 Mobilehome Residency Law (MRL) Protection Act** (Addis): This bill proposes to eliminate the 5-year sunset on the Mobilehome Residency Law Act (AG 3066), which amended the Health and Safety Code to establish the Mobilehome Residency Law Protection Program (MRLPP), a five-year pilot program housed within the HCD to help coordinate the resolution of complaints from homeowners relating to the Mobilehome Residency Law (MRL). The Act requires HCD to select the most severe, deleterious, materially, and economically impacted alleged violations of the MRL for state evaluation, including any alleged violations that may lead to eviction. When enacted, this law was intended to protect and safeguard the most vulnerable mobilehome homeowners by affording them an additional avenue to enforce violations of the MRL.
- **AB 22 Mobilehomes: mobile coaches** (Gipson): This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would classify motor coaches that are parked in a mobilehome park for a period of time that satisfies residency requirements as mobilehome properties to give mobile coach owners the ability to build home equity. The bill would state findings and declarations in that regard.

Scherer Community Center

The Scherer Community Center is open again and providing services and nutritional programs for Yucaipa seniors. The Center acts as a referral agency to assist seniors with legal, medical, and financial issues and as a Cooling and Heating Center during operating hours throughout the year. Located at 12202 First Street (between Ave A and Ave B), the Center is open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. To 4 p.m. Activities and social programs include:

- Exercise and fitness – Aerobics, Chair Aerobics, Gentle Moves, Japanese Dance, Line Dancing, Tai Chi
- Activities – Billiards, Cards R Us, Chess and Checkers Club, Craft n' Creations, Knit and Crochet Club, Senior Paint and Art Club, Senior Ping Pong Club, Ukulele Club
- Nutrition Services:
 - Family Services Association provides nutritious meals to seniors who must be at least 60 years young. Hot meals are available next to the Scherer Community Center from 11:30 a.m. To 12:p.m.; check-in begins at 10:45 a.m. A suggested donation of \$3.00 a person would be greatly appreciated.
 - “More Than a Meal” program delivers meals to home-bound seniors. To sign-up for the homebound meal program, call FSA at (909) 790-3170.
 - USDA (Commodities) – Yucaipa Christ Redeemer Church is offering the monthly USDA Commodity distribution program previously provided through the City of Yucaipa. Monthly food packages are distributed via a drive-thru at the church, located at 12148 4th Street, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 1 p.m. To 3 p.m. Participants must be low-income and the person picking up must be at least 18 years old.
- “Golden Wheels” Program – Yucaipa is finally about to “roll out” its new transportation service for seniors and disabled persons. Yucaipa City website states it is to begin in Spring 2023. When I get a definite date, I'll let you know. Transportation will be provided daily (excluding holidays) Monday - Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Transportation will include basic needs such as grocery shopping, pharmacy visits, and additional personal needs within City limits. Travel within City limits will be free; there will be a low cost to seniors traveling on proposed excursions to be offered by the City of Yucaipa Community Services Department.

Send your thoughts, comments & Newsletter ideas to: Editor Shirley Dalton at sd.ymra@gmail.com

To join YMRA or renew your membership, send \$9.00 for each adult person in your home (good for 14 months from the date you join) **along with a self addressed stamped envelope**, or to donate any amount, simply fill out the coupon below and send to: YMRA, P.O. Box 1052, Yucaipa, CA 92399

NAME _____ PARK _____ SPC # _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ MEMBERSHIP \$ ENCLOSED _____ DONATION \$ _____ TOTAL _____

WILLING TO VOLUNTEER? YES () NO () MAYBE LATER () NOTE: _____