



## **Yucaipa Mobilehome Residents Association**

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### **Our Next YMRA Open Monthly Meeting will be February 11, 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 – February 11, 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, February 11. We will not have a Guest Speaker at this meeting. Due to the many requests for information and help with extremely high natural gas/heating bills this month, our meeting will focus on ways to help with those costs. We will have information on programs available to assist you with payments. Application forms, income guidelines and information on where and how to apply for help will be available. Programs available include:

- California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)
- Family Electric Rate Assistance Program (FERA)
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- SoCalGas Assistance Program

If you are unable to attend the meeting, see below for information on how to apply from home.

#### **From the YMRA Chair - Shirley Dalton**

Last month was a bit of a problem for the newsletter. Half way through the print run, the paper roller broke. I had to take an original to UPS and have 1,300 copies printed there. Cost was quite a bit higher than in-house printing. We finally were able to recover from our printer meltdown. A very nice technician from Empire Office Machines in Colton was here on Saturday, January 28 to replace the broken part. Printer is working great again.

Speaking of newsletters, we have lost five of our newsletter delivery people this past month – two moved out of town, two have health issues, and one, unfortunately, passed away. That means five more mobilehome parks that will not be getting newsletters delivered to the residents. We do place newsletters in the park office or clubhouse if no one is available to deliver to each resident. But this is a poor second best. We really do need additional volunteers. If you find this newsletter interesting and helpful, consider offering to deliver it to your neighbors. Almost half of the parks in the city do not receive newsletters delivered to their residents. We will appreciate your help. People are needed in these 16 parks:

Aladdin Avalon 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

#### **Help with Soaring Heating Bills**

If you are unable to attend the meeting on February 11, here is the information to help you apply for assistance with your energy bills.

- **CARE**, So Cal Gas: Call 1-800-427-2200 or visit website [www.socalgas.com](http://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](mailto:utilityassistance@capsbc.org).
- **SoCalGas Assistance Program** – One time grant up to \$100. Maximum Yearly household income 1-2 people \$36,620. Call 1-877-238-0092. Not available for sum-metered billing; bill must be in name of applicant, not the park you live in. You must be required to pay SoCal Gas directly, not on your rent bill to the park.

SoCal Gas did say in recent news releases that natural gas prices will be coming down in February, but apply now for assistance in coming months. According to our friendly groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, we can expect six more weeks of winter.

#### **Membership Matters**

YMRA membership is important to the mobilehome park residents community. We need your involvement and attendance at our meetings. YMRA serves a community of over 4,200 mobilehome spaces in the city of Yucaipa and is devoted to advocating for mobilehome residents throughout the area. Your membership and attendance 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.

## Building Permit Requirements for Mobilehomes

It may not be widely known, but modifications and/or structural improvements to mobilehomes require a building permit which must be issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This requirement applies to manufactured homes, mobilehomes, multifamily manufactured homes, and commercial modulars. City and county requirements for building permits do not apply to mobilehomes. Permits must be requested by the mobilehome owner or someone contracted to do the work whether the home is owned by the mobilehome park or by the resident. **HCD has sole authority for permit issuance and inspections of alterations, conversions, or the change of use of units, or to conduct inspections to obtain insignia of approval.**

Examples of alterations, additions, etc., to mobilehomes which require permitting include, but are not limited to:

- Installation or replacement of air conditioning or evaporative cooling units
- Installation or replacement of electrical units such as ceiling fans, changes to electrical systems, electrical panel or circuit
- Installation or replacement of furnace, heat pump, or heating stove
- Installation or replacement of built-in oven, range, cooktop or freestanding range, range hood, water heater
- Install/modify drain, waste, and vent, or water system, natural gas lines
- Install (add) garbage disposal
- Structural modifications to chassis or frame; replace exterior doors or windows; repair any structural component such as joists, rafters, roof, interior walls, exterior or interior wall covering; attach awning for garage or porch

To request required Form HCD MH 415, application for a permit, contact the HCD regional Southern Area Office at 3737 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501, phone (800) 952-8356, email [SAOStaff@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:SAOStaff@hcd.ca.gov).

## How to File a MRL Complaint:

We constantly get requests for information on how to file a complaint pursuant to the Mobilehome Residency Law Protection Program administered by California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This program offers help for mobilehome/manufactured homeowners to resolve complaints for certain violations. Here are some FAQs to assist you:

- *Who can submit a complaint?* Any mobilehome/manufactured homeowner who lives in a mobilehome park. It is often beneficial if more than one homeowner in the park signs on to the filing.
- *What types of complaints can be submitted?* Any complaints for issues within mobilehome parks related to Mobilehome Residency Law (MRL) violations. Common violations include illegal grounds for eviction, failure to provide proper notice of rent increases, failure to maintain common areas, or no written rental agreement between the park and mobilehome owner.
- *How does a mobilehome/manufactured homeowner submit their complaint?* Complaints must be submitted to HCD who will provide help to resolve and coordinate resolutions of **the most severe alleged violations** of the MRL. For more information call the Riverside District Office at (951) 782-4431, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm, or visit HCD website [www.hcd.ca.gov](http://www.hcd.ca.gov) and click on tab for *Mobilehome Residency Law Protection Program*.

If you need a copy of the Mobilehome Residency Law, it is available online at our website, <https://yucaipaYMRA.com/resources>, on the website of the City of Yucaipa at <https://yucaipa.org> under *Residents*, Mobilehome Community, or you can ask your park manager or City Hall for a paper copy.

## YMRA Contact Information:

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- FaceBook Page - [www.facebook.com/ymra.ca](http://www.facebook.com/ymra.ca)
- YMRA Website at [www.yucaipaYMRA.com](http://www.yucaipaYMRA.com).

We invite you to send us your thoughts, comments & Newsletter ideas to:

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Editor, Shirley Dalton

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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