



## Yucaipa Mobilehome Residents Association

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### Our Next YMRA Open Monthly Meeting will be January 14, 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 – January 14, 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, January 14. We will not have a Guest Speaker at this meeting. Items for discussion will include proposed speakers or events for upcoming meetings. Also on the Agenda will be suggestions and discussion regarding possible community outreach to increase YMRA membership and attract more people to our meetings. All suggestions are welcome. We hope to see you there.

#### From the YMRA Chair - Shirley Dalton

My apologies for a delay in getting the Newsletter out this month. The holidays took up too much time and family issues got in the way. Thank you to those members who turned out at our November Meeting to vote on the nominees for the Executive Committee members. Continuing members are Shirley Dalton, Chair, Rayna Carmichael, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Angela Pearce, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair, Debbie Richter, Recording Secretary. New Executive Committee member is Irene Vasquez, Treasurer. Welcome to all and thank you for volunteering to work with and promote YMRA.

#### Soaring Energy and Heating Bills

I'm sure everyone noticed an increase in their heating bill this month. My natural gas bill, which came with my monthly rent bill on January 1, included most of November and part of December. I was really surprised at the increase since I didn't realize how much more gas I used for heating this year than I used the same time last year.

I'm not looking forward to getting the next bill at all. According to information I've received by way of notices to local residential users and area newspapers, we can be looking at a **120% or more increase** in natural gas prices beginning January 1. From the *Los Angeles Times*, January 6, 2023:

- *Anyone who heats their home with natural gas is likely to see a January bill that is more than double what they paid a year earlier, SoCalGas said.*
- *A typical peak monthly bill of \$65 from last winter will probably come in close to \$160, SoCalGas said, a 146% increase. A \$130 bill will be more like \$315, up 142%.*

For seniors, disabled and low-income residents, there is help. **HEAP** is a federally funded program aimed at assisting low-income households to meet their energy needs. HEAP assistance is provided in the form of a credit on your utility bill for gas, electric, wood, or propane. Eligible applicants whose utilities are sub-metered or included in their rent will receive a check for the total amount they are eligible for. This would include most mobilehome park residents who use natural gas for heating. There are two ways for mobilehome park residents to obtain assistance:

- **Emergency Utility Bill Assistance** – If you have received a disconnect or past due notice. Call HEAP at (909) 723-1500, regular business hours.
- **Non Emergency Utility Bill Assistance** - You could receive an annual HEAP credit. It may take 6-8 weeks to process, so you are advised to apply now. Applicants must meet income qualifications and live in San Bernardino County.

Household size – maximum monthly income

- 1 person \$2,564.73
- 2 persons \$3,353.87
- 3 persons \$4,4143.02
- 4 persons \$4,932.17

**For an application packet you can call (909) 723-1500 or email [utilityassistance@capsbc.org](mailto:utilityassistance@capsbc.org). Don't wait. Call Now.**

#### 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, wast, 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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- 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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