



## **Yucaipa Mobilehome Residents Association**

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### **Our Next YMRA Open Monthly Meeting will be June 10, 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 – June 10, 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, June 10. Scheduled guest speaker is Sarah Martiniz, Community Services Recreation Superintendent for City of Yucaipa. She plans to talk to us about services available for seniors in the City, the Senior Center at Scherer Community Center at 12202 First Street, and she hopes to have more information on the roll out of the senior transport shuttle we've all been waiting for. All residents of mobilehome parks and other interested persons are invited to attend.

#### **Meeting May 13, with Yucaipa Fire Chief Malinowski**

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On May 13, Yucaipa Fire Chief Grant Malinowski and Capt. Tom Burrascano were guests for the month of May as special speakers. The topic was on fire safety and preparedness for the 42 mobilehome parks in Yucaipa with approximately 4,270 spaces to defend.

Chief Malinowski gave tips to help be fire safe and those included:

- All mobilehome parks are subject to a yearly Title 25 fire inspection.
- All parks have to have plot lines.
- All parks have to have posted addresses on the mobilehome itself.
- All park residents should have weed abatement done around their mobilehome.
- Residents shouldn't have flammable material under the mobilehome that could cause a fire.
- Residents shouldn't have junk around the perimeter that would cause a fire.
- The common areas are the responsibility of the park owner (clubhouse, pool).

Malinowski said, "Mobilehomes are not built like a house. Houses have even dumbed down because of all the gules and all the products and they don't sustain fire like they used to. On older homes, 60 or 70 years old or so, that home will be structurally sound in a fire for 20 to 30 minutes. Whereas the new homes being built right now are down to about the six minute mark. They burn a lot hotter with a lot more synthetic materials in them. They don't have as much solid wood. Mobilehomes are made out of very lightweight construction materials. They don't have the same firestops without the wood in them to prevent the fire spread and burn even faster."

The three major dangers with a mobilehomes and the park are: 1) The fire accelerates fast, 2) Fires lanes must remain clear at all times for the firetrucks to get to the fire to help firefighters do their job, 3) The neighbors are very close to each other.

Malinowski said there are three mobilehome parks in Yucaipa that were built in pre-1968, and do not have any fire protection systems. "They don't have fire hydrants, fireboxes or anything because that was not required at the time they were built." Those three parks are Avalon Mobile Estates, Aladdin Mobile Estates, and Bonanza Mobile Home Park. He stated that creates more planning on the fire dept. side because they will have to hook up a firehose outside the park. Avalon's hookup is across the street from the park. They do have fire extinguishers.

Malinowski said the city also has a task force that inspects the parks to help lighten the load of the fire department that is inspecting 42 mobile home parks, 800 businesses and still provide paramedic and fire service. Code enforcement also has a part in these inspections.

Burrascano is the inspector for mobilehome parks for the city of Yucaipa. He said that all 42 parks will be looked at for fire protection each year. "As the chief said earlier, we have a multitask force in the city of Yucaipa that includes myself from the fire dept., the San Bernardino sheriff's and Code Enforcement."

"Each park needs a sign-off to get permission from the city to run its park. Violations can't be ignored. They become compliant ... I'm the one who signs that every year so that park could have the permit to operate ... We're making sure your park is protected, the fire lanes are painted ... The inspection for that task force is to make sure everyone is taking care of one another. We make sure

your house is clear, your brush is clear, your trees are trimmed. That is all noted in the walk through,” said Burrascano.

Suggestions for information or help with issues: The Yucaipa city app where residents can reach out to code enforcement to report issues. The website to find out if your property is in a high-fire zone is [fire.ca.gov](http://fire.ca.gov) and shows tips on how to make defensible space. The city of Yucaipa’s “Your Yucaipa Community Services Guide” on page 9 for summer of 2023 has tips for fire safety.

### 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.

### Insurance Companies are Making Changes

Changes which may affect you so it is important to maintain the coverage you now have and keep all premiums paid up to date:

1. Companies are terminating fire insurance policies on mobilehomes determined to be in high fire hazard areas. You may have difficulty securing coverage for your home. If your policy has been terminated, you can obtain basic fire insurance coverage through the California FAIR Plan. Any insurance broker can assist you in obtaining coverage with this plan.
2. Be prepared to find your insurance company is no longer accepting monthly payments. More insurance companies are requiring customers to pay the policy's premium in full or in two payments.
3. Some insurance companies are no longer taking new customers. You may find you have fewer options to choose from if you need new insurance or choose to change companies.

### New California Legislation Introduced in 2023

- **AB 318 Mobilehome Residency Law (MRL) Protection Act** (Addis): This bill will now extend 3 years to pilot phase of the Mobilehome Resident Law Program Program (MRLPP). In 2018, the state enacted the Mobilehome Residency Law Act (AB 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).

### Scherer Community Center

The Scherer Community Center is open 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 Center during operating hours throughout the year. Located at 12202 First Street (between Ave A and Ave B), it is open Monday-Thursday, 8:30am To 4pm..

- 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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