



Yucaipa Mobilehome Residents Association

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Our Next YMRA Open Monthly Meeting will be March 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 – March 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, March 11. We will not have a Guest Speaker at this meeting. Shirley Dalton, Chair of YMRA, will be presenting a workshop on the steps needed to process a problem/complaint within a mobilehome park. How and when to approach management of the park and when to take it further, for example to Yucaipa Code Enforcement or the California Housing and Community Development (HCD).

From the YMRA Chair - Shirley Dalton

We had an informative meeting in February regarding ever-increasing heating bills. A workshop was held to inform and assist members on how, and to whom, to apply for assistance in paying these outrageous bills. If you were not able to attend last month, a copy of the HEAP application and related information will be available at our March meeting.

Our April meeting will have as guest speaker, 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 provides week-day calls to seniors, disabled persons, or those living alone as a safety feature. They make sure you are okay.

We have lost six of our newsletter delivery people this past month – two moved out of town, two have health issues, and one, unfortunately, passed away. That means six 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 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

Help with Soaring Heating Bills

If you were 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 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.
- **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 and March.

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.

YMRA Contact Information:

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

New California Legislation Introduced in 2023

About 2,60 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. Excursions will include music, art, theater, and other recreation-type events. More details on how to schedule a ride and the date the program will start will hopefully be available soon.

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: _____