



Yucaipa Mobilehome Residents Association

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Our Next YMRA Open Monthly Meeting will be April 9, 2022

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 9, 2022

YMRA holds its Open Monthly Meetings at 10:00 am on the second Saturday of each month at the Woman's Club on the corner of Avenue A and Adams Street. Our next meeting will be March 12 at 10:00 am. Our guest speaker this month will be Tom Wall, from Synergy Companies. Synergy Companies represents Southern California Edison in the implementation of its Comprehensive Manufactured Homes Program. This Program is funded by California utility ratepayers. Synergy Companies works with SCE in our area to offer NO-COST products and services to increase the comfort levels of your home, make your home more energy efficient and lower your energy costs.

As we head into summer weather in Yucaipa, it's a good time to check out your cooling system and see if Synergy Companies can help you reduce your summer costs. Tom Wall will be explaining what Synergy Companies can do to help you.

For your calendar – Next meeting May 14, 2022

From the YMRA Chair - Shirley Dalton

In November 2022 we will be holding our biennial election for Chairman and members of the Board of Directors. Considering the problems we have had this year keeping all the positions filled, I'd like to get an early start on suggestions for YMRA members who would like to join the Board. It will be for a 2-year term beginning in January 2023. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who might be, please give us your name.

We had a very good turnout at our March 12 meeting. Our guest speakers were Lucy De La Torre and Lorraine Gonzalez, representing Holt Insurance Services in Yucaipa. Their presentation focused on various aspects of mobilehome insurance. They discussed the need for insurance for both homeowners and renters, coverages and policies available, variations in costs and the importance of selecting a company who can meet the client's individual needs. Gonzalez and De La Torre also answered questions from the audience and participated in a lively exchange about the devastation that can occur when an accident or disaster happens to someone who does not have insurance coverage, and conversely, about the peace of mind that can be achieved with adequate insurance protection. (Compliments of Jo Sutt)

Good news! The Scherer Community Center at Avenue B and 1st Street, Yucaipa, is re-opening on February 28. Some of the classes we have been missing will be starting there beginning March 1. You can get more information on the Yucaipa City website at www.yucaipa.org or by calling (909) 797-1177.

YMRA has a new telephone number - (909) 232-1910. We are always happy to hear from you and answer any questions you have.

YMRA Website is now live online at www.yucaipaYMRA.com. Come visit us!!

Our website includes a list of resources for seniors, veterans, disabled persons, mobilehome park residents. You can also find links to Yucaipa City Hall, San Bernardino County offices, and other important government agencies. Information on YMRA Membership dues is available and information on how to renew or become a member. You are able to access the website on all computer devices including smart phones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers. Please drop in!

Information of interest to Mobilehome Park Residents

HEAP Assistance – It does appear we have moved from extremely cold weather to almost summer temperatures. This can lead to higher cooling costs in the Yucaipa area. If you need assistance in meeting your utility bills, HEAP assistance is available. You can apply for Emergency Utility Bill Assistance if you have received a disconnect notice for utility accounts. Non-Emergency Utility Bill Assistance may provide an annual HEAP credit to qualifying clients. For information or to apply for assistance, visit the website at www.capsbc.org and link to Utility Assistance. Or you can call (909) 723-1500 for an appointment Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m and 4:45 p.m.

Membership Matters

YMRA membership is important to the mobilehome park residents community. The only way we can make our voices heard is by working together to protect homeowners' rights and make our parks better places in which to live. 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 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.

Legal Assistance for Mobilehome Park Residents

We are often asked to provide legal advice when mobilehome park residents have a problem. YMRA Committee members are not lawyers. We do recommend you seek the advice of an attorney when the issue goes beyond what YMRA can effectively assist you with. If the cost of legal advice is a problem, there is an answer – **Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino County**. Their goal is to provide access to the judicial system by providing legal education, counsel, and advocacy services for those in need, regardless of their ability to pay. They have four Signature Projects:

- Access to Justice Clinic, which includes Family Law, Guardianships, Employment, Eviction Answers
- Guardianship and Conservatorship
- Employment Law
- Housing Project (this is probably where mobilehome residents will likely find the help they need)

You can visit their website at legalaidsb.org, or their office at 588 W. Sixth Street, San Bernardino, email Info@Legalaidsb.org, or call (909) 889-7328.

2022 California Mobilehome Residency Law (MRL)

The 2022 Edition of the MRL has been released. Significant legislation changes were made in 2021 that affect the MRL. AB 861 (CIV 798.23) requires mobilehome park management to comply with any park rule or regulation prohibiting mobilehome owners from renting or subleasing unless renting or subleasing to an employee. This means park owners will no longer be able to rent mobilehomes within their park unless they change the park rules to allow residents the same right. This does not apply to rental or lease agreements in effect as of 31 December 2021. An online copy is available at <https://mhphoa.com/mrl/>. Yucaipa City Hall will have the 2022 Edition available soon.

Mobilehome Residency Law Protection Program

Just a reminder. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has a Mobilehome Assistance Center to accept complaints from mobilehome/manufactured homeowners for issues within mobilehome parks related to Mobilehome Residency Law violations. Any mobilehome/manufactured homeowner who lives in a mobilehome park can submit a complaint.

Types of complaints which can be submitted:

- illegal grounds for eviction, or lack of adequate notice of grounds for eviction
- failure to provide proper notice of rent increases
- no written rental agreement between the park and mobilehome owner

Complaints must be submitted to HCD at their "Submit a Complaint" website at www.hcd.ca.gov.

You can also call the HCD office in Riverside, CA, at (800) 652-8356 for assistance.

New Legislation we are watching in Sacramento:

- Current California Civil Code allows local rent stabilization ordinances to apply only on mobilehome spaces first offered for rent before January 1, 1990. Senator John Laird has proposed SB 940, an amendment to Civil Code Sections 798.7 and 798.45, which would allow local mobilehome rent regulations to govern a newly added mobilehome space in an existing park regardless of when it was initially held out for rent. This ordinance will cover additions to existing parks and the building of new mobilehome parks.
- Senator Connie Leyva has introduced SB 869 which would require any person, or person under contract, who is responsible for managing a mobilehome park to complete 18 hours per year of training, including an annual end of year online examination. The bill will also require a process for background checks. The training shall include:
 - Mobilehome Residency Law
 - Rights and responsibilities of homeowners and management
 - Emergency procedures
 - Communication with homeowners
 - Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations
 - Mobilehome titling and registration
 - Applicable vehicle code provisions

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

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