



Yucaipa Mobilehome Residents Association

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Our Next YMRA Open Monthly Meeting will be August 13, 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 – August 13, 2022

YMRA holds its Open Monthly Meetings 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, August 13. Our scheduled speaker canceled at the last moment, so I don't know who will be speaking at our meeting. We are looking for another speaker who will be interesting and have something relevant to say to our members. Prepare for a surprise!

For your calendar – Next meeting September 10, 2022

From the YMRA Chair - Shirley Dalton

A reminder, in November 2022 we will be holding our biennial election for Chairman and members of the Executive Committee. 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 need to get the proposed slate in place by September.

The YMRA meeting on Saturday, July 9, was well received. We had a lively discussion on problems with mobilehome parks and management. Resident Rights and Responsibilities were discussed and common issues with park management. Packets were passed out that included copies of Rights and Responsibilities, procedures for registering complaints, and the appropriate people or organizations with whom to file problems. Sample logs and letters were included in the packet. If you were not able to be at the meeting and would like a packet, let me know.

Changes to the Yucaipa Rent Stabilization Ordinance by the City Council at their special meeting were minor. The only change affecting current mobilehome park residents is the formula for calculating annual space rent increases. The formula had used 80% of Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 4% of current space rent, whichever is lower. This changed to 100% of CPI or 4% of current space rent, whichever is lower. Since inflation is running so high right now, over 9%, space rent increase will be limited to 4% of this year's rent. We won't see much difference in our rent increases until inflation rate drops below 4%.

I want to stress one point: please make sure of your facts before posting any information or opinions on social media, such as Facebook. In the run up to the Mobilehome Rent Review Commission meeting in May and the Special City Council meeting on July 11 on rent stabilization, someone posted online that the Commission and then City Council were going to be voting to eliminate rent control in Yucaipa. This was totally wrong and only succeeded in scaring many mobilehome park residents. The Commission meets every two years to review the ordinance and determine if any changes are needed. It has never, and will never, recommend eliminating rent control in Yucaipa.

Heat Causing Problems for Some Residents

High temperatures this spring and summer are causing many mobilehome park residents problems, from inadequate cooling and higher utility bills to our friends at Southern California Edison (SCE) turning off the power. Along with many other Yucaipa city residents, I've received notice from SCE that the electricity will be off for a few hours on an upcoming date for equipment upgrades. With the temps at 90° or higher, this is concerning to many mobilehome park residents, especially seniors and disabled who depend on medical equipment, oxygen, etc. There are steps you can take to stay cool.

Visit a Cooling Center in Yucaipa, there are several available:

- Scherer Community Center, 12202 1st Street; Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-4:pm
- Yucaipa Branch Library, 12040 5th St., Mon-Wed 11am-7pm, Thurs-Fri, 10am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm
- Yucaipa Community Center, 34900 Oak Glen Blvd, Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 10am-4pm

Have a Backup Plan

- Check with your medical equipment supplier to see if they can provide backup or emergency assistance.
- Get on "Special Needs" Lists: Contact your local fire department to learn whether they maintain a list of people with special medical needs. Being on this list may help them better respond during emergencies.

YMRA Contact Information:

- Telephone number - (909) 232-1910.
- Email address – sd.ymra@gmail.com
- FaceBook Page! Visit us at www.facebook.com/ymra.ca
- Website is live online at www.yucaipaYMRA.com. Come visit us!! Our website includes a wealth of information and resources for seniors, veterans, disabled persons, mobilehome park residents.

Inflation is hitting Seniors and mobilehome park residents

With the prices going up on everything from food to gasoline, it can be hard to make ends meet. The 2022 California State Budget just signed by Gov. Newsom will give a little relief to individuals who had income less than \$75,000/year. Individuals will receive a one-time payment of \$350 in October for a single filer, \$700 for those filing jointly. Lesser amounts will be paid to those who had income over \$75,000.

It does appear we have moved from extremely cold weather to hot 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.

Scherer Community Senior Center is Back!

The Scherer Community Center at 12202 1st St., Yucaipa, (between Ave A and Ave B) reopened its doors in February 2022 for regular business. Since then, many of their regular classes have resumed including: Aerobics 2 Go, Chair Aerobics, Gentle Moves, Line Dancing, and Tai Chi. Additionally, the Center welcomed back many social groups that are run by volunteers from our community including: Knit & Crochet Club, Art Class, Ukulele, and an Arts & Crafts class. Call the Center at (909) 797-1177 for information on times and cost. Information is also available on their website at <https://yucaipa.org/seniors/>

Free bus passes are distributed at the Center every third Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. To 12:00 p.m.

New at the Center is a Computer Lab available to community members, includes internet access, various computer programs and computer guidance. This is **FREE** to the community and available Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.

K.E.Y. Seminars on topics relevant to Seniors, 1st Tuesday each month, 12 p.m.

- Tuesday, September 6 – Care Options
- Tuesday, October 4 – Stress Management

Games, Games, Games!

- Cards R Us – Tuesdays from 12:30-3:30 pm
- Chess & Checkers – Thursdays from 12:30-3:30 pm

Legislation we are watching in Sacramento:

- Senator Connie Leyva has introduced SB 869 which would require any person responsible for managing a mobilehome park to complete 16 hours of initial training and at least 6 hours of follow-up training annually, including an annual end of year online examination. Passed Senate Appropriations Committee and cleared the Senate on 25 May 2022. Bill in Assembly Fiscal Committee.
- Assembly Member Alex Lee introduced AB 2031 which would allow representatives (such as an attorney, mobilehome advocate, or translator) of mobilehome residents to also attend a meeting between residents and park management for the purpose of resolving problems. On the California Senate floor for final vote.
- Senator John Laird introduced SB 940 to amend California Civil Code which currently prohibits local rent stabilization ordinances from governing newly constructed mobilehome spaces first offered for rent after January 1, 1990. SB 940 would allow local rent regulations to govern a new mobilehome space in an existing park regardless of when it was initially offered for rent. On Assembly Floor for final vote.

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.

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

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Visit the YMRA website at: yucaipaYMRA.com

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 _____

EMAIL _____ MEMBERSHIP \$ ENCLOSED _____ DONATION \$ _____ TOTAL _____

WILLING TO VOLUNTEER? YES () NO () MAYBE LATER () NOTE: _____