



Yucaipa Mobilehome Residents Association

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Our Next YMRA Open Monthly Meeting will be July 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 – July 9, 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, July 9. In response to many questions and previous discussions at our meetings, YMRA will be offering a workshop on how to deal with problems in your mobilehome park community. Frequent questions include, how do we know if park rules, etc., are legal? What can be done about management not following the law or its own rules? How can disputes be settled? If legal counsel is needed, who do we contact? Who is responsible for dealing with issues in a park, City of Yucaipa, County of San Bernardino, or State of California?

We welcome your participation. Informational packets including form letters, petitions, etc., will be provided.

For your calendar – Next meeting August 13, 2022

From the YMRA Chair - Shirley Dalton

Apologies for the lateness of this month's Newsletter. Your chairman had some health and family issues that took up way too much time the last couple of weeks.

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, June 11, was well attended. Unfortunately, several board members were absent due to illness, etc., so some business items were postponed.

There were some lively discussions regarding problems arising in a mobilehome park community. Some residents expressed concerns about the legality of some park rules or the actions of management. Negotiations with management or possible use of a petition were suggested. Seeking legal counsel can be costly and, while YMRA has a fund to assist in disputes, it is limited.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Trevor Benson, new Emergency Manager for the City of Yucaipa, taking over for recently retired Sherrie O'Connell. Benson spoke on several safety issues especially significant to mobilehome residents. He outlined methods for reducing risk of fire, such as clearance of combustibles around home and in common areas. He emphasized the importance of access into and out of the home and park and the life saving value of smoke detectors.

Benson also discussed the C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) and what it does. C.E.R.T. can coordinate with park management to provide and install smoke detectors, free of charge to residents who need them. It also provides training classes for emergency preparedness. Benson took several questions and comments from the audience and assured us that we could contact him any time for assistance with safety issues.

How to contact YMRA

YMRA is always looking for ways to inform our members and residents of mobilehome parks in the City of Yucaipa and allow park residents to communicate with us. We are always happy to hear from you and answer any questions you have.

- **YMRA telephone number - (909) 232-1910.**
- **YMRA email address – sd.ymra@gmail.com**
- **YMRA now has a FaceBook Page! Visit us at www.facebook.com/ymra.ca** For those of you who may not get to visit our website, our new Facebook page gives you an opportunity to keep up with meetings, information of interest to residents and a link to our monthly newsletter.
- **YMRA 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. Please drop in!

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.

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/>

Monthly K.E.Y. Seminars are back and provide valuable information for Seniors. Upcoming:

- Tuesday, July 5, 12 p.m. - Is it Normal Aging or Dementia?
- Tuesday, August 2, 12 p.m. - Critical Documents

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

Free legal service is available by appointment only for seniors on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Center with Inland Counties Legal Services, Inc. (ICLS) Call the ICLS direct Senior Line (800) 977-4257 between 8:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. to make an appointment.

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.

Check out their Summer Movies Series! Alternate Tuesdays at 1 pm.

- Tuesday, July 12 - "Cool Runnings"
- Tuesday, July 25 - "Honey, I shrunk the Kids"

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.

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 now goes to the California Assembly for consideration.
- 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. Passed Assembly Floor and in Senate awaiting Committee assignment.
- 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 Senate Floor awaiting a final Senate Vote.

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

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Visit the YMRA website at: yucaipaYMRA.com

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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: _____