



Yucaipa Mobilehome Residents Association

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Our Next YMRA Open Monthly Meeting will be May 14, 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 – May 14, 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, May 14. Our guest speaker will be Sheriffs Service Specialist Jenny Smith, with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. SS Smith will be speaking on safety issues within mobilehome parks and what can be done to prevent or correct those issues. If you have specific problems in your park you would like to ask about, be sure to attend this meeting.

For your calendar – Next meeting June 11, 2022

From the YMRA Chair - Shirley Dalton

We have been fortunate in filling some of the empty seats on our YMRA Executive Committee. Jo Sutt volunteered to step in as Information Secretary when Sharron McCabe decided to resign. Angela Pears has volunteered to fill the empty seat of 3rd Vice Chair. So welcome Angela and Jo and thanks very much for your work with YMRA. Just 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.

Our meeting on April 9 was very interesting. (Thanks to Jo Sutt for the following article.) With the prospect of another scorching summer lurking just around the corner, energy affordability is one hot topic among mobilehome residents. The featured speakers at the April meeting of YMRA, Tom Wall and David Acosta representing Synergy Companies, gave a timely overview of their role in implementing weatherization and energy efficiency programs offered by Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas. The primary goal of the utility companies is reducing energy use by increasing energy efficiency. Customers would also benefit from the resulting lowered utility bills. All energy consumers pay a small fee listed on their bill as a Public Purpose Programs Charge that is used to fund low income assistance and energy efficiency programs.

Wall and Acosta outlined the various programs available and how to access them. Some apply only to manufactured homes while others are available to owners of traditional dwellings as well. Benefits vary but can include repairs to, or replacement of, inefficient appliances such as outdated stoves, refrigerators, water heaters and swamp coolers, etc. Wall encouraged the audience to spread the word and to inform friends and neighbors how to find out if they qualify for any of these programs and services. They can call Tom Wall at (951) 443-7836 to schedule an appointment for a representative to come to their home to perform a comprehensive assessment. YMRA chairperson, Shirley Dalton advised, "everyone should have their personal situation evaluated to see if any of these programs might be of some benefit to them."

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 find links to Yucaipa City Hall, San Bernardino County offices, and other important government agencies. Pending legislation in Sacramento of interest to mobilehome park residents is available as well as copies of recent YMRA newsletters. Information on YMRA Membership dues is available and information on how to renew or become a member. A Contact Form is provided if you want to ask a question or have a problem you need help with. You are able to access the website on all computer devices including smart phones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers. 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.

Information of interest to Mobilehome Park Residents

HEAP Assistance – It does appear we have moved from extremely cold weather to 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.

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, among which are:

- Access to Justice Clinic, which includes Family Law, Guardianships, Employment, Eviction Answers
- Guardianship and Conservatorship
- 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.

California Housing Shortage & Mobilehomes

Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks has announced Assembly Bill 2011 which is intended to provide a long-term solution to the housing shortage in the State of California by encouraging construction of more affordable housing. While this bill will not directly affect mobilehome residents, it does remind us that mobilehome parks provide a much needed source of housing, especially for seniors and individuals on limited incomes. Mobilehome parks have become more attractive to investors in recent years for a variety of reasons. The cost of buying an existing park is quite a bit less than buying a traditional multi-family housing community with a similar number of units. The cost of moving mobile homes from one park to another (if it is even possible) means residents are more likely to remain in place, even with rent increases or changes in park rules. This can lead to increased rents, unfair treatment of residents and questionable eviction practices in order to maximize the profits of owners. We need to be vigilant to protect our parks, our rights as tenants and the Yucaipa Rent Stabilization Program that keeps our monthly rents from following the horrendous increases in rent for more traditional housing.

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 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.

New Legislation we are watching in Sacramento:

- 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
 - Communication with homeowners
 - Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations
 - Mobilehome titling and registration
 - Applicable vehicle code provisions

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