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Happy Birthday Mobilehome Magazine. We are now one year old, having started the local editions one year ago. The future is bright with your support! Thanks for a wonderful year and let's look forward to a bright future.

Two residents of Lakeview MHP in San Marcos were concerned about June's article on HOA Syndrome. See pages B-C for our side of this issue.

This month brings big news. We are proud to announce the formation of a new, transparent non-profit 501(c)3 called "California Manufactured-Home Owners Alliance" or CAMOA for short. This new non-profit is endorsed by many around the state as well as Mobilehome Magazine. Although completely independent of MHMag, CAMOA and MHMag will partner together to help mobilehome owners (mhos). We ask you to support CAMOA by becoming a member and promoting it in your park and area. Membership is just $24, with $7 going to a legal fund to help you and other members. This is an opportunity, don't let it pass you by. Fill out the application on page E, you won't regret it.

CAMOA is already making a difference. Just ask the folks at Valle Verde and Sierra Springs in the San Fernando Valley. In just a week, CAMOA was able to help residents fight a "Change of Tenancy" notice from their park owner. CAMOA was alerted and ultimately the park owner rescinded their request! A significant win showing the power of an alliance between mobile/manufactured homeowners and CAMOA! Stay tuned for many more wins like this! See page G for the story.

The CAMOA Board of Directors biographies are presented on page F.

Donna Matthews write part two of "Living in a Mobilehome Park. Page A.

As many of you know, Mobilehome Magazine has published almost 30 different magazines, and sometimes 5-6 different local versions. That is about 500 pages of useful information. The more useful articles are "archived" and you can request a copy by emailing, calling or writing MHMag. All we ask is a donation to help us cover our cost and time. See pages 14-15.

That's it for this month! We are excited to partner with CAMOA. Please join our growing community!

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Request For Information

Mobilehome Magazine is all about information. In fact this month you can see all the articles on various subjects that are available from Mobilehome Magazine (Page 13-14).

Now we have a request of you. You are a wealth of information and we'd like you to share some with us, so that we can share with our huge network of mobilehome owners. Remember Mobilehome Magazine reaches about 25,000 homes every month.

CAMOA Needs Your Expertise

Many of you are experts on various subjects regarding mobilehome issues. Issues like utilities, the Mobilehome Residency Law, Title 25, etc. Many of you have gone to superior or small claims court.

We'd like to network with you. Share your information with us and we can share it with the world through Mobilehome Magazine. We can accomplish much together! Just send William Schlegel an email at bill@camoa.org.

We Need Attorney Referrals

Now that CAMOA is providing legal assistance, they will need a list of attorneys. Have you had a good experience with an attorney, one who understands mobilehome law, one that doesn't charge an arm and a leg, and one that you trust? We would really appreciate you sharing the attorneys name and contact information.

Let's Network Parks with Similar Owners &/or Management Companies

In our opinion, there are several companies and park owners that are notorious for their treatment of homeowners. Just to name a few: Kaplan and Tatum, Kort and Scott, Sierra Management, and Resident Owned Parks, Inc. just to name a few. Remember there is strength in numbers. If you live in a park and are having a hard time with management, you should contact MHMag so your park is on our radar.

We are already networking some Kort and Scott and ROP, Inc. parks, but there are many more out there that would benefit from networking.

Does Your Park Have A Newsletter?

Many parks have newsletters. They come in all forms and are generated by management, individuals and groups. We are interested in your newsletter. Can you send us one? That would be terrific. Send to Mobilehome Magazine, P.O. Box 3774, Chatsworth, Ca. 91313.

Send CAMOA Your Problems

CAMOA is already making a difference (see insert G). To assist them, send your concerns and problems to bill@camoa.org. Try to keep your presentation short and to the point. Use bullet points. Provide short examples that would help them understand your problem. Also provide your contact information, including park name, your address, phone number and email address.

Communication is Critical to Solving Problems

The meeting at Valle Verde is a good example that communication works. One resident handed us three different letters from the park owner. One was about fire insurance, a "change of tenancy" which they subsequently rescinded.

Another letter deals with "Late Charges/Special Handling Charges."

Effective April 1, 2014, the late charges or special handling charges assessed for late payment of rent and other charges, received after the 5th of the month will increase to $200 for the first occurrence and for every subsequent occurrence wherein payment of rent is received after the 5th of the month. In addition, the late fee will be assessed on the 6th of the month in which the rent payment is received late, with no exception. The rent continues to be due on the 1st of the month of every month and will be deemed late when received after the 5th of the month.

So what's the problem here? Most would say the $200 late charge. Of course that's a concern. The late fee is not regulated by Mobilehome Residency Law , but by California courts.

The big issue with this request is the park is not applying the law correctly. 798.56(e)1: ***the five day period does not include the date payment was due.***

The park's request indicates rent received after the 5th of the month is subject to a late fee. This is incorrect. In fact, rent paid on or before the 6th is on time and not late. Rent paid after the 6th is late and the resident can be charged a late fee.

CAMOA and Mobilehome Magazine know the law, but we can't help you unless you communicate with us. We are on your side. Don't accept letters from management without either knowing the law yourself or asking someone who does.

You can do two things to help yourself. #1. Volunteer to deliver MHMag in your park. #2. Join CAMOA, membership is only $2/month and it could save you thousands of dollars!

Archived Articles Available

Mobilehome Magazine (2011 to present) has published 27 different magazines and about 500 pages of information, most of it still very relevant today.

Many of you have kept your Mobilehome Magazine for future reference. Now you can use this list to find any article quickly. The numbers refer to the month, year and page.

What about those of you who don't have Mobilehome Magazine and would like information? We have a solution:

- *We reprint articles we feel are most important and*
- *Now we offer anyone the chance to get an article(s) from our first three years of publication just by asking and giving us a small donation.*

Here is the initial list of articles available:

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4. *Wash. State dispute resolution program.*
5. *Nothing to fear. 8/13 (12)*
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15. *A Word on your privacy. FAQ Handbook (30)*
16. *When can a park mgr. enter your space. 8/13 (11)*
17. *It's your money - What would you do if you received a 7 day notice? 11/12 (14-15)*
18. *How to handle tenants in a MHPark. 5/12 (11)*
19. *Park manager intimidation. 1/12 (6)*
20. *My philosophy by a park mgr. 9/12 (13)*
21. *The value of information by a park mgr. 5/13 (9)*
22. *Termination of park tenancy. 7/2 (18)*
23. *Evictions. 8/13 (18) & 1/12 (10)*
24. *Mngt. Uses Credit Report to Deny Tenancy 11/13(8)*

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26. *Resident ownership. 1/13 (12-13) & 2/13(8-9)*
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We also welcome your donations. It costs us about $100,000 to publish the magazine each year, and both donations and advertising are down, so you can see every little bit helps us help you.

California Hawaiian Article

We have gotten a comment or two about the California Hawaiian article written by Tracy Kaplan, a reporter for the San Jose Mercury News. There was a negative response to her use of "trailer" throughout the article. We had the same reaction. The use of the word "trailer" when describing our homes does a disservice to all of us. Unfortunately, MHMag can not edit published articles, but believe us when we say we too were offended! We will contact Ms. Kaplan and express our concerns. She can be reached at *Contact Tracy at 408-278-3482.*

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