

NDMHA News

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From the President

Greetings NDMHA Members!

This letter comes to you half way thru my term as president of the Association, so I will try and catch everyone up to speed. My name is Corey Theis, I am currently the Market Development Manager for Schult Homes out of Redwood Falls, MN. I took over the role of president on January 1, 2014 of this progressive and great Association. Since then, I have come to know the importance of team work. On the board we have many talented and caring individuals looking out for the best interest of all who are involved with this great industry of affordable housing. I get the opportunity to travel many different states and have always enjoyed being and working in North Dakota on a regular basis and seeing the progressive and can do attitudes everyone has. With all the progress in North Dakota do come many opportunities and regulations. It is with great importance our Association be as active as possible to protect and help keep our homes affordable and built with structural integrity for the deserving customers we all encounter. We as an Association are a strong group and need everyone's input, ideas and promotion of our Association to keep the importance in the industry. I want to thank everyone in the Association for allowing me to represent the great state of North Dakota and the members of the NDMHA.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming Five State Convention, September 9-11, 2014 in Deadwood, South Dakota.

Mark your calendars for NDMHA's Annual Meeting on January 14, 2015.

Sincerely,



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NDMHA's mission is to foster, support, protect and grow the manufactured housing industry in North Dakota. NDMHA has supported the industry in many ways, some that you may not even be aware of. Membership is very affordable. Step up and help NDMHA continue to protect, grow and promote the manufactured housing industry. Become a member NOW!!!

What has the Board been working on lately????

- Did you know in some areas of North Dakota setting homes had come to a stand still because the State wanted to change the Standards on foundations and/or pier inspections?

The Board had to reiterate NDMHA's stance on any changes in the Standard that put foundations or pier inspections into the Manufactured Home Installation Program. By supporting the implementation of the Installation Program, NDMHA has helped give homeowners in North Dakota an improved quality and standard of installation. NDMHA have maintained a great relationship with the Dept. of Commerce and Local Jurisdictions. The Association supported and helped create this Program. We know our industry best, which is why the Installation Committee has included our Board of Directors since its inception.

Ask yourself..... How would this have affected you, if the setting of homes would have been halted in your area?

- Senate Bill 2174, which was introduced by NDMHA, requires electric and gas utilities regulated by the Public Service Commission to provide notification in writing in advance to the customer, as well as to a designated third party (landlord) if the customer provides an authorization for disclosure, before disconnection or termination of electric or gas service. The public utility may elect to provide notice to a designated third party by mail or electronic means. Notice by mail must be made no less than five days before discontinuance and notice by electronic means must be made no less than three days before discontinuance. This Bill affects all Public Service Commission regulated companies.

NDMHA continues to stress the importance of having old and new tenants sign MDU's Consent to Release Disconnect Information form. This process must be followed completely, this includes the Consent form being signed by tenants and filed with MDU. All members should document any notification failures by MDU. Failures in the termination process should be reported to the Board immediately. This has required constant monitoring and communications with MDU however, we are very hopeful the process will soon become easier for both landlords and customers.

Please remember to send documentation of any notification failures by MDU. Without documentation we do not have any proof and cannot adequately get this program running efficiently.

- Below is NDMHA's **News Release** in response to Williston Lot Rental Rate Increases

The North Dakota Manufactured Housing Association today (July 10, 2014) responded to a July 7, 2014, KX News story drawing attention to increased manufactured home lot rental rates in Williston, N.D.

"The North Dakota Manufactured Housing Association opposes rental rate gouging practices such as those represented in the KX News story," said Kent French, NDMHA's Director of Governmental Affairs. "Members of our organization abide by conformity of business standards and comply with the Federal Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Act."

French said NDMHA has been contacted by manufactured home park operators and resident in response to the news story about lot rental rate increases in Williston. Lots in one manufactured home community not rent for three times the rate available in Bismarck. French said callers are concerned about the impact on Williston area residents as well as potential statewide ripple affect. He said the management company discussed in the KX News story is not a member of the Association.

NDMHA is a state trade association representing all segments of the manufactured housing industry, including manufactured home builders; suppliers; retailers; community developers, owners and managers; insurers and financial service companies.

The association works to promote fair laws and regulations, increase and improve financing options, promote a positive image of manufactured housing, provide technical analysis and counsel, promote industry professionalism and remove zoning barriers to the use of manufactured housing.

Ask yourself..... How will this affect your parks and tenants in our area? Stay tuned we are positive there is more to come on this subject as the rest of the State will feel the affects of what is happening in the Williston area. The Governmental Affairs Committee is monitoring this and meeting with legal counsel to see what the next step should be.

2014 Five State Convention ~Las Vegas in Deadwood, Sept. 9-11 in Deadwood, SD

Mark your calendars now for this year’s Five State Convention, Tuesday, September 9th, through Thursday, September 11th, at The Lodge in Deadwood, South Dakota. We hope you can join the states of Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota for this great event!

For a complete Agenda, Registration Form and Sponsorship form, visit NDMHA’s website at

Homes Shipped into North Dakota 2014

	Single Section	Multi Section	Monthly Total
January	20	20	40
February	9	14	23
March	44	23	67
April	61	39	100
May	29	32	61
TOTAL	163	128	291

