



## Association of Manufactured Home Owners (AMHO)

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Greetings Members and Friends of AMHO,

Welcome to AMHO's 2022 Spring newsletter. Yes, it is a new beginning! It feels like we are breaking out of our COVID chrysalis and stretching our wings toward a new and exciting future. A future that will include new strategic planning to make your AMHO organization even better.

And now that we can all meet together again, we are busy putting together your AMHO Annual Meeting scheduled for the fourth Saturday in August (August 27th) in Kelso, WA, so mark your calendars and come out and meet your new board members... in person!

But first, we want to share with you our legislative update; encourage you to hold Candidate Forums in your local district; share an outline of the state budget that sets aside funds for affordable housing projects and homelessness prevention; and talk about our successes at the local level.

### Legislative Update

Despite a lot of effort by some very dedicated individuals, neither of our two priority bills passed during this short legislative session. While our bills, **HB 1100** – Opportunity to purchase our manufactured housing community should the landlord be willing to sell, and **HB 5079** – giving us more time to move out of the community when the landlord decides to use the land for another purpose, are all about equity and fairness and the needs of the people, many politicians who had an opportunity to vote on these bills chose politics and power over people, and voted NAY. (Be sure to keep that in mind when your elected officials are up for re-election this fall).

***Special thanks to Reps. Duerr, Peterson, Chopp and Macri for their tremendous support for HB 1100, and special thanks also to Sens. Das, Kuderer, Rolfes and Claire Wilson for their unwavering support of SB 5079.***

One piece of good news is that SB 5749 did pass. This bill prevents landlords from requiring that you pay your rent using electronic means, which is good news for home owners in Leisure Estates and other manufactured housing communities, where landlords had been forcing everyone to pay rent electronically – not anymore!

The 2023 legislative session will bring new faces to Olympia as all the Representatives and half of the Senators will be up for election. So, let's talk about Candidates' Forums!

## Candidates' Forums

Candidates' Forums are a great way for you to hear directly from those currently in office and those seeking office to find out exactly where they stand on issues impacting manufactured home owners.

This year, May 20 is the deadline for candidates to file their intent to run for office. The State's primary election will be on August 2, and the general election is on November 8.

You could get together with other home owners in your community and in neighboring communities and set up a Candidates' Forum committee so that you can plan your event. Decide if you want to hold your forum before or after the primary election. AMHO can provide you with a simple step-by-step guide for hosting a Candidates' Forum. Please contact, President Anne Sadler: [anne@fidalgo.net](mailto:anne@fidalgo.net) for your step-by-step guide.

***We need as many Candidates' Forums as possible, happening in as many legislative districts as possible - our bills will never pass if we do not have the right people in Olympia voting for us!***

## State Budget – good news for affordable housing and homelessness prevention

AMHO does not often comment on budgetary matters, but even although this year the Governor and the Legislature would only be considering items for the Supplemental Budget, we are grateful that such generous amounts of funding have been earmarked for homelessness prevention and affordable housing projects:

- \$114 million for the Housing Trust Fund
- \$240 million for Rapid Housing Acquisition
- \$60 million for the new Apple Health and Homes program
- \$15 million for homeless youth facilities
- **\$2 million for manufactured housing preservation**
- \$9 million for affordable housing development utility connections
- \$2 million for pre-eviction legal aid
- \$55 million for frontline homelessness service providers
- \$68.5 million for rental assistance
- \$4.5 million for foreclosure prevention
- \$45 million for services to help transition people experiencing unsheltered homelessness into affordable housing
- Permanent increase to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled cash grant from \$197 to \$417/month.

## Successes at the local level

And now for some other good news! While we spend a lot of time concentrating on educating state legislators about the need for them to support bills that will provide additional protections and opportunities for manufactured home owners, AMHO also pursues success at the local level, most often by pushing city and county council members to pass local “mobile home park” zoning ordinances, to help protect our homes and our families.

AMHO has a good track record of getting Mobile Home Park zoning ordinances passed. Successful campaigns have resulted in these zones being implemented in Tumwater, Snohomish County, Lynnwood, Marysville and Spokane. AMHO also worked to get Seattle and Bellingham to pass moratoria so that no changes of use could occur to the manufactured housing communities in these cities until staff had time to look at long term solutions, like zoning ordinances.

Home owners in College Place recently celebrated when their city council passed not only a zoning ordinance but also a local opportunity to purchase ordinance, and currently home owners in Walla Walla are working hard and sharing their personal stories at city council meetings as they push their city council toward enactment of a moratorium and ultimately a Mobile Home Park zoning ordinance there.

If you would like help to get your city council to enact a Mobile Home Park zoning ordinance, please contact AMHO president, Anne Sadler at: [anne@fidalgo.net](mailto:anne@fidalgo.net)

## Support AMHO

As always, we encourage you to get involved. There is no magic bullet – success is only guaranteed when we all do everything we can to make a difference.

AMHO is here for you and hopefully you are here for AMHO. Please become a member, renew your membership, invite others to join, or make a donation. For more information go to the AMHO website at: [www.wamho.org](http://www.wamho.org).

We will be looking forward to seeing you all soon. Until then, if you have any questions or comments you would like to share, please contact me, or the board at: [amhohelp@gmail.com](mailto:amhohelp@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued care and support.

Sincerely,

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