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Fellow NDMHA Members,

Looks as if summer has arrived early this year thus giving us a earlier start to do the many things we've put off last fall!

Considering the small but gradual increasing oil prices, strong markets in farming and livestock and the weather conditions, it all seems to suggest that we are going to have a decent year to our industry. With the election coming up in November, there are still instabilities in other markets that affects many of our prospective consumers and tenants. Only time will tell. "Expect the best, plan for the worst and prepare to be surprised".

Quick update on the city of Minot and installation issues, our Board has made a decision to appoint a local committee of three board members who will contact the city of Minot to develop better communication between our industry and the city of Minot. We have met in person and are also communicating via email with the city inspection heads as to installation guidelines on used manufactured homes being set up in the city of Minot.

The Williston Basins Petroleum Conference on May 24 - 26 is coming up quickly. As you may have heard, Donald Trump will be the keynote speaker. There are other great speakers that may help you make decisions as to how to proceed with your business plans for the future. I would highly encourage attending!

I would like to finish up by adding one more note. Let's all keep our eyes and ears open to what is going on in our very diversified industry. We are living in a very fast changing world to say the least. Small problems may arise in your daily business. If not addressed, may grow into a much larger problem before you realize it. NDMHA is here for a purpose. Don't be afraid to ask questions! It is better to be Proactive than to be Reactive...

May all of you have a good year of business and don't forget to also take time to enjoy life.

Larry Gullickson
2016 NDMHA President

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Governmental Affairs Update

Kent French, Director of Governmental Affairs for North Dakota Manufactured Housing Association (NDMHA), has asked Congressman Kevin Cramer's office to investigate the waste of federal tax dollars used in relocating manufactured homes in the Mouse River Flood Plan.

French said the need to bring in Congressman Cramer is two fold:

1. Make sure Minot residents, who are eligible, receive the money they are entitled to without the hardship of having their project mismanaged by a government agency.
2. Make sure federal tax dollars are not wasted.

French says that whenever a government agency is not transparent with the public when using tax dollars, there is usually a reason and it is not good.

Minot Finance Director Cindy Hemphill, who is in charge of the relocation, was sent emails on different occasions to their website offering NDMHA's help at no charge with the relocation of the manufactured homes involved in the Mouse River Flood Plan. Without professional advice and without a clear understanding of what was involved, the city quietly moved these homes. These homes were not installed to the correct standards as when they were originally set. This created problems with the stability and safety of the homes and they now need to be reinstalled. Some homeowners have found out their financing and insurance maybe canceled due to the improper installation.

Homeowners trusted their government agencies and deserve a full investigation of what happened and what will happen to their homes in the future. Who is going to be responsible for the enormous costs incurred to bring these homes up to code. The taxpayers want to know why this kind of incompetence is allowed to happen.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!

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Upcoming Events

- *Board of Directors Meeting—Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 3:30 pm CST by conference call*
- *Manufactured Home Installation Committee Meeting—Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the North Dakota Department of Commerce in the Icelandic Room*
- *Membership Meeting—Wednesday, January 11, 2017—Location to be determined*

North Dakota Manufactured Home Shipments

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	Single Section	Multi Section	Total
January	22	17	39
February	40	21	61
March	33	16	49
April	36	20	56
May	22	25	47
June	13	24	37
July	22	21	43
August	20	21	41
September	13	22	35
October	54	11	65
November	28	12	40
December	1	11	12
TOTAL	304	221	525

	Single Section	Multi Section	Total
January	8	10	18
February	12	14	26
March	18	8	26
TOTAL	38	32	70

Manufactured Home Shipments per Year

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Shipments	166	203	300	449	600	707	897	940	775	671	503

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Shipments	308	311	297	258	288	287	315	403	261	739	1867

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015
Shipments	1468	774	914	525

Fun Summer Facts

- In the summer heat, the iron in France's Eiffel Tower expands, making the tower grow more than 6 inches.
- A well-known summer treat is watermelon. Watermelon is part of the cucumber, pumpkin and squash family and consist of 92% water. On average, Americans consume 15 pounds of watermelon annually.
- Popsicles were accidentally invented by an 11 year old boy in San Francisco in 1905.
- Americans eat an average of 20 quarts of ice cream every year.
- The most dangerous time to go to the hospital is during the summer, especially July. The most experienced medical residents graduate and leave hospitals in July, just as new physicians arrive.
- In the United States, over 650 million long distance summer trips are made.
- Marc Antony named the month of July, in honor of Julius Caesar.
- The word "season" is from the Old French *season*, which means "sowing/planting" or "seed time."

<http://facts.randomhistory.com/summer-facts.html>