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TMHA has started posting industry notices and federal documents on the TMHA website. Please go to www.tnmha.org for general information and updates.
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The Tennessee Manufactured Housing Foundation (TMHF)

...has completed another home replacement for a deserving family, in the Savannah, Tennessee area. While weather has prevented completion of the last exterior item, the Foundation was able to get the family in their new home just in time for Christmas! Watch for the final press release in the next several days.

We appreciate all members and non-members which have participated in fundraisers over the past year. Without your help, these home assistance projects would not be possible.

Speaking of fund raisers! Congratulations to the winners of the December 11, 2008 Charitable Gaming Event Drawing:

Jeremy Baker -	\$3,000
Pam Tucker -	\$1,000
Wendy Barker -	\$ 250
Joe Cecil -	\$ 250
Doug Underwood	\$ 250

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2009 Stan and Thelma Plumlee Scholarship

Individuals may go to the TMHA website to download the application and required student qualifications, as well as a colored 8 1/2 x 11 printable poster for use in individual offices or your local schools. The deadline to receive applications is March 16, 2009.

2009 PAC Drive

Kick Off March 2, 2009.

2009 Annual Meeting

June 24th & 25th, 2009

2009 Licensing/Certification

Schedules are posted on the website, along with registration forms.

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The Reporter - Snapshot

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TENNESSEE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION

2009 Tennessee Legislative Session Begins Today!

Tennessee's legislative session gets underway today at 12:00 noon. This year will prove to be very trying legislatively for our industry, both on the state and federal level. Weekly summary reports on our specific state's issues and proposed legislation will start again next week.

Issues which are already on the watch list for both our national and state organizations in 2009 are as follows:

Legislative:

Arbitration, Bankruptcy Cram Down, Carried Interest, Energy Efficiency/Green Building, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac [future industry roles], FEMA Accountability/Disposal of Temporary Housing Units, Formaldehyde, Predatory Lending, Section 8 Voucher Reform, Tax Credit Extension (Energy Star), Weather Radios/Disaster Alert Systems.

As previously reported after the October 30th national/state conference call, the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 [S.A.F.E. Mortgaging Licensing Act of 2008] is going to be a major watch item. In it's current proposed implementation language, retailers of manufactured homes [along with many other industries] would be required to hold a Mortgage Broker's License. While the industry will be lobbying for an exemption for manufactured home retailers, we have been told from the federal level to the state level, there are to be no exemptions or amendments to this legislation.

Regulatory:

FHA Reform Implementation and GSE Duty To Serve, On-site Completion Rule, Energy Requirements, Modular Housing (State Program Initiative), 3280 Subpart E & H, 3280 Subpart I, Installation Program and Installation Standards Implementation, Proposed Amendments To The HUD Code, Formaldehyde.

Other Issues Include:

HUD-Code Truss Testing Protocol Proposed Rule, HUD-Code Ground Anchor Assembly Test Protocol, ICC Code Development and Adoption, Implementation of FEMA 85.

Retailer... Asset Based Finance [Floor Plan] Issues.

As you can see, we all will have a lot on our plates in 2009. TMHA Members & Affiliates could be called upon to contact their local and state legislators, at any time, when emergency items warrant. Please get prepared to be involved this year!

REMINDERS:

- ⇒ The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act took affect December 2008. As previously e-mailed, authorities are aware that replacement parts needed for compliance are on back order in many parts of the country. As long as the pool or spa is closed, with no public access, inspections which result in a non-compliance finding will not result in a monetary fine at this time. Please visit www.tnmha.org [click on industry announcements] for more information.
- ⇒ HUD's Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards: Final Rule went in to effect January 1, 2009. Retailers and Installers are again reminded of the importance in reviewing the changes to their manufacturer's manual.
- ⇒ The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has extended the compliance date for 'The Red Flag Rules' from November 1, 2008 to May 1, 2009. As noted in our October '08 e-mails, sellers of manufactured homes are to have appropriate procedures in place to meet these requirements. Please visit www.tnmha.org [click on industry announcements] for the requirements and an example procedure.