



Delaware Manufactured Home Owners Association

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Since 2002, the Delaware Manufactured Home Owners Association has been the only statewide advocacy organization in the Diamond State representing the interests of owners of manufactured homes on leased land throughout New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties.

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From the Presidents Desk by Ed Speraw

"God helps those who help themselves" is probably the most often quoted phrase that is not found in the Bible. This saying is usually attributed to Ben Franklin, quoted in *Poor Richard's Almanac* in 1757. In actuality, it originated from Algernon Sydney in 1698 in an article titled *Discourses Concerning Government*.

Whether inspired by the Lord, or Ben Franklin, or Algernon Sydney, it is correct. "Just Do It" is more than any advertising quote for those of us living on leased land. To level the playing ground between the landlords who can raise their rents beyond your ability to pay, who aren't afraid of the law because enforcement is limited to Fines they can recoup, we need more than a show of hands to make changes.

The tragedy of our residents, many of them Seniors, is we didn't move into our homes to be hassled, or have our individual freedoms eroded by a community owner who sees us only as a meal ticket. To bring about change we need you to help yourself by volunteering for DMHOA activities.

Voting, helping others to register to vote and convincing your neighbors to vote in elections. We are a huge voting block and yes one vote can make a difference.

In the DMHOA office a few hours a week or a month can help us explore and pull together the evidence showing how residents in leased land communities are being taken advantage of. Even copying and filing are easy, but important functions.

We need more Legislative Educators to advocate for our proposed Laws • Fund Raisers • Grant Writers • New Home Owner Association mentors are a few more areas where you can help to make a difference. For anyone who has ever been involved in any organization, you know how few are willing to serve. We need you to step up and "Just Do It!" You will be helping yourself... and many, many others.

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