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NeighborWorks Montana News & Updates

Housing Bills in the Montana Legislature

The Montana Housing Coalition has been advocating for bills that will support homes Montanans can afford.

NWMT's Executive Director Maureen Rude has been particularly busy this legislative session as the chair of the coalition. The coalition has become a strong voice for housing, and we have seen real movement at the State in support of affordable housing!

Here are the bills we have been following, with HB 16 as our biggest win.

- HB 16 sponsored by Representative Dave Fern, proposed to create a loan program using coal tax trust funds for multi-family construction projects. It has passed final readings in the legislature and is on the way to the Governor!
- SB 204 sponsored by Senator Margaret MacDonald, proposed to exempt manufactured homes (28 years or older and worth less than \$10,000) from paying personal property taxes on the home. It has passed final readings in the legislature and is on the way to the Governor!
- SB 18 sponsored by Senator Margaret MacDonald, proposed to create workforce housing tax credits. It unfortunately failed on the Senate floor with a vote of 23-27.
- SJ 31 sponsored by Senate Carlie Boland, proposed to create a study of the issues related to affordability of homes in Montana. It passed out of the Senate with a vote of 9 to 1 and is headed to the Senate floor for the second reading.



Manufactured Housing Wins Local Success & National Attention



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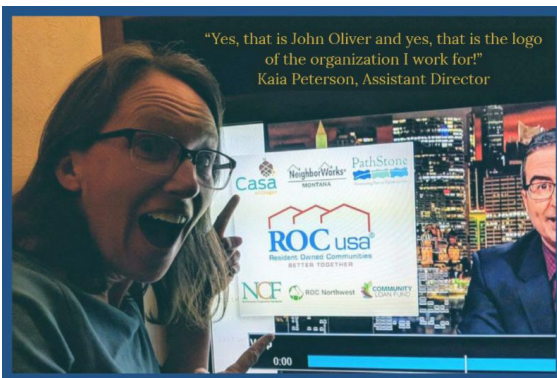
“IT’S NOW THE RESIDENTS’ - THE FACT THAT IT IS STAYING A MOBILE HOME PARK WAS MY BIGGEST PRIORITY.”

CHUCK BARRETT, PREVIOUS OWNER

Join us in welcoming C & C Community, a 60-home community located at 307 South Billings Boulevard in Billings - this is the 11th ROC in Montana!

When Chuck Barrett, previous owner of over 40 years, was considering selling the park he had no desire to displace the current residents, and being able to sell to his residents allowed him to keep the residents in place.

Preserving homes that families and seniors can afford is a high priority for us at NWMT. We are thrilled to welcome C & C to the ROC family and look forward to seeing them grow as a community.



Kaia Peterson, NWMT Assistant Director, reacting to the news, "Yes, that is John Oliver and yes, that is the logo of the organization I work for!"

Last Week Tonight with John Oliver recently had a segment about manufactured housing where he highlighted the benefits of becoming a co-op, and featured the logos for both NWMT and ROC USA!

A few days after this segment aired, the piece was then featured in the *Rolling Stone*!

NWMT has been ecstatic with all the exposure manufactured housing has been receiving and we feel honored to have been mentioned.

PLEASE NOTE: THE VIDEO CONTAINS ADULT LANGUAGE AND THEMES

[WATCH THE JOHN OLIVER SEGMENT](#)

[READ THE ROLLING STONE ARTICLE](#)

NWMT Loan Specialist, Kandice Ehler, and Housing Network and Compliance Specialist, Hanna Tester, recently made visits to lenders in the Kalispell area.



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Guild Mortgage, and
First Interstate Bank, for
taking a fun selfie with us!



Having fun with the selfies are LendUS, Guild Mortgage, and First Interstate Bank - thank you for the warm reception!

Registration for the 2019 Montana Housing Conference is open and early bird discounts are available until May 22.

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2019 Montana Housing Partnership Conference
with Mountain Plains NAHRO



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Billings Hotel and Convention Center





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