**Green Building Initiative (GBI)** released the Green Globes for Existing Buildings 2021 rating system. This is a three-in-one system that assesses the environmental performance of existing buildings on three fronts: **Green Building, Energy Efficiency, and Human Comfort.**

NMHC, along with our long-standing coalition partners on building energy efficiency, recently sent a letter to the House Ways & Means Committee urging its support of the **Energy Efficiency Act of 2021**. The letter highlights the importance of improving energy efficiency, which is crucial for combatting climate change and reducing energy costs for businesses and families. The **Act** would provide substantial funding and policy changes aimed at spurring investment in energy efficiency projects.

**The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** released long-awaited details about the **FEMA’s Satellite Dish Project** for multifamily and commercial properties. Better known in the industry as the FCC's satellite dish rule, the limited expansion and funding for multifamily-specific projects have raised concerns in the housing community. As previously noted, this program has been criticized for its lack of inclusivity and potential for harm.

Today, President Biden released his proposal for the non-defense discretionary budget for fiscal year 2022. The $769 billion budget includes significant cuts to programs for social services and affordable housing. **President Biden's FY22 discretionary funding request turns the page on years of inadequate and harmful spending requests and instead empowers HUD to meet the housing needs of families and communities across the country.**

For younger people, the current economic conditions have been particularly challenging. The **U.S. Census Bureau** report that many young people have been unable to find stable jobs and are facing financial instability. As a result, **rents have increased, and many young renters are struggling to pay their bills.**

**The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** announced that it will continue its Housing Choice Voucher Program expansion, which will increase access to affordable housing for low-income households. The program aims to help reduce housing costs and improve the quality of life for those in need. HUD's efforts are crucial in addressing the affordable housing crisis in the United States.

**Green Building** impacts our environment in many ways. When buildings are designed and constructed with sustainability in mind, they can reduce energy consumption, decrease water usage, and improve indoor air quality. This is particularly important in today's world, where environmental concerns are at the forefront of many discussions.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY** will host a **Better Buildings, Better Plants Summit** to share insights into the rollout of the federal government's Emergency Diversion Program before filing an eviction for nonpayment. This event will bring together experts from various industries to discuss the effects of the program and its potential for improving the lives of those affected by eviction.

**THE $50 BILLION RACE TO SAVE AMERICA'S RENTERS FROM EVICTION**

When the coronavirus pandemic hit hard in March 2020, many amenity spaces were quickly shut down. Today, as restrictions are lifted, property owners and managers have had to work diligently to repurpose, reposition, and revolutionize these spaces in order to keep residents interested and satisfied. This editorial piece looks at a new policy in Philadelphia that is on the verge of upending the eviction lock-down.