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# RIO VISTA COMMUNITY

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## Board of Directors Meetings

Monthly notice of meetings will be provided through the community newsletter in addition to agendas being available online a week prior to the meeting on the [www.hoacity.com/rvca](http://www.hoacity.com/rvca) website. All meetings are currently scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at Rio Bravo Country Club, located at 15200 Casa Club Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93306 and are as the following: Commencement of meeting, including agenda review, roll call, prior meeting minutes approval; New Business, including new items, open floor, and next meeting date; Financial & Accounting, including financial summary, bank account reconciliations, financial reports, outgoing funds, and other financial activity; Regular and Ongoing Business, including operational items, roadway maintenance, landscape maintenance, board education, summary of prior executive session; and Adjournment.

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### Upcoming Meeting Date

*Tuesday, May 24, 2016*

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## Open Forum

The Board of Directors welcome homeowner attendance at the Board meetings, to observe business matters that occur involving the Association. In order to give you an opportunity to address the Board, and in accordance with California Civil Code, the Board has allotted a period of time at the beginning of each Board meeting (Open Forum), and if time permits, a similar forum will be conducted at the end of each meeting.

Maintenance related items are to be directed to HOA Management Solutions Inc., Post Office Box 12710, Bakersfield, CA 93389-2710, (661) 456-9436 by calling or writing (Open Forum is not the most efficient channel to report maintenance concerns).

If you would like an item to be on a future agenda for consideration by the Board for a decision, please submit your request or suggestion in writing at least a month prior to the upcoming meeting. If you only want to verbally address the Board, without their making a decision at the meeting, your written input can be received up until the day prior to the Board meeting. (Note: The Board may be unable to make decisions on items until they have conducted the appropriate research and have had time to consider their results.)

## Assessment Billing

RVCA has a MONTHLY billing cycle; assessments are due on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of each month. Accounts become delinquent after fifteen (15) days past due, and will be assessed accordingly. Please indicate the invoice number on your check to ensure accurate and expedited posting of your payment to your account.

## Community Handbook

RVCA provides a Community Handbook, which is available online at [www.hoacity.com/rvca](http://www.hoacity.com/rvca) with further information on a number of policies, including General Rules, Architectural Procedures and Forms, Landscape and Design Review Requirements, Neighbor-to-Neighbor Dispute Policy, Violation Report Form, and more. The Community Handbook is not exhaustive and is a progressive document that should be consulted often.

### BAKERSFIELD EVENTS

#### MAY 2016

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| Thursday<br><i>5th</i>  | <b>Cinco De Mayo</b><br>5 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.   The Padre Hotel, 1702 18 <sup>th</sup> St.                    |
| Saturday<br><i>7th</i>  | <b>The American Car, Truck &amp; Bike Show</b><br>10 a.m. - 3 p.m.   Bakersfield RV Resort, 5025 Wible Road |
| Sunday<br><i>8th</i>    | <b>Mother's Day Music Fest</b><br>2 p.m. - 10 p.m.   Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 South "P" Street         |
| Thursday<br><i>12th</i> | <b>44<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring BBQ</b><br>5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.   CSUB Icardo Center, 9001 Stockdale Highway |
| Saturday<br><i>21st</i> | <b>Black Light Run</b><br>5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.   Sam Lynn Ballpark, 4009 Chester Avenue                   |

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### Online Resources

Governing documents including CC&Rs, Bylaws, Articles, Meeting Agendas, and Minutes are available for instant viewing at [www.hoacity.com/rvca](http://www.hoacity.com/rvca)

Acrobat Reader must be installed to view these documents.

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## Rattlesnakes in California

As springtime calls people and snakes alike to the outdoors, encounters with snakes become inevitable. California has a variety of snakes, most of which are benign. The exception is California's only native venomous snake - the rattlesnake. Though rattlesnakes are dangerous if provoked, they also provide humans with a tremendous service as they eat rodents, other reptiles, and insects, and are in turn eaten by other predators. Generally not aggressive, rattlesnakes strike when threatened or deliberately provoked, but given room they will retreat. Most snake bites occur when a rattlesnake is handled or accidentally touched by someone walking or climbing. The majority of snakebites occur on the hands, feet and ankles. The potential of running into a rattlesnake should not deter anyone from venturing outdoors, but there are several precautions that can be taken to lessen the chance of being bitten when out in snake country - which is just about anywhere in California.

## Dos and don'ts in snake country

First, know that rattlesnakes are not confined to rural areas. They have been found near urban areas, in river or lakeside parks, and at golf courses. Be aware that startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively. There are several safety measures that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of startling a rattlesnake.

- ❖ Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas. Wear hiking boots.
- ❖ When hiking, stick to well-used trails and wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants. Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.
- ❖ Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.
- ❖ Never grab "sticks" or "branches" while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.
- ❖ Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.
- ❖ Do not handle a freshly killed snake, it can still inject venom.
- ❖ Teach children early to respect snakes and to leave them alone. Children are naturally curious and will pick up snakes.

Source: <http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/News/Snake>