
RIO VISTA COMMUNITY

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BAKERSFIELD EVENTS

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Saturday <i>1st</i>	Create Your Own Frankenpumpkin 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Orchard Supply Hardware, 6465 Ming Avenue
Every Day <i>2nd – Nov.</i> <i>1st</i>	Halloween Town 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. Halloween Town, 3825 Riverlakes Drive
Thurs. – Sun. <i>13th – 16th</i>	Disney On Ice presents Passport to Adventure 7 p.m. Rabobank Arena, 1001 Truxtun Avenue
Sat. – Sun. <i>22nd – 23rd</i>	Calm's Boo at The Zoo 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CALM, 10500 Alfred Harrell Hwy.
Sunday <i>23rd</i>	Big Red's Buddies 2nd Annual Car Show 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Temblor Brewing Company, 3220 Buck Owens Boulevard

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., 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.)

Board of Directors Meetings

Monthly notice of meetings will be provided through the community newsletter in addition to agendas being available online at least four days prior to the meeting on the www.hoacity.com/rvca webpage. 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: 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. Executive Sessions are held at 5:30 p.m. preceding the Board meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Date

Annual Officer Election & Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Governance

Community associations like ours have a lot in common with municipal governments. As members of a governing body, our board members meet regularly to discuss and vote on important community issues, such as paying the association's bills, funding our reserves and contracting with vendors to maintain our community amenities in good repair. The board makes decisions about these and other important topics using a democratic process. Also like a government, our association board has the legal authority to enforce rules and regulations – similar to laws – and to collect assessments, similar to a government that collects taxes, to pay to maintain shared amenities like streets, general landscaping, street utilities, and to pay the association's bills. Our association also has the authority to take legal action, if necessary, if a homeowner fails to meet his/her obligations that we all agreed to when we purchased in this community. These obligations include paying regular assessments on time, abiding by architectural or design policies, and observing community rules.

Assessment Billing

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

Director Nominee Solicitation

The Nominating Committee of the Rio Vista Community Association is soliciting nominees to serve on the Board of Directors for the upcoming term (2017-2018). This is a non-paid position. If you are interested, we would like to have your name and contact information as soon as possible and preferably by **October 14, 2016**, for the first review of nominees. You will receive additional information about making a candidacy statement and your role as a future Board member. You may send your contact information to the Association's address or e-mail referenced beside this article. The Board will finalize the ballots for mailing by October 14, 2016. The Election rules are available for viewing at www.hoacity.com/rvca or by requesting from rvca@hoacity.com. Thank you for considering the opportunity to guide your community through participation on the Board of Directors for Rio Vista Community Association.

Important Community Reminder

(CC&R's XI) **Unsightly Items 11.8** – All weeds, rubbish, debris, or unsightly material or objects of any kind shall be regularly removed from the Lots and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon. All clotheslines, refuse containers, trash cans, woodpiles, storage areas, machinery and equipment shall be prohibited upon any Lot unless obscured from view of adjoining streets or portions of the Covered Property from a height of six (6) feet or less. Any fence or screen required by this Section shall comply with any standards established pursuant to the Article entitled *Architectural Control* of this Declaration as to size, color or other qualification for permitted fences or screens.

Please keep in mind, monthly inspections of common areas and individual lots may result in notice being given addressing any deficiencies observed, with corrective action and completion date noted.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT SIGNS, NOT ONLY IN THE RIO VISTA COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES AS WELL.

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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

Acrobat Reader must be installed to view these documents.

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