
RIO VISTA COMMUNITY

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Rattlesnake Warning

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. Most snake bites occur on the hands, feet and ankles.

To distinguish rattlesnakes from harmless native snakes, remember rattlesnakes have a distinct, triangular-shaped head, and usually have rattles at the end of their tail. They do not always rattle before striking. If you see a rattlesnake, back away and avoid the animal – it strikes only in self-defense.

To protect your pets, you may want to consider a rattlesnake vaccination; the treatment consists of a vaccination followed by a booster shot three to four weeks later.

Even after your pet is vaccinated against rattlesnake venom, it should be taken to a veterinarian for evaluation and care as soon as possible following a snakebite.

Even bites by non-venomous snakes can lead to serious infections and antibiotic treatment may be needed.

Important Community Reminders

PARKING

Parking in garages and driveways is encouraged! Parking in the street is not. **NO overnight street parking.** Any Owner parked in violation of this rule may be subject to immediate tow away at vehicle Owner's expense.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping is extremely important to our community's curb appeal! Please provide appropriate ground covering for front plant beds - **NO large areas of bare earth (dirt)** are allowed.

DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

Please repair cracks, pitted or flaking surfaces and other concrete issues. Remove weeds from sidewalk joints and debris from driveways and sidewalks. Do not use driveways for storage or auto repairs.

EXTERIOR PAINT

Paint is a quick and easy way to keep your property looking fresh, new and clean. It will also protect against corrosion, weathering and insects. Owners are encouraged to assess their properties, specifically fascia and other trim areas for paint touch ups.

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. Failure to appropriately address corrective actions may result in disciplinary action per Association rules.

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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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Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors welcome homeowner attendance at the Board meetings, to observe business matters that occur involving the Association.

To give homeowners an opportunity to address the Board, and in accordance with California Civil Code, the Board has allotted a period 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.

UPCOMING MEETING DATE

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018

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 deciding at the meeting, your written input can be received up until the day prior to the Board meeting.

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.

All meetings are currently scheduled for 6 p.m., bimonthly, and are generally held at Rio Bravo Country Club, 15200 Casa Club Drive, Bakersfield, California 93306, or the offices of Management. Executive sessions are held at 5:30 p.m., preceding the regular session.

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, www.hoacity.com/rvca.