
RIO VISTA COMMUNITY

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Governance

As a recognized homeowners association, our community has a Board to help our HOA run smoothly. One of the most important things the Board does is create and enforce the association rules. While some residents may not appreciate being told what they can and can't do, ultimately, the Board is looking out for the greater good.

By enforcing the rules, the Board is doing its best to keep property values up and conflicts down. Of course, the Board wants to make sure the rules are beneficial for the majority – and hopefully all – residents. Owners are welcome to raise concerns about the rules at open Board meetings.

Another major responsibility of the Board is to collect assessments from Owners. Assessments help to replenish the reserve funds, which pay for any major repairs the Association may need. The Board is responsible for the Association's finances, and collecting assessments is how it ensures that the Association remains solvent.

Finally, the Board acts on behalf of the Association by hiring managers, attorneys, contractors and other professionals who help improve the Association. Board members also help conceive and lead many of the projects that will benefit the community.

While it's a big job, Board members are happy to serve the residents and make the community a great place to call home.

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So why not learn more about what these volunteers do by talking to your Board members, attending an open Board meeting or even running for a seat on the Board during our next election? The more people we have looking out for our association, the stronger it will be.

Design Review Committee

Are you preparing to make an exterior improvement to your house or back yard? Before you begin, make sure to get your plans approved by the Design Review Committee.

While it may seem arbitrary from an individual homeowner's standpoint, the Design Review Committee looks out for the entire community. Aside from stopping residents from painting pink polka dots on their houses, the committee's job is to make sure that the size and style of the project, the type of building materials being used, and the overall appearance of the new structure adhere to the Association's Design requirements.

Not only does this keep the community looking cohesive, it also helps keep property values up by preventing individual structures from standing out.

Of course, it's also important to note that unapproved structures might legally have to be removed at the Owners' expense, so save yourself money and headaches by getting approval prior to building.

Upcoming Meeting Date

September 25, 2018

Annual Election and Board Meeting

Did You Know?

Rio Vista is not merely a collection of homes sharing common property, rather a collection of homeowners that share common values and certain quality of life. By working together, becoming actively involved and supporting your association, we will be able to create the vital and vibrant sense of community we all desire.

Having a decisive plan in place is the first step towards ensuring that common goals will be met.

The community's governing documents, known specifically as **Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs), the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, Association Rules and Landscape and Design Review Requirements** act as the community's charter, or Constitution, providing a general framework for the protections and continuance of the community and its common elements.

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the governing documents. Understanding the community's "charter" and responsibilities will greatly enhance your experience as a member of the community.

Please visit www.hoacity.com/rvca for further information on General Rules, Architectural Procedures and Forms, and Design Review Guidelines.

Water Heater Maintenance

While in the past periodic water heater maintenance has been suggested, it should be noted that draining older water heaters that have not been regularly drained/flushed, is not recommended as it could potentially cause the heater to leak and/or fail.

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