



# The Villas Voice

A Newsletter for the Villas Community Association of  
Rancho San Joaquin, Irvine, CA  
www.rsjvillas.com February, 2018

**Villas Monthly Board Meetings** are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Rancho Senior Center. Unless noted otherwise, the meetings begin at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: **February 22, 2018**

## 2018 Board of Directors Election

The Annual Membership Meeting and Election of The Villas Community Association was held on January 25, 2018. Congratulations to the following community residents who have been elected to serve as our Board of Directors!

Name	Position	Term Expires
Dan Wells	President	2018
Cathy Lewis	Vice President	2019
Elizabeth Kojian	Treasurer	2019
Rob Fallone	Secretary	2018
Jill Cooper	Member-at-Large	2019

## Reporting/Fixing Leaks in your Unit

The Association is experiencing an increase in water usage of up to 3X the normal usage on some meters. This is an increase in residential water usage, not landscaping. The increase in utility bills directly affects the budget and we ask all residents to fix internal leaks immediately and report external leaks to Optimum.

It is very important to deal with water leaks quickly because damage resulting from damp and other associated problems can be extensive.

You are responsible for all plumbing outlets and fixtures in your home as well as any water pipes that have been replaced in your unit, so it's likely any leak will come from a pipe you own and is your responsibility to fix. You should call

a qualified plumber and have any leak repaired as soon as possible. Should your plumber find the leak is coming from a communal pipe, you should advise Optimum Professional Property Management, Inc. immediately. Quick action when dealing with water leaks can help avoid extensive damage and remediation costs.

If you are going on vacation or your home is going to be unoccupied for any length of time, it is also recommended that you turn off the water to your unit to avoid flooding from broken pipes or hoses to your washing machine or refrigerator.

## Irvine Class Registration Website

The City of Irvine is launching a new online class registration website for the community to use when signing up for City programs and activities. New accounts are needed to ensure that all user information is up-to-date, and that visitors can easily sign up for upcoming classes and events. Existing accounts will need to be updated to the new system. Visit the new site, [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org) to set up your account today.

## Trash & Recycle Bins

When loading trash and recycling containers, please break down all boxes and ensure that the container lids can fully close. If your trash is unable to fit in the container with the lid fully closed, please use an alternate container within the Community. **Waste Management will be unable to service the bins if containers are overfilled.**

## VILLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER

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Management Inc. (ACMF)  
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## Emergency Preparedness

Over the last year, California residents have experienced earthquakes, wildfires, mudslides and other disasters. The Irvine Police Department recommends the following strategies to prepare your family for any large-scale emergency.

### Assemble a Supply Kit

A supply kit should include enough food, water and medicine to last three to five days. Residents should tailor their supply kit based on specific family needs, such as extra eyeglasses, pet food, etc.

Motorists should consider keeping an emergency backpack in their vehicles with comfortable walking shoes, a light jacket, snacks, water and a flashlight in case roadways are blocked or damaged.

### Create a Communication Plan

When a disaster strikes, family members may be in different locations. Pre-arrange a meeting location in case the family home or regular gathering place is unavailable.

Develop a plan to communicate if landlines or cellphones are not working. Alternate communication plans might include e-mail or social media. As most communication methods are electronic, keep extra batteries or alternate power sources in a convenient location.

### Stay Informed

To receive emergency alerts and information, landlines and cellphones can be registered with the City of Irvine's iAlert system at [cityofirvine.org/ialert](http://cityofirvine.org/ialert). You can also download the City's Access Irvine app to stay informed.

In addition, the Irvine Police Department posts regular updates to social media. Follow [@IrvinePolice](https://www.instagram.com/IrvinePolice) on Instagram, [facebook.com/IPD](https://www.facebook.com/IPD) and [twitter.com/IrvinePolice](https://twitter.com/IrvinePolice). Emergency updates may also be broadcast on 1640AM.

### Become Part of the Community Emergency Response Team

Community members may also participate in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course, which provides private citizens with basic skills to protect themselves, their family and neighbors, and to respond to the immediate needs of the community in the aftermath of a disaster when emergency services are not readily available. For information and to sign up for CERT, visit [cityofirvine.org/cert](http://cityofirvine.org/cert).

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit [cityofirvine.org/prepare](http://cityofirvine.org/prepare).

