

VRC NEWS

A Monthly Publication by **YOUR** Residents Council

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Come to The VRC Open House

The Verano Residents' Council will be holding our quarterly open house this month where we invite residents to come learn about current issues in the community as well as to provide feedback and input on items/issues to address in the upcoming months, and to participate in events planning process. Come and enjoy pizza and drinks provided by Your Residents' Council.

- Thursday, March 11th 5:00 pm @ Verano Commons

Unit IV Construction Project update

Members of the VRC have been actively participating in the building design process for the demolition and reconstruction of new buildings on the unit IV plot, North-East lot of Verano Place consisting of buildings 4000-6100. Actions have included:

- Ensuring the issuance and review of a survey of resident's for input on the design of buildings
- Providing input and feedback throughout the weekly design meetings over the last two months
- Ranking of building designs for the selection of a construction team in the bidding process

We will continue to be active in this process as much as we are able to do so until completion.

Resnet Advocacy

VRC recently met with the Resnet management team to discuss internet reliability issues and to inquire about HDTV.

- Thus far, a temporary fix for the outage problems has been made with further inquiry to the root cause of the problem is still in process. This

has included the replacing of all support hardware and inquiry on software compatibility issues with current usage patterns

- A request for HDTV on local channels is in process and will likely become available pending approval in 2-3 months
- A request to make WiFi available in the Verano Commons was made and we are expected to hear a report back shortly as to feasibility
- Issues relating to after hour support and resident communication have been addressed but we will likely see only marginal improvement given the current UC funding situation
- Download free McAfee VirusScan Enterprise edition virus scanner software at the Resnet Website: <http://resnet.uci.edu/security/virus.asp>

Other Updates

- VRC is in the process of Planning a Verano Pub night at the university pub tentatively scheduled for mid-April
- VRC is in the process of purchasing a replacement tv for the Verano Commons since the current system is no longer functional
- VRC is currently negotiating a solution to replace/repair the BBQ near the Cyber Cafe with the Verano Housing Office

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