

VRC NEWS

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Rent Increase for 2008–2009

The annual rent increase for this year is projected to be 3-3.25%. The VRC has worked closely with the Verano Housing Office to make sure that the rent increases are as low as possible.

Cinco de Mayo Pub Party!!!

Due to the great response from residents to the previous PV/VP party, we are doing it again! Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Anthill Pub & Grille with fellow Verano and Palo Verde residents. The party is on **Saturday, May 3rd** starting at 7 pm. **FREE food, CHEAP drinks and GREAT prizes!!**

Bicycle Racks and Picnic Tables

From its annual budget, this year the VRC will purchase three bicycle racks for the Verano community. We hope that future councils will continue the trend until the community has enough racks to serve its needs. We do ask the residents to park their bicycles **ONLY** at designated bicycle racks and **NOT** attach them to stairwells, posts, or store them in any other non-designated areas. Doing so presents unsafe obstacles and inconveniences other residents.

The VRC is looking into purchasing two mobile picnic tables with benches. We hope to have these available for checkout for your picnics, barbecues and parties. You may also check out the new PA system that the VRC purchased this year. The system can be used for making announcements or playing music and can be checked out from Gail Roy at the Verano Housing Office.

VRC Elections

It's the time of the year to elect the council members for next year's VRC. Please vote in the VRC Elections which will run online from May 13 – May 18. The VRC is **YOUR** voice to the administration. So please **VOTE** and make sure that your concerns are represented. We wish to remind you that **each person can cast FIVE votes** – one for each of the five places on the council. More instructions will be emailed to you from the Verano Housing Office in the coming few days.

Social Events

As requested by the residents, the VRC continues to sponsor social events for the community. In the month of April, the VRC co-sponsored the spring party of the Queer Graduate Caucus.

Contact Us

The VRC represents **YOU** to Verano Place administration. We not only seek solutions for resident concerns and problems but also engage in advocacy to Graduate Housing and UCI Administration on behalf of Verano residents. Please contact us at src@uci.edu about any issues, concerns or suggestions. Visit <http://www.verano-place.org> to obtain VRC meeting schedule and minutes of past meetings, or to join the VRC mailing list for newsletter and updates.
