

Introduction to RVChat

Neighbor to Neighbor Communication

What is RVChat?

- A *communications* system within the groups.io family of message systems
- It is *limited to RV residents* and is designed for resident to resident communication: the kind of thing you would talk to your neighbors about (We now have 79 members, and more coming!)
- It has many nice *features* to help facilitate communication; we'll review them briefly
- It is a *complement* to, not a replacement for, TouchTown
- It is *moderated*, so messages are monitored for appropriateness

What do I use it for? All kinds of things:

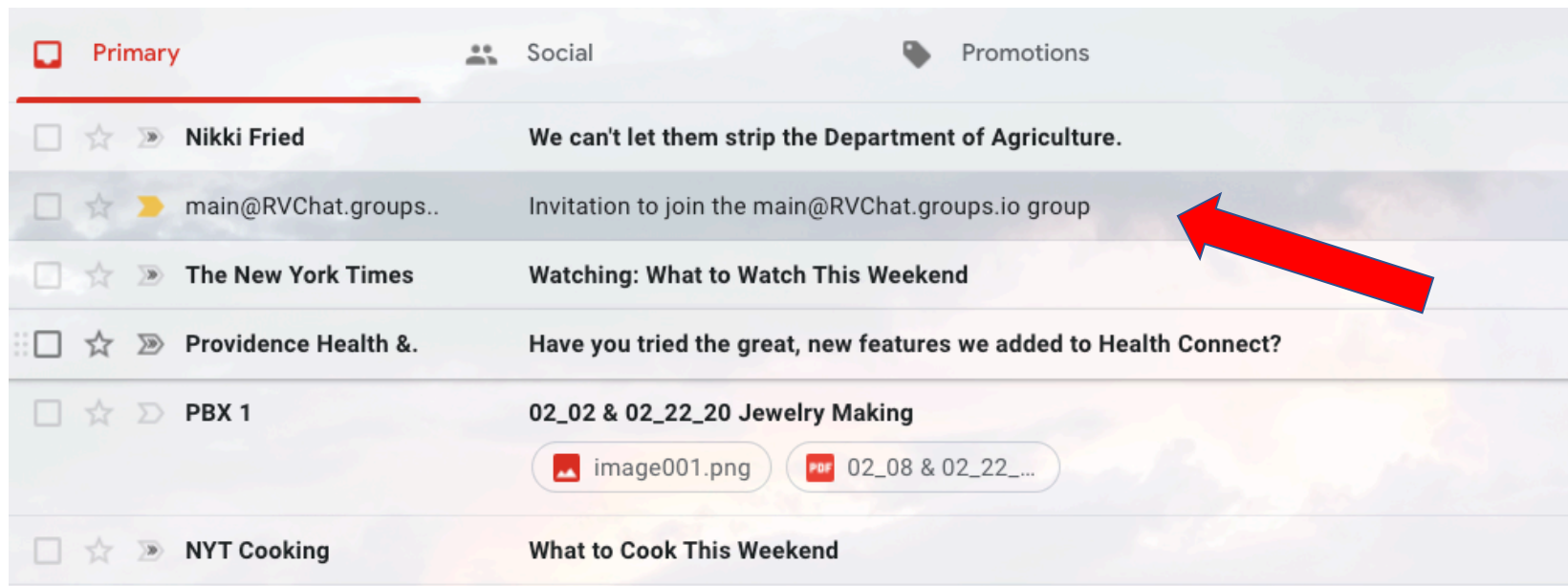
- Finding a pet sitter
- Finding a friend/neighbor to go to an event with
- Looking for people with common interests for a game group or action committee
- Letting people know about something happening in the neighborhood
- Finding someone to take your extra zucchini
- Getting a recipe for a dish you want to try

Getting Started

How do I join?

- Send an email to Susan Hyne (susanhynes@gmail.com) or Cindy Brown (professorcindy@gmail.com) asking to join
- You will receive an email in response
- Follow the directions and in a couple of steps, you'll be in!

The email is from
main@RVChat.groups.io Moderators



Here's what the email looks like; just reply to it.

Invitation to join the main@RVChat.groups.io group  Inbox x



main@RVChat.groups.io Moderators <main+invite+8204190972389201483+1881136@rvchat.groups.io>
to cbrown ▾

Hello,

You have been invited by Cynthia Brown to join the Groups.io group main@RVChat.groups.io.

If you have questions about this invitation, send them to main+owner@RVChat.groups.io.

To accept the invitation, please reply to this email, or you may [accept the invitation](#) on the website.

If you are not interested, or if cbrown@pdx.edu is not your email address, please ignore this email.

Cheers,

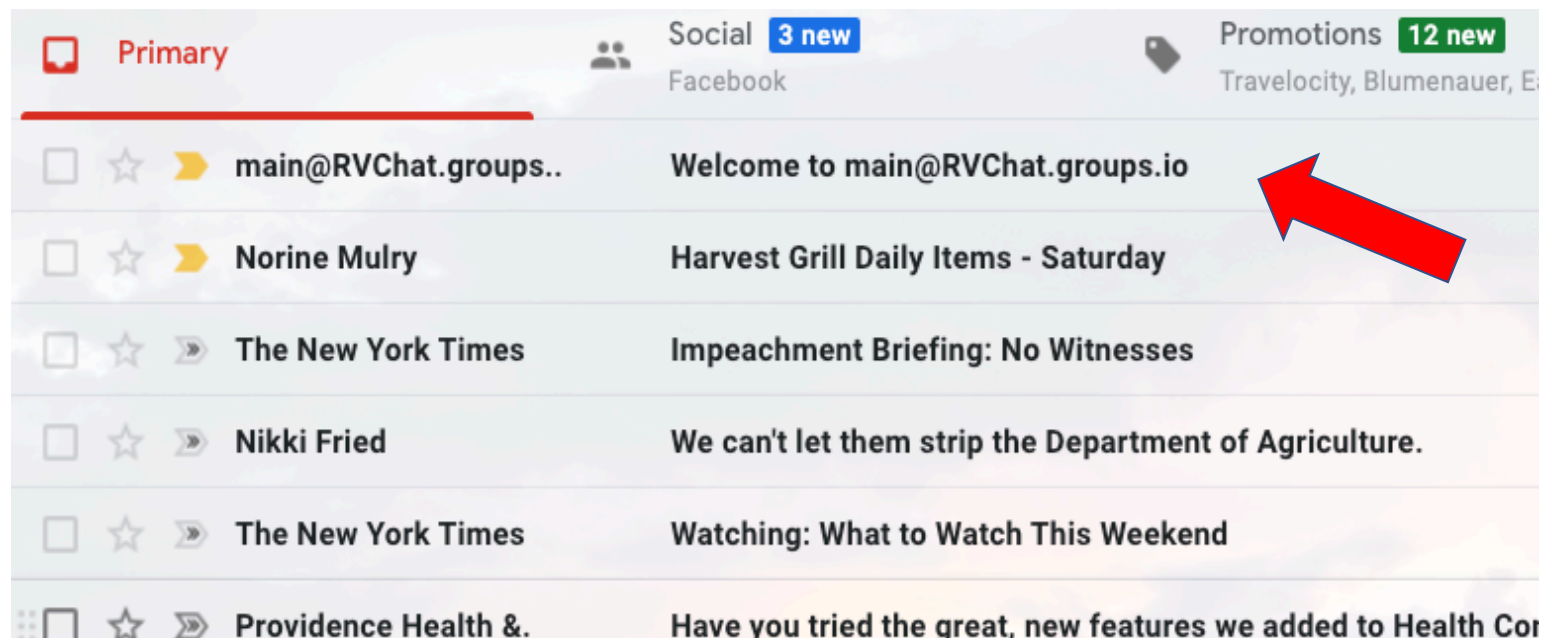
The Groups.io Team

 Reply

 Reply all

 Forward

You will get another email in reply:



Welcome to main@RVChat.groups.io  Inbox x



main@RVChat.groups.io Group Moderators <main+owner@rvchat.groups.io>
to cbrown ▾

7:16 PM (2 minutes ago)



Hello,

Welcome to the [RVChat@groups.io](https://groups.io/g/RVChat) group at Groups.io, a free, easy-to-use email group service. Please take a moment to review this message.

You can visit your group, start reading messages and posting them here: <https://groups.io/g/RVChat>



The email address for this group is: RVChat@groups.io. Because our system allows for participants to post via web or email, you can use this email to post new topics.

But most importantly, please add this email address to your safe sender list in your email client.

A forum for peer-to-peer communication among Rose Villa residents.

You can set your subscription settings here: <https://groups.io/g/RVChat/editsub>. You can opt to receive a daily digest, a weekly summary, or only special notices.

If you do not wish to belong to this group, you may unsubscribe by sending an email to: RVChat@groups.io

To see and modify all of your groups, go to <https://groups.io>

Regards,

The [RVChat@groups.io](https://groups.io/g/RVChat) Moderator

Save this email!

- It has a lot of useful links in it.
- Follow the link to the main site and
- Set up a **bookmark** on your browser so you can easily return to it.

- Home **Owner**
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Useful features!



Here's what you see when you follow the link in the email to the main site.

RVChat main@RVChat.groups.io
A forum for peer-to-peer communication among Rose Villa residents.

Group Information

- 57 Members
- 74 Topics, Last Post: Jan 30
- Started on 11/02/19

Group Settings

- All subscribers can post to the group.
- Posts to this group do not require approval from the moderators.
- Messages are set to reply to group and sender.
- Subscriptions to this group require approval from the moderators.
- Archives are visible to subscribers only.
- Wiki is visible to subscribers only.
- Members can set their subscriptions to no email.

Top Hashtags [See All]

- #chat **3**
- #council discussion of resident council elections **2**
- #poll **1**

Message History

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Members can set their subscriptions to no email.

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Message History

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
2020	59									
2019										

Group Email Addresses

Post: main@RVChat.groups.io
Subscribe: main+subscribe@RVChat.groups.io
Unsubscribe: main+unsubscribe@RVChat.groups.io
Group Owner: main+owner@RVChat.groups.io
Help: main+help@RVChat.groups.io

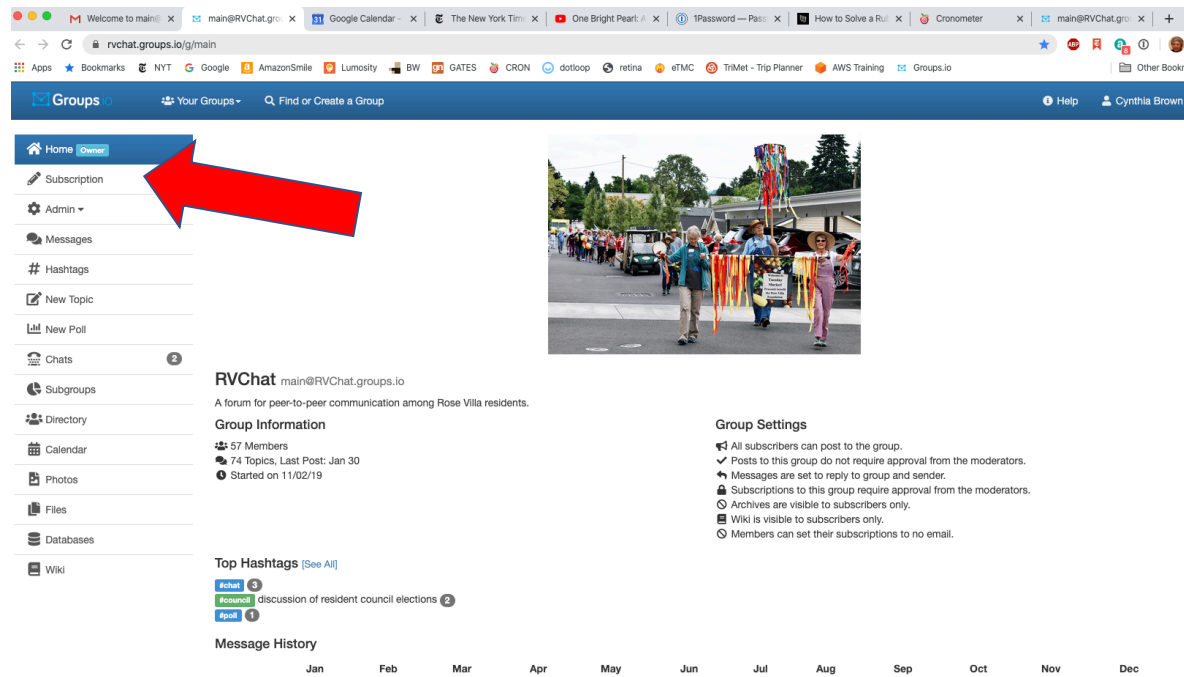


Here's the bottom of the main page with some useful email addresses.

Subscription

You are subscribed to this group.

Use the Subscription link on the left to set your email preferences: single, digest, etc.



The screenshot shows the RVChat main page for the group 'main@RVChat.groups.io'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: Home (Owner), Subscription, Admin, Messages, Hashtags, New Topic, New Poll, Chats (2), Subgroups, Directory, Calendar, Photos, Files, Databases, and Wiki. A large red arrow points to the 'Subscription' link. The main content area features a header image of a parade, a group description, group information (57 members, 74 topics, last post Jan 30, started 11/02/19), group settings, top hashtags (#chat, #council, #poll), and a message history calendar.

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- Membership**
- Group Profile
- Member Integrations
- Email Delivery History

Group Address
main@RVChat.groups.io

Email Delivery

- Individual Messages**
You will receive each message in an individual email.
- Full Featured Digest**
Group up to 12 messages together as one email instead of being sent individually (rich formatting).
- Plain Digest**
Group up to 12 messages together as one email instead of being sent individually (plain formatting).
- Daily Summary**
A daily summary, delivered in the morning, of the group's messages from the previous day.
- Special Notices Only**
You will only receive special notices from the moderators.
- No Email**
You will receive no emails.

Set your preference and then scroll down to the bottom to save...

Signature

- Use Signature For Web Posting
- Use Signature For Email Posting

Advanced Preferences



Notifications

- Email when there are messages needing approval.
- Email when there are members needing approval.
- Email when a member joins/leaves this group.
- Email when group storage limits are reached.
- Email when someone creates or deletes a subgroup.
- Email when someone reports a message.

Owner Email

- All Emails
Receive every message that is sent to main+owner@RVChat.groups.io.
- Members Only
Receive only messages sent by members.
- None
Receive no messages sent to main+owner@RVChat.groups.io.

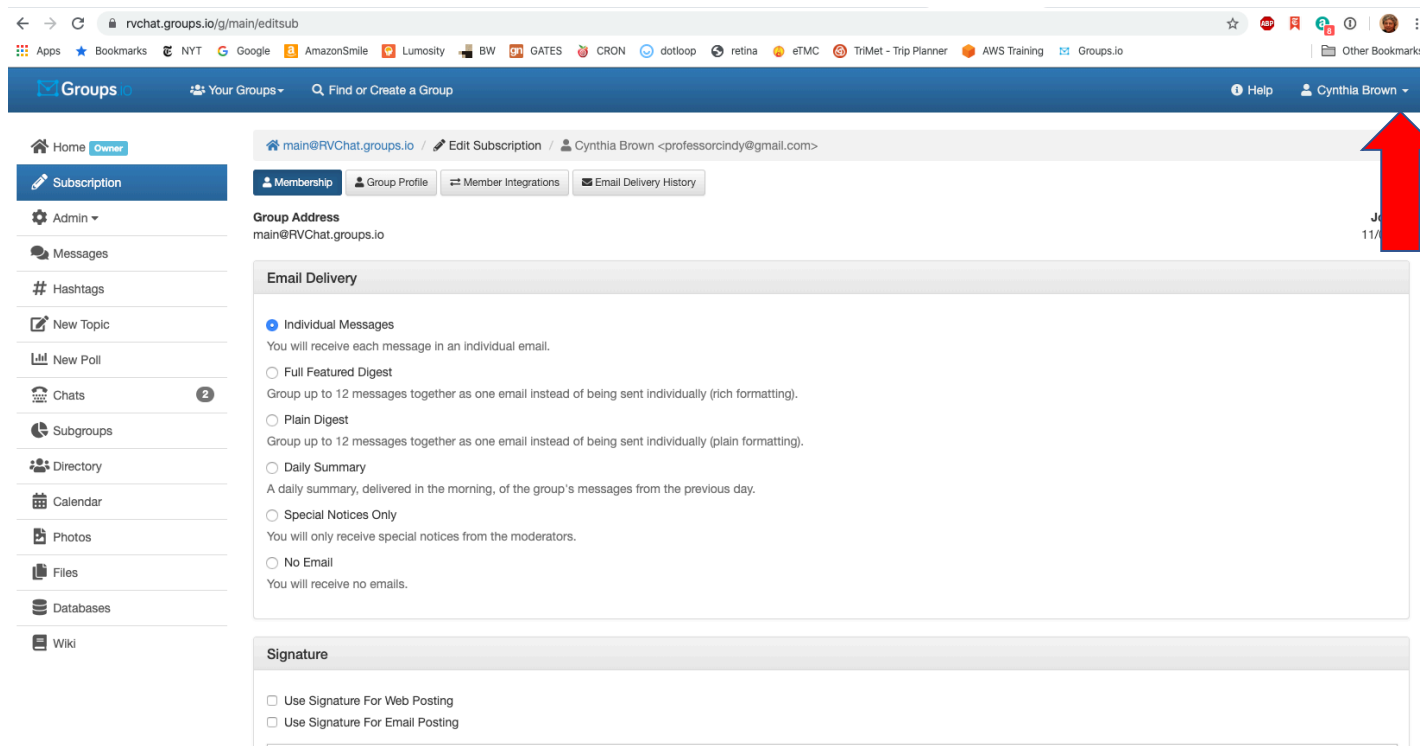
Save

Unsubscribe



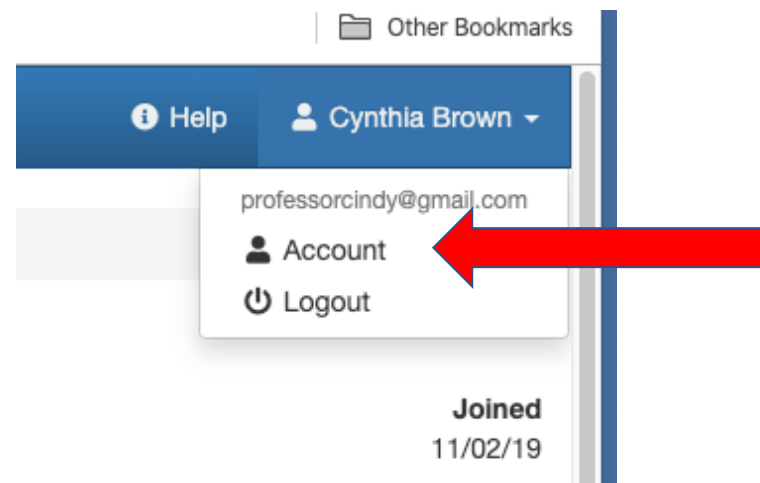
Click the blue Save button to save your preferences!

Click the down triangle next to your name to set your password



The screenshot shows the rvchat.groups.io website interface. The user's name, Cynthia Brown, is displayed in the top right corner with a small downward-pointing triangle next to it. A red arrow points to this triangle, indicating that clicking it will open a dropdown menu for user settings. The main content area shows the 'Edit Subscription' page for the group 'main@RVChat.groups.io', with options for 'Email Delivery' (Individual Messages, Full Featured Digest, Plain Digest, Daily Summary, Special Notices Only, No Email) and 'Signature' (Use Signature For Web Posting, Use Signature For Email Posting).

Click on Account



Be sure to set a password!

The screenshot shows the Groups.io account settings page. The top navigation bar includes the Groups.io logo, 'Your Groups', a search bar for 'Find or Create a Group', and user information for 'Cynthia Brown'. A left sidebar contains menu items: Login, Preferences, Security, Identity, Other Services, Recent Bounces, and Billing. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Account', 'Social Logins', and 'Billing'. The 'Account' section contains an 'Email' field with the value 'professorcindy@gmail.com' and a 'Change Email' button. Below this is a note: 'Note: Your email is hosted by Gmail, so we will re-write the From line for the copies of your group messages that we send back to you.' with a 'Learn More' link. The 'Password' section features an empty password field, a red arrow pointing to it, and the text 'Passwords must be at least 6 characters long.' Below the field are 'Change Password' and 'Delete Password' buttons. The 'Social Logins' section has two checked options: 'Allow Facebook Login' and 'Allow Google Login', each with a brief description and a 'Change Social Login Preferences' button.

Groups.io Your Groups Find or Create a Group Help Cynthia Brown

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Login Preferences Security Identity Other Services Recent Bounces Billing

Email

professorcindy@gmail.com

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Learn More

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Change Password Delete Password

Social Logins

Allow Facebook Login
Allow login to your account via Facebook.

Allow Google Login
Allow login to your account via Google.

Change Social Login Preferences

Set up a profile! (Subscription -> Group Profile)

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main@RVChat.groups.io / Edit Group Profile / Cynthia Brown <professorcindy@gmail.com>

Membership **Group Profile** Member Integrations Email Delivery History

Profile Photo



1 file selected Browse ...

User Name
@CindyBrown45

Display Name
Cynthia Brown





















The name listed with your posts. Note: When you post, your email address is also shown to group members who receive messages via email.

Profile Privacy
Public

Add a photo to your profile; it will show up here.

main@RVChat.groups.io / Member Directory

Showing 56 of 56 Members

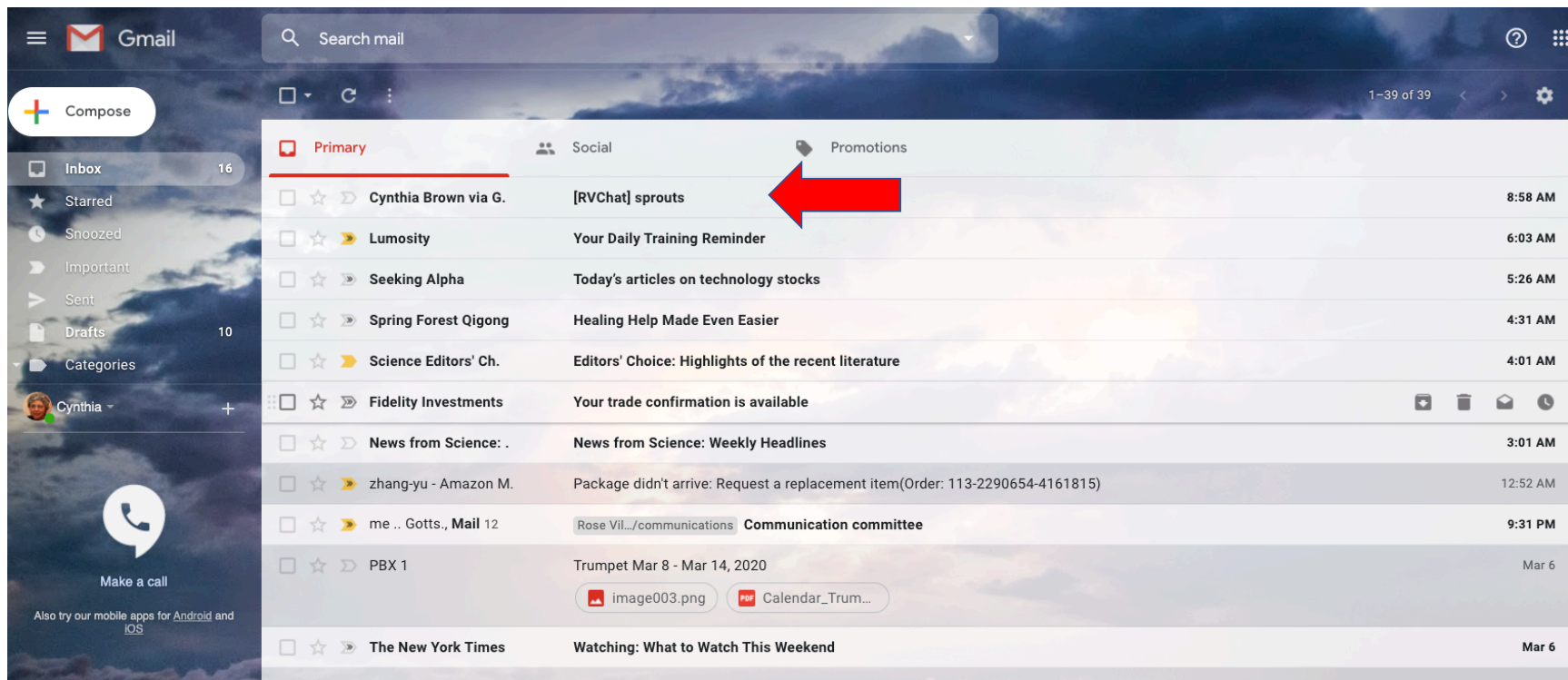
 Andrea Drury Email	 Arlin Brown Email	 Barbara Tuck Email
 Betty Hosokawa Email	 Bill Cunitz Email	 Byron Windhorst Email
 Carolyn Bailey Email	 Cathy Schar Email	 Cynthia Brown Email
 Cynthia Brown Email	 Dave and Jan Dobak Email	 David & Jennifer Allen Email
 Dianna Shaffer Email	 Dori Jones Email	 Dorothy Quinn Email
 Doug Walker Email	 Duren, Jack Email	 Ed Gellenbeck Email
 Elliot McIntire Email	 Gottschall Marilyn Email	

Using RVChat with email

Using your own email program


- You can send a message to the group right from your own email program
- You can also reply to messages using various options
- For most people, this will be your primary (or even only) way of interacting with RVChat. You never have to learn about other features

Here's my message that everyone sees



The message: note useful links at bottom!

[RVChat] sprouts ↳ Inbox x 🖨 🔗

 **Cynthia Brown via Groups.io** <professorcindy@gmail.com@groups.io> 8:58 AM (4 minutes ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮
to RVChat ▾

I've recently gotten back into sprouting again. So far I've done radish and broccoli sprouts... love both of them! Does anyone else have any favorites? I want to use them raw in salads.

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Cynthia (Cindy) Brown

Groups.io Links:

You receive all messages sent to this group.

[View/Reply Online \(#428\)](#) | [Reply To Group](#) | [Reply To Sender](#) | [Mute This Topic](#) | [New Topic](#)

[Your Subscription](#) | [Contact Group Owner](#) | [Unsubscribe](#) | professorcindy@gmail.com

↶ Reply ↶ Reply all ➦ Forward

Links include:

- Reply to Group
- Reply to Sender
- Mute this topic
- New Topic

And others

Message “Etiquette”

- Try not to overload the system with messages that are not of general interest.
- If you send a message looking for help with something, it should go to the whole group (I lost my phone!)
- When your issue is resolved, send another message to let everyone know (I found it!)
- Other messages addressing the issue should usually just go to the sender unless there is a reason why everyone needs to see it
- Avoid “courtesy” messages like “Glad you found it” or send them individually, not to the whole group

More on messages...

- You may never need to go to the actual RVChat site once you are signed up. You can start and reply to messages, mute topics, and more from your email
- But you can also start a new message thread from the site by going to the site and then to the Messages area using the left-side menu

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Messages # Hashtags Export Group Data Search Filter

Msg # Date 1 - 20 of 283 < >

- Re: operas on HD**
I am interested. Nancy
By Nancy Bley · #291 · Feb 6
- Re: operas on HD**
Mike and I are interested in going to this opera. I wrote Samantha this morning and asked if she would step up and coordinating this outing. gretchen -- ~~~~~ Gretchen
By Gretchen Holden · #290 · Feb 6
- operas on HD**
Handel's Agrippina is showing on February 29. How many others are interested? Marilyn
By Gottschall Marilyn · #289 · Feb 6
- Re: THE TIN MAN AND ROSIE HAVE MOVED**
We greatly enjoyed the Tin Man, Rosie and Tiny Tin's visit. Most of the time they were delightful guests. However, one night I was wakened by what I thought was Tiny Tin's tears. To my surprise
By Judy Wathen · #288 · Feb 5
- THE TIN MAN AND ROSIE HAVE MOVED**
The Tin Man and Rosie would like to express their beating heartfelt appreciation to Paul and Judy Wathen for providing a home for them and their baby for the month of February. Rosie wants to give a
By Gretchen Holden · #287 · Feb 5
- Re: missing library book**
I'll keep an eye out for it, Jean. Thank you for alerting us! Dianna
By Dianna Shaffer · #286 · Feb 5
- Re: missing library book**
Jean, I agree with Byron about the Asimov books. True classics! Jerry Sent from Xfinity Connect App
By JEAN CORN · #285 · Feb 4
- Re: missing library book**
Hi Jean and all, Just saw your email pop up. I left a hardcover Sci Fi book written by Asimov on the library desk as a donation. It's a well known series about the Foundation (not the RV one),
By Byron Windhorst · #284 · Feb 4
- missing library book**

This is a view of all the messages sent so far. To reply to one, just click on it.

Use **Hashtags** to make topics stand out

Start a **new thread** by clicking on New Topic in the Messages menu (down triangle)

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main@RVChat.groups.io / # Hashtags

#chat 3 Topics [Edit] [Mute]	#council discussion of resident council elections 2 Topics [Edit] [Mute]	#poll 1 Topic [Edit] [Mute]
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+ Create Hashtag

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Here are the hashtags (#topic) we have so far. They go in the subject line of a message, and this feature lets you easily find the messages relating to that topic.

Use them for major topics that you think will get a lot of response and discussion.

Other Features

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main@RVChat.groups.io / New Poll

From: Cynthia Brown <professorcindy@gmail.com>

Title

Question

Formats **B** *I*

The **Poll** feature allows you to conduct a poll of RVChat users. The system creates a summary so you can easily see the results, and how people voted



Answers

Answer

Answer

Answer

+ Add Answer

- Additional Options**
- Allow multiple choices.
 - Only moderators and poll creators can view results and responders, regardless of whether the poll is open or closed.
 - Only display results when the poll has closed. Moderators and poll creators can always view results.
 - Do not show who responded to the poll.

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[← Topics](#)
[Topic Properties](#)

Coffee with Friends, Thursdays, 9am, Club Room #poll ▾



Susan Hyne

Coffee with Friends, Thursdays, 9am, Club Room

Coffee with Friends is a drop-in event held every Thursday at 9am in the Club Room. Neighbors share perspectives and information about community life. The free-for-all discussion covers a broad range of topics. It's a good way to learn "what's up?" on campus and to get some traction around issues. Coffee is provided and folks are encouraged to bring their own mugs.

Please respond to this poll about your attendance and then add some notes on the Wiki page titled Tell Me More About "Coffee With Friends."

Vote

1. I am a regular attendee (more than half the time).
2. I am an irregular attendee (less than half the time).
3. I have never attended.

[Change Vote](#)
[See Results](#)



You can vote, change your vote, or see the results.

[Reply](#)
[Like](#)
[More](#)

1 person liked this



Pamela Duren

I am one of the original founders along with Jean. I am amazed at the recent popularity. The discussions are almost always helpful and sometimes humorous.

[Reply](#)
[Like](#)
[More](#)

[← Previous Topic](#)
[Next Topic →](#)

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Feb 9 #292 [↻](#)
Edited Feb 18

Coffee with Friends, Thursdays, 9am, Club Room #poll

Date ◀ ▶

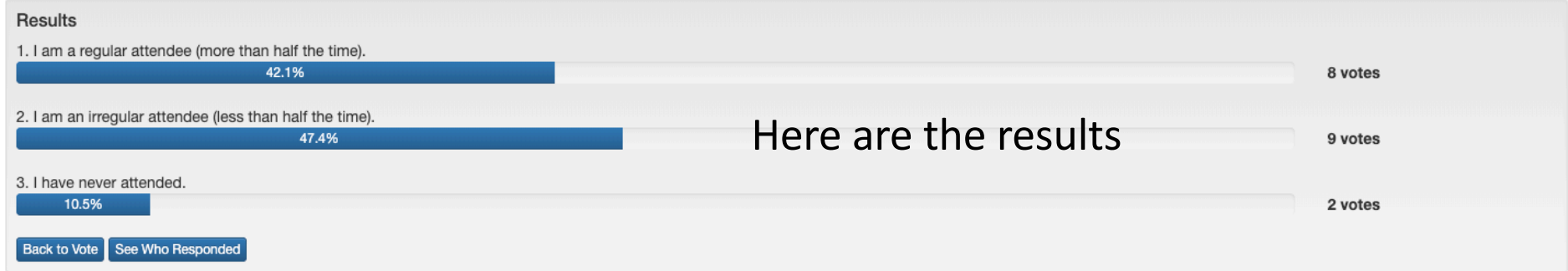


Feb 9 #292 [🔗](#)
Edited Feb 18

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[↩ Reply](#) [👍 Like](#) [☰ More](#)
👍 1 person liked this



Feb 10 #299 [🔗](#)



Potential Poll Example

We decided to try a theme for our next dinner excursion. (Once we have the theme, we'll pick a restaurant.) Should it be:

- Italian
- Vietnamese
- French
- Lebanese
- Barbeque

Use a **chat** when you want to quickly decide an issue

We've decided on Vietnamese food... now let's pick a day, time, and restaurant, and arrange car sharing.

Click the **chat** item in the left side menu, start a new chat, and everyone who is involved can join, share opinions, etc. It's like having a meeting without having to physically get together. It is done live on the site, NOT via email, so you have to let people know when to join in

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Open Chats New Chat

Date 1 - 2 of 2 < >

Chat on Chats Subscribed 2

I started this Chat from the Chat menu inside groups.io. I clicked the box at the bottom that says "Send an announcement to the group."
By [Susan Hyne](#) · 11/09/19 ·

When to meet? Subscribed

I would normally send this as email but want to try the chat feature. Can you meet Monday morning?
By [Cynthia Brown](#) · 11/02/19 ·



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Chats allow multiple people to “converse” in real time.

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Members

+ Create Subgroup

Categories

Main Group

[RVChat | main / RVChat](#)

A forum for peer-to-peer communication among Rose Villa residents.

Created: 11/02/19

57 Members, 82 Topics, Archives are visible to subscribers only, Restricted, Last Post: Feb 6

Subgroups You Belong To

[RVChat | catlovers / Cat Lovers of Rose Villa](#)

For RV residents who love cats. This is a test, not intended to be a real group.

Created: 11/04/19

3 Members, 2 Topics, Archives Viewable Only By Members, Last Post: 11/23/19

[RVChat | recycle / Rose Villa Recycling](#)

This is a working group for the RV recycling team.

Created: 11/23/19

7 Members, 5 Topics, Archives Viewable By Parent Group, Last Post: Feb 4

Subgroups allow for special interest groups to keep their messages more private and not impact the main group.

Example: The Recycling Team

- Currently the recycling team has a subgroup where they post files and notes.
- These tend to be working documents that are not ready to be shared with the whole group

Calendars

- You can view the calendar by month, week, or day
- To create an event just click in the calendar. In month view an event is automatically all day; in week or day view you can set the times

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February 2020

RSVPed Only Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

This is the month view of the calendar; it also has week and day views



Photos

- The system stores photos and documents that are attached to messages; you can also add photos directly to the Photos section
- You can access the photos through the Photos button
- Please note we have very limited storage! If we get too many photos, we'll have to go through and remove the old ones

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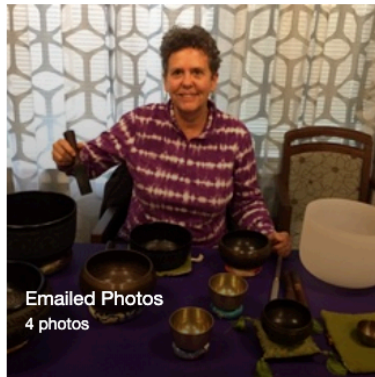
main@RVChat.groups.io / Photo Albums

Search

Search

New Album

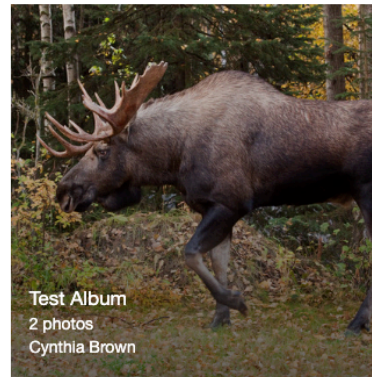
Sort By Created



Emailed Photos
4 photos



2019 Tuesday Market
5 photos
Susan Hyne



Test Album
2 photos
Cynthia Brown

Using 68 MB for attachments storage
Using 196 kB for photos storage



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main@RVChat.groups.io / Files

New Folder Upload File Upload Directory

Name ^	Type	Uploaded By	Size	Uploaded
Medicare information 3 Information on Medicare advantage plans	Folder		-	11/13/19
recipes 1	Folder		-	11/05/19
SEEDS Volunteer Schedules 1 Monthly schedules for SEEDS volunteers compiled by Carolyn Bailey.	Folder		-	3:54pm
RVChat Intro.pdf	PDF	Cynthia Brown	29 MB	Feb 7

Using 29 MB for files storage

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Here are the files for the main group so far. The recycle subgroup has its own files. Note the SEEDS volunteer schedules.

“Database” feature

- Suppose you want to create a signup for an event where everyone brings something, like food to a potluck or cookies to a bake sale
- It would be great for people to be able to see what others are bringing so you don't end up with too many similar items
- This would be a good use for the Database feature. It lets you create a table with rows and columns, such as a list of names in one column and what they're bringing in the next column.

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main@RVChat.groups.io / Database

+ Create Table + Import Table

Name ^	Records	Updated
Rose Villa Recycling Guide A guide to what can be recycled and where to take it	1	12/05/19

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Here's the button for the Database feature



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Create a page with the title of *Home* to replace this page.

A “wiki” is a shared document that can be edited by all members of the group. The best-known example is Wikipedia. The wiki feature is a good way to collaborate on a document that several people are going to contribute to.



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Email sent by Susan Hyne 20191110:
 Let's use this topic to experiment with moving from messages/chats about a topic to developing a proposal using a Wiki page (a feature of groups.io). Go to RVChat on groups.io, then select Wiki and click on the topic "Electing Resident Council members by Neighborhood". Click on Edit Page button at bottom to edit; click on Save Page when done.

With a Wiki, we can all add/edit. Please read the page. Type in comments/ideas. If you find a topic where you're willing to do some research, type in your name, the date, and what you'll research. Then come back and add info. We'll see how it works to develop a document collectively.

FYI--In my view, this is primarily a chance for us to practice working together. We may or may not decide to act on this particular topic.
 End of email

*=Topics needing some research

Topic: Electing Resident Council members by neighborhood rather than At Large (campus-wide)

Background:
 *Current process for electing Resident Council members (length of term, how many are elected each year, what do Bylaws say, etc.)
 Three Council members are elected each year for a term of three years by members of the Residents Association. Elections are held at the November annual meeting and terms begin the first day of January. The Council determines portfolio assignments of Councilors as described in the Council Procedures Manual.

*History (has neighborhood representation model been used in the past? what were the pros/cons?)

*Current representation by Ready Force neighborhoods (20191116 Added by Steve Morris and Susan Hyne):

This is the beginning of the existing wiki page.

Subgroups

- Subgroups are useful for discussions that are not appropriate for the general group
- People can sign up for a subgroup if they want to but otherwise won't see the subgroup messages
- Possible examples might be:
 - A subgroup for a committee such as the Recycling Team (exists)
 - Pet owners and those willing to care for pets in emergencies
 - People interested in off-campus cultural events who would like to carpool
 - People who want a forum for contentious topics that others might find annoying or offensive

Bottom Line

- You don't have to learn to use all these features to get good use out of RVChat!
- Begin by setting your password, profile, and preferences
- After that, the best place to start is with messages to friends and neighbors about issues, opportunities, questions, problems...
- Make it your own!