

# 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:

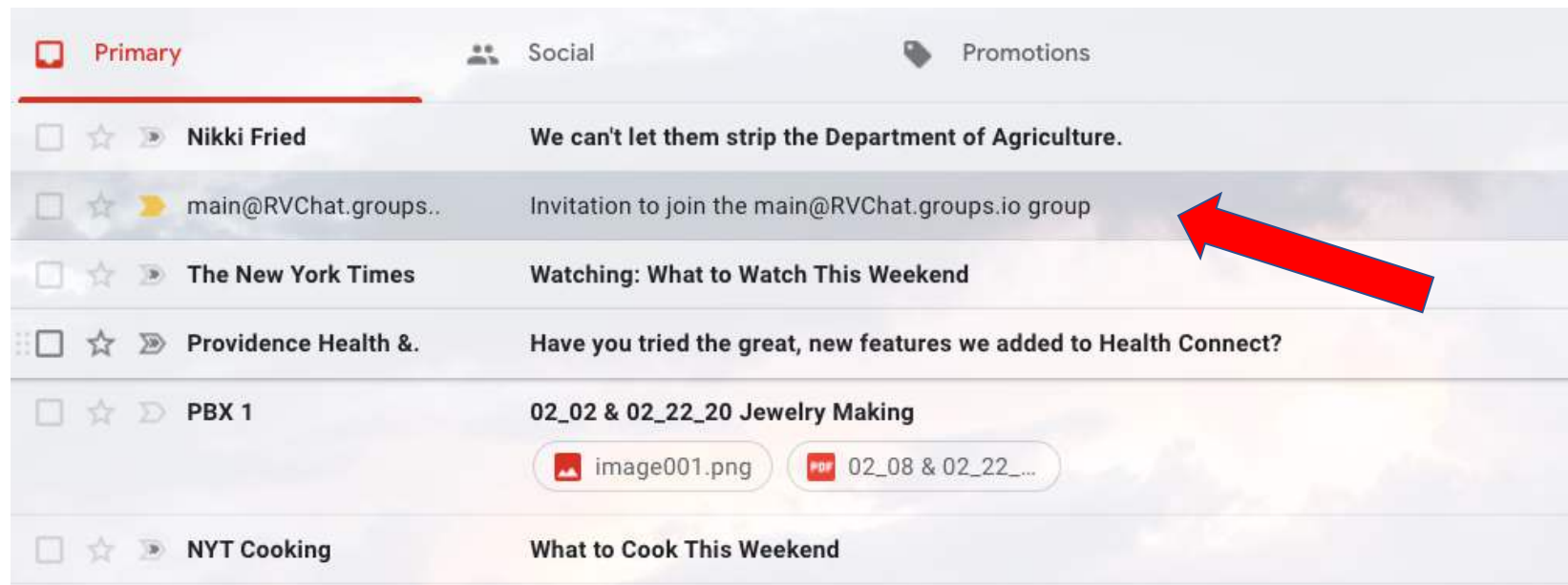
- Finding a pet sitter
- Finding a friend/neighbor to go to an event with
- Looking for people with common interests for a game group or action committee
- Letting people know about something happening in the neighborhood
- Finding someone to take your extra zucchini
- Getting a recipe for a dish you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

# Getting Started

## How do I join?

- Send an email to Susan Hyne ([susanhynes@gmail.com](mailto:susanhynes@gmail.com)) or Cindy Brown ([professorcindy@gmail.com](mailto: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 



**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](mailto:main@RVChat.groups.io).

If you have questions about this invitation, send them to [main+owner@RVChat.groups.io](mailto: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](mailto:cbrown@pdx.edu) is not your email address, please ignore this email.

Cheers,

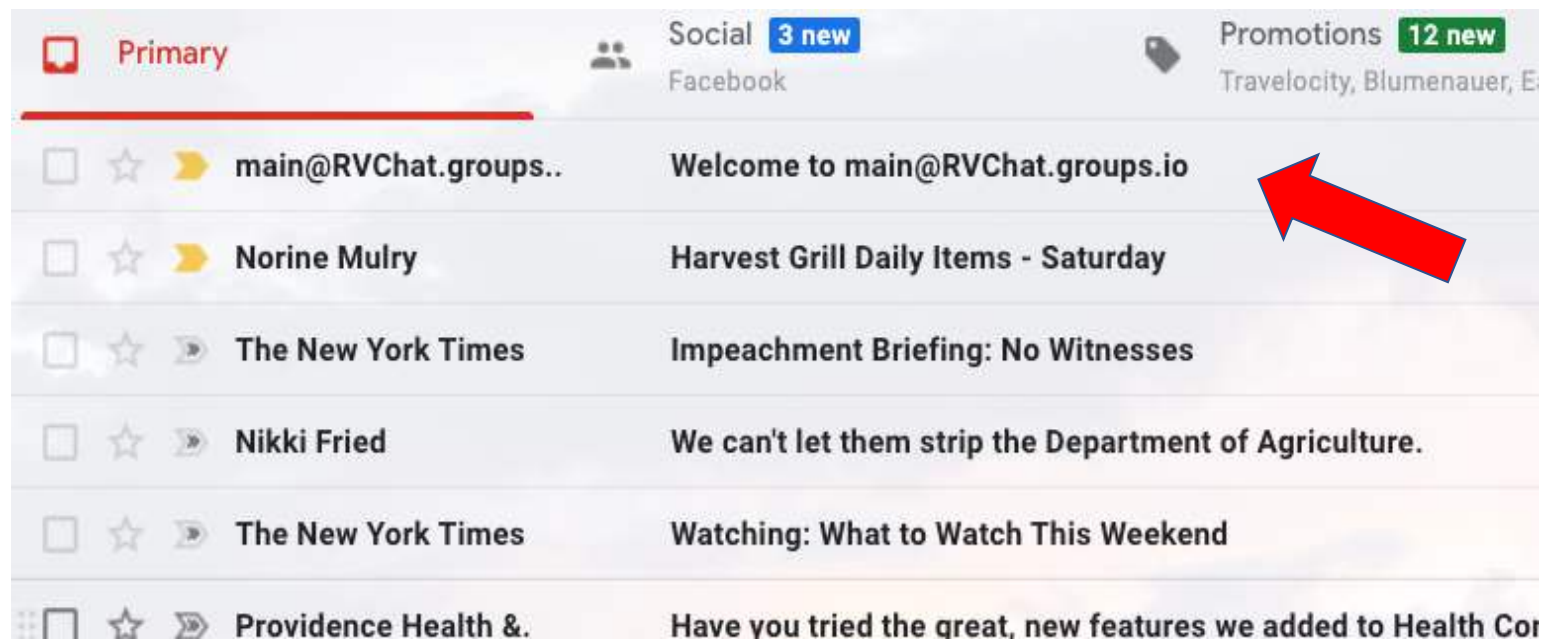
The Groups.io Team

 Reply

 Reply all

 Forward

You will get another email in reply:





Welcome to main@RVChat.groups.io  Inbox 




**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](mailto: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](mailto: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**
- Subscription
- Admin
- Messages
- Hashtags
- New Topic
- New Poll
- Chats **2**
- Subgroups
- Directory
- Calendar
- Photos
- Files
- Databases
- Wiki

 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

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### Top Hashtags [\[See All\]](#)

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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](mailto:main@RVChat.groups.io)  
Subscribe: [main+subscribe@RVChat.groups.io](mailto:main+subscribe@RVChat.groups.io)  
Unsubscribe: [main+unsubscribe@RVChat.groups.io](mailto:main+unsubscribe@RVChat.groups.io)  
Group Owner: [main+owner@RVChat.groups.io](mailto:main+owner@RVChat.groups.io)  
Help: [main+help@RVChat.groups.io](mailto:main+help@RVChat.groups.io)

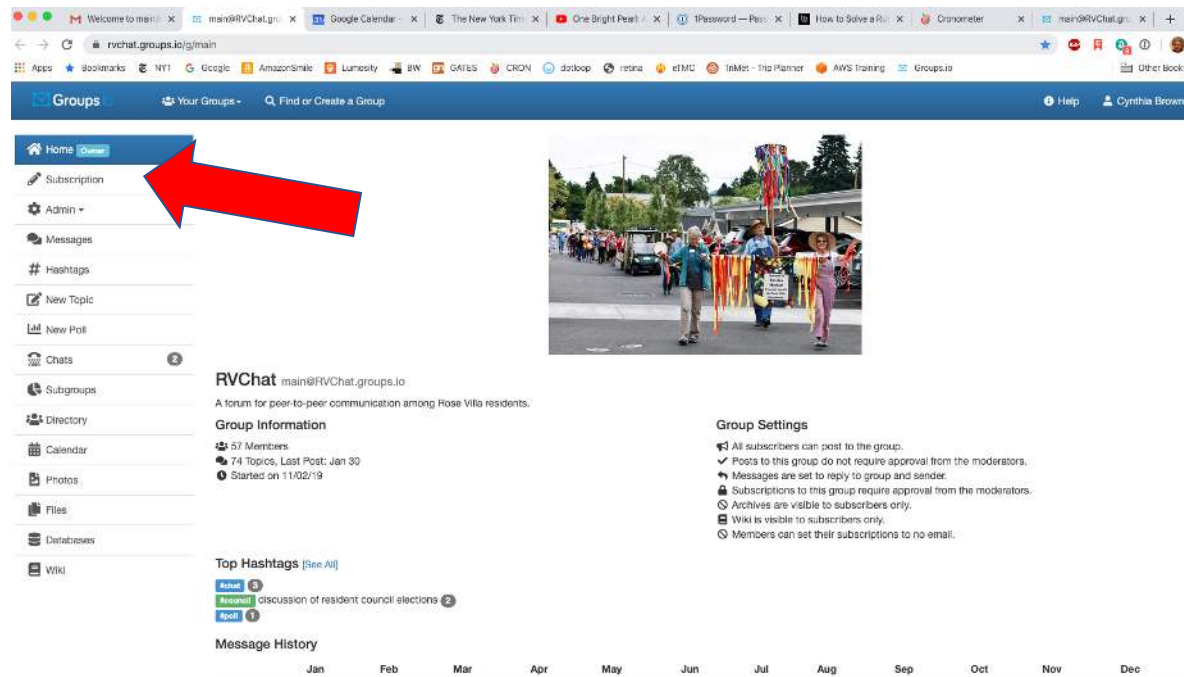


Here's the bottom of the main page with some useful email addresses.

### 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 website interface. On the left side, there is 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 displays the group name 'RVChat main@RVChat.groups.io', a description 'A forum for peer-to-peer communication among Rose Villa residents.', and 'Group Information' including 57 Members, 74 Topics, Last Post: Jan 30, and Started on 11/02/19. There is also a 'Group Settings' section with various options like 'All subscribers can post to the group.' and 'Members can set their subscriptions to no email.' Below this is a 'Top Hashtags' section with links for #chat, #election, and #poll. At the bottom, there is a 'Message History' section with a calendar view for the months of the year.

Home **Owner**

**Subscription**

Admin

Messages

Hashtags

New Topic

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Chats **2**

Subgroups

Directory

Calendar

Photos

Files

Databases

Wiki

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

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.

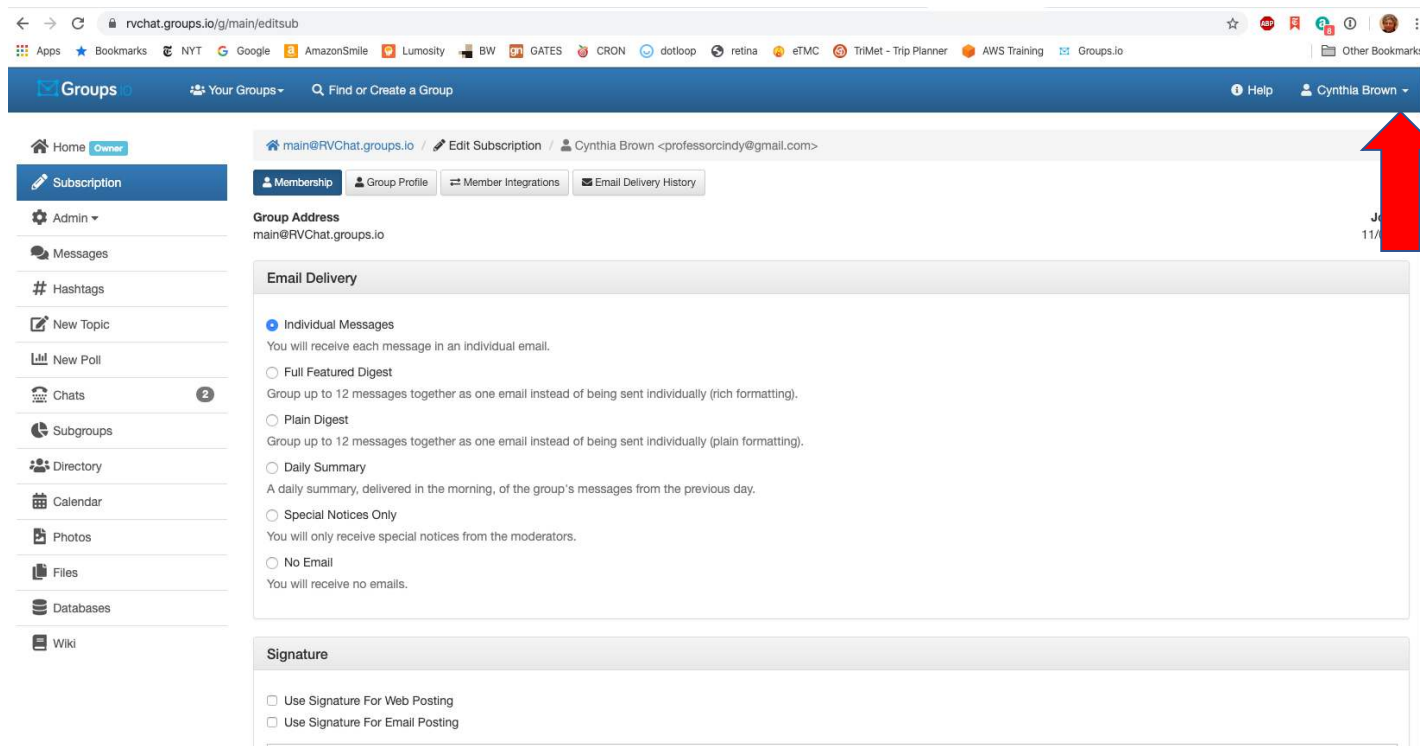
Save

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 is logged in as Cynthia Brown. A red arrow points to the dropdown menu next to the user's name in the top right corner. The dropdown menu is open, showing options for 'Membership', 'Group Profile', 'Member Integrations', and 'Email Delivery History'. The 'Email Delivery' section is expanded, showing options for 'Individual Messages', 'Full Featured Digest', 'Plain Digest', 'Daily Summary', 'Special Notices Only', and 'No Email'. The 'Signature' section is also visible, with options for 'Use Signature For Web Posting' and 'Use Signature For Email Posting'.

rvchat.groups.io/g/main/editsub

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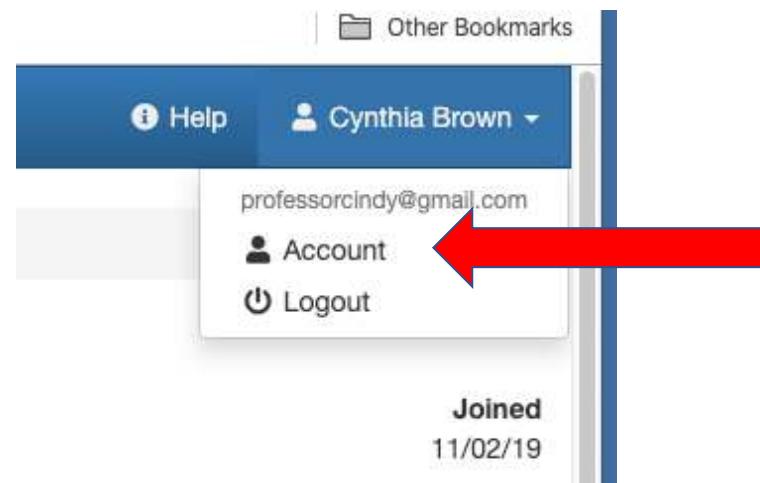
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# Click on Account





# Be sure to set a password!

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

**Account**

**Email**  
professorcindy@gmail.com  
[Change Email](#)

**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.  
[Learn More](#)

**Password**  
  
Passwords must be at least 6 characters long.  
[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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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	