



RBNA Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, August 20th, 2022



Welcome!

The neighborhood with a NATURAL RESOURCE PARK!

Meeting Agenda – Saturday August 20th, 2022

1-3pm

- President's welcome/introductions – Lindy Brigham
- Treasurer's Report - Terry DeCarolis
- Flood Control Mural – Steve Brigham
- Committee Reports
 - Rio Vista Master Planning has begun – Mary Bird and Linda Turner
 - Neighborhood Enhancement projects – Estelle Stern-Eilers
 - Social Committee – Sue DeArmond and Terry DeCarolis
 - Annual Meeting
- RillitoBend Rambles – Lindy Brigham
- Closing Remarks / Next Meetings
 - November 19, 2022 – Annual Meeting



How We Communicate

As a designated Tucson neighborhood association, we need to communicate with you and with the City. The main avenues of communication are:

- **RBNA Neighborhood Mailing List** – make sure you are signed up!
- **RBNA Website:** <https://rillitobendna.org>
- **Annual Newsletter** – the City mails once/year to every resident
- **Nextdoor**
- **Email:** rbna@rillitobendna.org
- **City of Tucson Neighborhood Resources:**
<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/neighborhood-resources>

How to Reach Us

- **RBNA Website:** <https://rillitobendna.org> - Questions & Comments, HOME page
- **Email:** rbna@rillitobendna.org
- **In person**



Treat Ave to Cactus Blvd HAWK* crossing



As of August 2022

- The project has started earlier than we anticipated.
- We have not received any information on anticipated completion.



As of August 20th

*High Intensity Activated Crossing

<https://tucsondelivers.tucsonaz.gov/pages/3rdtreat#timeline>



Larry Bird featured at Desert Museum

Can you believe the Desert Museum has been connecting people to the Sonoran Desert region for **70 years**?! And *you* have been a significant part of that! Kicking off our year-long 70th anniversary celebration, you are cordially invited to an exclusive author forum on



Sunday, September 4, at 4pm in the Warden Oasis Theater.

Hear from (and meet!) the following authors:

1. **William Larry Bird, *In the Arms of Saguaros: Iconography of the Giant Cactus***
2. Wynne Brown, *The Forgotten Botanist: Sara Plummer Lemmon's Life of Science and Art*
3. Ted Fleming, *Sonoran Desert Journeys*
4. David Yetman, *Natural Landmarks of Arizona*
5. The Desert Museum's own Craig Ivanyi, representing *Treasured Legacies*

After the forum, please join us in the Green Room of the Baldwin Education Building from 5-6pm for a chance to speak more intimately with the authors, and purchase books to get them autographed. There will be light refreshments, and BIRTHDAY CAKE!

Please RSVP to info@desertmuseum.org, as there is limited space. Responses accepted until the day of the event, or until capacity is met.



Lend A Hand Senior Assistance

Lend a Hand is a senior assistance organization that provides free services for seniors in central Tucson.

Volunteers provide transportation for medical appointments and errands, food box and produce home delivery and minor home repairs.

* Rillito Bend Neighborhood has 11 clients that Lend a Hand provides services to.

If you want to volunteer, or make a monetary donation as an individual or from the Neighborhood Association you can go to lahseniorhelp.org



Treasurer's Report

Terry DeCarolis - Treasurer



Selling our notecards, drive-by style.
Though Covid has hampered our social activities, we have managed to promote our notecards nonetheless!

Balance: \$2572.24

Expenses:

Projected income*

- Remainder of Mural Cards
- Social event

**Note that RBNA does not have Neighborhood Membership dues.*

Rio Vista Natural Resource Park: Master Planning Update

Neighborhood
Project Leaders:
Linda Turner / Mary Bird

Parks and Recreation Open House Coming Soon

Tuesday, Sept 7 or Wednesday, Sept 8th
in the afternoon
Awaiting confirmation from Ward 3 Office

Other News:

Walk through with restoration ecologist Elise Gornish



Parks and Rec beginning to focus on the
signage and has asked for help



Pima County Rillito Wash Flood Control Mural

Neighborhood Project Leader:
Stephen Brigham

Pima County has initiated a public art mural project as part of their flood control improvements on the north side of the Rillito across from the Tucson Racquet Club. They assembled a community review panel of approximately nine members to select the artist(s) and to advise on the mural design. Stephen Brigham was selected to be the RillitoBend Neighborhood representative on the panel.



Mural is designed for these two concrete retaining walls



Pima County Rillito Wash Flood Control Mural

The Panel Selected a team of two local artists: Jessica Gonzales and Rock Martinez

<https://artsfoundtucson.org/artist-team-jessica-gonzales-and-rock-martinez-awarded-4000-square-foot-pima-county-mural-project/>

<https://www.jessicagonzalesart.com>

<https://www.cyfiart.com>



Pima County Rillito Wash Flood Control Mural

On August 18, the Panel approved the following design to proceed through the Pima County review and approval process. When that process is complete, an installation schedule will be provided.



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Neighborhood Enhancement Projects:

Neighborhood Project Leader:
Estelle Stern-Eilers



We will be asking for help with weeding/pruning projects in the Rain Garden and the Park – make sure you are on Estelle's list.

estellestern@gmail.com

We are also planning a Rain Garden tour to explain the garden features and plants. We will notify the neighborhood through the RBNA mailing list.

The Allen Road Linear Garden north of the Meadowview wall.



Social Committee Report

Neighborhood
Project Leaders: Sue
DeArmond & Terry DeCarolis



April 2019 RBNA Art Fair Social Event

Ice Cream Social! – At Hitching Post Ranch at Gentleman’s Acres

Sunday, November 13th 2 – 4 pm

Opportunity to recruit people to RBNA



Annual Meeting – Saturday, November 19th, 2022

Planning

- Venue and Time – Estelle and Catlow
- Nominating Committee – need volunteers
- Program





Current Board Members & Advisors

President:

Lindy Brigham - *Communications*

Vice-President:

Mary Bird – *Communications, RNAG*

Treasurer:

Terry DeCarolis - *Social*

Secretary:

Catlow Shipek – *Special Projects*

Members:

John Kovacik - *Streets & Traffic Safety, History*

Estelle Stern-Eilers – *Enhancements & Maintenance*

John O’Hare - *Neighborhood Security*

Cassandra Peel – *NextDoor*

Vicky Strome

Rich Young

Advisors:

Larry Bird – *Prince Road*

Stephen Brigham – *Project Review*

Murray DeArmond – *Nominating and Project Review*

Sue DeArmond – *Nominating and Social*

Matthew Vasquez – *Allen Road*

Linda Turner – *RNAG*

Leslie Eldenburg - *History*



RillitoBend Rambles

Neighborhood
Project Leaders: Lindy,
Melanie, Mary, Vicky, Estelle



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RIO VISTA PARK

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GALLERY

A banner image showing a dense field of green foliage with several white and yellow flowers. The text "RillitoBend Rambles" is overlaid in white serif font.

RillitoBend Rambles

- A place to share our observations of the natural world around us
- Articles will be posted on the website and distributed via our RBNA Mailing List
- Anyone can contribute pictures, information, and stories

Contact us at: rambles@rillitobendna.org



Questions

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- Please provide feedback via our website comment section
- What would you like to see discussed in future meetings?
- Quarterly meetings – third Saturday from 1–3 p.m.:
 - November 19, 2022 – Annual Meeting
 - *Agenda includes election of new Board members*



Thanks Everyone!



Zoom Meeting

A screenshot of a Zoom meeting grid with 18 participants. The participants are arranged in a grid with the following names and descriptions:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| RillitoBend Neighborhood | Catlow Shipek, Watershed Manag... | Mary | Estelle Stern-Ellers | Sue DeArmond |
| Rich Young | John Kovacik | terencedecarolis | Larry Bird | Vicky Strome |
| Matthew Vasquez | Melanie | Stephen Brigham | Kathleen Bents Miller | eryck garcia (mayor's office) |
| CJ Boyd, Ward 3 | Rose & Evan | Jennifer | | |





Rillito Bend Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting

20 August 2022 || 1pm - 2pm

Attendance:

- Lindy Brigham (President)
- Mary Bird (Vice President)
- Terry DeCarolis (Treasurer)
- Catlow Shipek (Secretary)
- Sue and Murray DeArmond (Advisor)
- Larry Bird
- CJ Boyd (Ward 3)
- Stephen Brigham
- Melanie Campbell-Carter
- Nathan Dunn
- Eryck Garcia (Mayor's Office)
- John Kovacik
- Kathleen Bents Miller
- Jennifer Shopland
- Estelle Stern-Eilers
- Vicky Strome
- Matthew Vasquez
- Rich Young
- Rose and Evan

Meeting Notes:

- 1) President's report – Lindy Brigham, Board President
 - See presentation slides
 - Treat Ave to Cactus Blvd HAWK crossing
 - Project started earlier than anticipated, ongoing
 - Arizona Sonora Desert Museum - Larry Bird featured, Sun, Sept 4 @ 4pm
 - Lend A Hand Senior Assistance, in the neighborhood and could use assistance if interested
- 2) Treasurer's Report – Terry DeCarolis
 - Income: \$0
 - Expense: \$2 (bank fee)
 - Ending Balance: \$2572.24
- 3) Rio Vista Master Planning (Mary Bird and Linda Turner)
 - Parks and Rec Open House TBD (Sept 7th or 8th)
 - Walk through with Dr. Elise Gornish, Restoration Ecologist
- 4) Flood Control Mural (Steve Brigham)
 - New walls along The Loop just west of Country Club Bridge on north side
 - Stephen is on panel to select artist and inform mural design
 - Artists: Jessic Gonzales and Rock Martinez selected
 - Concept has been approved by panel and now going through Pima County process
- 5) Neighborhood Enhancement Projects (Estelle Stern-Eilers)
 - Allen Road: In October it will be 2years since original planting
 - Cactus Rd: Linear Garden doing well
 - Lucy's Garden: established and self-sustaining
 - Rancho Morado rights-of-way: features are working well to guide the stormwater

- Weeding and mowing has been ongoing to keep back bermuda grass and allow natives to establish
 - Rio Vista NRP: cooler season workday(s) being planned to remove invasives and help facilitate stormwater flows
 - Labyrinth: has been adopted and weeded regularly by local neighbor (Helen Perkins)
- 6) Social Committee
- Upcoming Ice Cream Social is Sunday, Nov 13th, 2-4pm; hosted at Hitching Post Ranch at Gentleman's Acres
 - Event will be featured in upcoming annual newsletter
 - Last social was in fall 2019
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- 7) Annual Meeting: Saturday, Nov 19th, 2022 @ 3pm
- Outdoor venue - Estelle is helping to secure
 - Valley of the Moon may be an option, includes chairs
 - Agenda will include voting on slate of board members
 - Nominating Committee needs volunteers
- 8) RillitoBend Rambles (Lindy Brigham, Melanie, Mary, Vicky, and Estelle)
- rambles@rillitobendna.org
 - A place to share observations of the natural world around us
- 9) Other Items Announced
- Eryck Garcia (Mayor's Office) - new neighborhood policy advisor
- 6) Closing