



RBNA Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 16, 2024
Northminster Presbyterian Church



Welcome!

The neighborhood with a NATURAL RESOURCE PARK!

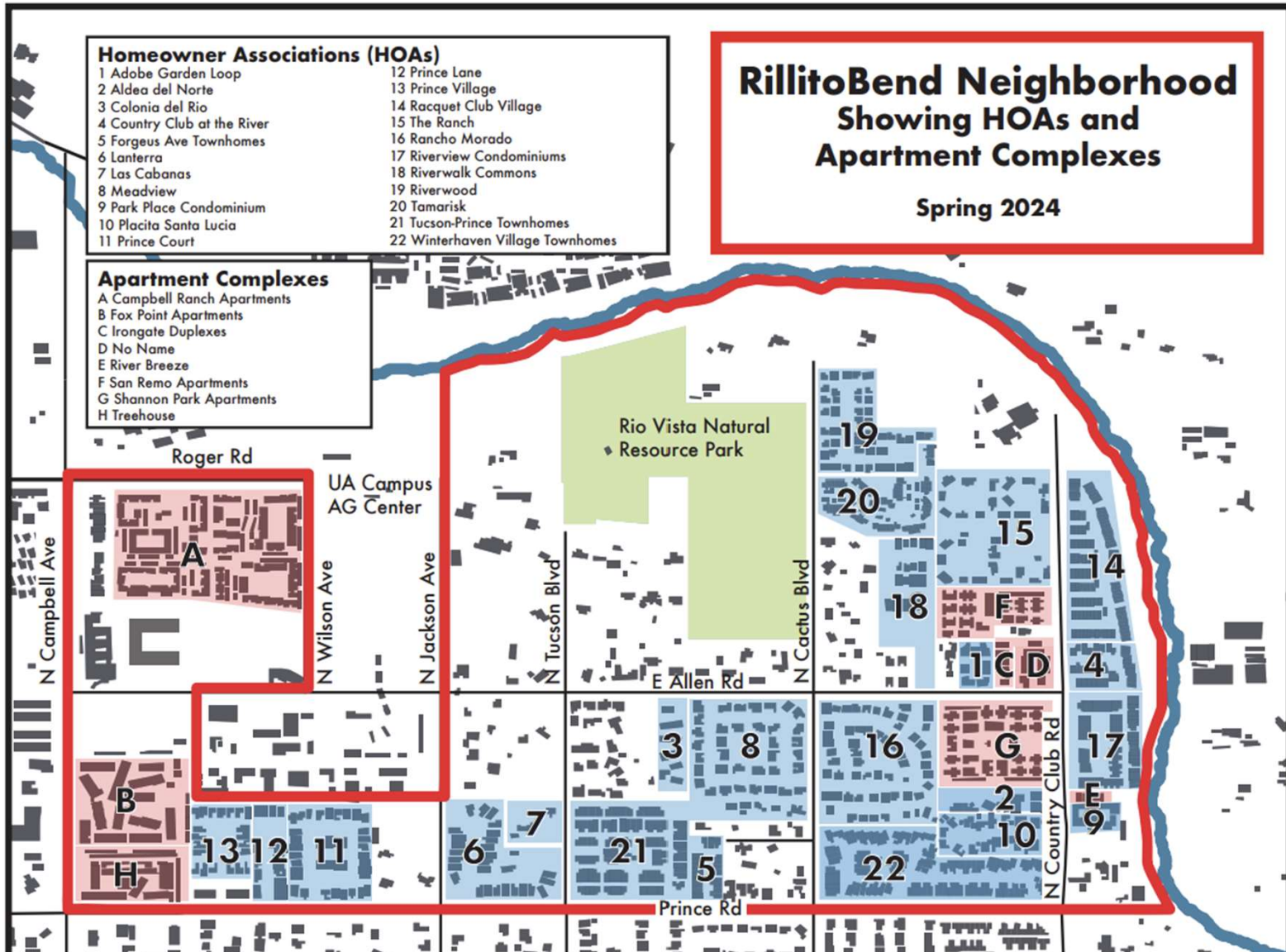
Meeting Agenda – Saturday, November 16, 2024

1 – 3:00 p.m.

- Welcome/Introductions
- Treasurer's Report
- Crime Statistics Tucson Police Department - Lt. Kimberly Frie
- Department of Planning and Development Services - Neighborhoods - Rebecca Ruopp
- Accomplishments/Challenges
 - Rio Vista Natural Resource Park
 - Leash Up/Clean Up Campaign
 - Enhancements
 - Roads
 - Zocalo #1
 - Christmas Wash Stormwater
 - 2025 Arts and Music Festival
- Community Announcements/Concerns
- Adjourn
- Socialize with snacks and sign up for volunteering at information tables



Our 'HOOD



Current Board Members & Advisors

President: Lindy Brigham – *Communications, Blog*

Vice-President: Mary Bird – *Communications, RNAG, Blog*

Treasurer: Terry DeCarolus – *Social*

Secretary: Catlow Shipek – *Special Projects*

Members: Estelle Stern-Eilers – *Enhancements & Maintenance, Blog*
John O’Hare – *Neighborhood Security*
Cassandra Peel – *NextDoor*
Vicky Strome – *RillitoRambles Blog*
Linda Turner – *RNAG*
Pat Mulrow
Rich Young

Advisors: Larry Bird – *Prince Road*
Stephen Brigham – *Project Review*
Murray DeArmond – *Project Review*
Sue DeArmond – *Social Committee*
Matthew Vasquez – *Allen Road*
Mike Shaw - *Wildlife*
Melanie Campbell Carter - *RillitoRambles Blog*
John Kovacik
Julie Stephens
Wallace Kinkade

Nine of the Eleven board positions will be up for elections next year.
Please consider offering your services.
We will be organizing a nominations committee this Spring to start recruiting.

Meetings 3rd Saturday of Month Quarterly
February 22, May 17, Aug 16, Nov 15



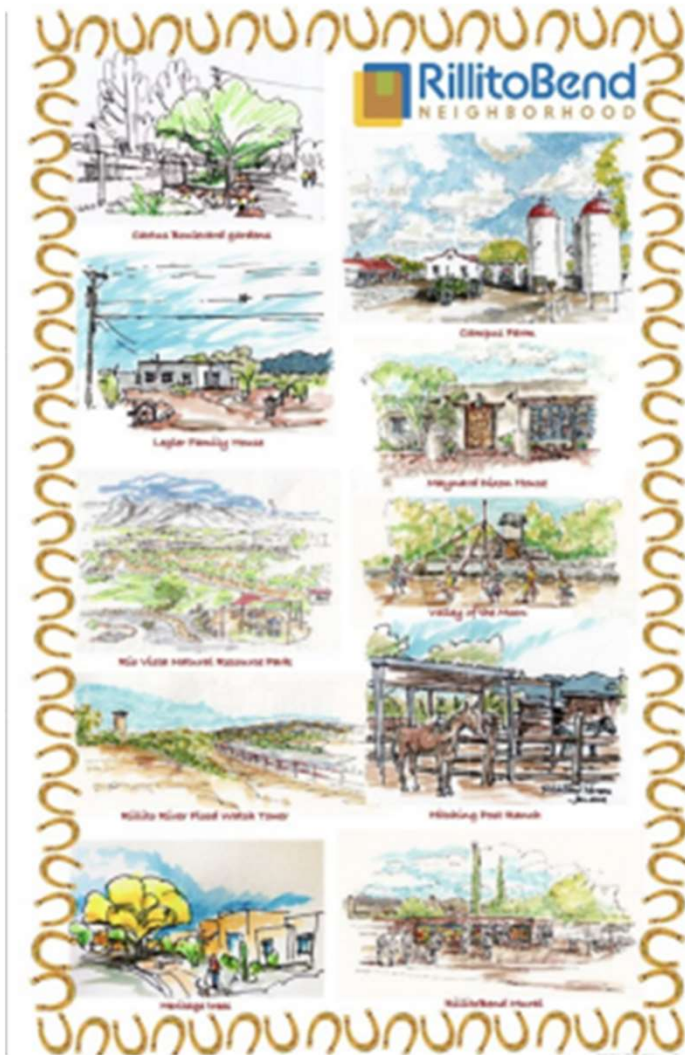
Treasurer's Report

Neighborhood
Project Leader: Terry
DeCarolis, Treasurer

Balance reported at 9/16/24 Board Meeting:	\$2,185.18
Income:	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	\$ 139.00
CURRENT BALANCE:	\$2,046.18



Helping to fill the Coffers



Several artistic neighbors have created this tea towel and set of notecards. They feature our neighborhood.

Each cost \$20 (cash or check).

As we do not have dues, Proceeds from the sale of these items help defray our expenses such as the website and neighborhood enhancements.

Donations also accepted. :)



Tucson Police Department

Kimberly Frie | Lieutenant

Tucson Police Department | Operations Division Midtown
1100 S. Alvernon Way | Tucson, AZ 85711-5304
Office: (520) 837-7423 | Mobile: (520) 909-6524
Email: Kimberly.Frie@tucsonaz.gov



A map of the Rillito Bend Neighborhood in Phoenix, Arizona. The neighborhood is highlighted in a dark teal color. It is bounded by E River Rd to the north, N Country Ct to the south, and a residential street to the west. The map shows a grid of streets, a river (the Salt River) flowing through the area, and several parks: Rio Vista Natural Resource Park to the north, Brandi Fenton Memorial Park to the east, and a smaller park to the west. The text 'Rillito Bend' is visible in the center of the highlighted area.

Rillito Bend Neighborhood

TPD ODM



Calls For Service

11/16/2023 -11/10/2024

911: 937

(Dispatched to Police)

Officer-initiated Activity: 187

Non-Police Calls

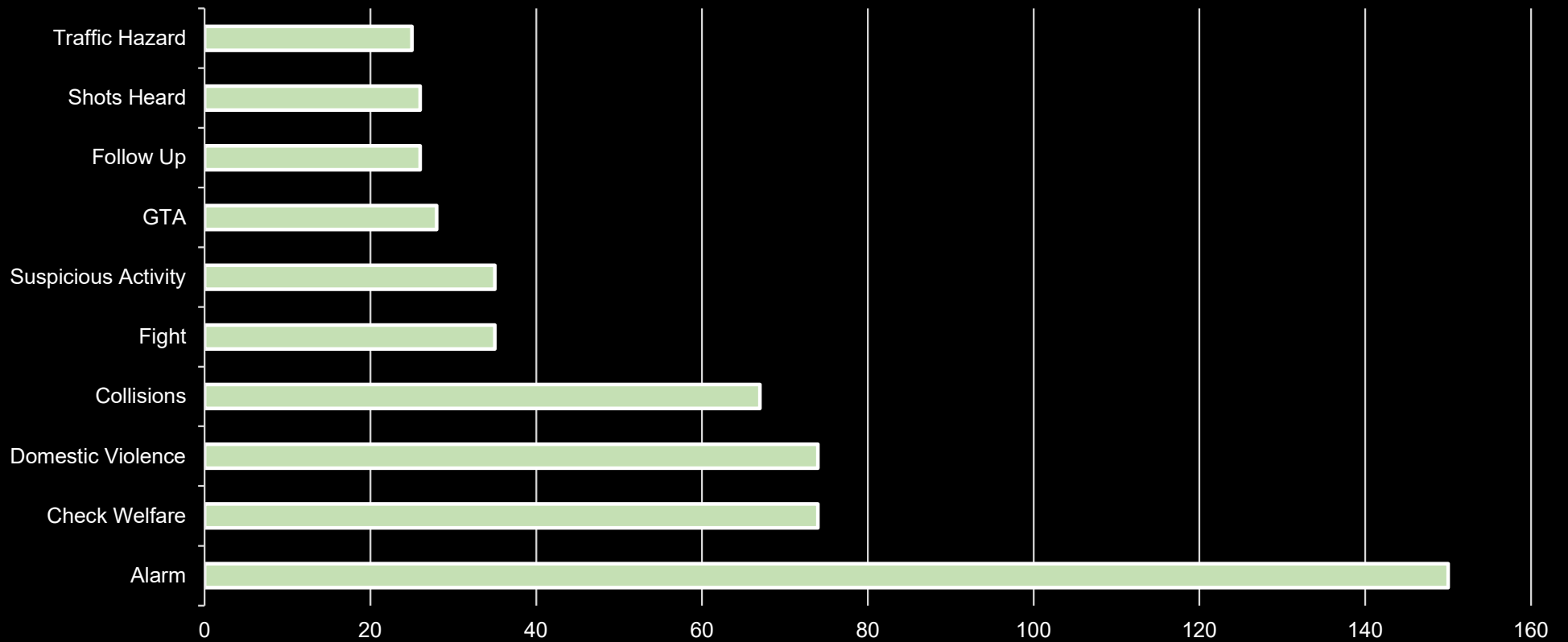
311: 20

Adv: 788

RillitoBend Neighborhood

Top 10 Calls for Service by Type

11/16/2023 -11/10/2024



Incidents

11/16/2023 -11/10/2024

Total
number of
incidents
(Case Reports)

379

Top 10 types of
case reports

- 73 – Larceny
- 36 – Disorderly Conduct
- 31 – Criminal Damage
- 30 – Assault
- 27 – Death
- 21 – GTA
- 15 – Mental Cases
- 13 – Other Offenses
- 13 – Suspicious Activity
- 12 – Traffic Collision

List of Incidents by Type

11/16/2023 -11/10/2024

<i>UCR</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>02 - Sexual Assault</i>	5
<i>03 - Robbery</i>	2
<i>04 - Assault, Aggravated</i>	11
<i>05 - Burglary</i>	10
<i>06 - Larceny</i>	73
<i>07 - GTA</i>	21
<i>09 - Assault</i>	30
<i>11 - Fraud</i>	9
<i>12 - Embezzlement</i>	2
<i>14 - Criminal Damage</i>	31
<i>15 - Weapons</i>	1
<i>17 - Sex Offenses</i>	2
<i>18 - Narcotic Drug Laws</i>	3
<i>20 - Offenses Against Family & Children</i>	4
<i>21 - DUI</i>	6
<i>24 - Disorderly Conduct</i>	36
<i>26 - Other Offenses</i>	13
<i>29 - Runaway Juvenile</i>	2
<i>31 - Traffic Accident</i>	5
<i>32 - Traffic Accident</i>	12
<i>33 - Non-Traffic Accident</i>	6
<i>35 - Traffic & Motor Vehicle Laws</i>	3
<i>40 - Death</i>	27
<i>41 - Mental Cases</i>	15
<i>42 - Sick Cared For</i>	1
<i>50 - Fire</i>	1
<i>51 - Lost</i>	3
<i>52 - Found</i>	7
<i>53 - Public Assist</i>	8
<i>54 - Civil Matter</i>	8
<i>56 - Suspicious Activity</i>	13
<i>57 - Disturbance</i>	3
<i>61 - Miscellaneous</i>	4
<i>62 - Court Order</i>	2
<i>TOTAL</i>	379

RillitoBend Neighborhood

Part 1 Crimes

11/16/2023-11/10/2024

Violent

- Homicide - 0
- Sexual Assault - 5
- Robbery - 2
- Aggravated Assault - 11

Property

- Burglary - 10
- Larceny – Theft - 73
- Motor Vehicle Theft - 21
- Arson - 0

Top 5 Incident Locations

11/16/2023 -11/10/2024

- 2000 E. Roger (Campbell Ranch on River) – 50
- 2720 E. River (The Hacienda at the River – Tucson Senior Living) – 27
- 3700 N. Campbell (Fox Point Apartments) – 23
- 2000 E. River (Rio Vista Apartments) – 17
- 3737 N. Country Club (Shannon Park Apartments) – 8

Resources

- **911** – Emergencies
- **311** – Report non-emergency problems (App and Online available to report <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Residents/311-Service-Request-Portal>)
 - i.e. Abandoned building/nuisance property/vacant lot, abandoned shopping carts, abandoned/junk motor vehicles, homeless encampment, park issues, potholes, street conditions, etc.
- **Online non-emergency police report filing**
 - Can only be used to report select items such as court order violation, damaged property, harassment, lost property, suspicious activity, theft of a bicycle, theft of services, theft of vehicle contents, theft of a vehicle parts or accessories.
 - <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Police/File-Non-Emergency-Police-Report-Online> or call (520) 791-4444.
- **Traffic Watch** – Report dangerous driving
 - <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/b831037dea9a425d83fa836628c7f87e>
- **Homeless Protocol** - The Homeless Encampment Protocol is initiated when a homeless camp, located on City property or private property, poses a threat to public safety, causes a major criminal or health concern, or when there is camping in any City park after hours. The new encampment online reporting tool will allow our community to help the City identify encampment locations and assess the level of response needed, including outreach, clean-up, and enforcement.
 - <https://reportencampments.tucsonaz.gov/> or (520) 791-2540
- **Tucson Police and Code Enforcement Information (Neighborhood Police Events and Incident Listings)**
 - <https://neighborhood.w6iwi.org/>

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Planning & Development Services Department (PDSD)

WHERE? 201 N. Stone Ave., 3rd Floor

WHO? **Rebecca Ruopp**, Principal Planner & Neighborhood Engagement Specialist
Chris Blue, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator

WHAT?

- **Registers Neighborhood Associations (NAs)**
- **Maintains a database of NA officer contact information used for providing notices**
- **Assists NAs with name and boundary changes**
- **Helps NAs reactivate**
- **Maintains a Neighborhood Resources webpage that includes a Directory of NAs**
- **Assists NAs with the preparation of up to two City-funded mailings per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30)**
- **Holds periodic workshops and virtual information sessions**
- **Assists in reserving public facility space for NA meetings (e.g., TUSD schools) and obtaining roll-offs for clean ups**
- **Attends NA meetings when requested, and happy to do so 😊**
- **Meets with NA officers in person or virtually when requested**
- **Answers a wide variety of questions in person, virtually, via email, and over the phone**



<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Planning-Development-Services/Neighborhood-Resources>

Rio Vista Natural Resource Park: Implementation

Neighborhood
Project Leaders:
Linda Turner/Mary Bird,
RNAG*

- Matt Christman, Parks & Rec new project manager who started a year ago is winding up the project. Due to wrap up this December.
- The final planting event is Nov 30th. Sign up at: watershedmg.org/event/rio-vista-restoration-planting-workshop-november-30
- We are working with Parks & Rec to have a celebration in January.

*RNAG = RillitoBend Neighborhood Advocacy Group



Carianne of Strategic Habitat Enhancements instructs volunteers on planting at the Oct 25th event.



Leash Up / Clean Up Campaign

Parks & Rec
Department

Tucson City Codes (partial)

- TCC 4-97 ...unlawful for any dog...be on ...public property unless ...restrained by...a leash...not more than **six (6) feet in length**, and of sufficient strength to control the..dog ...The owner...shall be guilty of a misdemeanor...
- TCC 4-102 ...unlawful for...person having custody of any dog to fail immediately to move and dispose of in a sanitary manner any solid waste deposited by such dog on public property...

#LeashUpCleanUp

www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation/Parks/Leash-up-Clean-Up

Some of the posters created for the campaign.
Courtesy Parks & Rec.



Neighborhood Enhancements

Neighborhood Project
Leader: Estelle Stern-Eilers



Roads

Neighborhood
Project Lead: Catlow Shipek

PRINCE ROAD

- Pedestrian paths
- Bike Safety
- Landscaping
- Stormwater
- Bus shelters

CACTUS BLVD

- Speeding
- Pedestrian Safety
- Stormwater
- Gardens/"Zocalos"

ALLEN ROAD

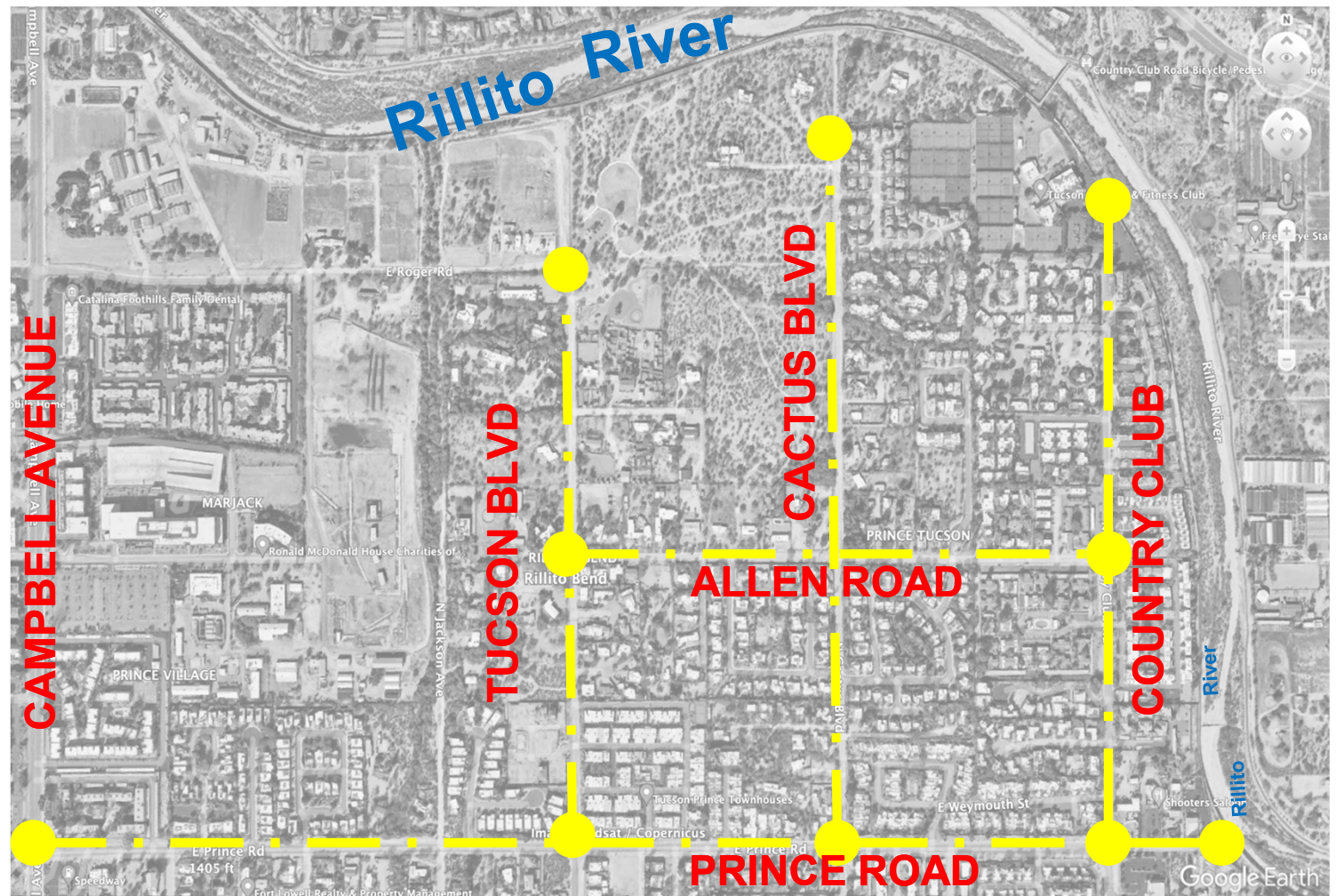
- Stormwater
- Landscaping
- Parking lot screening
- Traffic calming

COUNTRY CLUB

- Traffic calming
- Pedestrian paths
- Bike Safety
- Landscaping

TUCSON AVE

- Traffic calming



NOTE: Improvements to City roads right-of-ways depend upon funding applications and neighborhood volunteers



Allen Road

Neighborhood
Project Leader: Catlow Shipek



Allen Road Opportunities (on the website):

- 1) Screen parking lot and dumpster along right-of-way (ROW) with native plants and trees. Extend pedestrian path from Rancho Morado subdivision to Country Club Road. Create bump-outs to enhance stormwater infiltration and planting areas to calm traffic.
- 2) Enhance right-of-way landscape along apartment complex with native trees and plants.
- 3) Reduce stormwater flowing from Shannon Park Apartments onto Allen Road on both the south side of Allen and the north side at Riverwalk Commons Townhomes entry.
- 4) Create right-of-way improvements for stormwater infiltration and landscaping enhancements.
- 5) Create bump-outs to enhance stormwater infiltration and planting areas to calm traffic along south side of Rancho Morado subdivision.
- 6) Provide safe pedestrian walkway with clear visibility around existing traffic circle with connection to existing Rancho Morado subdivision sidewalk on SE corner.
- 7) Provide right-of way improvements for stormwater infiltration, landscaping enhancements, and a safe pedestrian walkway.
- 8) Create bump-outs to enhance stormwater infiltration and planting areas to calm traffic along south side of Meadow View.
- 9) Provide right-of-way improvements for stormwater infiltration, landscaping enhancements, and a safe pedestrian walkway.
- 10) Provide right-of-way improvements for Valley of the Moon overflow event parking.



Cactus Blvd Vision

Neighborhood
Project Lead: Stephen Brigham



Vision for Cactus Boulevard:
The "Linear Zócalo"

PLANNING GOALS & GLOSSARY:

GOALS:

- Support the social interactions between neighbors.
- Correct deficiencies related to drainage, pavement and right-of-ways.
- Enhance landscaping and aesthetics.

GLOSSARY:

Zócalo: a public square or plaza typically in Mexico which is often the central gathering place of a community.

"Linear Zócalo": A term developed by the RillitoBend Neighborhood for a central community space that supports safe pedestrian interactions within a livable street framework while managing stormwater detention in enhanced landscape and habitat areas.

"Zócalet": A term invented for the "Linear Zócalo" for specific gathering places along the Cactus Blvd.

Cactus Boulevard: proposed as the neighborhood's "Linear Zócalo" where many residents currently gather, walk, bike, and drive between the Rillito River and their homes along the way.



Zocalo #1 - update

Neighborhood
Project Leaders:
Sue Ann Breems / Stephen Brigham

We are pleased to announce that the Mural Plaza “Zocalo” #1 is complete!



Initial Field Planning Session:
David Tiers
Steve Brigham
Sue Ann Breems (the mural creator)

November 2024

You can see the plans for the Cactus Blvd “Linear Zocalo” with all the proposed “Zocalos” on the website:

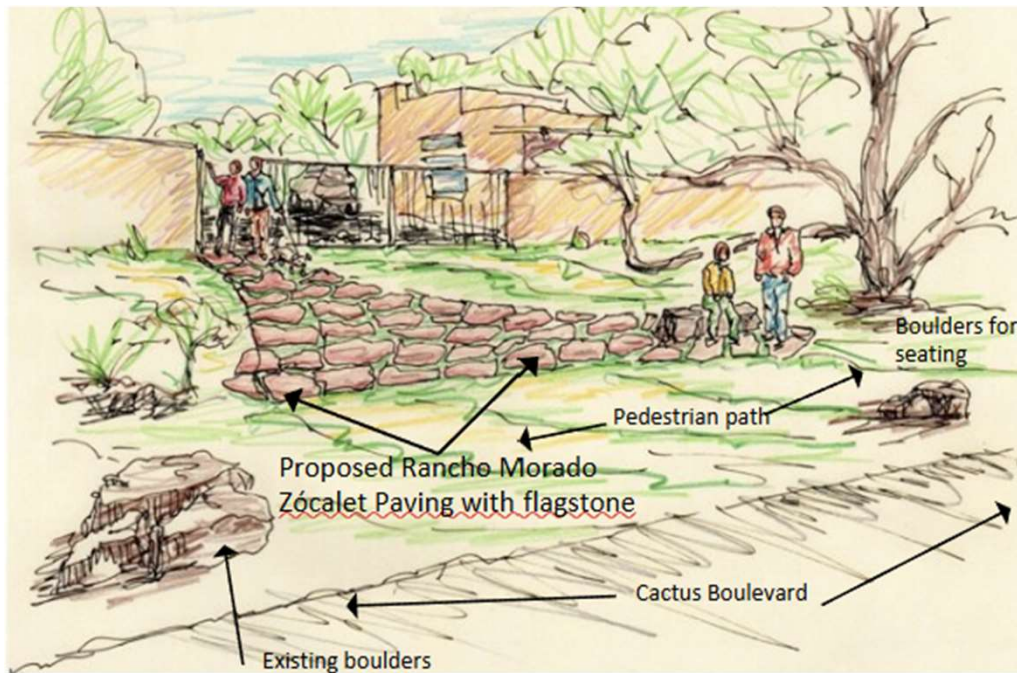
<https://rillitobendna.org/our-vision.html#cacbulprop>



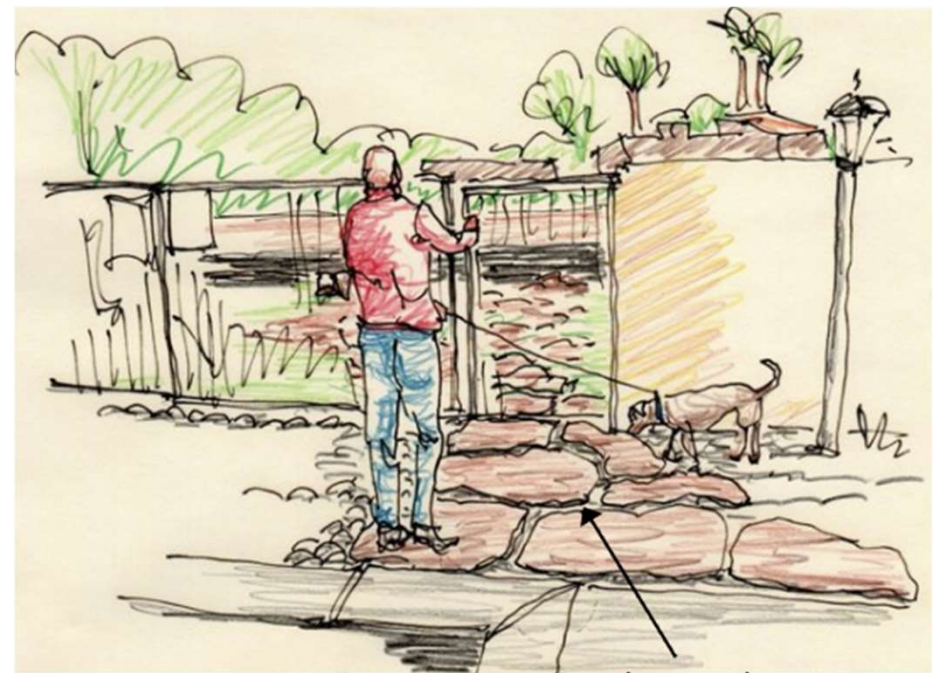
Future “Zocalos”

Neighborhood
Project Lead: Stephen Brigham

“Zocalo” #2 : Rancho Morado



Connecting the Rancho Morado community to Cactus Blvd.



Rancho Morado gate opening to the Cactus Blvd. “Rain Garden”



Roads – it's up to us for futher improvements

Neighborhood
Project Leader: Lindy

SPEEDERS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?



Apply for traffic calming devices like:

- Traffic circles
- Speed humps
- Chicanes
- And much more...

*Must be on a City-owned, neighborhood (residential) street.

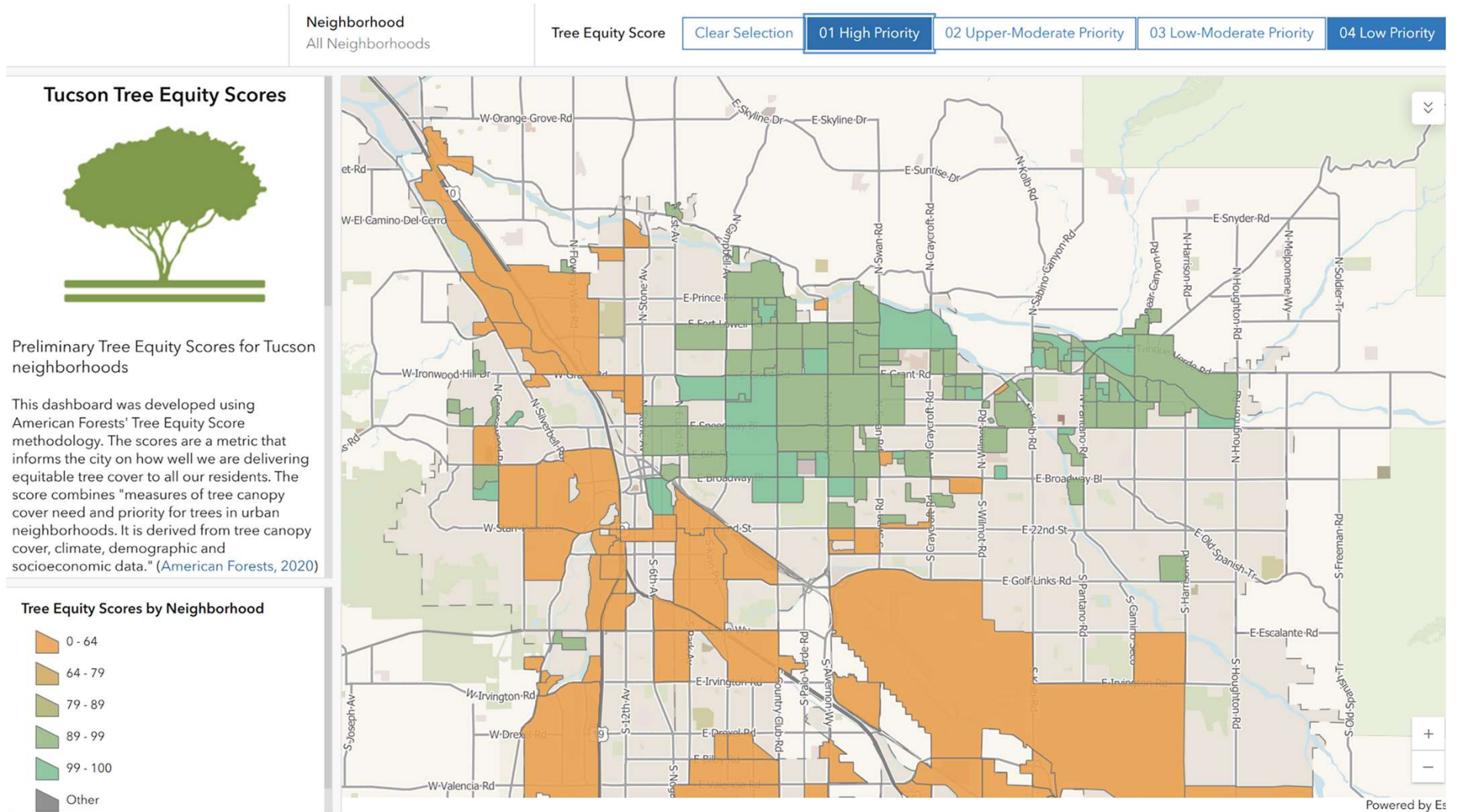
DEADLINE TO APPLY:
Tuesday, December 31, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.

For more information visit:
<https://bit.ly/SafeStreetsMiniGrant> or scan the QR code.



CITY FUNDING FOR ROADWORK

Neighborhood
Project Leader: Lindy Brigham



Stormwater Mitigation FEMA Grant

Neighborhood
Project Leader: Lindy Brigham



Figure 1 University of Arizona student class project conceptual vision for Christmas Wash – Spring 2022

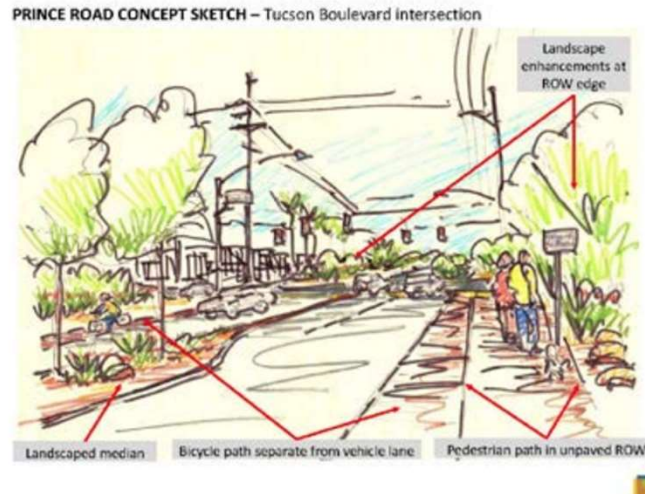


Figure 2 RBNA Vision for E Prince Road – rendering by Stephen Brigham, Past RBNA President

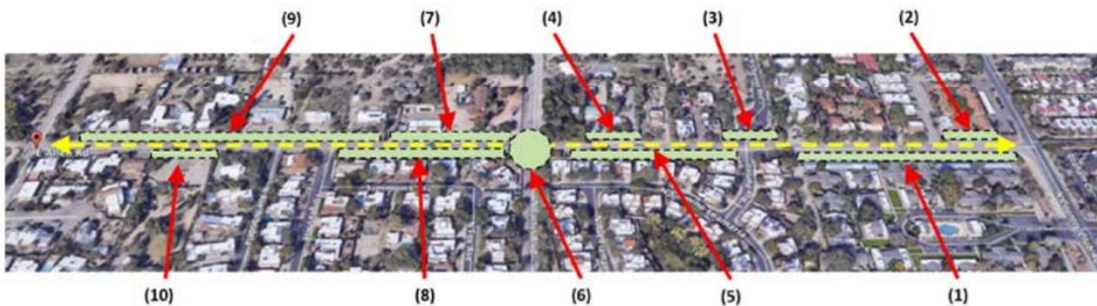


Figure 2: RBNA Vision for E Allen Road highlighting locations of green infrastructure opportunities.

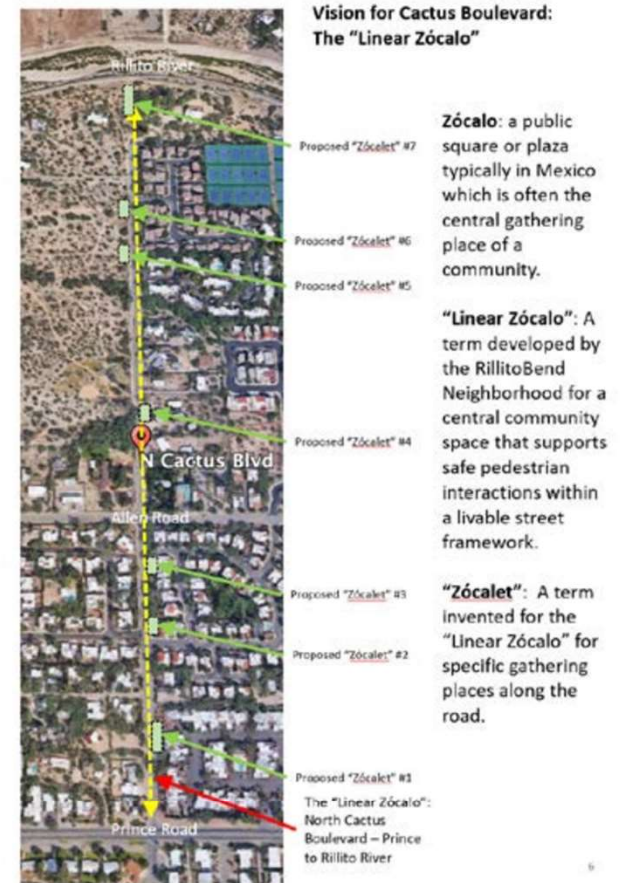


Figure 3 RBNA Vision for N Cactus Boulevard as a 'Linear Zocalo.'



2024 Spring Festival

Neighborhood
Project Leader: Sue DeArmond

Thank you to all the talented neighbors and friends for our successful 2024 Spring Festival!

- Music: Connie Warren
Tom Dukes
Barry Shulman
Jim Mallert
Kathleen Hutchinson
Mike Dolan
Shanti Foster
Howard Wooten
- Dancing: Russ Hudson
Tucson Friends of Traditional Music



2025 Spring Arts and Music Festival

Saturday, March 8, 2025 11a – 1p Valley of the Moon

Neighborhood
Project Leader: Sue

How can you participate?

- Artists – spread the word, sell art
- Musicians – spread the word, play music
- Raffle prizes from local merchants
- Children's activities – ideas, leaders
- Set-up and Refreshments



(Images from the
2019 Arts Festival)



Neighborhood Neighbors -



- Lend A Hand Senior Assistance offers support to help Seniors remain in their homes, allowing them to live independently and remain a vital part of their community.
- We do this by providing free services, including transportation, errands, social activities, fresh produce delivery, and other assistance.
- All our services are offered free by our **trained volunteers.**

Board Members in our Neighborhood.
Wallace Kinkade & Janice Havins



Valley of the Moon is an enchanted historic fairyland that promotes kindness and imagination. A unique artist-created environment, Valley of the Moon offers a variety of experiences including tours, theatrical performances, and private events. Valley of the Moon turned 100 years old in 2023 and is a 501(c)3 nonprofit formally incorporated in 1945 to foster religious tolerance and brotherly love for all mankind, regardless of race, creed, or color.

More information on how to donate and volunteer:

<https://www.lahseniorhelp.org/>

<https://www.tucsonvalleyofthemoon.com/>



What would YOU like to share?



Adjourn to

Social Hour
and
More Information
and
Volunteer Opportunities





RBNA Annual Meeting Minutes

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1 PM to 3 PM – Northminster Presbyterian Church

Attendance: (~40 people – see sign in sheets)

See attached presentation slides for additional details

- 1. Welcome, Introductions – Lindy Brigham, RBNA Board President**
- 2. Treasurer’s Report**
 - 2.1. Current Balance: \$2,046.18
- 3. Crime Statistics Tucson Police Department - Lt. Kimberly Frie**
 - 3.1. 937 Calls made to 911
 - 3.2. 379 Incidents
 - 3.3. Use 311 for non emergency issues:
 - traffic complaints
 - off leash dogs
 - etc...
- 4. Department of Planning and Development Services - Neighborhoods - Rebecca Ruopp**
 - 4.1. Follow and get involved with PLAN Tucson here: <https://www.plantucson.org/>
 - 4.2. PLAN Tucson will be on ballot in November 2025
- 5. Accomplishments/Challenges**
 - 5.1. Rio Vista Natural Resource Park**
 - Nov 30th, 8AM to 11AM - Final volunteer planting workday for restoration work
 - Planning a celebration of the restoration efforts in the park in January 2025 - Details coming soon!
 - 5.2. Leash Up/Clean Up Campaign**
 - Use 311 to report unleashed dogs
 - City of Tucson provides free leashes and information as needed
 - 5.3. Neighborhood Enhancements**
 - Shannon Park Apartments Allen Road rights of way project - plans are underway to improve this area to add vegetation and rain basins
 - Cactus Rd Linear Park - upgrades and plantings are planned for the location where the tree fell in the 2023 monsoon season - details are coming soon
 - 5.4. Roads/Zocalos/Christmas Wash stormwater grant**
 - Country Club: neighborhood is reviewing option of neighborhood-funded speed tables or rumble strips to slow traffic down to improve bike/pedestrian safety
 - Cactus Blvd: updates on Zocalo #1 completed and planning for Zocalo #2 enhancements; also noted concerns from residents with use of shared roadway across bikes/peds/cars and how to better negotiate a mix of users
 - Allen Rd: Shannon Park (in planning phase) and Meadowview HOA (completed) planting improvements; potential for FEMA grant funding if Tucson is awarded for

Christmas Wash could add chicanes/bump outs to Allen Rd to ameliorate flooding and calm traffic

5.5. Social Committee: 2025 Arts and Music Festival

- 2024 Spring Festival was a huge success with over 100 neighbors
- Save the date for **March 8, 2025, 11AM to 1PM at Valley of the Moon** for the next Spring festival
- Call to artists to bring art to spring festival for show and buy/sell opportunity

5.6. Community Announcements/Concerns

- Recognize Lend a Hand and Valley of the Moon as local neighborhood services and non profits

6. Adjourned

7. Additional Notes for resources for engagement

7.1. Outreach

- **RBNA Neighborhood Mailing List** – make sure you are signed up! Go to website to sign up.
- **RBNA Website:** <https://RillitoBendNA.org>
- **Newsletter** – the City mails twice/year to every resident
- **Nextdoor** - sign up with nextdoor.com
- **General Email:** RBNA@RillitoBendNA.org
- **City of Tucson Neighborhood Resources:**
<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/neighborhood-resources>

7.2. How to Reach Us

- **RBNA Website:** <https://RillitoBendNA.org> - Questions & Comments, HOME page
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- **Specific Emails:** President@RillitoBendNA.org; Vice-President@RillitoBendNA.org; Treasurer@RillitoBendNA.org; Secretary@RillitoBendNA.org; Volunteer@RillitoBendNA.org; Social@RillitoBendNA.org
- **In person**

7.3. The Mayor's Office

- Eryck Garcia, eryck.garcia@tucsonaz.gov, Community Engagement/Climate Sustainability Advisor
- Mayor's Newsletter - subscribe here: <http://eepurl.com/gUDhsf>

Respectfully submitted: Catlow Shipek, RBNA Secretary



Handout

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Refreshments Socialize with snacks and sign up for volunteering at information tables

Board of Directors

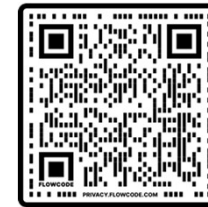
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Next year there will be 9 board positions open. Please consider stepping up and serving on the board.

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Website



SignUp Form

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- **In person**