



RBNA Mid-Year Meeting

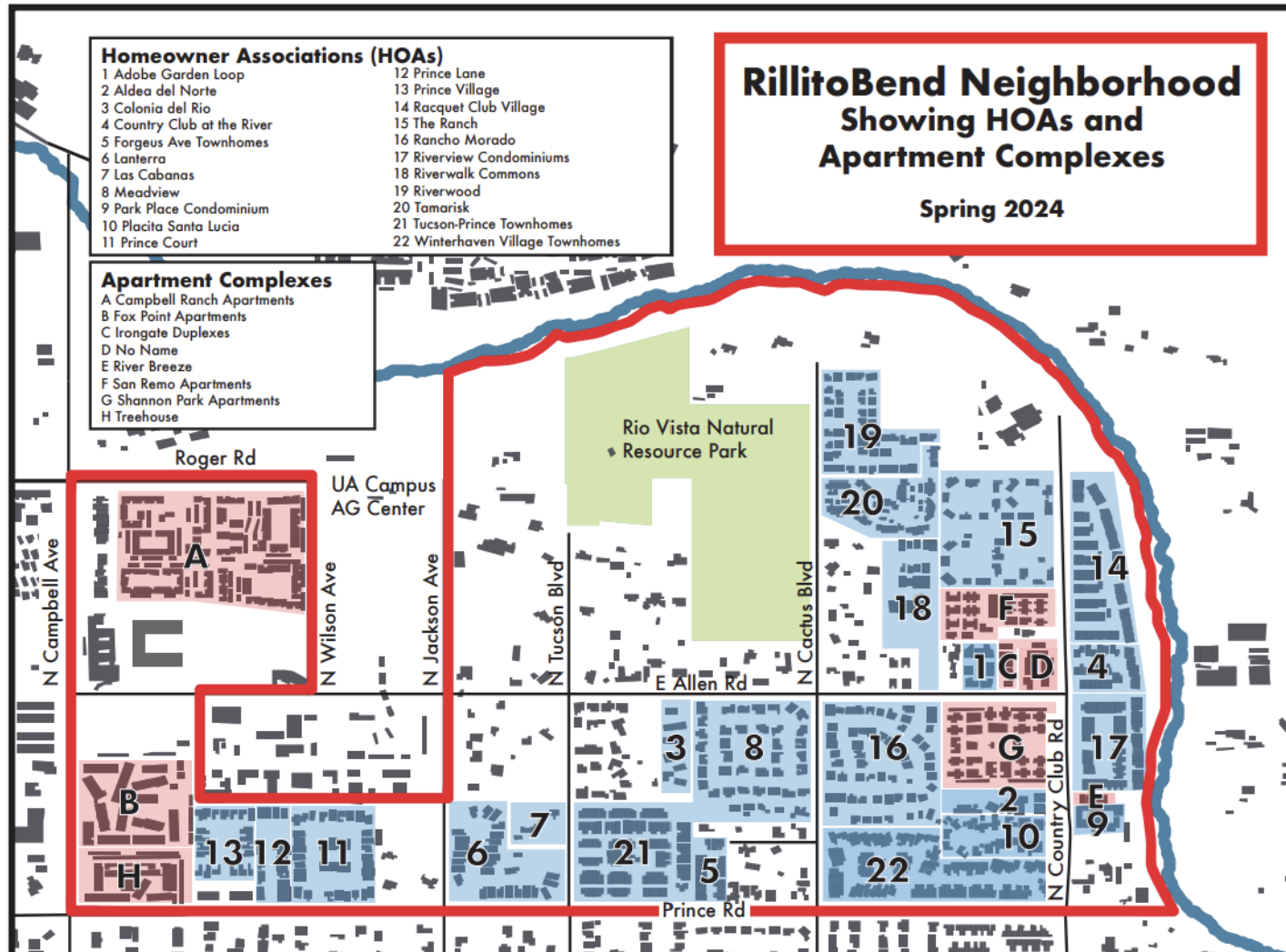
Saturday, May 17, 2025

Ramade #1, Rio Vista Natural Resource Park



Welcome!

The neighborhood with a NATURAL RESOURCE PARK!



Meeting Agenda – Saturday, May 17, 2025

5 – 6:30 p.m.

- Welcome/Introductions
 - RBNA Board and Advisors
 - Neighborhood attendees
 - Band
 - Function of NA - information
- Treasurer's Report
- Accomplishments/Challenges
 - 2025 Spring Arts and Music Festival
 - Rio Vista Natural Resource Park
 - Enhancements
 - Roads
- What Would You Like to Share
 - Annual Meeting
 - Volunteering
- Adjourn



Current Board Members & Advisors

President: Lindy Brigham – *Communications, Blog*
Vice-President: Mary Bird – *Communications, RNAG, Blog*
Treasurer: Terry DeCarolis – *Social*
Secretary: Catlow Shipek – *Special Projects*
Members: Estelle Stern-Eilers – *Enhancements & Maintenance, Blog*
John O'Hare – *Neighborhood Security*
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*
Mike Shaw - *Nominating Committee, Wildlife*
John Kovacik
Julie Stephens
Wallace Kinkade

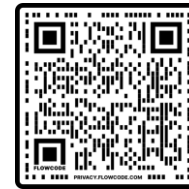
Nine of the eleven board positions will be up for elections next year.
Please consider offering your services.

Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month
Next meetings: Aug 16, Nov 15



How We Reach You

- **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>



Website



SignUp Form

How to Reach Us

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



Report non-emergency problems in your neighborhood

1. Call 311 to speak with a person directly
2. Submit on the web-based Request Portal Tucson 311
3. Download the Tucson 311 app to submit a request



General Requests	Parks and Rec	Transportation & Mobility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 311 - Call Back Request • Abandoned Building/Nuisance Property/Vacant Lot • Abandoned Shopping Carts • Buffelgrass • Damaged Bus Stop/Bus Shelter • Debris/Illegal Dumping/Litter • Graffiti • Homeless Encampment • Water Waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage to Park Amenities • Grass/Weed Control • Irrigation/Water Leak in Park • Lights Out • Noise • Other Issue in Park • Pest Control • Restroom Condition • Storm Drainage • Trash Cans • Tree Trimming/Damage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirt Street/Alley Grading • Drainage/Wash Maintenance • Irrigation Leak in Median/Road Shoulder • Other • Overgrown Vegetation/Trees • Potholes • Sidewalks • Signs • Speed Humps • Street Condition • Street Lights • Traffic Markings

We recommend downloading the app and using the See Click Fix part of this service

1. It allows pictures to be send
2. It creates a log of incidents that we can track.



Treasurer's Report

Neighborhood
Project Leader:
Terry DeCarolis, Treasurer

Prior balance: (Feb 28, 2025)	\$2,300.92
Income	
Festival, towels, cards	\$1,387.26
Cards	\$20.00
Expenses	
Festival	\$165.00
Misc	\$60.23
CURRENT BALANCE:	\$3,482.95

From Terry:

Thanks to the hard work, generosity, planning and dedication of so many RBNA members, volunteers, artists and benefactors, the Spring Festival was not only a delightful and successful event, but also a financial bonanza for our organization.



2025 Spring Arts and Music Festival

Neighborhood Project
Leader: Sue DeArmond

Thank you to all the talented neighbors and friends for our successful 2025 Spring Festival!

Musicians:

Shanti Foster, Barry Shulman, Beth Judd, Heidi Schewel, Howard Wooten, Judy Bolt, Mike Dolan, Rob Seaman, Sue DeArmond

Artists:

Jim Altenstadter, Lindy Bringham, Steve Bringham, Lisa Scadron, Kellner Brown, Vicky Strome, Margo Barnes, Kathryn Kellner, Cindy Dunn, Michelle Bryant, Melanie Campbell-Carter

Children's Activities:

Rock painting, "Why I love where I live", Sun Painting



Neighborhood Enhancements

Neighborhood Project
Leader: Estelle Stern-Eilers

We continue to beautify the neighborhood:

Check out the **Rillito Bend Neighborhood Mural**. It is being cleaned, planted and watered regularly.

The empty space in our **Linear Garden** on Cactus adaptive plants. Neighbors are hand-watering until the irrigation is being implemented by Winterhaven Town-home Villages as promised..



The **Meadow View Linear Garden** on Allen continues to be watered by neighbors and is looking good!

We would like to weed, prune and beautify the rest of the **Linear Cactus Garden** and the **traffic circle**, but *we need volunteers*.

Invasives:

We have been removing **Maltese Star Thistle**. Be on the lookout especially during this time of year.



Rio Vista Natural Resource Park

Project Leaders:
Linda Turner / Mary Bird

Restoration Celebration, Jan 25, 2025

Good vibes all around,
serenaded by John
and Jeanne Ronstadt



Ongoing volunteer work

Invasive species removal, 3/29/25
Planting, 4/26/25



Upcoming Work: Friday, May 23rd, 8-11 am

Meet at Main Entrance

Parks and Recreation Mtg 4/10/25

Coordinating maintenance with P&R



Establishment of Rio Vista Stewards

Monitoring irrigation, workdays (such as prior to monsoon season)



Workshop with Elise Gornish (Tumamoc Hill), Summer 2025



Leash Up / Clean Up Campaign - A Reminder

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



Posters courtesy Parks & Rec.



Roads

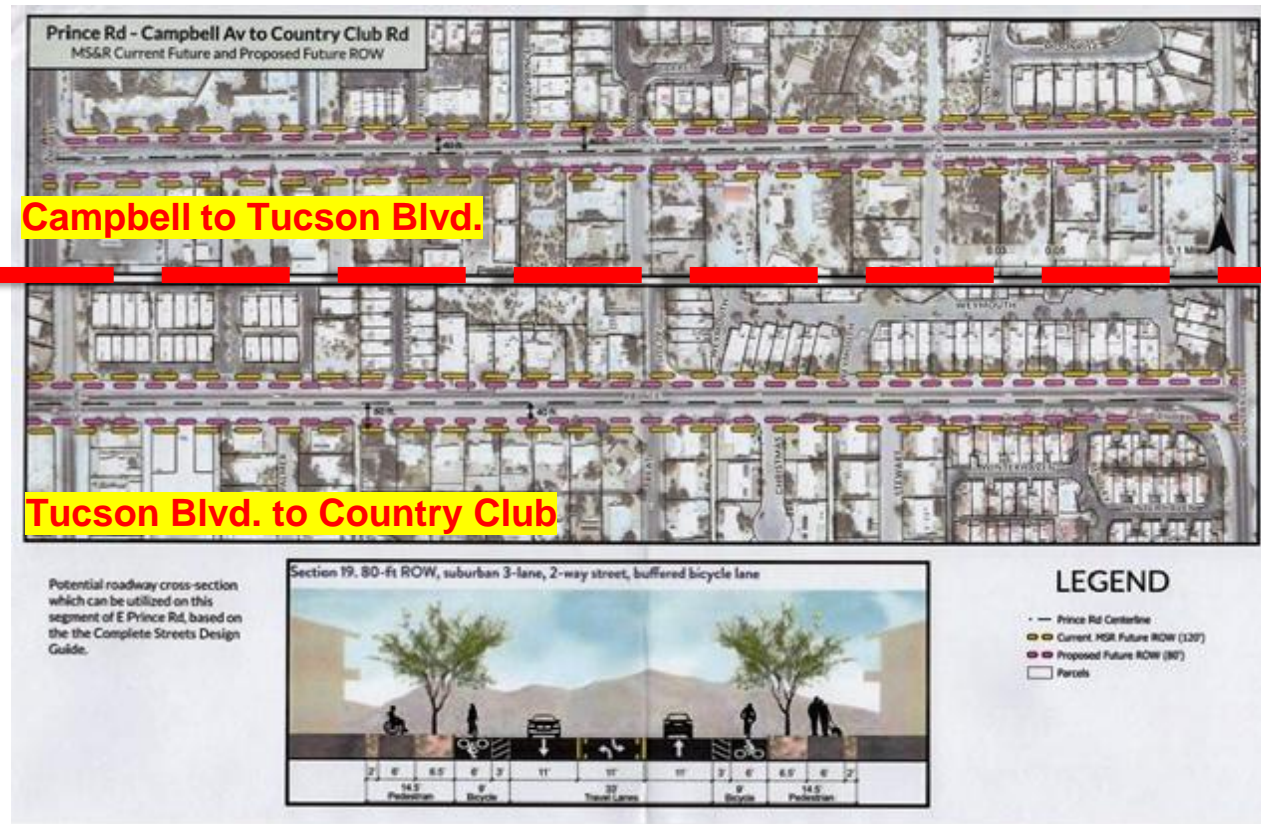
Neighborhood
Project Lead: Stephen Brigham

Prince Road Planning

City of Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility staff met with RBNA leaders to confirm that the 1980s proposal for Prince Road to connect to a freeway on the other side of the Rillito is no longer a plan. Consequently, they propose to reduce the existing 120 foot ROW to 80 feet. There is no funding for the proposal, nor a timeline. Many transportation issues depend upon the outcome of the City and RTA (Regional Transportation Authority) resolving priorities and the City's percentage of participation in the region.

RillitoBend Priorities

- ☐ **Track long-term planning** for our portion of Prince Road to address landscaping, drainage, median/roadway enhancements, sidewalks, and bus shelters
- ☐ Meet with the **"COMPLETE STREETS COORDINATING COUNCIL"** for short-term funding opportunities



Prince Road – Campbell to Country Club

Major Streets & Routes Current **120 foot ROW** and **Proposed 80 foot ROW**

Roads

Neighborhood
Project Lead: Stephen Brigham

Plan Tucson – 2025

“Plan Tucson is a long-term plan which guides growth and development in the City by establishing our community’s vision, goals, and policies. The plan’s policies cover a wide range of elements, including environmental planning, cultural heritage, land use, transportation, parks, safety, public services, economic development, water resources, and housing. Plan Tucson is designed with a broad scope to address the diverse needs of the 242-square-mile City and the flexibility to respond to our rapidly changing environment during the document’s 10-year planning horizon.” (See “plantucson.org”)

RillitoBend Priorities

- ☐ **Aesthetic enhancement** for our streetscapes
- ☐ **Roadway right-of-ways improvements** for drainage, landscaping, pedestrian-bicycle-equestrian-bus patron safety
- ☐ **Utility infrastructure and transportation planning** coordination with neighborhoods



Example at Prince Road at Tucson Blvd.

Impacts: aesthetics; scale; lack of landscaping; visibility for vehicles turning; partial ADA access; lack of landscaping; no sidewalk connections; and poor planning coordination for the **six utility poles**

What would YOU like to share?

Volunteer Opportunities

Adjourn





RBNA Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 17, 2025

5 PM to 6 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - 1.1. Attendance: Please see sign in sheet, approximately 28 individuals, the RBNA band members, and Marlene Avelino from Ward 3 office
 - 1.2. New RBNA trifold brochure has been drafted thanks to Mary Bird. Purpose is to help engage neighbors and highlight various volunteer opportunities available. Feedback welcomed.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - 2.1. Terry DeCarolus reported:
 - Starting balance in February was \$2300.92
 - Current balance is \$3482.95
 - Income received thanks to RBNA Spring Arts and Music Festival donations and sale of merch.
3. Accomplishments and Challenges
 - 3.1. Enhancements – Estelle Stern-Eilers reported the following:
 - the presence of Maltese star thistle along Tucson Blvd near the stables and near the SE entrance to the park around some of the newly planted areas. Please keep an eye out for invasives.
 - the next Rio Vista Natural Resource Park volunteer planting workshop will be this Friday, May 23rd from 8-11am. Replacement of a few of the the recently planted native plants which did not survive and some weeding around the irrigation will take place.
 - the formation of the Rio Vista Stewards, and seeking volunteers, to help monitor the irrigation system in the park to ensure the new plants are supported.
 - 3.2. Roads – Stephen Brigham reported the following:
 - Plan Tucson: Comments on Plan Tucson were submitted to address priority issues for our neighborhood which are: A) Aesthetic Enhancement needs, B) attention to our street rights-of-ways, and C) coordination and planning of utility infrastructure
 - Prince Road: The City has initiated planning to shift the designation of Prince Rd and rights-of-way alignment as part of a larger RTA suite of projects. This is an early phase of planning in support of future pedestrian and bike safety and landscape enhancements.
 - 3.3. Other Items covered:
 - Tucson Blvd: A neighbor brought up the issue caused by the reclaimed water line break which flooded Tucson blvd and several adjacent properties. Limited repair work was done. A request to follow up with the City to complete the repair work was made.

- Country Club Rd: Pedestrian and bike safety concerns continue to be an issue. The short term solution may be installation of speed tables to help slow traffic. Marlene Avelino (Ward 3) mentioned there may be an opportunity to submit an application to Ward 3 after July 1 for assistance which would lower the cost per speed table to \$500/ea. Otherwise if we choose to self-fund, the cost is \$5000/ea.
 - Shannon Park Apt streetside: Marlene Avelino (Ward 3) mentioned that David Marefka (COT DTM landscape architect) has a list of shallow rooted trees which may be an option where underground utilities may constrain tree planting options.
4. Discussion of what would neighbors like to see/share:
 - 4.1. Recycling bins requested for park by Kay M. – Marlene Avelino mentioned that there are not bins due to a high contamination rate; she will keep looking into other options
 - 4.2. Glass recycling at park is often overflowing with glass on the ground. – Marlene mentioned it is best to call 311 or the Ward 3 office directly, or submit using SeeClickFix.
 - 4.3. Stephen Brigham requested David Marefka (COT DTM landscape architect) to come and speak at the annual meeting on the opportunities and resources for planting along our rights-of-ways.
 - 4.4. Request for project and board member volunteers - please contact a board member or Mike Shaw if interested
 5. Next Meetings
 - 5.1. Board Meeting is Aug 16th at 1pm
 - 5.2. Annual Meeting is Nov 15th