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At the Bend in the River

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RillitoBend Neighborhood Association (RBNA)

As a City of Tucson recognized neighborhood association, we are committed to protecting and enhancing this special place with its rich artistic heritage and unique riparian environment.

Your input is important. If you have concerns you would like to see addressed contact us at rbna@rillitobendna.org

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Who To Call

Important Contacts for the City of Tucson

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| Suspicious activity, police emergency | 911 |
| Police non-emergency | 520-791-4444 |
| www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Police | |
| Community Service Officer (CSO) | 520-837-7428 |
| Ramon Silvas: Ramon.Silvas@tucsonaz.gov | |
| Cars parked in City's right-of-way | 520-791-5071 |
| Garbage cans left out at the curb | 520-791-3171 |
| Graffiti removal hotline | 520-791-2489 |
| Junk vehicles, excessive yard sales, weeds | 520-791-5843 |
| Mosquitoes | 520-724-7908 |
| Pima Animal Care Center | 520-243-5900 |
| Potholes | 520-791-3154 |
| Shopping cart pick-up | 1-800-THE-CART |
| Water main break | 520-791-4133 |
| Ward 3 Office, 1510 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ | 520-791-4711 |
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Glass recycling now at Rio Vista Park

An interactive color version of this newsletter can be found on our [website](http://www.rillitobendna.org), www.rillitobendna.org.

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President's Message

Thanks to the City of Tucson's Department of Planning and Development Services, we now have an additional neighborhood mailing to keep us all up-to-date on what is happening in our community.

In this mid-year edition, we are featuring our upcoming RillitoBend Spring Festival and our neighborhood Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and apartment complexes.

We have attempted to identify and locate all HOAs and apartment complexes (see map inside). We welcome feedback—what's right; what's wrong; what have we omitted; or other suggestions. Send your comments to rbna@rillitobendna.org.

And don't forget to sign up for our emails if you have not done so already. Scan the QR code here to access our [website](http://www.rillitobendna.org) to sign up.



Hope to see you at the RillitoBend Spring Festival!

Lindy Brigham, President
RillitoBend Neighborhood Association (RBNA)

Our First RillitoBend Spring Festival

Spring is coming, and it's time for neighborly merrymaking! After a long winter's nap, RillitoBend neighbors are ready to gather, greet each other, feast, listen to music and dance on the grassy meadow at Valley of the Moon.

This celebration is for all ages. First, starting at 11 a.m., there will be a warmup show of neighborhood musicians playing music together under the direction of a leader. If you haven't played in a while, don't worry. Everyone is welcome. (Acoustic instruments only, please.) Email cjwarreno5@icloud.com with questions.

Following the warmup, Tucson Friends of Traditional Music will demonstrate contra dancing (no partner needed). They will teach us a few moves, and we can all participate!

Bring your own blanket and picnic or enjoy eats purchased from Amalia and Hugo's food truck. The Neighborhood Association will provide some snacks. And bring your own water bottle. There is filtered water on site.

Date/time: Saturday, March 23, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Valley of the Moon, 2544 E Allen Rd, Tucson

Come. Let's celebrate together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RillitoBend Spring Festival

Saturday, March 23, 2024, 11 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Valley of the Moon, 2544 E Allen Road

- Music
- Dancing
- Food
- Activities
- Neighborhood information

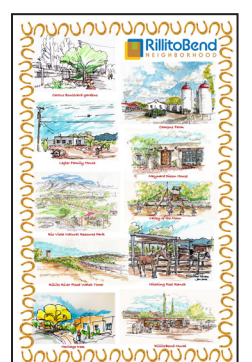
In the event of rain, the festival will be cancelled.

Neighborhood Meetings

Our meetings are scheduled quarterly on the 3rd Saturday of the month unless there are necessary changes to date and time*.

2024 Dates: May 18, 2024
August 17, 2024
November 16, 2024 - Annual Meeting

*Be sure you are on the RBNA mailing list to receive agendas and any changes. Go to www.rillitobendna.org for more information.



Notecards and Tea Towels Available at the RillitoBend Spring Festival

The tea towel features neighborhood sights drawn by Stephen Brigham. The set of 13 notecards are photos by Vicki Strome and highlight details of the Neighborhood Mural, a creation of Sue Ann Breems.

Each cost \$20 (cash or check). Proceeds help defray RBNA costs. (We don't have dues.) If you are unable to attend the festival and want any, email rbna@rillitobendna.org.

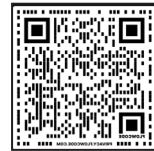


New landscaping at the RillitoBend Neighborhood Mural looks terrific thanks to the many volunteers who made it happen.

COMMUNICATIONS

Though our newsletters reach everyone, there are other ways to communicate with RBNA and/or each other throughout the year.

Visit our website, www.rillitobendna.org, where a lot of information about our neighborhood including upcoming events is posted.

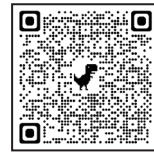


RBNA website

Sign up to get our emails. Go to www.rillitobendna.org. We don't share your information to anyone outside the Board.

Email us at rbna@rillitobendna.org.

Sign up to Nextdoor, www.nextdoor.com, to communicate with neighbors and receive information from others and the City. TIP: when setting up your profile, select only our neighborhood to avoid many extraneous emails.



RBNA sign-up

Attend our meetings. Announcements are posted on our website and sent to our mailing list.

Rio Vista Natural Resource Park: An Update

Matt Christman, Parks and Recreation's Project Manager for Rio Vista, has told us work on the trails will begin this Spring with the hopes to seed during the summer monsoons. We will put out a call for volunteers when they are ready for us.

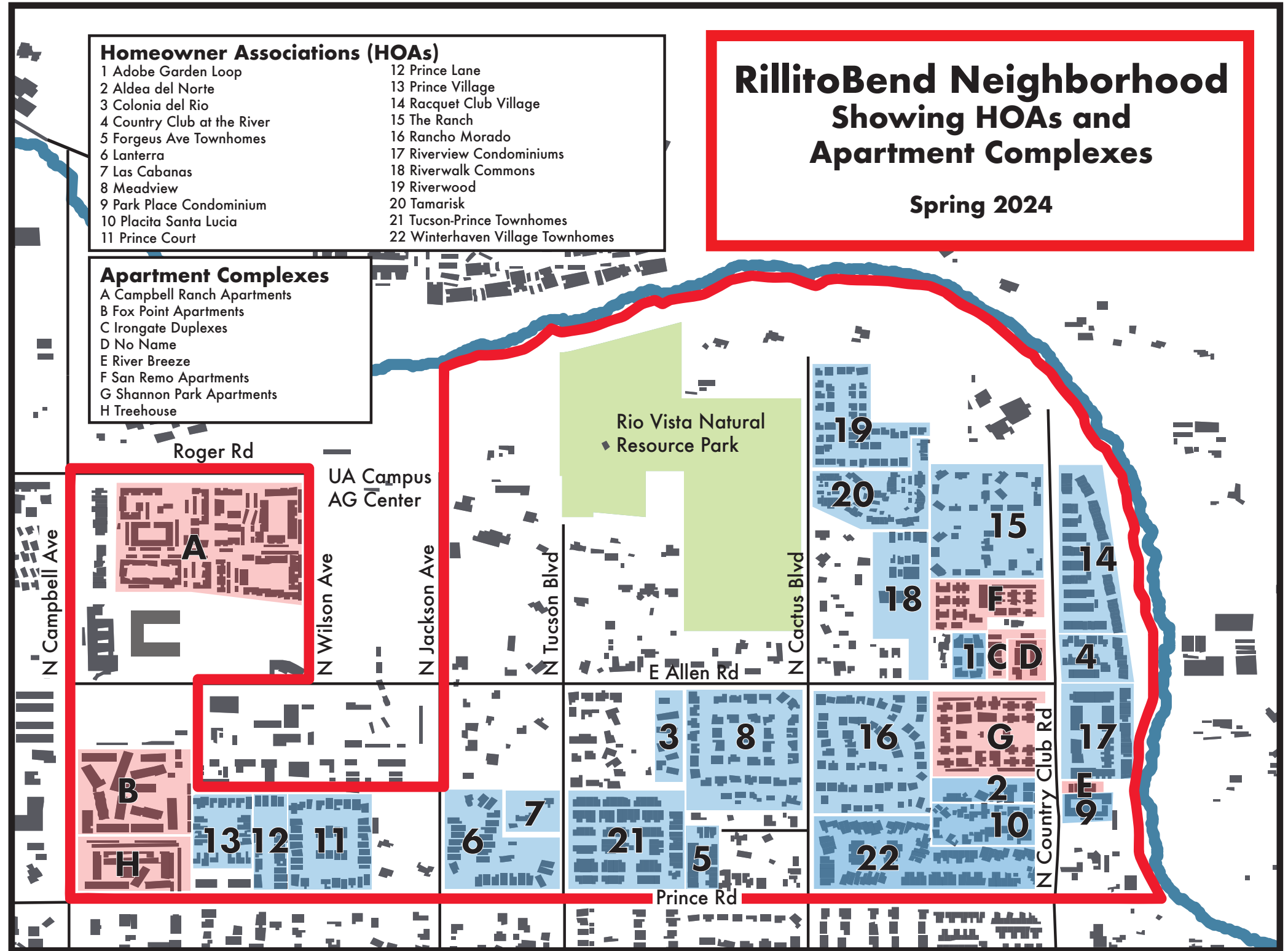
RillitoBend Rambles: Our Blog

Many of us enjoy the plants (especially the flowers) and animals we encounter in this unique Tucson neighborhood in the bend of the Rillito. We welcome everyone to send stories and photos to share. If you have not signed up or did not receive an invitation to sign up, please go to www.rillitobendna.org/rillitobend-rambles. Questions? Email us at rambles@rillitobendna.org.



HOAs and Apartment Complexes

As shown in the map, the majority of residents live in HOAs or apartment complexes. There are 22 HOAs and eight apartment complexes in our neighborhood. They are all sizes, shapes, ages and styles. With each mid-year mailing of this newsletter, we hope to feature a few, so we become more acquainted with each other—and more of a RillitoBend community.



1. Adobe Garden Loop

Adobe Gardens, completed in 2006, is a seven-home development (2200 to 2600 square feet on 7,000 square foot lots); five homes are on Adobe Garden Loop, a horse-shoe shaped private road starting and ending on Allen, west of Country Club Road. Two custom homes face directly south on Allen Road. Built with 12-inch Rastra block exteriors around a central landscaped common area, it includes a fountain, small community pool, barbecue and kitchenette.

10. Placita Santa Lucia

Placita Santa Lucia Homeowners Association consists of fourteen custom built adobe homes built between 1996 and 2000. We are an eclectic mix of residents who enjoy living in central Tucson.

Want to Feature Your HOA or Apartment Complex?

People contact RBNA and ask what it's like to live here when they are considering moving to Tucson. You could really help by telling us what is special about your place.

Thank you, Arlene Scadron and Carolyn Stitt, for writing about your HOAs!