



RBNA Mid-Year Meeting

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Ramade #1, Rio Vista Natural Resource Park



Welcome!

The neighborhood with a NATURAL RESOURCE PARK!

Meeting Agenda – Saturday, May 23, 2026

Rio Vista Natural Resource Park Ramada #1 9 p.m.

- Welcome/Introductions a
 - RBNA Board and Advisors
 - Neighborhood attendees
- Treasurer's Report
- Accomplishments/Challenges
 - 2026 IceCream Social
 - Rio Vista Natural Resource Park
 - Enhancements
 - Roads
- What Would You Like to Share
 - Annual Meeting
 - Volunteering
- Adjourn



Current Board Members & Advisors

President: Stephen Brigham – *Project Review*

Vice-President: Mary Bird – *Communications, Rio Vista, Blog*

Treasurer: Terry DeCarolis – *Social*

Secretary: Lindy Brigham – *Communications, Blog*

Members: Estelle Stern-Eilers – *Enhancements & Maintenance, Blog*
John O’Hare – *Neighborhood Security*
Vicky Strome – *RillitoRambles Blog*
Linda Turner – *Rio Vista*
Pat Mulrow
Becky Good
Noreen Slater

Advisors:

Larry Bird – *Prince Road*
Murray DeArmond – *Project Review*
Sue DeArmond – *Social Committee*
Mike Shaw - *Nominating Committee, Wildlife*
John Kovacik
Julie Stephens
Wallace Kinkade



Treasurer's Report

Neighborhood
Project Leader:
Terry DeCarolis, Treasurer

Prior balance: (Feb 28, 2026)	\$2,563.16
Income	
Social – (donations and merch)	\$620.00
Expenses	
Social	\$167.94
MailChimp	\$14.07
Statement Fee	\$2.00
CURRENT BALANCE:	\$2,999.15



2026 Ice Cream Social

Neighborhood Project

Leaders: Sue DeArmond and Terry Decarolis

Thank you to all the talented neighbors and friends for our successful 2026 Ice Cream Social!

Musicians:

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

Attendance: About 80 neighbors came to enjoy the festivities which included our neighborhood map and an ever increasing amount of MERCH!

The event netted us \$450 to keep our communications systems working to keep serving you!

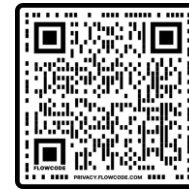


More pictures here



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**

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

- As the weather has gotten warmer, the issue of keeping the irrigation functioning and is our main focus.
- Plants are being replaced as necessary.
- Reminder to people to use the 311 app to report issues in the Park





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 on your phone.

1. It allows pictures to be sent to document the incident and show the exact location.
2. It creates a log of incidents that we can track.

It is especially useful for reporting problems in Rio Vista Natural Resource Park.

In an effort to get more attention to the irrigation problems, we would encourage you to take pictures of dead and suffering plants in the park that have irrigation going to them, and send these to 311 with an approximate location in the park. Hopefully we can get more attention from Parks and Rec with these reports.



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.



Neighborhood Identity Signage

An application was submitted to COT Transportation & Mobility in March

- <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Transportation-Mobility/Neighborhood-Identification-Signs>
- We are proposing to use the RBNA logo for the signs at the entrances to RillitoBend



Prince Rd

- i) RTANext passed which included a major improvement project for Prince Road from Country Club to Romero Road
 - \$77 million (RTA Next project number 15) which is scheduled in the second phase of the RTA Plan to start in 2032.
- ii) The Pima County Loop connection from the end of Prince Road is being engineered and may include bollards and striping for bicycles from the east end of Prince to Tucson Blvd.
 - No installation date has been provided.

Roads

Neighborhood
Project Lead: Stephen Brigham

Country Club speeding and safety

- i) Steve has formed a Country Club Working Group with City of Tucson Transportation & Mobility Department Representatives to address speeding and safety concerns from Prince Road to the Tucson Racquet and Fitness Club.
- ii) The City determined that the best mitigation strategy would be to place 4 speed humps on Country Club
- iii) Members of the Working Group and Volunteers from the residences on Country Club will be circulating a petition to be signed by at least 60% of the residents in the area outlined by the City.



Pima County Loop Connection to Prince Road for Cyclists:

- The City of Tucson is still working on the connection from the Huckelberry Loop trail at the east end of Prince Road along Prince Road to Cactus or Tucson Blvd, depending upon funding.
- The connection is to improve safety for bicyclists along Prince Road and should include a designated path with barricade separation between the bicycle path and vehicular traffic.
- We do not have drawings for the project so the summary is based on conversations with the City's project manager.



RBNA Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 23, 2026

9 AM to 10:15 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions – Stephen Brigham, Board President
 - 1.1. Attendance: See archived sign in sheet.
 - Approximately 32 total individuals.
 - Board members Stephen B, Lindy B, Mary B, Vicky S, Estelle S, Noreen S, Becky G.
 - City of Tucson: Bennet Bernal and Jonathan Courtney from the Ward 3 office
 - 1.2. Handout of Agenda and Volunteer opportunities
2. Treasurer’s Report - Lindy Brigham, Board Secretary reported for Terry DeCarolis, Board Treasurer:
 - Starting balance in February was \$2,563.16
 - Income from Ice Cream Social \$620.00
 - Expenses were \$174.01
 - Current balance is \$2,999.15
 - Estimated fixed annual expenses: \$396
3. Accomplishments and Challenges
 - 3.1. Enhancements – Estelle Stern-Eilers reported the following:
 - The invasive “Maltese star thistle” plant is chest high on Cactus Blvd. Please pull as soon as you see it.
 - When we announce neighborhood work events, please try to participate no matter how little time you can stay.
 - 3.2. Roads – Stephen Brigham reported the following:
 - Pima County Loop Connection to Prince Road for Cyclists: The City of Tucson is still working on the connection from the Huckelberry Loop trail at the east end of Prince Road along Prince Road to Cactus or Tucson Blvd, depending upon funding. The connection is to improve safety for bicyclists along Prince Road and should include a designated path with barricade separation between the bicycle path and vehicular traffic. We do not have drawings for the project so the summary is based on conversations with the City’s project manager.
 - Country Club Road Speeding mitigation: RillitoBend has formed a working group which includes a representative from the Tucson Racquet Club, a Transportation & Mobility Department representative, and residents on Country Club and elsewhere in the neighborhood.
 - In March, the City provided temporary speed awareness trailers gave us data that 85% of the vehicles are speeding and that the daily volume is approximately 2,000 vehicles.
 - After review of many options, the City and working group recommends the installation of 4 speed tables on Country Club from Prince Road to the Racquet

Club. The City requires a formal showing of support for the proposal from 60% of the residents and property owners in the Country Club area. The City has provided a petition for the neighborhood to obtain signatures of support in an area shown on a City defined area. If we can obtain the required signatures, we will apply to the City's "Speed Hump Program" which provides funding support for 5 speed tables in each of the City's wards which reduces the cost of speed tables to \$500 each – which the neighborhood has to fund. Ward 3 currently has two remaining speed tables for this fiscal year. However other neighborhoods are also applying for the these speed tables, so it is likely that after we submit the required signatures of support, the actual approval, funding and installation of speed tables will be a multi-year process. Volunteers to collect signatures were sought which currently include Mike Shaw, Liz Bradshaw, Noreen Slater, Geoff Schmidt, and Becky Good. Lindy and Stephen Brigham will coordinate the distribution and receipt of the petitions.

4. Open Discussion:

4.1. Off leash dogs was a major concern – report issues to the COT 311 system. It is best not to confront the owners.

4.2. Question to Ward 3 on the use of the Rio Vista Park by Summer Camp and running events of high impact on Park. These activities are legal and the people obtain permits for them. If the community is concerned about the impact, they should contact Parks and Rec.

5. Next Meetings –

5.1. Board Meeting Saturday, August 15 or 22, 2026 1pm

5.2. Annual Meeting Saturday, November 14 or 21st .

Submitted by: Lindy Brigham, Board Secretary

Secretary@RillitoBendNA.org