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RillitoBend Neighborhood Association (RBNA)

We are 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. An interactive color version of this newsletter can be found on our website, www.rillitobendna.org.

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Who To Call

Important Contacts for the City of Tucson

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	
SeeClickFix – Service Portal	311
www.tucsonaz.gov/Residents/311-Service-Request-Portal	
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
Ward3@tucsonaz.gov	
www.tucsonaz.gov/Government/Mayor-Council-and-City-Manager/City-Council-Wards/Ward-3	
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At the Bend in the River

Semiannual Newsletter October 2026

President's Message

Neighbors,

How nice it is to be heading toward cooler weather. In spite of the heat this summer, we've been busy in the neighborhood working to maintain the website, to mitigate speeding on Country Club, to create neighborhood identification signs, and to continue advocacy to get the Rio Vista Park irrigation working.

All our efforts require volunteers so my primary message is to contact us to help your neighborhood. It can be as simple as circulating petitions for the Country Club speed tables, working on the website, helping with landscape enhancements or volunteering on our committees. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who serve on the Board and as advisors for specific issues. Please think about joining our dedicated volunteers to continue improving our wonderful neighborhood.

Stephen Brigham, President
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VOTE • VOTE
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Sue DeArmond: A Leader Amongst Us

This year, Sue DeArmond received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the League of Women Voters of Southern Arizona, a non-partisan political organization.

Sue has volunteered for the League for twenty-five years, predominately focusing on voter education. She's always liked to know what's going on in government, and her time with the League has been very rewarding personally, she says. She likes getting to know the many interesting people who join and volunteer. Visit lwvsaz.org to learn more.



Our Revamped Website

Thanks to Lindy Brigham and Kathleen Sinclair, our website has been reworked! Check it out at RillitoBendNA.org. You can find upcoming events, historic information and neighborhood resources.

Do you have information to contribute? Send your comments, ideas, and insights to RBNA@RillitoBendNA.org.



Annual RBNA Meeting

Saturday, November 14, 2026

2:00–4:00 p.m.

Northminster Presbyterian Church 450 E Fort Lowell Rd

Send your agenda items to RBNA@RillitoBendNA.org

Mark
Your
Calendar

Volunteers for RillitoBend

To learn more about how you can help, contact Volunteer@RillitoBendNA.org. Some areas of need are: joining our Board; helping on one of our committees; gathering signatures for traffic mitigation on Country Club; beautifying our park or our streets; researching and writing our history; or working on our website. There are lots of opportunities!



Valley of the Moon

The historic Valley of the Moon is an enchanted fairyland offering events for the entire family. Upcoming activities include the show "A Witch's Quest in the Haunted Ruins" October 2–30 and a Fae Fest with enchanted entertainment and vendors on Nov. 21. Visit TucsonValleyoftheMoon.com for details.

Friends of Ward 3

We network, volunteer and raise money to improve the lives of residents in Tucson's Ward 3 through charitable giving. Visit <https://home.fow3.org/> or scan the QR code to learn more about how you can help Ward 3.



RTA Next

Pima County voters approved a \$2.67 billion investment plan in regional transportation for the next 20 years. The plan will support reduced congestion, improved mobility, enhanced and expanded transit, environmental protections, bicycle and pedestrian improvements and pavement rehabilitation. RillitoBend was successful in getting a major project for Prince Road included in the plan. For information go to <https://rtamobility.com> and search for Project 15 in the second period (2032 to 2036).



Neighborhood ID Signs

We’ve received overwhelmingly positive responses for the proposed Neighborhood ID Signs. Our Ward 3 Council Member Kevin Dahl weighed in with his support for the project. Thank you everyone who responded to our survey.

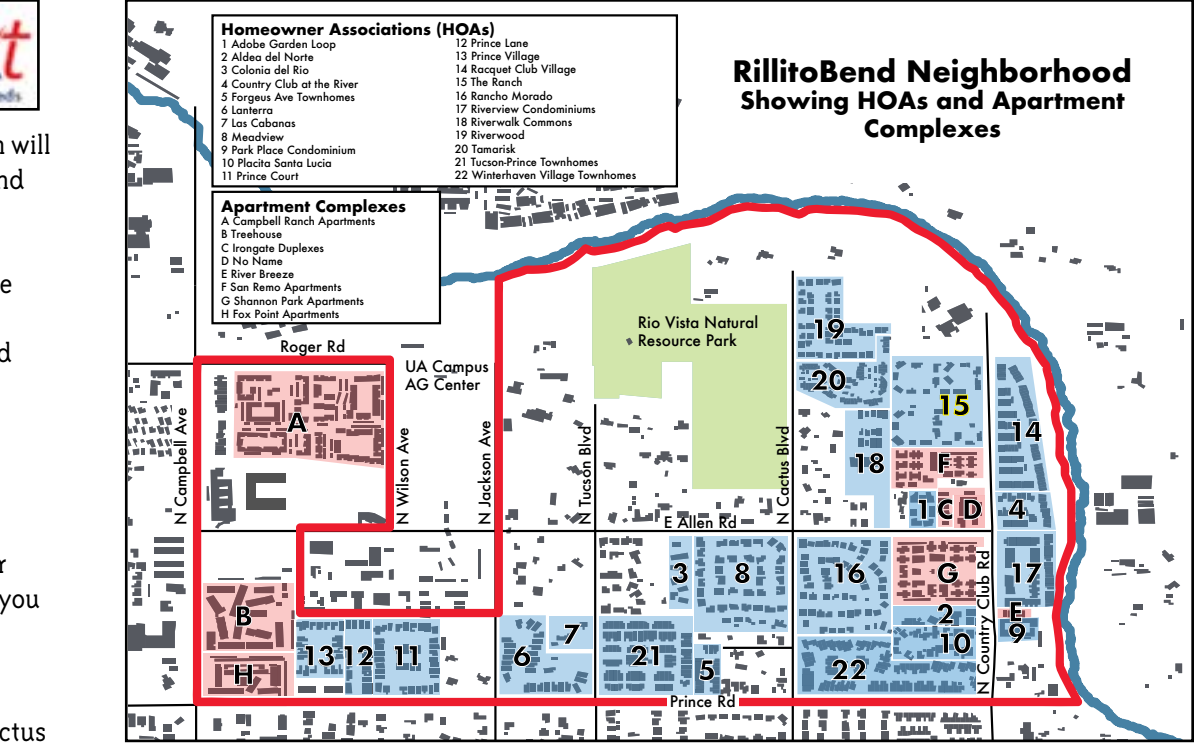
Based on your feedback, we will be installing three signs at entrances to our neighborhood on Prince Road: at Jackson, Cactus Blvd and Country Club. They will be mounted on stop signs.

Several of you have offered to help fund the project. Thank you for your support and offer! The total cost of the signs is \$1,200. If you are interested in helping to fund this project, please contact Stephen Brigham at President@RillitoBendNA.org.



Neighborhood Communications

To receive timely information on neighborhood events and issues, sign up for our email newsletter on the website at www.RillitoBendNA.org.



Our neighborhood is a combination of about 50% HOAs/apartments, 30% single family homes, 10% natural resource park and 10% commercial.



Our Logo is Our Sign



Bobcats in the neighborhood

Radar speed signs on Country Club Road March 2026

Speeding on Country Club Road

Did you notice the radar speed signs that were temporarily placed on Country Club between Prince and the Tucson Racquet Club? The City was collecting speeding and volume data in response to our plea to help reduce speeding there. The results showed that 85% of drivers were speeding well in excess of the posted 25 mph. Consequently, the City has recommended four speed tables be installed on Country Club from Prince Road to the Racquet Club.

For us to get speed tables, we need 60% of the property/owners/ residents in the Country Club area to sign a petition showing they support speed tables. So far we have collected signatures from 20% of the affected residents.

Once we have enough signatures, we will work with our Ward 3 Council Office and the City’s Transportation Department to determine funding responsibilities and opportunities. It is a lengthy process. If you want more information, go to <https://rillitobendna.org/country-club-speed-mitigation-petition/>.

To help us, contact Stephen Brigham at President@RillitoBend-NA.org or 520-955-2601

RillitoBend Neighborhood Band

The RillitoBend Neighborhood Band is having fun! They are our only neighborhood band, made of Rillito-Bend residents. They are willing to play at your HOA or event.

Contact Barry Shulman at barry.shulman@gmail.com or 415-713-1178.

PS: You may have heard the band at one of our Spring Festivals.



Barry Shulman



Scan to sign up for our emails



Desert Delights

Here at the end of Clay’s Alley we have a birdbath, shaded by mesquite trees, in frontof a window in a room where we spend much of our time during the hot summer months. Every once in awhile we are visited by a family of bobcats who come to cool off and get a drink. Two kittens and their mother have visited us this summer during the hottest time of the day. The kittens jump up on the birdbath and straddle the water by placing their paws on the rocks in the top saucer. Kids will be kids. These kittens love wrestling, jumping around, pouncing on each other and playing hide and seek. Mom keeps watch, lazing in the shade of a nearby bush. Seeing them is one of our desert delights during the long days of summer.

by Murray and Sue DeArmond



Meadow View Linear Garden August 2026

Neighborhood Enhancements

Many of us are out early walking our dogs, biking, birding or just walking. It’s remarkable how our neighborhood has been enhanced over the years, thanks to the commitment of residents to beautify our place.

The Meadow View Linear garden on the south side of Allen Road is an excellent recent example of a community’s commitment, rising from a barren patch to be a vibrant corridor of native plants. The residents of Meadow View maintain it, and it looks fabulous.

At Rio Vista park we are working with Ward 3 and Parks and Rec to ensure the park remains a vital part of our community. Interested in helping beautifying our park or streets, contact Volunteer@RillitoBendNA.org.