



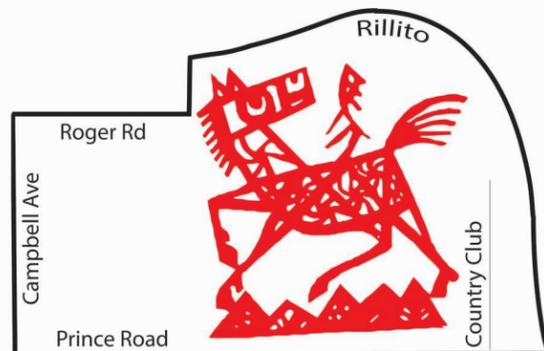
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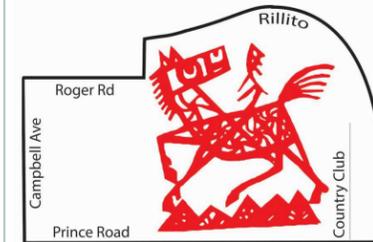
Ramada #1
Rio Vista Park (north end of Tucson Blvd)

Bring your own chair, drinks, plate and utensils, a dish to share!

The PTNA Annual meeting will be held at **Rio Vista Park, Sunday, October 20, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Please plan to attend. The agenda will include:

- Welcome – John Kovacik, President
- Expanding the Board – John Kovacik (see page 2 for proposed by-law changes)
- Board Elections – Murray DeArmond
- Streets Reports – John Kovacik (Tucson Blvd); Matthew Vasquez (Allen Rd, Cactus)
- Security Issues – John Kovacik
- Labyrinth Project – Lily Tiers
- Neighborhood Identity Discussion – Rebecca Crocker
- Joining Listserve/Website – Sue DeArmond
- New Business from the floor
- Adjourn

After the meeting, you are invited to join in a potluck to get to know our neighbors. Dishes that do not require major cutting are easiest. If you have a folding table, and/or sun shade, that may be helpful.



Prince Tucson Neighborhood Association

Home of *Valley of the Moon*

Annual Newsletter

October 2013

PTNA Officers

- John Kovacik, President
- Patricia Dunford, Vice-President
- Sue DeArmond, Secretary
- Jeff Seligman, Technical Advisor

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Lend A Hand

PTNA is a member of a neighborhood coalition which makes up Lend-A-Hand. This volunteer organization allows neighbors to continue to age in place by providing free transportation and other services. In the process, we are all strengthened. Please consider volunteering! Give a call to Michele at 248-6882 or visit lahseniorhelp.org/



President's Message

John Kovacik

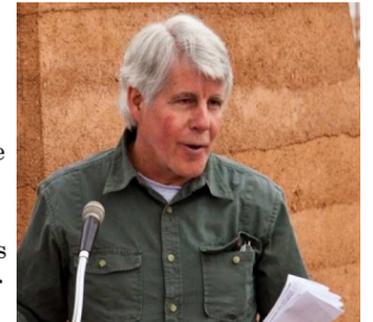
Our annual newsletter goes to all residents of the PTNA and will be used to disseminate information and updates about neighborhood issues. For some of you this is your first newsletter since the association expanded west to Campbell Avenue. We welcome you and hope you will find the association with your neighbors productive and helpful

As we have the opportunity as a City-recognized neighborhood association to do one mailing a year using Neighborhood Services mailing list, in the hope of reaching out to all our residents, we believe it wise to use this vehicle to not only announce the logistics and agenda for our PTNA annual meeting, but to disseminate information and updates affecting all of us via a "newsletter".

As a neighborhood, we are so fortunate to be able to work with Judith Anderson, our liaison with the Ward 3 office, whom many of you know from her long-time, effective involvement with *PRO Neighborhoods*. Historically, we have always had an informed and involved "critical mass" of residents able to coalesce around issues of impact to the neighborhood as a whole. This occurred again in June (and since) around traffic & safety concerns, leading Judith to observe, "your neighborhood really gets things done".

While that may be true on "major" neighborhood issues, sadly it's not in a general sense for many "everyday" goings-on in our neighborhood. For most of us working at keeping our heads above water in this hectic world, it's a matter of reality taking a big bite out of any preferred commitments or wishes. So, while we've talked about it at

numerous meetings over the years, we believe it's time for the PTNA



to have a "board". Board members (7 or 9 are the most common numbers discussed) would be elected, with each focused on a committees or areas of responsibility, and from the board three officers would be selected by the board. We sincerely hope and desire that a "critical mass" exists of at least nine residents willing to volunteer and commit to serving on this board, and would like to see all segments/areas of our neighborhood be represented. Some residents have already volunteered their willingness to serve allowing bridges to remain with our neighborhood's colorful past, while reaching out to our newer and younger families and residents. We would like to hear from others who are willing. Please contact Nominations chair, Murray DeArmond at dearmond1@me.com

We will vote on this plan at the annual meeting. See page 2 for proposed changes.

Please come to the **Annual Meeting October 20, Ramada 1, Rio Vista Park, at 3:00 p.m.** Meet your neighbors, and enjoy (we hope) the end of summer at Rio Vista Park.

Communicate with Yahoo Groups

The Prince Tucson Neighborhood Association (PTNA) has online communication tools for the neighborhood. For some time we have had a *Yahoo!Group* that allows neighbors to communicate via the internet to:

- ◆ Carry on group e-mail conversations
- ◆ Post neighborhood announcements

If you wish to join in the email group, send a blank email to "PrinceTNA-subscribe@yahogroups.com." or go to our website at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PrinceTNA/> .

PTNA Proposed By-Law Changes

The following proposed by-law changes will be voted on at the annual meeting of the Prince-Tucson Neighborhood Association, 3:00 p.m., October 20, 2013, Rio Vista Park. The struck language is being replaced by the underlined language.

Article III – Boundaries and Membership

The Prince-Tucson Neighborhood Association area shall be bounded ~~on the north by the Rillito River, on the south by Prince Road, on the east by Country Club, and on the west by the extension of Wilson Avenue north by Campbell Avenue to Roger Road, on the north by Roger Road to the Jackson Road Extension, north to the Rillito River, following the Rillito River north, east, and south to Prince Road, thence west on Prince Road to Campbell.~~

Article IV – Officers Board of Directors and Officers

~~A Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary shall constitute the officers of the association, and shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting to be held in October. Officers will serve for a period of twelve (12) months or until their successors are chosen.~~

A board of directors, numbering between seven and nine members in good standing of the association shall constitute the governing board for the association. The board members will be elected for two-year terms of office. The election will be held during the annual business meeting. The current board will constitute three members of the new board, and serve for two year terms. The new members will be chosen for one to two year staggered terms to provide continuity.

The members of the elected board, after the election, will appoint, from among themselves, a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary to serve one year terms.

Neighborhood News

Labyrinth

Sunday, September 22, was the organizational meeting for the proposed labyrinth near the trees in the park west of Cactus. Lily Tiers is coordinating the effort. You may contact her at lgtiers@mindspring.com.

Neighborhood Watch

Our neighborhood has had spotty interaction the TPD's Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP). Some segments (blocks) such as Tucson Blvd. from south of Allen to the River have met with Becky Noel, our TPD liaison, and received NWP approval. Without broader PTNA involvement, our only option is to call 911, and non-emergency situations including suspicious activities which are of most interest to neighbors are not collected and followed up on via the 911 service.

Some other neighborhood organizations have developed electronic phone trees to collate and distribute this non-urgent information to neighbors. That remains our goal. The Night Out is Oct. 1 and it will be too late to get this going then.

Roll-Offs will again be available the weekend of Oct 11-12 on Allen between Cactus and Country Club. Bring your bulky discards!

Cactus Boulevard's roadside enhancement project is a success!

Late last year, neighbors from Winterhaven Village and Clays and Sid's Alley added 75 feet of desert vegetation along the East side of Cactus between Clays Alley and the pedestrian gate along the wall of the Village.

This project, approved

by the City, was a joint effort involving many neighbors who pulled together to create this streetscape enhancement. Plants were donated by Mountain States Wholesale Nursery (Phoenix) and Old Pueblo Cactus Nursery (Tucson). Churchman Sand and Gravel discounted boulders, and labor came from friends and neighbors. Winterhaven Village made the project possible through a generous financial grant.

We installed the plants in a gentle November rain. Since the rains have been sparse this year, we are watering the plants through the heat of the summer in anticipation that they will become self sustaining within a year.

Next phase: Looking into the future, there remains 375 feet along the wall between the pedestrian gate and Prince Rd. This is five times longer than the installed demonstration garden. We plan to seek grant monies to cover an estimated budget of \$3500 to complete this enhancement to our neighborhood.

Valley of the Moon News

The *Valley of the Moon* would like to hear from our Prince-Tucson neighbors. If you have any concerns, questions, or feedback, please email them at valleymoon1@yahoo.com or drop us a letter at 2544 E Allen Road, Tucson AZ 85716.



Contacts for Information

- Graffiti removal hotline 792-2489
- Garbage cans left at the curb. 791-3171
- Junk vehicles, excessive yard sales, weeds. . . 791-5843
- Potholes 791-3154
- Cars parked in City right-of-way 791-5071
- Barking, loose, vicious dogs 243-5900
- Mosquitos in standing water. 243-7999
- Shopping cart pick-up 1-800-THE-CART
- Suspicious activity, police emergency. 911
- Police non-emergency 791-4444 (Main)
- Police on-line
- www.tucsonaz.gov/police/On_Line_Reporting/on_line_reporting.html
- Ward III Office (Karin Uhlich) 791-4711 or Karin.Uhlich@tucsonaz.gov
- <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ward3>

Streets and Traffic Safety Projects

John Kovacik and Matthew Vasquez

Treat-Cactus Bicycle Boulevard

The Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) has identified Treat Ave as a Bicycle Boulevard. A Bicycle Boulevard is a shared use roadway that creates a safe and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Various roadway improvements like traffic circles, signage, pavement markings, chicanes and intersection crossings may be added along the roadway to improve traffic calming and reduce traffic volume. The Treat Ave Bicycle Blvd extends from Aviation Highway south of 22nd street, winds its way northward through town for five miles and merges into Cactus Blvd at Prince. Ann Cheneka, the TDOT project leader recently reported to us that the first phase of the project impacting the Prince-Tucson neighborhood will begin this autumn, 2013 with a Traffic Circle at the intersection of Cactus and Allen Road. We do not yet have the plans, but it will look



similar to this circle, found in mid-town Tucson. There are additional improvements TDOT will be making on Cactus Blvd in the future. Announcements will be made as additional plans are completed and funds made available. A general master plan of the Treat Avenue Bike Blvd will be on display at the annual neighborhood meeting and potluck next month.

Allen Road Traffic-Calming Community Project

Currently there are plans underway to slow traffic down to posted speed limits on Allen Road with chicanes, native vegetation and integrated water-harvesting, public art and a sitting bench or two. We are actively working with TDOT regarding the installation of chicanes with integrated water-harvesting features. The initial plans call for a series of chicanes on Allen Road.

A chicane combines man-made features that are placed partly into the roadway, so that drivers will need to turn slightly to proceed down the road. These planter-like features are placed in pairs on opposite sides of the road from one another. TDOT will be

installing temporary chicane delineators into the roadway on Allen as a trial period this autumn, 2013. Delineators are 3-4 foot high narrow plastic poles with reflectors that are temporarily installed to explore the effectiveness of the chicane design. If determined to be effective we'll then need to find funding for the project or build it ourselves according to the TDOT approved plans. Please contact Matthew if you are willing to volunteer on this project. Plans for the chicanes on Allen Road will be on display at our annual neighborhood meeting.



Mayor Rothschild's 10,000 Trees Campaign

The Allen Road Traffic-Calming Project is being considered as a recipient for some of the Mayor's 10,000 trees campaign and will need volunteers. Please see Matthew if you are interested in helping in tree planting, maintenance or in building of the chicanes.

Volunteer licensed General Contractor Needed

Please call Matthew Vasquez if you have a general contractor's license and/or are interested in helping out with the Allen Road Community project.

For further information contact Matthew Vasquez at 884-0554 He is our resident traffic advisor/liaison with TDOT for these projects.

Tucson Boulevard Multi-use Path

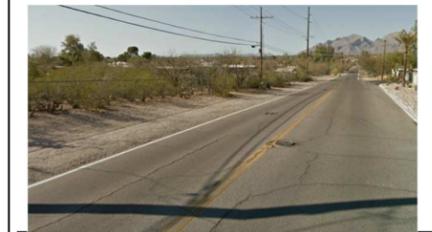
Tucson Boulevard, from Prince Road to the Rio Vista Park, is scheduled to have a Multi-use Path installed in the near future. The plans, which are not final, call for a path on the west side of Prince to just north of Allen Road, where it will cross, via a raised pedestrian crosswalk, to the east side of Tucson, and remain on the east side to the park.

Our contact is Tom Weideman, Tucson Department of Transportation Project Manager, who presented the pro-

posal to our neighborhood several years ago. This project has gone to the Arizona Department of Transportation from the City, as it involves committed federal funds. That has made federal involvement good news and bad news: good that the funding is firm, and remains in place. That has been our first neighborhood concern (is the funding still there?), given the time this has been going on. The time-frame is the bad news part of federal involvement. Tom has had another prior project (on Stone) involving federal funds, now completed, but the process took over four years.

You may have noticed quite a bit of "utility work" going on along Tucson during various parts of this year as a result of federal requirements before construction can be bid. The City has submitted all documentation to ADOT, and expect the approval to bid the project construction before the end of the year. At the time of approval, Tom will meet with us and review the project. Completion should be done by June 2014.

John Kovacik is our neighborhood liaison for this project.



From Prince Road north to Allen Road, the multi-use path will be on the west side of the road.



About fifty feet north of Allen, the path will cross Tucson Boulevard on a raised pedestrian cross-walk, and continue north to Rio Vista Park on the east side of the street. The crosswalk will be similar to that in front of the Arizona Inn on Elm Street. Non-motorized vehicles and pedestrians will share the path.