

Community Briefing



RIO RICO PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
DBA

“RESIDENTS OF RIO RICO”

Latest News

Special points of interest:

- *Developing a new vision for the Community Center*
- *Highlights of the April General Meeting*
- *Let's Party! A POTLUCK for the May meeting*
- *A profile of your Board President Mike Foster*

Putting Our Heads Together

The Board of Directors of the Rio Rico Property Owners Association, Inc. (dba “Residents of Rio Rico”) met recently on a Saturday to engage in a “visioning” process. Luis Chaboya of the City of Nogales facilitated the session. A number of challenges and opportunities were identified. The most important of these challenges include 1) increasing the visibility of the Community Center and its programs and 2) increasing community involvement in the Center’s programs. Keying in on these challenges and opportunities, the Board brain-stormed its way to a significant list of potential projects and initiatives.

Here are some of the ideas that will be considered for implementation:

- Membership Drive
- Improvement of the Association’s sign in front of the Chevron station
- Installation of a sign on the east side
- Remodeling of the Center to accommodate a wider range of events
- Adding new activities and events to expand our audience
- Developing grant applications for center expansion

The intention is to address each of these ideas for action over the course of the year. The Board welcomes input from our members and from the Rio Rico community at large.



Beautiful Rio Rico, AZ

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Community Center Facilities

Residents Of Rio Rico owns and maintains the Rio Rico Community Center at 391 Avenida Coatimundi. The spacious community center and its adjacent picnic ramada make an ideal venue for such events as company picnics and birthday parties. The center can also be rented for commercial meet-

ings and special events. The center building has full kitchen facilities and can accommodate up to 95 people. Think of the Community Center for your next large gathering. For information on Community Center rental, see us on the web at www.residentsofriorico.com.



We'll put the coffee on.

"I'm very glad we came to the RORR potluck. I met some new friends and was surprised to run into and old friend, too!"

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING: "He sings for His Supper"

May General Meeting and POTLUCK

Bring the whole family and a covered dish to our May event on Tuesday, May 24. The festivities begin at 6:00pm. This is an opportunity to meet some of your Rio Rico neighbors, share a great meal, and hear a fun and interesting musical program featuring Robin White, baritone, one of the founders of the Arizona Opera Company. He will share a few stories about growing up to be a singer in southern Arizona and will sing a few songs along the way.

Please plan to join us, and invite a few of your neighbors to participate as well. The more the merrier!

A RORR Event you may have missed : "The New Santa Cruz County Jail"

April General Meeting

At the last RORR General Meeting on April 26, Sheriff Tony Estrada and two members of his staff briefed the community on the just-opened county correctional facility. The new jail, which sits adjacent to the existing county complex on Congress Street in Nogales, was designed to alleviate numerous problems that were obvious at the old jail (built in 1974) at

the time that Sheriff Estrada took office in 1993.

About 100 inmates were moved from the old jail in a midnight operation on Wednesday, April 20 without incident. The new jail has 385 beds vs. 52 in previous facility. This has not only eliminated serious overcrowding but has allowed the Sheriff's department to segregate inmates by classification for improved security and safety. In addition, as most of Arizona's other counties have inferior facilities, the new Tony Estrada Correctional Facility supports itself to some extent through fees received from housing inmates from outside the county.

Benefits of RORR Membership

Did you know that you can become a member of Residents of Rio Rico for only \$12 per year? Some of the advantages of this full family membership are:

- A voice in RORR's activities and outreach
- Advance notice of upcoming events
- Notice of opportunities to volunteer for the community's benefit
- Updates on county government actions that affect the Rio Rico community
- Plus, discounted rates on rental of the Community Center Facilities

Who We Are

The Residents of Rio Rico (RORR) is a civic organization dedicated to creating opportunities for fellow residents to find friends with similar interests and concerns. Our programs are tailored to the needs of the community, and our meeting and events facility is

available for sponsored community events. In addition to our Community Center rentals, we currently host the Rio Rico Senior Citizens. **Talk with us about your group.**

Among the programs sponsored and provided by RORR are our Community Outreach

and Information Program; educational presentations and classes; the annual RORR Scholarship Program, which provides college aid to deserving Rio Rico High School students; The board also authorizes periodic donations in the community interest.

Board Member Profile—President Mike Foster

I've lived in Rio Rico for 16 years on Avenida Leon; eight of those as Fire Chief for Rio Rico Fire District. I've been a member of the Residents of Rio Rico for almost 12 years now, and a board member since 2004.

I have seen the transition from Senior Center to Community Center and know of the challenges we face in the change. I'm keenly aware of the potential for the Community Center and this organization.

As a father of six, two that grew to be graduates of Rio Rico High School, I have been concerned at the lack of activities in our community for our young people.

I believe that the Rio Rico

Property Owners Association dba the Residents of Rio Rico is uniquely positioned to lead development of resources for our Community that will engage and benefit our youth. To me, one of the most interesting ideas that came out of our visioning session is of a community "Sports Complex" – the time is now!

I look forward as President of RoRR to institute a "team concept" to accomplish our jointly developed goals and objectives in an ongoing strategic process that I hope is followed long

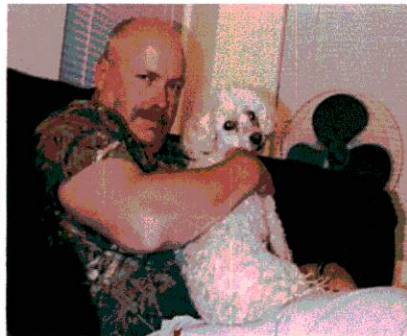
after my successor's in place.

This is a great Community in a magnificent setting; we have huge potential to make Rio Rico the best it can be. Join us; let's accomplish this mission, together!



**Residents of Rio Rico
Board President
Mike Foster**

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Help Wanted: Board of Directors Vacancy

There is currently an opening on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in making an impact on the Rio Rico Community, we urge you to contact us and offer to get involved with this dynamic organization.

The Board meets the sec-

ond Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend. Come check it out. This may be the kind of volunteer contribution that fits your skills.

