

## ON THE ROAD TO SPRING

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Green is beginning to return to the hills; tiny lambs toddle through grazing flocks. Tulips are in the markets. While winter lingers, a hint of 'spring awakening' shines through the warmer days. And with it, our 'to-do lists' for lawns, gardens, and "exteriors" may also grow. Feeling the "itch" to get outside??...and help your community?

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Why not give RioVision a hand preparing our downtown planters for spring? Our Trim N Tidy volunteers, led by Jamie Victor, could use some help trimming back the Lantana so we can enjoy fresh foliage and blooms in warmer weather. We have 75 planters to cover and a small crew. The pruning is planned for the week of February 19, beginning Monday, from 9-11am. This relatively light work will require rakes, brooms, and clippers if you have them. RioVision will supply the bags for the trimmings. Thank you to the City of Rio Vista for cutting back the grasses and spraying for weeds!!! This is OUR town. To help with Lantana trimming, contact Jamie Victor through [info@riovistavision.com](mailto:info@riovistavision.com).

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Good news! The Visitor Center and Art Gallery now accepts debit and credit cards for both Chamber of Commerce and Gallery purchases. Sunny day calling you out? Come downtown to the Visitors' Center and see the new works of artists and artisans on display for February at the Art Gallery. Valentine's Day is approaching – if you haven't been here for awhile, check out our downtown shops for that "something special" while supporting your neighbors and their businesses.

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On weekend afternoons, you can browse the Rio Vista Museum. Check out the outside alcove (with the garage door) where later this spring/summer, you'll find a mural of an historic Rio Vista shop brought to you by our RioVision volunteer artists.

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It's not too early to enter or buy tickets to taste and judge the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual King of the Kitchen contest on March 10<sup>th</sup> which benefits Rio Vista CARE programs which serve our community. We also welcome Rio Vista Towing and the Center for the Arts to our new Rio Vista enterprises.

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Our volunteer coordinator, Kathy Hill, invites you to join our crew of RioVision volunteers to call on as needs arise. See [riovistavision.com/volunteers](http://riovistavision.com/volunteers) for more information about volunteering and a volunteer form. Specific help will be needed with the Party at the Park in the early spring and Hog August Bites this summer. Kathy can be contacted at [khillclimbin@gmail.com](mailto:khillclimbin@gmail.com) or 717-515-6928 with questions.

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On the road to spring, I stopped to help and met a friend who walks with me now through the bright and the gray.