

Green Sprouts and High Gear

28 March 2018
by Carol Bower Foote

With the spring equinox just behind us, daylight slowly overtakes the dark of night. Fields are a raging green; rain has refreshed the land. As life emerges from dormancy into sprout, bud, and bloom, RioVision kicks into high gear. You can expect to find this column now on the 4th Wednesday of the month, with specialized articles in-between as needed.

Community! Our April 9th RioVision General Meeting (5:30pm, Vets Hall) will be hosting a presentation on the development of the Liberty Island land west of Trilogy. The developer's representative will talk about their plans for housing and a commercial project, and answer our questions. Public is invited!

If you missed the presentation on the American Legion Post 178 Veterans Housing Project for Rio Vista at our March 12th meeting, it was recorded using Facebook Live and is available for viewing on RioVision's Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/riovistavision/> : VIDEOS or the 3/12 posts). The 58 minute presentation was viewed live by 38 people using Facebook and as of Friday, 298 people have viewed the event video. You can watch it in part and come back later to finish up. Another great new way for us to get the word out!

Party! We hope you have been following the front page articles on the "Bark 'N Roll" Party at the Park being planned for June 2nd at the new Dog and Skate Board Park under construction in Val De Flores Park. Brought to you by the City of Rio Vista and RioVision, this spirited family event will feature a pet parade, skateboard exhibitions, food and beverage, crafters, music, and children's entertainment. If you'd like to become a sponsor or volunteer to help with guest services at this event, please email info@riovision.com. You can also "Buy a Brick", 4"x8", engraved with up to 4 lines of tribute to a pet, skateboarder, or anyone important in your life. Funds will support bringing additional amenities to the park for dogs and skateboarders. Details and order information are available at Pets 4 All, the Visitor Center, in the Beacon, or online at www.bricksrus.com/order/riovision. We are also accepting donations for a limited number of commemorative benches at the Park: \$1200 includes a personalized plaque. Interested? Contact the info@riovision.com.

Art! The painted mural for the alcove outside the Rio Vista Museum is moving forward! Drawings with the design approved by the Museum are being submitted to the City. Harvey Steinhaus will be the supervising artist. Art sales at the Visitors' Center have picked up since the acceptance of credit cards.

Education! Our volunteer coordinator, Kathy Hill, is marshalling resources to help school staff support the Riverview Middle School Garden project which introduces young people to the miracle, responsibility, and art of growing the food that sustains us. A call is out to Master Gardeners and the Trilogy Garden Club. We hope to attract youth to the garden on their lunch breaks by holding lunchtime work sessions. Some beds will be maintained by adults and families over the summer. We really want to find a way to make it work.

Congratulations to our Publicity Committee Chairperson, Donna Armanino, on being recognized by the Chamber of Commerce this month as their 2017 Volunteer of the Year! Thank you for all you give.

Stay tuned for pictures and updates as other RioVision projects kick into high gear in April. Want to participate? Contact us at info@riovision.com to learn more about opportunities to get involved.