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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF: GLENDALE ADDS TWO NEIGHBORHOODS TO HISTORIC REGISTER

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The Glendale Gardens and Sage Acres neighborhoods are joining a prestigious list of Glendale communities on the National Historic Register.

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places recognized both of these neighborhoods for their commitment to preserve the original structure and historical essence of their homes.

The Sage Acres Historic District is located on 48th Avenue north of Bethany Home Road and is known for being the earliest example of a multi-residential housing development in Glendale. Constructed between 1960 to 1971, the complex consists of 13 quad-plex and six-plex buildings, featuring a mid-century modernist architecture.

The Glendale Gardens Historic District includes a subdivision of 32 ranch-style homes, which were constructed in 1957 and 1958. Located south of Orangewood Avenue and east of 51st Avenue, this district serves as a unique example of early tract housing development using brick as the exterior material.

“This is a great recognition for the city of Glendale and for the residents who value these wonderful, historic properties,” said Jon Froke, Glendale Planning Director. “Homes that receive this distinction tend to help increase property values and the aesthetic appeal of a neighborhood. Both of these neighborhoods reflect the post-WWII suburb trends of offering contemporary style in mass produced subdivisions. With the addition of these two historic neighborhoods, Glendale now enjoys ten Historic Districts in the city.”

Some of the other historic districts in Glendale include Catlin Court, Floralcroft, 59th Avenue Residential, Northfield, Sands Estates, Glendale Tract and Myrtle Avenue Residential. There are currently 474 Glendale properties listed on the National Register and a total of 87,000 properties in the United States that are listed on the National Register.

“The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) has seen a significant increase in the number of cultural tourists who are requesting historic guided walking/driving tours,” said Glendale CVB Tourism Manager Lorraine Pino. “As Arizona celebrates its Centennial, many visitors and residents have been embracing the past.”

Participating properties must be at least 50 years old, have maintained the integrity of the facade of the house and reflect a historical significance such as architecture, people, place or event.

For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/historicpreservation .

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