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RESTORATION OF HISTORIC SITE PRESERVES CITY'S HERITAGE

GLENDALE, Ariz. – A historical corner in Glendale that houses one of the only remaining exposed adobe homes in the city is getting a makeover. The downtown's Adobe House and service station will be renovated to look like it once did in its earlier days, providing lasting evidence of Glendale's heritage and history.

The two buildings, located at Grand and Myrtle avenues, is part of a renovation project funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior. The city has been restoring this area, known as the Myrtle Avenue Cultural Gateway Historic Entryway, since 2006. This most recent update involves exterior and interior restoration of both the service station and Adobe house, including roof repair and Adobe protection and fresh exterior paint. The project will be completed June 2012.

"An exciting project like this one represents an important part of history in Glendale, and these repairs will enhance the look of this gateway entry point while preserving its past historic nature," said Jon Froke, Glendale Planning Director. "Neighbors have demonstrated a strong support and appreciation for the city's efforts to restore this historic part of Glendale."

The adobe house was built in 1936 by Ed and Bessie Morcomb who actually used earth from the site for the bricks. The corner was known for decades to thousands of local residents as the Morcomb family owned and operated the service station and later an auto and farm equipment repair shop until 2003.

Visitors and residents are welcome to visit the Myrtle Avenue Cultural Gateway, which has also become a popular stop on various historic preservation tours.

For more information on this project and historical facts about Glendale, visit www.glendaleaz.com/historicpreservation.