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GLENDALE APPROVES EIGHT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS IN SPRING CYCLE

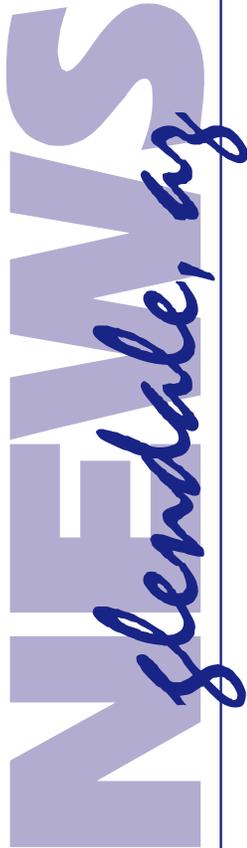
GLENDALE, Ariz. – The city of Glendale approved eight grants totaling \$359,478, which will assist residents with improvements to their neighborhoods. Residents, who live in neighborhoods that are at least 15 years old, may apply for the improvement grants, which are awarded twice a year.

As part of its commitment to revitalizing and preserving older neighborhoods, the City Council established the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods to make funding recommendations on neighborhood improvement grant requests. The City Council also established the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods to provide advice on general policies, strategies and programs relating to the revitalization and preservation of neighborhoods. The commission's recommendations support the Council's strategic goal of one community with strong neighborhoods.

"The Neighborhood Improvement Grants Program provides an excellent opportunity for older neighborhoods to make improvements and stay connected with the community," said Matt Cohrs, Neighborhood Partnership Administrator.

The Commission on Neighborhoods reviewed eight neighborhood grant requests, which were then approved by the Mayor and City Council at the May 27, 2008 City Council meeting:

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Neighborhood grants

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1. East Catlin Court Historic District – This neighborhood is located on the south side of Orangewood to Myrtle, from 55th to 57th avenues. The commission voted to recommend the neighborhood's \$80,000 grant request for eleven different revitalization projects within the neighborhood. Examples of these projects include one-time funding to purchase historic street signage, securing rear property easements, paint and related supplies to paint homes in need and the securing of irrigation boxes that are exposed to the public.
2. Northern Manor West II HOA – This neighborhood is located north of Crocus Drive to Acoma Drive, between 57th and 59th avenues. The commission voted to recommend the neighborhood's \$27,225 grant request to be used for internal street improvements.
3. Thunderbird Palms Neighborhood – This neighborhood is located south of Voltaire Drive to Columbine, between 51st Avenue and the Paseo Canal. The commission voted to recommend the neighborhood's \$80,000 grant request to install a new tot lot with safety surfacing and a beginner skateboard area in Sunset Palms Park. This project is being completed in collaboration with the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department, which will provide construction and administrative services.
4. Arrowhead Ranch Phase II (Project #1) – This neighborhood is located north of Union Hills Road from 75th Avenue to the Loop 101 (north and west sides). The commission voted to recommend the neighborhood's \$24,679 grant request to refurbish the depleted granite on 79th Avenue between Union Hills Road and Kerry Lane. The neighborhood will be responsible for all ongoing maintenance costs.
5. Arrowhead Lakes Homeowners Association – This neighborhood is located north of Beardsley Road to Melinda Lane, from 51st Avenue west to 59th Avenue. The commission voted to recommend the neighborhood's \$37,014.98 grant request to improve the equestrian trail located on the west side of 51st Avenue north of the Loop 101. The project also includes the upgrading of various traffic circles and medians within the neighborhood.
6. Arrowhead Ranch Phase II (Project #2) – This neighborhood is located north of Union Hills Road from 75th Avenue to the Loop 101 (north and west sides). The commission voted to recommend the neighborhood's \$20,200 grant request to assist with landscaping improvements on 75th Avenue between Adobe and Utopia. The project also includes curbing, irrigation adjustments and granite.
7. Thunderbird Acres Unit #1 – This neighborhood is located north of Sweetwater to Pershing, from 65th Drive to 67th Avenue. The commission voted to recommend the neighborhood's \$71,508.60 grant request for the removal and replacement of their driveway aprons located in the undedicated right-of-way area of their neighborhood.

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8. Northern Manor West Homeowners Association – This neighborhood is located on the south side of Butler Drive, from 54th to 55th avenues. The commission voted to recommend the neighborhood's \$18,850 grant request to design a sidewalk and handicap ramp improvements along the east-side of 55th Avenue, from just north of Northern Avenue to just south of El Caminito Drive.

For more information on this program, contact the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868 or visit www.glendaleaz.com.

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