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## **GLENDALE NAMED TREE CITY USA COMMUNITY FOR FIFTEENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

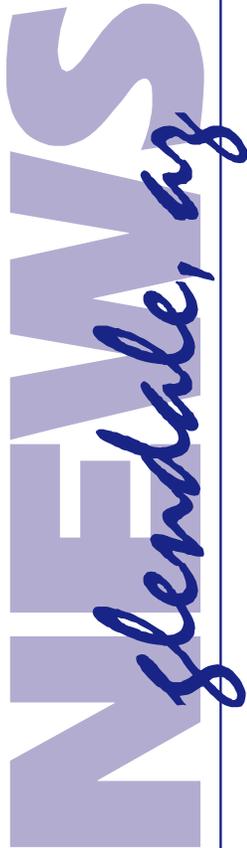
**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – For the fifteenth consecutive year, Glendale has been named a Tree City USA Community by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to urban forestry.

Glendale has met the four standards to receive this designation, which include having a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

“This year, in conjunction with our Tree City USA program, we partnered with the city’s Sanitation Department and their Grandma Glendale’s recycling program, so multiple facets of the city worked together on this project,” stated Roger Boyer, park project coordinator. “In a classroom setting, we provided education to about 80 second graders at Desert Garden Elementary, impressing upon them the importance of recycling and how it goes hand in hand with Earth Day and planting trees for Arbor Day.”

Then, for the ceremony on Earth Day the project culminated with an Arbor Day program at Desert Garden Park, in which city officials planted trees and celebrated with second-grade students from the elementary school. *(Photos of the program are attached.)*

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“We commend Glendale’s elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest,” said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation.

“Trees provide numerous environmental, economical and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority.”

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental and education organization with more than one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. More information on the foundation and its programs can be found at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

For more information on Glendale’s parks and recreation projects, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation).

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