

Evergreen First Addition Historic District Newsletter, Volume #2

You are either a property owner or resident in the Evergreen Addition Historic District.

- The area was designated as a Local Historic District on 7/19/2004
- The area was designated as a National Historic District on 1/22/2009.

The attached map (Exhibit A) shows the boundaries for the district. Evergreen Historic District signs located on the street signs also delineate the district's boundaries.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the residents informed of the procedures required when there is a need to change anything to the exterior of their home.

IMPORTANT: ANYTHING CHANGED TO THE EXTERIOR, SUCH AS CHANGING WINDOWS, DOORS, PAINT, ROOF, FENCING, LANDSCAPING, etc. MUST BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE CITY OF CASA GRANDE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. Then it is decided if the change needs to come before the Historic Preservation Commission or reviewed by City Staff.

Some of the information included in the first newsletter is being added again, to further clarify questions asked about the district.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- 1. WHAT DESIGNATION WAS GIVEN TO MY HOME WHEN THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO) 2001 SURVEY WAS COMPLETED?**

Locate your home on the map attached (Exhibit A).

The footprint will either be white for Non-Contributing, light gray for Contributing or black for Exceptional Significance.

- 2. WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF THESE THREE DESIGNATIONS?**

“NON-CONTRIBUTING” means a designation applied to a site, structure or object within a historic district, indicating that it is not a representation of the qualities that give the historic district cultural, historic, architectural or archeological significance as embodied in the criteria for designating a historic district.

Some of the following might apply: In the Evergreen Addition homes built from 1927-1967 was determined to be the period of significance for contributors. Perhaps your home was built after 1967. A home can become non-contributing if major exterior alterations have taken place. Sometimes an act as simple as re-siding can damage the historic integrity and render the home as non-contributing.

“CONTRIBUTING” means a classification applied to a building site, structure or object within a historic district signifying that it contributes generally to the qualities that give the historic district significance, but without having “exceptional significance” as defined below.

“EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE” means a classification applied to a building site, structure or object signifying the individual contribution the resource brings to the community in representation of the qualities that give the community cultural, historic, architectural or archeological distinction. “Exceptional significance” can be applied to either a landmark or to those resources within an historic district that are of individual importance. These properties are eligible for individual listing on the Local and National Register.

Contributors to the District and Exceptional Significance properties are eligible to apply for a property tax reclassification. (The property tax reclassification applies only to owner-occupied properties.) To obtain forms go to www.casagrandeaz.gov click on Planning and Development Department and select Historic Preservation Program.

3. *I KNOW THAT AS AN EVERGREEN ADDITION DISTRICT RESIDENT I CAN MAKE WHATEVER CHANGES I DESIRE TO THE INTERIOR OF MY HOME, BUT, WHAT MUST I DO IF I WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO THE EXTERIOR?*

A Certificate of No Effect/Certificate of Appropriateness is required (Exhibit B) for all alterations, demolitions, or new construction in the historic district.

The Certificate of No Effect/Certificate of Appropriateness applies to all homes within the historic district.

The only exception is “ordinary maintenance and repair” of any exterior architectural feature of a landmark or property within the historic district, which does not involve a change in design, material, color or outward appearance.

A Certificate of No Effect/Certificate of Appropriateness is required to carry out any exterior alteration, restoration, reconstruction, demolition, new construction, moving of a landmark, or property within a historic district. Any material changes in the appearance of such a property, its light fixtures, signs, windows, roof, sidewalks, fences, steps, paving, landscaping or other exterior elements visible from a public

street or alley that affect the appearance and cohesiveness of the historic landmark or historic district.

The Certificate of No Effect/Certificate of Appropriateness form is available from the Planning & Development Department at City Hall or you can go to www.casagrandeaz.gov click on Planning & Development Department and select Historic Preservation Program for the form.

If your request falls under the Certificate of No Effect category a decision will be made by the Planning & Development. If your request falls under the Certificate of Appropriateness category after a review by the Planning & Development it will be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission at their next scheduled monthly meeting.

The entire process is outlined in the **HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE**. This document is currently being updated. There will be a public hearing prior to approval by council. A hard copy of the current ordinance can be obtained from the Planning & Development Department at City Hall.

DESIGN GUIDELINES are available with suggested ideas to assist you. They can be viewed on line (www.casagrandeaz.gov click on Planning & Development Department and select Historic Preservation Program.) These guidelines will also be reviewed in a public hearing in the first quarter of 2016 prior to approval by City Council. A hard copy can be obtained from the Planning & Development Department at City Hall.

The Evergreen Addition Newsletters are intended to bring the Historic District residents information regarding the neighborhood. Contained in the 2nd Addition Newsletter, we are including a survey to get useful feedback from YOU!

Please write any comments on the back of the survey if you need additional space so we can make sure to get your ideas clarified. We are including a stamped addressed envelope so you can easily send the survey back. We look forward to hearing from you and welcome any constructive comments, information and ideas you would like to see implemented.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION POSITION VACANCY:

The City of Casa Grande is currently accepting applications for a Historic Preservation Commission Member (1) with the following qualification:

- Member of the Historical Society with a background in Casa Grande's history.

Application and information may be obtained from the City of Casa Grande, Clerk's Office at 510 E. Florence Boulevard or at the City's website at www.casagrandeaz.gov.

EVERGREEN ADDITION HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY

1. What do you like best about living in a historic district?

2. What are the things you would like to see changed within the historic district?

3. Would you be willing to share the history and/or stories about your historic property? (We are planning to publish those in our upcoming newsletters. There are certainly many interesting topics to share).

4. Would you be interested in volunteering in your neighborhood? If so, what would you like to do?
 - Some ideas would be to initiate someone on each block to identify and report graffiti, reporting any conditions that need to be looked into, organize block parties, perhaps some fundraising for improvements, etc. **Additionally, a group could form that would take the lead on having a “Historic Homes” walking tour featuring some of the unique homes in the Evergreen District.**

5. How would you feel about forming neighborhood groups with maybe a block leader much like a “Neighborhood Watch” group?

6. Please list your opinions on how we could better serve your district while utilizing residents' assistance.