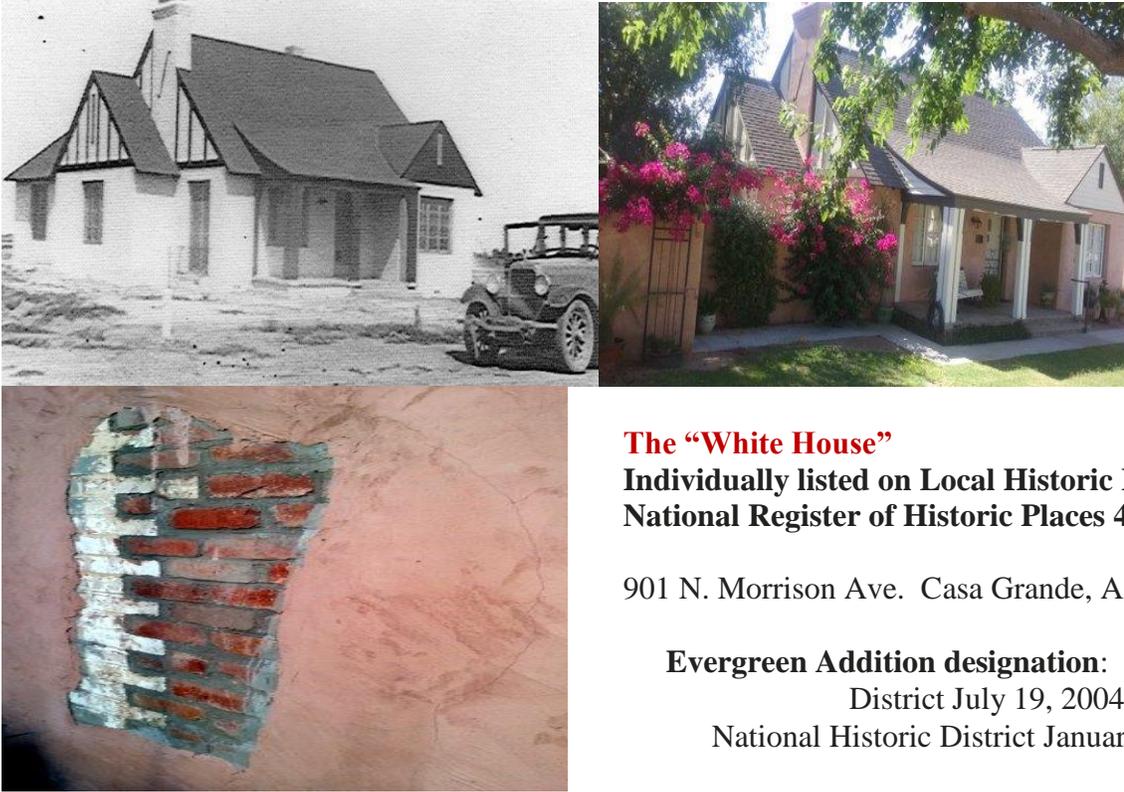


EVERGREEN 1ST ADDITION HISTORIC DISTRICT

Newsletter No. 3

FEATURED STORY



The “White House” Individually listed on Local Historic Register & National Register of Historic Places 4-16-85

901 N. Morrison Ave. Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Evergreen Addition designation: Local Historic
District July 19, 2004
National Historic District January 22, 2009

Owners:

Various (1929-1941)

Virgil & Opal Lynch (1941-1943)

John & Marie White (1943-1980)

Roy Mejia Family (1980-1996)

Current Owner (1996 - Present)

Original house: 1 bedroom & 1 bath

Currently: 3 bedrooms & 2 baths

Square feet: 1,600 approx.

Construction: Brick (painted white)
(stucco applied 1980)

Style: Tudor Period Revival (2 of this style in the District)

Distinguished features: Steep double pitched roof
which bell casts over the original front porch. Flared
wooden porch posts and divided windows, large chimney.

John W. White was a long-time Casa Grande resident who started the J.W. White Electrical Company in 1922 in Eloy, AZ. Marie White was born in Germany. She came to the United States at 19 years of age. They raised two daughters Dorothy White and Betsy White Vandenburg who later moved to Phoenix.

The Gilberts owned acres of farm land extending to the north and east of Casa Grande Union High School (currently City Hall) located at 9th St. and Florence Blvd. In 1928 Mr. Gilbert formed a housing development which became the Evergreen Addition. His wife Gabriella designed this home. A second bedroom was added in 1943 and a third bedroom in 1980. This is one of first five houses built in the Evergreen Addition. Sadly, thirty-six years ago stucco was applied to this house. There's an interesting feature on the back of the house. A purposely exposed double panel shows the 1929 bricks that had originally been painted white while the other half exposes the bricks used from the Central School demolition when the third bedroom area was enclosed.

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Evergreen Historic Plaques

There's an opportunity for contributor properties in the Evergreen District to purchase a bronze historic plaque for their home. The first plaque ordered through this program was recently installed. The plaques are a standard size, bronze in color and with a standard narrative. Also included is the year of construction and either your street address or the historic name as it appears on your Historic Property Inventory form.

If interested in one of these prestigious plaques, please contact Laura Blakeman in the Planning Department 421-8630. The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will place the order and deliver the plaque to you. The cost is \$345.



PROPERTY TAX RECLASSIFICATION

Contributor homes in the Evergreen District have the benefit of a Property Tax Reclassification. A low percentage of homeowners are taking advantage of this benefit. The process requires completing a one page form and attaching photos of your home. **To begin this process go to www.casagrandeaz.gov, click on Planning & Development Department, then Historic Preservation Program, Documents.** The information needs to be in the hands of the County Assessor's Office by June 30 to be enrolled for the following tax year.

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This program could
reduce your
property taxes
between 35 – 45%.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS.... FOR ANY EXTERIOR CHANGES TO YOUR HOME..... OTHER THAN ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Page 11 in the Design Guidelines is a straight forward explanation to assist homeowners for any exterior changes (other than routine maintenance) you are planning to make to your home. This is a helpful resource to become familiar with the process. The Design Guidelines are available on the City's website: Go to www.casagrandeaz.gov, click on Planning & Development Department, then Historic Preservation Program, Documents.

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Evergreen Beautification Corner.....

Before.....



After.....



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Thank you to the Community Service Department for the tremendous improvement at the corner of 8th Street & Gilbert. The Commission is grateful to have this corner as a place of pride in the historic district.

Historic Preservation Commission

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Historic Preservation Commission Mission Statement >>> To protect, enhance and perpetuate the City's landmarks and historic districts for the economic, cultural, educational, and general welfare of the public.

Interested in serving on the HPC?

(Check the City's Web Site for open positions)

<http://casagrandeaz.gov/dept/clerk/boards/>

The Historic Preservation Commission meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.