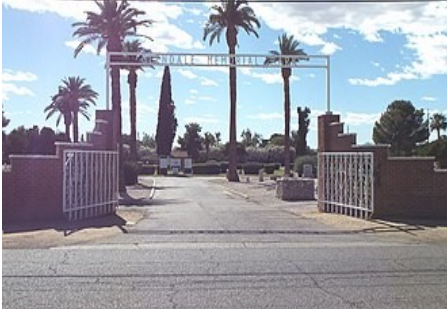


# Saving Properties

Below are some of Glendale's most important, and yet, recently at-risk historic properties. We have been successful on helping to save some properties, unsuccessful on others, while others have not yet been decided. The more support we have, the more likely it is that the property will be saved. Please call us at **623.435.0072** or click [gaahs73@gmail.com](mailto:gaahs73@gmail.com) to see how you can help.

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## The Glendale Memorial Park Cemetery



The City of Glendale, after owning **the historic 1895 Glendale Memorial Park Cemetery** since 1962 is proposing to sell the 21.6 acre cemetery for \$100,000 the office, and equipment and include \$3.8 Perpetual Care

Fund, while keeping \$2 million of the fund for other uses. The Society has sent a letter to the Mayor and each City Councilmember them to retain ownership of the cemetery and its Perpetual Care Fund. In fact, the city's cemetery consultant primary recommendation to City Council is to retain the cemetery and make changes. The city staff felt a private company could get a higher interest rate with the fund,

but city staff explained the city could do the same. This is the major historic site in the city. It is where our history is buried and should remain under city ownership and control, The City Council has postponed decision three times and may consider the sale agreement at their September 24, 2019 City Council meeting. Call the Mayor and Council with your position.

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## The Glen Lakes Golf Course

The City of Glendale decided to sell the historic 1966 Glen Lakes Golf Course of 43 acres for a sales price of \$6.5 million. The Society opposed the closing and sale of this historic public open space. The city proposes to have the space developed into a single- family subdivision. This is an important historic Glendale landmark that will be removed for rooftops.



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## The Morcomb Gas Station and Adobe House



The City of Glendale though the Arts Commission, Transportation Department, Parks and Recreation and Facilities departments helped to save and restore the 1930 Morcomb gas station and the 1936 adobe house built by Ed and Bessie Morcomb. The Society asked City Engineering to help fix the east side of the adobe building and they agreed.

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## Thunderbird Field #1 — Founders Hall and the Hangars

The Thunderbird Field #1 was built in 1941 for the purpose of training 10,000 American, Chinese and British pilots to fight in WWII. The Federal Government sold the entire site for the development of an international Business School that became the Thunderbird School of Global Management, which was an important world wide facility in Glendale for 71 years. The Arizona State University bought the school and moved it to downtown Phoenix. Arizona Christian College now owns and occupies the campus. The GAHS Board has asked that Founders Hall be preserved. There were four original hangars build and one hangar remains. The Board has asked ACU to preserve the building.





# SAVE THE HISTORIC TREES AND GRASS CHARACTER OF HISTORIC MURPHY PARK



I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed against the earth's sweet flowing breast; A tree that looks at God all day and lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear a nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain; Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree.

Joyce Kilmer

William John Murphy was the founder of Glendale, Arizona and dedicated land for a “city park” to be used always for public purposes and in 1964 the Glendale City Council changed the name to Murphy Park. Murphy Park, has been, and is the “heart” of Glendale. The community social life took place for decades in the beautiful grass and tree oasis. Fiestas, concerts, Glendale glitters, Christmas lights and community gatherings took place at Murphy Park. Old men would play cards, and move their tables to be under the shade of the wonderful large trees. Children played in the grass. There is considerable history and strong feelings by Glendale residents that trees and grass be a major part of the Murphy Park. During a May 23, 2022 recent educational presentation by Councilmember Bart Turner, he showed to the Glendale Arizona Historical Society a sketch of Murphy Park as xeriscape.

Xeriscape has been an important and successful part of the Glendale water conservation program. The program has reduced the actual use of water as the population and development expanded.

Glendale was settled by residents that had a cultural affinity to trees and grass. Please do not remove the beautiful trees and grass from historic Murphy Park. Keep the historic character of the heart of Glendale.



The Glendale Water Department estimated that the large Crystal Lagoons and the lake at Heroes Park will consume less than 1% of the current Glendale 47,000 acre feet of water. These important water features can fit into the city water vision. It would seem there could be the ability to water the small area of trees and grass to maintain the historic character of the heart of Glendale. The surrounding Catlin Court and other historic neighborhoods have historic urban irrigation, in order to have trees and grass.



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**Save the large trees and grass to maintain historic character of MURPHY PARK**

Keep historic Glendale green and historic.