

# Glendale Receives Two Awards from Arbor Day Foundation

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The Village of Glendale's Park Board efforts have again been rewarded by the Arbor Day Foundation. Today it was announced that Glendale will receive their 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive award as a **Tree City USA**. The coveted Tree City USA award is the result of work done in 2008, including the giving away of 400 sapling trees (Cedar, Oak, Tulip and Baldcypress), pruning over 200 street trees, fund raising with logo merchandise, chipping residents branches at the curb, removing 135 dead street trees, irrigating trees during the summer, removing tree stumps, Hurricane Ike cleanup, and planting new street trees.

Because Glendale exceeded expenditures and the level of work done in 2007, they are also the recipient of the Arbor Day Foundation's **Growth Award**. While much of the work is done by Public Works Forman Ron Hafner and his crews, projects are guided by the Glendale Park Board, consisting of Chairman Tom Carruthers (pictured at right), Arborist Matt Dickman, members Craig Simonson and Peter Cassinelli.

Keeping Glendale's public and private property forested and canopied is a crucial element in maintaining Glendale's environmental balance. Trees in urban areas reduce the heat island effect caused by infrastructure and their leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles. An added benefit is that when properly placed, trees increase property values.

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