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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS

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CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY
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SIGN OF THE TIMES

The City's Historic Preservation Office has designed new street signs for each of the designated historic districts - **Borden Homes**, **Tomlinson Estates**, **Roosevelt Addition** and **University Park**. The template for the design utilizes the historic plant palette of each individual neighborhood to select the iconic tree, or grouping of trees, which define the character for that area. Photos of specimen trees were taken in each of the neighborhoods, and then converted to a graphic for sign production. Aleppo Pine trees [*Pinus halepensis*] combined with tall palm trees [*Washingtonia robusta*] dominate the skyline of Borden Homes, while specimen African Sumac trees [*Rhus lancae*] provide sculptural panache in Tomlinson Estates. Noteworthy 60-foot Aleppo Pines shade much of University Park, and the historic Western / Fremont Cottonwood trees [*Populus fremontii*] benefit from decades of flood irrigation in Roosevelt Addition. The street signs are scheduled for installation in August.

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COMMUNITY LAND TRUST LANDSCAPE PROJECT

Volunteers transformed the front yard of one of Newtown's Community Land Trust [CLT] homes on Saturday, May 10. A drip irrigation system was installed along with new trees, shrubs and rock. The project also provided a hands-on learning opportunity for the owner of the home as well as other CLT homeowners. A contribution from Home Depot covered the cost of materials. Local landscape architect, Ruben Valenzuela donated the landscape plan. Volunteers included, Bud Actipis, Donna Aguilar, Allen Carlson, Rosie Dominguez, Pen Johnson, Steve Johnson, Doug McQueen, Mike Patton, David Strang, Ellie Strang and Carlos Torres. Newtown hopes to replicate this project over the next year and upgrade the landscaping for another four or five CLT homes. www.newtowncdc.org.

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ARTFUL IRRIGATION

Two of Tempe's Historic Districts, **Borden Homes** and **Tomlinson Estates** [both part of the **University Heights Neighborhood Association**], received a Neighborhood Grant in the amount of \$12,000 for art installations on existing concrete irrigation standpipes. The artwork comprises colorful, glazed mosaic tiles designed by local artist **Esmeralda DeLaney**. The first of the two [pictured left] was installed last week near Lemon and Una, while the second installation will soon be installed near Orange and Una. Congratulations to UHNA for their artful additions to their neighborhood!

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WHEELIN' TO WORK

Members of the Community Development team were featured on Fox 10 morning news last Friday for doing their part to help the environment and keep fit. The three employees bike to work on a regular basis and were interviewed as examples of those who bike to work. **Alex Smith**, **Durrant Williams** and **Mark Vinson** were filmed by the news crew.

Watch the story by clicking here:

www.myfoxphoenix.com/myfox/pages/InsideFox/Detail?contentId=6556759&version=2&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=VSTY&pageId=5.2.1





Esmeralda DeLaney, artist