

# Glendale blooms with Tree City USA award

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GLENDALE - Efforts to plant and care for trees has branched into a national award, the 12th consecutive for Glendale.

The village has been named a Tree City USA by the nationwide program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities and the National Association of State Foresters.

The foundation is dedicated to tree planting, conservation and promoting community forestry.

In 2007, the village gave away 500 Ohio Buckeye and Pawpaw tree seedlings for residents to plant on their properties, according to Village Manager Walter Cordes.

The village also removed 50 diseased or dead trees along village streets, vacuumed residents' leaves at the curbs, recycled leaf compost and wood chips, irrigated street trees during the 2007 drought and pruned 200 street trees.

Cordes credited the village's team effort in achieving the designation.

"It's a unique team effort in Glendale," he said. "Not only do the residents rush to get their trees to plant, the park board also works hard."



The Glendale Park Board is made up of four members: Tom Carruthers, Craig Simonson, Peter Cassinelli and Matt Dickman.

"We use money that's donated to us to make it happen," Cordes said of the fundraising efforts.

"If it weren't for the people of Glendale," he said, "it wouldn't happen."