

Southern Gila County Resource and Recycling Guide



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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations! By picking up this guide, you are likely a person who is both resourceful and environmentally-conscious. Glad you found us and we hope we can be of help to you!

This guide was compiled to encourage community beautification through recycling, reuse, clean-up, and education. I have tried to cover a vast array of topics to highlight the many resources and opportunities available in Southern Gila County. This resource and recycling guide was written by Thea Wilshire with the help and support of the Globe Clean and Beautiful committee and many local individuals who gave of their own time and resources to create this handbook. It is offered free of charge to anyone in the community and copying/sharing of information included in these pages is welcomed and encouraged.

Southern Gila County is known for its natural beauty, Native American history, and rich mining heritage. Mining and ranching have been the predominant economic base for the past 150 years. We believe that environmentally-sound use of our natural resources is imperative as we grow and face our next 150 years. We must act wisely as we work with industry in our area and continue to address the blight and environmental pollutants present in our area. We hope this resource book will serve as a starting point for interested individuals and families who want to know what they can do to help improve and beautify our community.

This guide is divided into sections on recycling, yard and house repair resources, ways to reduce blight, opportunities to beautify our community, and ideas for reducing our consumption through the reuse of durable goods. The Table of Contents lists subsections in each of these areas. If you know what you want and have a key word, you may be able to find what you need by looking at the index at the back of the guide. Unless otherwise noted, all phone numbers are in the 928 area code.

If you have ideas for other resources in the community and would like to contribute these for a future guide, please contact either Thea Wilshire at 200-8733 or the Globe Clean and Beautiful Committee (Sharon Winters, Dottie Durham, or leave a message for the committee at City Hall). Additional copies of this resource guide can be obtained at Globe City Hall, the Gila County Landfill, the Globe Library, the Miami Library, the San Carlos Library, and the San Carlos Environmental Protection Agency office.

CHAPTER ONE

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

The average person in the United States produces over 5 pounds of garbage a day and every year we have fewer places to put our trash. Recycling makes sense as it saves money, saves space, and saves our environment. And, it's getting easier every year to make recycling a regular part of your routine in our community. Here are a few ideas to help you as you live responsibly.

1. Tires, Batteries, & Motor Oil

a. The Gila County Recycling & Landfill Management Dept. (425-3231, ext. 8531) accepts:

- up to 5 tires per licensed driver per year at no cost. The tires must be off the wheels and not exceed 1200/20 size. Beyond the first 5 tires, there is a \$2 disposal fee each.
- They will accept old automotive batteries for free. Automotive batteries leach lead if not recycled properly, so please take advantage of this service.
- They will accept free of charge up to 5 gallons of used motor oil per trip
- Under their Battery Recycling Program, the landfill will accept and then recycle alkaline (flashlight), lithium (cell phone), and nickel cadmium (hearing aid) batteries at the landfill scale house. Put your batteries in a plastic bag and drop off with the scale house attendant.

b. Americans use over 3 billion regular batteries a year which results in over 100,000 tons of waste annually. If you don't want to take advantage of the free recycling options at the Gila County Landfill listed above, you can drop lithium ions into bins at Target or Best Buy or RadioShack, or pay batteryrecycling.com to take regular batteries off your hands.

c. Checkers or Auto Zone Automotive Supply in Globe will accept used motor oil for no charge.

d. If you live on the San Carlos Apache reservation, the Tribal Environmental Protection Agency (475-2218) will pick up your tires and automotive batteries (same limits as listed above) and deliver these to the Globe site for this event. In 2008, through a highly-organized, multi-agency collaborative effort, they collected over 8,000 tires on one day!

e. Globe Clean and Beautiful occasionally sponsors a Tire & Automotive Battery Recycling Event and usually does semi-annual clean-up events. At no charge and with all disposal fees waived, they will accept and recycle up to 10 tires and 5 batteries per family. The tires must be off the wheels and not exceed 1200/20 size. Watch the newspapers and listen to local radio stations for announcements of exact date and location each year. Historically, through only 4 events, they collected 2752 tires.

2. Used Vehicles

- a. Valley Auto-Thatcher-Boyd 1-800-824-1465 They will come and pick up anything newer than 1995. If you have a later model vehicle, the estimate for towing back would be between \$150-200 per vehicle. They can only take one vehicle at a time. Please note: They require a dismantling permit, abandoned title, crush permit or regular title before they will take a vehicle.
- b. Apache Auto Wrecking in Apache Junction (ask for Louie at 1-800-297-9494). They will take donated vehicles if you can get them to Apache Junction. They require a dismantling permit, abandoned title, crush permit or regular title before they will take a vehicle.
- c. J & S Towing in Globe (425-0765) will also take and recycle used vehicles. They request a dismantling permit, abandoned title, crush permit or regular title before they will take a vehicle, but will also assist you in getting the clear title if you do not have these documents.
- d. If you live on the reservation, the San Carlos Tribal Environmental Protection Agency (TEPA) will pick up inoperable vehicles and recycle them for you. They request the title if you have it, but also have waiver forms if the title cannot be found. For more information, contact TEPA at 475-2218

3. Used Appliances

- a. Gila County Landfills (Russell Gulch and Buckhead Mesa) will accept used appliances. They will ask you to pay a disposal fee according to the weight of the item(s), plus a \$5 fee for recovering fluids. A few times a year, they have FREE APPLIANCE day where you will be able to discard your appliances with no fee. Watch the newspapers for these announcements.
- b. The San Carlos Tribal Environmental Protection Agency (TEPA) sponsors a free white goods recycling program wherein they will pick up any old appliances or metal goods (scrap metal, old bedsteads, etc.) and take them to a valley metal recycler. For more information, contact TEPA at 475-2218.
- c. The City of Globe trash services will pick up appliances at a \$5 fee. Citizens request forms are available for this at City Hall.

4. Used Electronics

- a. Americans throw away over 2 million tons of electronic supplies annually. These release toxins into the air and water. If you want to avoid the landfill, here are some options:
 - Used electronic equipment (such as TV's and VCR's) is accepted by B & G Electronics, 382 N. Broad, Globe. Ask for Bill Johnson (425-8210).
 - Costco members can recycle all sorts of electronic equipment (like computers, cameras, printers, fax machine, game systems) and get a Costco Cash Card for their efforts. Go to costco.com and then click on "electronics"
 - Office Depot will take most of the same items as Costco, plus VCRs, DVD players, and TVs for a fee (\$5 -\$15). See officedepot.com/technorecycling
 - Sony provides free drop-off recycling for many of their products. See sony.com/recycle for more information.

- Apple will give you 10% off an upgrade if you bring in your old iPod to an Apple store or ship it for free (see apple.com/environment/recycling/ipodrecycling).
- b. Computers are filled with all sorts of hazardous chemicals such as mercury and lead which then leach into our landfill if not properly disposed. America tosses about 133,000 computers a DAY! Computer recycling can be done through a number of options:
- The Dandas Project uses local volunteers to recondition and rebuild computers, then provide them free of charge to Apache college students. They will only accept computers with a minimum a 4 GB hard drive, 200 Mhz processor, and at least 32 MB RAM. If you are interested in donating equipment or helping in the refurbishment process, please contact Thea Wilshire at 200-8733.
 - The Gila County Landfill participates in a program where computer components are recycled through “End of Life Electronics.” This prevents toxic waste build-up in the landfill. For no fee, bring your computer equipment (CPU’s, monitors, printers, etc.) to the landfill scale house.
 - Other options for computer recycling are listed at the website myboneyard.com.
- c. One recycled laser-jet cartridge saves three quarts of oil—a dramatic savings! Used printer and toner cartridges can be turned in for cash or recycled through several different plans:
- The “Cash 4 Kids” Recycling Project sponsored by the San Carlos Tribal Environmental Protection Agency (TEPA) will take your empty cartridges and then cash them in for worthy children’s causes. For more information, contact TEPA at 475-2218
 - You can get cash for your empty printer cartridges through tonerbuyer.com which provides free shipping and handling
 - Free shipping is also available through hp.com where HP inkjet and laser-jet cartridges will be recycled (though no cash back is offered)
- d. CELL PHONES: According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, fewer than 20% of cell phones in America are recycled each year.
- Used cell phones are being collected by our local Lions Service Organization as part of a safety promotion program. They have individuals who can take old cell phones and program them for emergency use only (“911”). These phones are then given to the elderly, the disabled, and/or domestic violence victims for crisis intervention. If you wish to donate your used cell phone(s), please contact Donna Alexander at 425-2753.
 - You can get cash for your old phone through www.greenphone.com
 - Other charitable organizations that overhaul used phones, PDAs and phone accessories for domestic violence survivors can be found at www.gooddeedfoundation.org (offers free shipping and handling), www.calltoprotect.org, (specifically uses the phones for domestic violence survivors), or www.recyclewirelessphones.com.

5. Paper Products

- a. The Gila County Public Works Solid Waste Division says that 33% of the waste going into our landfill is paper. Let’s recycle instead! To assist in this process, the Russell Gulch

Landfill will accept newspapers, catalogs, magazines, office paper, and phone books for recycling between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Saturday.

b. The Gila County Recycling and Landfill Management Department also have large recycling bins for paper available 24 hours a day in multiple easy-to-find locations throughout Southern Gila County. In Globe, these include the Fry's parking lot, the county courthouse overflow parking lot, across from the VFW building in Globe, at Copper Rim School, Globe High School, and at High Desert Middle School. Other locations include the Central Heights County Complex, at the Hayden Town Hall, at Hayden Winkelman School, and at the Mt Turnbull Sanitation Yard in San Carlos. If you are recycling cardboard boxes, please break the boxes down (make them flat) before putting them in the recycling bin.

c. Unopened mail fetches a higher return than mixed paper products, so a smaller recycling bin for mail is available at the Globe Post Office.

6. Plastic Products

a. The Gila County Recycling and Landfill Management Department recently started a plastic recycling program wherein you can bring any used plastic drink container to the landfill and they will bundle these and take them to the valley to be recycled. They are planning on moving to any #1 or #2 plastic container in the near future (look at the bottom of your container to see the number stamped in a triangle to see if it is recyclable). Additionally, the City of Globe has purchased two large 20' recycling bins for plastics that are located at the Fry's parking lot and the Gila County Court House overflow parking lot. NOTE: the paper bins are blue and the plastic bins are green. Please do NOT include plastic bags in these bins as they clog up the recycling machines and increase the cost to our recycling program.

For your information, the numbers on the bottom of plastic containers indicate what type of plastic is in the container and range from 1 through 7. Not all plastics are created equal... and not all are recyclable in the facility we use. Plastic containers with a #1 on the base are created from polyethylene terephthalate (try saying that one three times fast!) which is the most widely recycled plastic. It is used for soft-drink bottles and is commonly found in textiles which is part of the reason a drink bottle can be turned into a fleece vest. Plastic containers with a #2 are made from high-density polyethylene which is usually used for detergent bottles. Our plastic is trucked to a recycling facility in the valley which hand sorts what we bring. If we have a high number of "contaminants" (i.e., things other than #1 and #2 plastics) than we get paid less for what we bring. Currently, the money received for our plastics just covers the gas for the truck to take the load to the valley, so we need to know about the different types of plastics and only put the right type in our recycling bins.

b. In 2007, the Arizona Food Marketing Alliance started an educational and state-wide plastic bag recycling program to try to address the challenges of plastic bag waste in neighborhoods. Under their "Bag Central Station" program, plastic bags can be recycled at Fry's, Safeway, or WalMart. There are plastic bag recycling receptacles in the foyer of each of these locations. Through their recycling program, our used plastic bags are given new life when they are made into playground equipment, park benches, and other useful items.

7. Clothing

- a. Used clothing, toys, furniture and miscellaneous items are accepted by the Salvation Army and then resold at their shops to raise funds for the needy in the community. You can drop off items at their stores or call for pick-up of larger items (425-9772).
- b. Our local nursing homes sometimes sponsor “Prom Night” for their senior residents and need formal wear donated for the event. Contact Copper Mountain Inn or Heritage Health Care to see if such an event is coming up.
- c. Warm winter coats are needed in our area and several groups will help share your extra coats with those most needing them.
 - There is an annual coat drive through the Theta Sigma Phi sorority (Zi Gamma Mu, local chapter) which accepts children’s and adult’s coats. For more information, contact Michelle Yerkovich at 425-8213.
 - The San Carlos Older Adult Center collects and distributes coats and blankets to Apache senior citizens. Contact the OAC director at 475-2313.
 - The San Carlos Wellness Center collects coats, hats, mittens, socks, and other warm clothing items for infants, children and teens which they distribute at Christmas time. Contact the Wellness Center prevention team at 475-4875.
- d. While you may not need your more expensive business attire, there are organizations that would love to use them for others. Dress for Success will give your business attire to underprivileged women trying for job interviews or newly hired (see dressforsuccess.org).
- e. Don’t know what to do with your old prom or bridesmaid dress? Several organizations are providing them to teens who could not be able to go to prom without it. The Glass Slipper Project works with underprivileged teens in Chicago to allow them the means (dresses, shoes, make-up, purses, jewelry) to go to prom (see www.glassslipperproject.org). Other organizations in other cities include www.operationfairytdust.org or www.catherinescloset.org.
- f. If you are willing to pay shipping and handling, then your used sneakers can be kept out of the landfill and instead turned into athletic and playground surfaces through letmeplay.com/reuseashoe.
- g. If your shoes (any shoes, not just sneakers) are in decent condition, you can send them to Soles for Souls (see www.soles4souls.org) which collects footwear and then distributes them to needy communities.
- h. Crocs shoes will take your used shoes and recycle them into new shoes which they donate to underprivileged families. Mail your shoes to Crocs Recycling West, 3375 Enterprise Avenue, Bloomington, CA 92316.
- i. Polartec fleece can be donated to Patagonia who will make new clothing from the base material. You can drop them off for free at a Patagonia retail store or mail them to the store. For more information, check out patagonia.com.

8. Medical Equipment

a. Used medical equipment (crutches, canes, neck braces, etc.), hearing aids, and eye glasses are recycled both locally and into Mexico by the Lions Service Organization. In Globe, Donna Alexander is a contact person at 425-2753.

b. Hearing aids of any type or age are also recycled by the Starkey Hearing Foundation. See www.sotheworldmayhear.org.

c. Used eye glass frames (even broken) from prescription glasses or sunglasses can be recycled through www.neweyesfortheneedy.com.. Or you can drop off used glasses at LensCrafters or Target Optical and they will send them to www.givethegiftofsight.org.

9. Recreational Equipment

a. The Gila County Sheriff's Department and the ISOC Program (Inmates Serving Our Community) at the local prison request used bikes and/or bike parts for their outreach program. Used bikes are reconditioned by inmates (frequently with really great airbrushed paint jobs!) and given to needy children each year at Christmas. Watch for community raffles each year as these raise funds for the purchase of parts to continue this great outreach.

b. The San Carlos Apache Diabetes Prevention Program will pick up your used exercise equipment if it is in working condition. They then distribute these bicycles, treadmills, and other home gym equipment to Apaches who are identified as being at risk for developing diabetes and somehow unable to utilize the tribe's fitness centers run by the Diabetes Prevention Program. They can be reached at 475-2798.

c. If you are willing to pay the shipping, your used camping gear (like boots, bags, and tents) can make a tremendous difference in developing countries where it will be used by female porters in Uganda or youth in Afghanistan. See www.gear4good.com.

d. Used backpacks are accepted by the American Birding Association which will reuse them as their scientists track neotropical birds. For more information, go to www.americanbirding.org.

e. CDs & DVDs: These will never decompose – ever. If you want to avoid sending them to the landfill, you have some options.

- You can swap your used CD for another with another music lover at www.zunafish.com.
- If you are willing to pay the shipping and handling, the CD Recycling Center will accept your CDs and DVDs with their sleeves and jewel cases. Go to www.cdrecyclingcenter.com.

f. CRAYONS: Yep, crayons! You can send your used crayons to the National Crayon Recycling Program which will melt down the used stubs and reform them into new ones. Leave the wrappers on to help them identify the colors for appropriate mixing. Go to www.crazycrayons.com for more information.

10. Other (metal, hazardous waste)

- a. METALS: Recycling metal saves a tremendous amount of energy. Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for 2 ½ hours... and the average American consumes about 250 six-packs a year! All steel products contain at least 25% steel scrap which requires 75% less energy to produce than “virgin” steel.
- There is a metal recycling program sponsored by the San Carlos Tribal Environmental Protection Agency (TEPA) that will pick up any and all metals in whatever form they are in. For more information, contact TEPA at 475-2218.
 - Several local supermarkets now have aluminum can recycling machines in the parking lots. The machine counts your cans and rewards you with cash.
 - Miami Metal Recycling will offer you money for your used copper, aluminum or other metals.
- b. PAINT:
- The Gila County Recycling and Landfill Management Department sponsors an annual latex paint exchange day. If you bring your latex paint to the landfill, they will combine useable paint and distribute it to community beautification programs, while insuring that unusable paint is properly disposed.
 - The Cobre Valley Center for the Arts is always looking for paint for their various drama and visual arts productions. Contact them at 425-0884.
- c. HAZARDOUS WASTE: Anything with a “caution” label should not go to the landfill. Occasionally, when grant funding is available, the Gila County Landfill sponsor hazardous waste collection days. Call to find out if such a day is coming and, if not, how they recommend you best dispose of chemicals such as paint thinner, weed or rodent poisons, etc. Or, go to www.earth911.org to look up other resources.
- d. CARPET: America disposes of 5 billion pounds of nylon-fiber carpeting a year. If you would like to work to keep your carpet out of the landfill, contact carpetrecovery.org to find the closest reclamation center who will work with your used carpet and turn it into roofing shingles or railroad ties (no joke!). Some carpet manufacturers also have recycling programs, such as Milliken (www.millikencarpet.com), Shaw (www.shawfloors.com), and Flor (www.flor.com).
- e. LIGHTBULBS: One compact fluorescent bulb (CFLs) contains enough mercury to pollute over 6,000 gallons of water. You can take your used CFLs to free drop off bins at IKEA and Home Depot, or order a recycling kit at www.lightbulbrecycling.com/cf_bulb.html.

CHAPTER TWO

Yard and House Resources

1. Yard Waste Removal

- a. The County landfill (425-3231 ex 8531) has a wood chipper and will mulch your yard waste. This service as well as yard waste disposal are free during extreme fire season (dates vary each year). They accept Christmas trees for free and will mulch these, as well.
- b. The City of Globe will pick-up yard waste, tree trimmings, and larger trash items. Citizens request forms are available at City Hall for this service.
- c. San Carlos allows burning of yard waste and trash with appropriate burn permits. Contact the Forestry Department (475-2326 or 475-2329) for burn permit request information.
- d. San Carlos residents can request controlled burns on their properties or in their neighborhoods from the BIA fire crews. Contact the Forestry Department for more information.

2. Trees and Plants

- a.. Watch for spring and fall plant and tree sales at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior. Most of these plants are drought tolerant and many are grown at the arboretum. Proceeds from these sales support arboretum programs and expenditures.
- b. Local nurseries know all about the local area's unique planting zone and climatic concerns. If you need help figuring out what will tolerate frost, handle our summer heat, and grow in our sandy soil, ask some of the experts that run nurseries in our area:
 - Sunrise-Sunset Herbs, a small home-based business run by Pat and Manual Romero, specializes in tomatoes, peppers, and herbs. They are open seasonally from March through May and have shop hours of 9-5, Thursday to Saturday (other days by chance or appointment). Their address is 9149 Six Shooter Canyon, Globe, 425-6218.
 - Golden Hill's Nursery, 5444 E. Golden Hills Rd, Central Heights, 425-6004
 - Diamond 'n the Ruff, 6882 N. Valentine Rd. Dudleyville (520-357-6039)
 - Cooper's Wholesale Nursery for bare root and container trees, at 5055 N Paterson Rd, Pima, 928-485-2877.
 - Wal-Mart sells plants that are generally tolerant of our growing conditions (just read the labels!). They offer a money-back guarantee if the plants die rather than grow.
- c. The National Arbor Day Foundation (arborday.org) advertise that they will send 10 flowering trees to every new member who joins their organization. The 6 to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will replace them free of charge. For more information or to join, you can contact them at The National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.
- d. The San Carlos Diabetes Prevention Program has started a gardening support program for any San Carlos tribal member. Because lack of exercise, poor eating, and depression are all risk factors for the onset of diabetes, the Diabetes Prevention Program strongly supports gardening which can be a source of great exercise, provides healthy home-grown food, and

elevates mood. At no charge, they will provide potting soil, seeds and ground tilling services for anyone who requests help. Call 475-5940 to participate.

e. Are you having trouble getting things to grow in your soil or are your plants looking sickly? If you are from San Carlos, bring a sample of your plant and/or a sample of your soil (in a sealed ziplock bag) to the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office (across from the Tribal Council offices). They will also help you with garden design and plant selection issues for this growing area. If you live off the reservation, bring a sample of your plant or soil (again, in a sealed ziplock bag so it won't contaminate healthy plants) to either the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office in Globe or to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior.

g. Free manure (aged 1+ yrs to eliminate dangerous microbes) and mulch are available at the stable area of the Gila County Fairgrounds. Bring your own truck.

h. Watch the Gila Community College class schedule for classes on horticulture, basic gardening, and master gardening classes. In the past, these have been held on Saturday mornings and lead by a master gardener.

3. Landscaping Materials

a. Local stones for gardens, walls, and/or patios can be quarried at Levine's Wash, Hick's Wash, and Gerald's Wash with a \$10 permit available through the Forest Service (402-6200, 7680 Six Shooter Canyon Rd., Globe). The permit is good for 3 months from the date it is issued and must be used in that time (they will not issue renewals). Because of the rough dirt roads, a truck with 4-wheel drive is essential.

b. The County landfill (425-3231 ex 8531) offers free wood chips for landscaping.

c. San Carlos Sawmill sells wood chips for \$5 for a small truck load or \$15 a ton. If they are not busy, they will sometimes use a back loader to fill your truck for you.

d. More than half the trash we throw away is organic (leaves, grass clippings, food scraps). All of this is valuable resource for composting wherein any item that was at one time growing can be piled in a corner of your yard and will become valuable soil with a little time and a little moisture. Make sure you do not include any animal products or it will smell. To speed the compost process, add some worms.

4. House Repair

a. The Globe Community Action Weatherization Program (425-7631, extension 8696) will provide resources and laborers for minor house repairs and cooler servicing for the elderly, the handicapped, or low income individuals/families.

- b. Free palettes are offered through Pinal Lumber. These are usually outside their fence under the large billboard that abuts their property or in their lumber yard. Palettes can be taken apart for lumber and are great for rough building projects. [Note: not all the wood OR building supplies outside their fence are free, only the palettes!]
- c. Inexpensive new and used plumbing supplies are available through Brockert Bath and Plumbing Supply (425-5451, 654 E. Ash, Globe).
- d. If you need funds for emergency house repairs or for maintaining utilities, there are several programs that can help. In San Carlos, there are TANF funds (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) which are administered through the Tribal Social Services Department (475-2313). In Globe, there is the Community Action Program (425-7631, extension 8696).
- e. The San Carlos Apache Tribe offer several housing repair programs for tribal members through the Housing Improvement Program (HIP). Contact the Housing Authority (475-2347 or 475-2347) or Tribal Construction (475-2253 or 475-2283) for more information.

5. House Restoration and Purchase

a. Renovation Mortgages

If you are interested in buying a fixer-upper, you might want to consider a Renovation Mortgage. This allows you to borrow for the purchase of the home and then borrow additional funds for renovations based on the estimated value of the home with the renovations complete. For example, you want to buy a \$40,000 fixer-upper, but the bank loans you \$80,000 in a Renovation Mortgage so you can buy and do repairs – and they loan this to you because they believe your completed home will be appraised at \$90,000. Because the bank is lending money on something that has not yet been realized, it is a little risky for them (i.e, using the above example, if I took the \$80,000 loan for purchase and repairs to a \$40,000 home, but then used the repair money to move to Europe, the bank would foreclose and only have a \$40,000 home to recover their losses). Consequently, the bank tries to cover any potential losses by putting lots of restrictions in place, so investigate each program carefully before you sign on the dotted line.

There are several programs and lending companies that will provide Renovation Mortgages (national banks, mortgage companies, and a federal HUD program). You need to carefully watch for various regulations that change between programs. Ask about the following:

- What percentage of the loan you need to put down at first? [some will allow for no money down]
- How much time you have to complete the renovations without penalty? [usually 45 days to 6 months]
- How many inspections do they require, where is the inspector located (local or Flagstaff), and how much will they charge for in-process and final inspections? [can be free or up to \$700 each time]
- Will they allow check releases for individual contractors during the process or only a final check release? [This is important if you have multiple contractors with expectations for money for materials... And, as the bank usually requires an

inspection to be sure the project is done before they release funds, ask if the inspector will come right away or is only in the area once a month or so.]

- Will they allow you to live in the building while you are renovating?
- Will they allow you to do some of the repairs yourself (if they allow this, you can borrow for supplies/materials but usually cannot pay yourself for sweat equity) or does it have to be licensed contractors only?
- Are they offering a true Renovation Mortgage, a Building/Construction Loan, or a first and second mortgage? These are all different programs with different interest rates.
- Do they have “hidden fees” for parts of their program (i.e., safety check? etc.)?

b. Historic Preservation Grants

Check into federal and states programs that provide special grants to restore historic properties or homes in areas deemed of architectural significance.

- The web site for Historic Preservation Services through the National Park Service has a lot of information on federal standards for the treatment of historic properties and programs offering tax incentives for historic preservation (both state and federal tax programs). They also manage the Historic Preservation Fund. I was unable to find a phone number for them, but check out their web sites to download all sorts of information, contact people, and handbooks.
- The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program, jointly managed by the National Parks Service and the Internal Revenue Service, encourages private sector rehabilitation of historic buildings. They offer a 20% tax credit for certified rehabilitation of certified historic structures and a 10% tax credit for rehabilitation of non-historic non-residential buildings built prior to 1936. A tax credit means that for your 20%, you get \$1 off your tax bill (not just a deductible) for each dollar of improvement done. For questions on this program, see the multiple brochures on the internet and/or call 202-354-2031.
- State property tax reduction. If you apply and get your home listed on the National Register of History Places then you will be eligible for an Arizona state program that will reduce your property tax from 10% of the appraised value to 5% of the appraised value. Being listed on the National Register does not limit what you can do to your house or grounds, but if you deleteriously effect the historic status of your home, you may be removed from the registry. For more information, call their office at 602-542-6998 and ask them send you information and application for this program
- Check out resources from the State Historic Preservation Office, affiliated with the Arizona State Parks. In 1990, the Arizona Heritage Fund was created to help with restoration of historic properties as well as historic preservation. There needs to be a private non-profit group (i.e., local service group, neighborhood association, etc.) that would sponsor the applicant and prove that there is public benefit to the project (i.e., restore the outside of a building that the public would see, fix windows and roofs, etc.). The State Preservation Office can be reached at 602-542-7135 and/or check out their web site.

- Main Street Program (Kip Culver, 425-9340) promotes and participates in historic preservation projects.
- The Arizona Preservation Foundation offers resources (602-258-1920). Ask them about the “Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grants-In-Aid” program (if need be, you can reference the CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE #15.904). This program states as its objectives “to provide matching grants to States for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic properties by such means as survey, planning technical assistance, acquisition, development, and certain Federal tax incentives available for historic properties; to provide matching grants to States to expand the National Register of Historic Places, (the Nation's listing of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture at the National, State and local levels) to assist Federal, State, and Local Government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private individuals in carrying out historic preservation activities; and to provide grants to Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Corporations to preserve their culture.”

c. Rural & Low Income Resources

There are frequently grants at either the federal or state level (depending on the budget for that year) that set aside money to renovate or restore homes in rural or poor areas.

You can:

- look up all sorts of options on the internet, including the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance web site with multiple listings for housing, home improvement, and construction rehabilitation. Also, check the Rural Housing Services listings under the federal Department of Agriculture.
- The Arizona Department of Housing has a Homeownership Assistance Program that helps poor or first-time home buyers get a house of their own.

d. T-21 Grants

The federal transportation budget allow for one-tenth of 1 percent of their money to go toward enhancement. What this means is each state is given money from the gasoline taxes to distribute as Transportation Enhancement Grants which can be used for all sorts of projects (restoring historic buildings, building sidewalks and paths, adding greenery and/or fountains and transportation enhancements, constructing scenic byways and recreation trails, etc.). How they do this is provide matching funds for what has already been spent on the project at a ratio of 80 % from them for the 20% from you. Pragmatically, this means that if you spend \$20,000 on a project, then they provide an additional \$80,000.

e. Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity provides housing all over the world for low income individuals and families. They require sweat equity (participating in the building project) and a 1.5% down-payment. Then, the balance of the home cost is paid off over 20 years with no interest added. If you are interested, contact the Globe-Miami Habitat for Humanity chapter at 425-5807 for more information.

6. Volunteer or Inexpensive Labor

a. Volunteer Labor: For volunteer labor, consider contacting the following organizations for possible help. Phone numbers and addresses should be in your local phone book. If they are not listed, they are included here.

- The County Jail in Globe, the San Carlos Jail (475-3160), and the State Prison sometimes have programs where citizens can request work done by prisoners for free (usually dependent upon their staffing at the time).
- County and City Court will frequently order individuals to both pay fines and/or complete community service hours. If you are interested in help from someone in this situation, contact the court.
- Local churches and most Boy Scout troops frequently take on service projects and may consider helping you if you contact them.
- Globe Clean and Beautiful Committee will sometimes help community members clean up their vacant lots and/or home yards.
- TWEP (Tribal Work Enforcement Program) requires that recipients volunteer 40 hours of work a week to continue to receive funds. The Tribal Social Services Office should have a list of workers who need to serve volunteer hours (475-2313).
- Globe-Miami Memorial Foundation gives money to high school students and then requires them to “pay back” the money through community service. This program is administered by Mary Anne Moreno who can be reached through the Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce (425-4495).

b. Inexpensive temporary laborers can be hired through employment contactors. Locally, JaLin Enterprises offers general laborers for a minimal fee per hour (473-3447, 4378 E. Broadway, Claypool). There are also employment contactors through the valley (Allied Forces at 602-649-6004, and Labor Express at 480-644-9009), though these usually involve longer employment contracts and more specialized labor.

CHAPTER THREE

BLIGHT REDUCTION

“**Blight**” refers to unsightly conditions that lower property values, can lead to higher crime rates, and frequently result in pestilence (i.e., bugs and rodents). Blight conditions include unkempt yards, outside storage, derelict or inoperable vehicles, houses in disrepair (i.e., peeling paint, missing roof tiles, broken windows), collapsing outbuildings, broken fences, and/or garbage accumulation on a

property. Both the City of Globe and Gila County have a series of ordinances that focus specifically on reducing and eliminating blight conditions.

1. City and County Resources

a. Globe's blight laws (AKA: nuisance laws) target both safety concerns with dangerous buildings and cleanliness concerns with unkempt yards and homes. Copies of the ordinances can be obtained free of charge from the city clerk by completing their request form and submitting this to City Hall. Additionally, this will soon be available on-line through a new city website.

b. The Environmental Health Department (425-3189) of Gila County works on many programs, including eliminating wildcat dumping throughout the county, addressing problem sewage systems (with sewage above ground), reduction in fly breeding, and improperly stored mattresses, clothing or areas that might promote rodent breeding.

2. Complaints

a. The Gila County Planning and Zoning Committee will address problems such as junk cars, trash, or unkempt areas. If you have a specific concern, the county has complaint forms that can be picked up at the front counter or you can contact Terry Smith at the Engineering Department of the County. If it is not convenient for you to go to the county offices, then you can use the telephone hotline number (425-3231, ext. 8517).

b. City of Globe blight complaints should be written on the City of Globe Complaint Forms (available at the front desk) and can be directed to Yvonne Hernandez at City Hall (office: 425-7147) who serves as the Code Enforcement Officer or to the Globe Police Department. Additionally, when the city website is up, you should be able to obtain and submit this form online.

c. The Arizona statewide toll free number for reporting blight is 1-800-304-4452, ext 8517. Callers do not need to identify themselves, but will be asked to provide location information.

d. Arizona Litter Hotline (1-877-3-LITTER) provides a service where you can make anonymous reports about littering on the roads and highways of the state. Callers will be asked to provide location, date, time, license plate information, and any other identifying information they have.

3. Clean-up Help

a. If you are cited for blight ordinance violation, you will have a specified number of days to rectify the situation. If you cannot do the work yourself and you are elderly, disabled, or economically limited, then you may be eligible for help through the city and through the Community Block Development Grant (see below).

- b. The city and county may have funds to help with yard clean-up and house-repair through the Community Block Development Grant program. This program is set up to help individuals who are either elderly, disabled, or in the low –to-moderate income range. You must show proof of qualification (income, age, disability). To be considered for this program and to find out if it has funding for this year, contact the City Manager at Globe City Hall.
- c. For resources on volunteer and inexpensive labor, see pages 13 -14 of this guide.

4. Waterways Conservation

- a. The Globe Clean and Beautiful Committee along with the Marine Conservation group sponsor an annual Pinal Creek clean-up day, usually held in fall. They work to remove litter from the creek, haul off tires and furniture from under the bridges, and try to restore the creek to a more natural state. Watch the local newspapers and listen to the local radio stations for information on this event.
- b. In 2003, the San Carlos Apache Recreation and Wildlife Department started the first annual San Carlos River Clean-up Day. This program was done in conjunction with the National River Clean-up Day, a program that sponsors waterway conservation across the nation. The Recreation and Wildlife organizers designed the San Carlos River Clean-up Day as a team event where groups of 5 compete against other teams for cash awards for the most trash collected. Over 130 volunteers showed up to gather 2,624 bags of trash from the river. T-shirts were awarded to all participants and a BBQ was given at the end of the clean-up for all participants. Watch either Cable One and/or the Moccasin newspaper for announcement of future clean-up days.
- c. Historically, the San Carlos EPA office sponsored a Clean-up Day at the San Carlos Lake. If you are interested in participating in the future or if you have questions about this program, please contact Loretta Stone of the tribal EPA office (475-2218).

5. Start a “Neighborhood Watch” Program

Neighborhood Watch works to prevent crime by empowering people in the community. It focuses on informing the community how to discourage, deter and prevent crimes such as burglary, auto theft, car break-ins, and personal injury crimes (including damage to personal property). It does not take the place of individual security precautions, nor does it replace the local police. Rather, Neighborhood Watch works alongside the police by being their “eyes on the street.”

Our reduced city and town budgets have resulted in fewer dollars for law enforcement. Unfortunately, most of Southern Gila County has seen a dramatic reduction in the number of police officers and sheriffs patrolling our streets over the last 10 years. When this is coupled with the increased presence of methamphetamine in all of rural America, we have experienced an increase in theft and burglary throughout much of our region. To combat this and to maintain the wonderful

quality of life we have grown to love and expect, our local law enforcement departments have asked us to promote the formation of more Neighborhood Watch programs. In Globe, Sergeant Lee Kinnard is a resource person who will help any neighborhood start a group.

While the main focus of a Neighborhood Watch group is preventing crime at a neighborhood level, other challenges can also be addressed, including: traffic problems, vandalism, graffiti, drug dealing, gang activity, street/yard cleanup, noise control, animal control, child safety, and unwanted solicitation. A Neighborhood Watch Program might provide:

- *Crime Prevention Training:* For example, you can invite law enforcement and security experts to speak about safety measures.
- *Victim Assistance:* You can provide support by helping crime victims contact the police or sheriff and local victim-assistance programs.
- *Improving Conditions:* Neighborhood neglect invites crime. Organize cleanups and work with your neighbors and your local government to get abandoned buildings and vacant lots fixed up.
- *Citizen Patrols:* A group of trained volunteers walks or drives a specified route, keeping an eye out for problems.

The Lexington, KY Division of Police offers the following information on “How to Start a Neighborhood Watch,” “How to Look out for Suspicious Activity,” and “How to report your Suspicions.” These sections were taken directly from their web site.

a. How to Start a Neighborhood Watch

- **Meet with Your Neighbors:** Share concerns about crime.
- **Inform your local Police Dept:** Call and let them know you plan to form a Watch Group. They can provide crime prevention information, training, Neighborhood Watch signs, and decals for public display.
- **Make a Plan:** Define your territory, set priorities and elect officers. Divide up tasks to avoid 1 or 2 people doing all the work and consider giving your group a name.

b. You Can Help Law Enforcement by looking out for Suspicious Activity

- A vehicle making slow, repeated trips through the neighborhood.
- A stranger hanging around parking lots, going door-to-door or jogging in street clothes.
- Unusual noises
- Property being removed from a home when the residents aren't there.

c. Know how to report your suspicions

- Give the police a physical description, including sex, race and approximate size and age.
- Note the direction of travel.
- License Plate number and state
- Make, model and color of vehicle.

d. For more information on Neighborhood Watch, contact your local police department or the national Neighborhood Watch office at:

National Neighborhood Watch Program

National Sheriff's Association
1450 Duke St.
Arlington, VA 22314-3490

6. Other Blight Reduction Resources

a. Globe Clean and Beautiful (GCB) works to both add beauty and reduce blight in the community. Working entirely with volunteers, GCB tries to organize at least one community beautification event a month. These events have included community-wide tire and battery recycling, appliance recycling, Pinal Creek Clean-up, flower planting and bench/hand rail painting on Broad Street in Globe, individual yard and lot clean-up for the elderly and infirmed, and many other events. Additionally, they compile lists of blight offenders for the city and work to bring some of these properties into compliance with city ordinances.

Globe Clean and Beautiful was organized in 1992 as an affiliate of the federal America Beautiful movement. For their generous and self-less work in the community, Globe Clean and Beautiful was awarded the Arizona "Governor's Pride" award in 2001. If you have concerns regarding blight or ideas for beautification, contact the GCB (messages can be left for Sharon Winters through Globe City Hall). Monthly meetings are held at City Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 3 pm.

b. Adopt-a-Highway Program: If you are interested in sponsoring and cleaning a mile-long stretch of highway in our area, consider the Adopt-a-Highway Program. If you are interested or if you have questions, feel free to either contact our local Arizona Department of Transportation office (425-7638), visit the ADOT office just north of the junction of Highways 60 & 70 (mile post 253.3), or go to their web site at www.dot.state.az.us/Roads/Globe. You will be asked to give the names of individuals who will participate with you and then all participants are required to watch a 7-minute safety video before they begin highway clean-up. You and/or your group will be asked to make a 2-year commitment to clean-up your stretch of highway at least three times a year. The area needs to be deemed "safe" in relation to pedestrian work along an active highway. The state will issue trash bags and safety vests, then provide maintenance employees to pick up the filled trash bags after your clean-up days. The state will also put up a road sign crediting the group who has committed to clean. [If you don't want to adopt your own mile, you can join Globe Clean and Beautiful when they clean up their mile!]

c. You can help reduce graffiti in the area! It is illegal for merchants to sell spray paint to a customer under the age of 18. If you see a store selling to minors, please contact the Globe Police Department.

CHAPTER FOUR

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

1. Painting

a. Community Mural Painting

Carole Suikohnen and Suzanne Lederman, in conjunction with the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts, have started a youth community mural program. In an effort to connect children and teens to the community through art, Suikohnen and Lederman obtained grant money and have been working with kids after school to paint murals around town. If you are interested in

having your child participate or want to serve as an adult sponsor, please contact the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts (425-0884).

b. Painting hand railing and benches around town

Sponsored by Globe Clean and Beautiful, this event is held as needed and is open to any volunteers who wish to participate. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Winters at 402-8531.

2. Holiday Decorating and Annual Celebrations

a. The City of Globe and Globe Clean and Beautiful work together to give awards each year for individual houses and businesses that decorate for the December holidays. There is usually an announcement with a description of the contest in the local newspapers and entry forms are available at the Globe City Hall.

b. Globe Christmas Light Parade. This event is usually held on the 2nd Saturday of December. It is organized through the Globe Main Street Program who works in conjunction with the Golden Oldies Car Club for the auto show portion of the event and the Loners Motorcycle Club for the needy children toy run. If you as an individual, family, business, or organization are interested in participating, you can obtain information (i.e., theme for year and entry forms) through the Chamber of Commerce, in the Silver Belt or Copper Country newspapers, or at the Globe Main Street Program office (in old jail). Deadline for entry is usually in early October.

c. San Carlos and Bylas Christmas Light Parades. The San Carlos Health and Human Services (HHS) Department started the reservation light parades in 1999 and this was later picked up by the Tribal Administration. Interested families or departments may pick up rules and entry forms at the tribal administration building. These light parades are usually held about 1 week after the Globe Light Parade and are usually held in San Carlos on a Wednesday or Thursday and then in Bylas the next evening.

d. The Globe Main Street Program sponsors a visit from Santa Claus each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Local merchants participate and this event is open to all children in the community.

e. The Globe Main Street Program also sponsors a Fall Festival in the evening of October 31st of each year. Local merchants open up and distribute candy for a safe Trick-or-Treat opportunity for local children, while ROTC students serve as crossing guards on Broad Street. Additionally, the annual Ghosts of Globe Walking Tour is held on this evening starting from the Old Jail location.

f. Apache Ji'i (*ji'i* in Western Apache means *day*) is held every October along Broad Street in Globe. Native American arts, dance, and food are available in a great cultural celebration that fills Broad for blocks.

g. Cinco de Mayo ("5th of May") celebrations are held in both Globe and Miami. Watch for the crowning of Cinco de Mayo royalty and the street fair in Globe.

- h. A wonderful 4th of July Firework Extravaganza is sponsored by the mine each year. Fireworks are set off from the large tailings pile in front of Wal-Mart. KIKO radio usually sponsors patriotic music as a nice accompaniment to the firework explosions.
- i. The Globe Main Street Program sponsors a Farmer's Market once a month in the spring and summer months. Community members are invited to bring their homegrown fruits and vegetables or crafts or baking goods and set up a booth. Watch the newspaper for dates and time.
- j. The Boomtown Spree is usually held in April in Miami and is a wonderful tribute to our mining heritage. The street festival runs in the day and into the evening hours with food, craft, and entertainment vendors. Boomtown Spree also has numerous competitions through the weekend, such as the Annual Arizona State Mining Competition where you can watch hand drilling and mucking competitions, the Copper Crawl – a mostly uphill foot race, stair climbing competitions, bed races, and the world-famous Chihuahua races.
- k. Several venues sponsor monthly events. Vide e Caffe has a "First Friday" event that usually includes open mic entertainment. The Downtown Association for Globe sponsors "Second Saturday" events that include in-store specials, entertainment, and street events.

3. Community Gardens and Yards

a. The Manzanita Garden Club sponsors both a "Members Yard of the Month" and a non-member's "Yard of the Month" contest and recognition for Globe, Miami, and Claypool residents. They also host field trips and tours of members' gardens, bring in speakers on horticulture, educate young people on gardening, and sponsor an annual youth poetry contest. They have started a butterfly garden at the Copper Mountain Inn and work on beautifying the grounds at the Gila County Historical Museum.

The club meets from 2-4 pm on the first Wednesday of every month at the Globe Public Library. Membership dues are \$15 annually and this allows participation in club events. Contact the president of the garden club, Esther Miller (425-5150), for more information and/or to join.

The Manzanita Garden Club was founded in 1964 and their theme is "Enjoying Nature's Wonders." They are a member of the East Central District of the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs Incorporated, as well as the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc (Pacific Region).

b. Plant Flowers on Broad Street. The Mainstreet Program and Globe Clean & Beautiful sponsor an annual day in early February dedicated to planting flowers along Broad Street (with the cooperation and commitment by the city of Globe to water and maintain the plantings through the year). The flower planting event is usually held on a weekend right before the Home Tour each year. Watch the local papers and/or listen to the local radios for more information on this and other clean-up opportunities prior to the Home Tour weekend.

c. Plant trees at your home and in the community. The average American uses 7 trees a year though paper, wood, and other products. That's over 1.5 BILLION trees a year! Not only do we need trees for the products they provide, but they also do tremendous things for our communities and environment. According to facts published by the National Arbor Day Foundation...

- Trees conserve energy: properly planted trees can cut your air-conditioning costs by 15-35%.

- Trees help clean the air through producing oxygen, removing air pollution, lowering air temperatures, and by retaining particulates.
 - Trees bring songbirds close by.
 - Trees around your home can increase its value by up to 15%.
 - Trees help clean our rivers and streams by holding soil in place and reducing polluted runoff.
 - Trees conserve energy in the winter by slowing winter winds and can cut your heating costs by 10-20%.
 - Trees fight global warming by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and reducing our heating and a/c contaminants.
 - Trees make your home and neighborhood more beautiful.
 - Caring for trees can be a family and community-building activity.
- d. San Carlos Garden Support. The San Carlos Diabetes Prevention Program has started a gardening support program for any San Carlos tribal member. Because lack of exercise, poor eating, and depression are all risk factors for the onset of diabetes, the Diabetes Prevention Program strongly supports gardening which can be a source of great exercise, provides healthy home-grown food, and elevates mood. At no charge, they will provide potting soil, seeds and ground tilling services for anyone who requests help. Contact Cassandra Villegas at 475-5940.
- e. Local gardening recommendations and advice can be heard on the morning show on KIKO radio every Wednesday with master gardener, Cayci Vuksonavich. Cayci sometimes teaches master gardening classes and/or master recycling classes through Gila Community College, and also occasionally speaks through the Manzanita Garden Club.
- f. See page 7 - 9 in this resource guide for other garden support services for both the San Carlos as well as Globe-Miami areas.

4. Historic Preservation

- a. Every winter (usually at the end of February), the Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Globe Historic Home Tour. There are usually 4-5 homes, a business or two, and a church on the tour. Coinciding with the Home Tour weekend, local groups sponsor pancake breakfasts, chili lunches, and an antique fair at Copper Rim Elementary. The Home Tour committee members are always looking for volunteers to help as docents, drivers, support staff, ticket salespeople, etc. They are also looking for homes that are at least 50 years old and in good repair. Consider volunteering your time or home for this wonderful event.
- b. To be better prepared to preserve our local heritage, read up on the local history of our area and familiarize yourself with our unique geography, architecture, and culture. Additionally, you might consider visiting some of the repositories of our local history:
- Besh ba Gowah Museum and Archeological Park (on Jesse Hayes Rd out toward Six Shooter Canyon in Globe, 425-0320)
 - Gila County Historical Museum (on Highway 60, across from the Old Dominion mine tailings, 425-7385)
 - San Carlos Apache Cultural Center (on Highway 70 in Peridot, 475-2894)
 - Old Jail and Sheriff's Office (149 E. Oak, Globe, 425-9340)

- Bullion Plaza Museum (1000 Sullivan St., Miami, 473-7835)
- The Globe Depot Complex on South Broad Street contains both the train depot and the old baggage claim building which has been transformed into Centennial Hall.

c. Consider having your home or business listed as either a **National Historic Landmark** or with the **National Register of Historic Places**. These delineations give you several great benefits: you will get a 50% reduction in your state property tax bill, you will have protection from any federal building projects that might effect your building (i.e., if they want to build a highway through your neighborhood, they can't tear down your house but must make other plans), and you will be eligible for many federal and state preservation grants. Additionally, National Historic Landmarks are awarded bronze plaques, may get federal tax benefits, and are eligible for federal technical preservation assessment and assistance.

To understand the difference between these two designations, let me quote their program descriptions. "The National Register of Historic Places is the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. ... Properties listed in the Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture." The National Historic Landmark program has been organized "To study, identify, and encourage preservation of nationally-significant historic properties ... the property has a high degree of historic integrity and potential national significance with relation to some broad facet of American history... Properties of only State or local significance do not qualify..."

While Globe currently has commercial areas of the downtown district nominated for the National Register of Historic Places, no individual homes have been nominated so far. Jim Garrison of the Arizona Preservation Office states it is easier to nominate a historic district than just individual homes as many buildings in a district can each contribute small parts to the historic significance of a district. I believe Globe has several neighborhoods that might qualify for this, as well as many individual homes. Christine Weiss heads up the historic register department at the Arizona Historic Preservation office and can be reached at 602-542-7136.

d. The Globe Historic Preservation Committee meets monthly. Interested community members can contact Kip Culver at the Globe Main Street Program office (425-9340) for more information

5. Create your own neighborhood association!

Neighborhood Associations are voluntary membership groups created by residents of a delimited neighborhood. They help create a sense of community, increase communication between neighbors, raise property values, increase community awareness, and can help fight blight by organizing local clean-up campaigns, developing crime prevention programs, applying for historic neighborhood status, and initiating beautification efforts.

The web sites for both the city of Bryan, TX and Las Vegas, NV offer many wonderful suggestions for organizing a Neighborhood Association. These include information such as how to get your neighbors involved and develop a core group of people, how to start talking

about the issues and identify your general purpose in organizing, how to establish neighborhood boundaries, how to develop a neighborhood plan, and ways to delegate responsibilities (i.e., neighborhood inventory, issue identification, reviewing and evaluating goal progress). They also have suggestions on creating budgets, selecting officers, fundraising, becoming a non-profit organization, and other recommendations.

If you are in the City of Globe, you will have a district representative to the City Council. Contact your councilperson about helping you set up meetings if you need help starting your neighborhood association.

6. Get involved!

If you are interested in shaping not only the beauty of our area, but also the identity of our community, we encourage you to *get involved*. Consider participation in a committee working to create new parks (such as a historic mining park at the Old Dominion site), or join groups committed to historic preservation, or meet with organizations looking to increase our tourism and/or economic base. You have much to offer in your time, ideas, enthusiasm, and labor. Consider joining any or all of the community groups listed on the next page.

<u>GROUP NAME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>
Cobre Valley Center for the Arts	2 nd floor, enter through side door	Director's Meeting held at 6 pm on the 1 st Tues of month	Kip Culver (425-0884)
Globe Clean & Beautiful	Globe City Hall Conference Room	Usually one Wed each month, 3 pm	Sharon Winters (402-8531)
Globe City Council	Council Chamber	Every Monday, 6 pm	Manoy Vyas (425-7146)
Globe Historic Preservation Committee	149 E. Oak St. (Old Jail)	TBA	Kip Culver (425-9340)
Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce & Southern Gila County Econ. Devp	Chamber of Commerce Conference Room	TBA	Ellen Kretsch (425-4495)

Historic Globe Main Street Program	149 E. Oak St. (Old Jail)	Open daily, 12-4 pm	Kip Culver (425-9340)
Miami Ariz. Merchants Association (MAMA)	Knights of Columbus, Miami	Every 3 rd Sat, 8:30 am	Ron Hughes (473-8178)
Miami City Council	Town Hall	1 st & 2 nd Mon, 6:30 pm	Margie Lopez
Miami Re-development Committee	TBA	TBA	Gary & Kathy Quinn (701-2097)
Old Dominion Mine Park Committee	Chamber of Comm. Conference Room	Every other Tues, 8:30 am	Thea Wilshire (200-8733)
Tool Lending Library	Globe Senior Center	Every other Thurs, 9 am	Chris Anfang (425-9030)

CHAPTER FIVE

“Reduce and Reuse” Ideas

“**Reduce and Reuse**” is the ideological next step after recycling. It adds a new dimension to environmental consciousness by encouraging people to use less consumer goods through borrowing, renting, trading, repairing, purchasing previously-owned reusable durable goods, or refusing to purchase items that are wasteful or polluting. This is done in an attempt to save resources, promote environmental awareness, and get good quality goods at a fraction of the cost. Here are a few options for reducing and reusing in the Globe area.

1. Repair options

- a. Timepieces: Joe Brantley repairs both new and antique clocks through The Clock Shop located inside the same building as Livingston's Appliances on Broad Street. Jewels by Jess in Globe will replace watch batteries for a nominal fee.
- b. Clothing: If you need alterations or repairs to clothing, consider contacting Signal Peak Drycleaners on Maple Street.
- c. Computers: multiple repair businesses exist in Globe, such as M L & H Services Inc. (425-3252), 390 N Broad, Globe.
- d. Bicycles: With gas prices through the ceiling, more of us are rediscovering the power of 2-wheels. If you have an older bike or need to recondition your bicycle, there are several local businesses that focus on this.
- e. Appliances:
 - Livingston's Appliances in Globe repairs vacuums, clothes washers and dryers, sewing machines, and other appliances
 - Kwik Kool (425-6445) repairs heating & cooling systems, as well as refrigerators and freezers.
 - Kino Floors & Interiors (425-9443, 401 N. Broad, Globe) services and repairs vacuums.
 - General Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (520-689-2307, 200 N Magma Ave., Superior) repairs refrigerators and freezers.
- e. Automotive: See phone book for multiple service station and repair shop listings.
- f. Marriages: "Repair" rather than "recycle" your marriage by contacting a licensed counselor in the area. Some churches offer free pastoral counseling, as well. By repairing your marriage, you will potentially save heart-ache, offer stability to your family and children, and make available deeper intimacy than possible for those of us who move between recycled marriages. Additionally, you'll save money as the financial cost of divorce for most American couples is debilitating both during the divorce and afterwards, especially for women [Researchers say the poverty rate for divorced women ages 25 to 34 is nearly 40 percent. For married women, it's about 8 percent.].

2. Donations Wanted!

- a. Various children's program in the area regularly solicit for craft and program supplies (i.e., toilet paper holders, plastic containers, string and fabric, empty film canisters, etc.). Ask your local church, especially if they run a Vacation Bible School program. If you do not have a local church, consider contacting the various day care programs in town, such as the Tuffy Tiger Tot Center (250 E. Cedar, Globe, 425-7222) or the Salvation Army Discovery Preschool (161 E. Cedar, Globe, 425-4011). Additionally, there are various older adult activity centers and day care programs in town that also do crafts.
- b. There are several domestic violence shelters in the area that host women and young children from one day to several months. Clothing, personal hygiene supplies, and toys are requested. If

you are interested in donating, please contact the Globe Domestic Violence Safe House number (800-890-2880), leave your name and number, and a worker will contact you to make arrangements.

c. Books in good condition (especially reference materials and children's books) are requested by the San Carlos Library (475-2611) and various private schools in the area. An internet site that also discusses book donations is intlbookproject.org.

3. Borrow

a. Our local libraries offer an incredible number of "to be borrowed" items at their branches for no fee. More than just books, our libraries frequently have audio books, CDs, and DVDs and videos of popular movies and "how to" programs. They also have computers with free internet access. If you haven't visited lately, check it out!

b. The Globe Tool Lending Library allows folks to "check out" free tools for home repair and beautification projects. This has been highly successful at numerous other communities in the USA and Globe now has the first community-wide program in Arizona! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Chris Anfang at 425-9030. If you are interested in checking out tools, visit the Tool Lending Library behind the Globe Senior Center, bring your library card (with all fines paid) and a current utility bill, and complete their waiver and indemnification form. You can check out top quality power tools, ladders, gardening tools, plumbing and electrical tools, and many other items. Check out the online Gila County Library system's card catalog for a listing of all the tools and to find out if what you want is available.

c. Rather than buy things you might only need once, consider rental services instead. We have local businesses that rent heavy equipment, moving trucks and cars, tuxedos, furniture and electronics.

4. Reusable Durable Goods

a. You can *purchase previously owned durable goods* at many businesses around town or through other easily available resources.

- Look for shops that specialize in furniture, baby things, children's clothing, and retread tires. Also watch for church rummage sales and check out the local pawn shops.
- There are large public auctions held regularly in the valley where you can purchase all manner of used goods.
- Wedding dresses are sometimes brought for cleaning and never picked up again. After a designated number of months, the dry cleaner can sell the dress to recoup their losses.
- Several well-established internet businesses, such as E-Bay, allow you to bid on and purchase used goods for a fraction of their price when new.

b. *Barter and Trade Options*: Some businesses are set-up for trade and/or bartering.

- You might consider trying this at the local swap meet, the pawn shops, and some local book stores. Or, specialty shops in the valley (like Play It Again Sports) will let you trade your used sports goods (see also playitagainsports.com).

- Watch for classified ads in the *Silver Belt*, *Moccasin*, or *Copper Country* newspapers.
- KIKO radio hosts a service called the “Trading Post” where, both on air and in a notebook at the radio station, they make durable used goods available for sale, barter, or trade. To hear the broadcast, tune in Monday through Saturday from 8:40 am to 9:30 am. To view the KIKO Trading Post notebook, go to their offices in Claypool (4501 E. Broadway, 425-4471).
- Swap goods you don’t want while browsing lists of items other people no longer want online at craig’s list or freecycle.org (where the membership and all items are free)
- Swap old clothing and see them become art on swaporamarama.org

c. *Creative Reuse*: Americans use more than 90 BILLION plastic grocery bags a year! You can get free or low-cost cloth or canvas bags for groceries which can be reused each time you shop. However, if you still use plastic grocery bags, consider reusing these after you shop to line small garbage cans, cushion items when shipping, or pick up pet waste. In Globe, your plastic bags can be taken to most of our local parks and put in the “poop patrol” dispensers located near the park entrances for use by other pet owners who forget to bring their own bags.

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If you have the privilege calling Southern Gila County your home, I congratulate you. What a wonderful place to live, work, and play! If you are interested in making our community an even better place through wise environmental stewardship, I applaud you and hope we work together soon.

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