



Casa Grande Main Street

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Casa Grande, AZ – Casa Grande Main Street has been awarded the 2020 James W. Garrison Heritage Award. Every year, one of the ten Governor’s Heritage Preservation Honors Award honorees is chosen to receive the James W. Garrison Heritage Award for their top efforts in preserving Arizona’s history. Casa Grande Main Street is receiving this grand award for their outstanding efforts to preserve Casa Grande’s unique history through the construction of the outdoor sign museum, the Neon Sign Park, located at 408 N Sacaton St.

Although Casa Grande Main Street has received Governor’s Heritage Preservation awards in the past, the most prestigious is a first-place honor with the James W. Garrison Heritage Award.

Previous Governor’s Heritage Preservation Honor Awards

- 2006 – Mandell & Meyer Building Rehabilitation & Adaptive Reuse (Project Team)
- 2005 – Paramount Theatre Restoration (Project)
- 2003 – Casa Grande Woman’s Club (Rehabilitation)
- 1999 – City of Casa Grande City Council (Organization)
- 1985 – Casa Grande Valley Historical Society (Organization)

Other Neon Sign Park awards:

2019 - **Arizona Great Place Award** from the Arizona Chapter of the American Planning Association for the City of Casa Grande Neon Sign Park

Without the help from many organizations and the community, Casa Grande Main Street knows that the Neon Sign Park would not be the amazing community space that it is. The 2017 Partners in Preservation grant, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, along with Main Street America and American Express, are among some of the most important organizations who helped the Neon Sign Park become a reality. Additionally, Casa Grande Main Street is thankful for leaders such as Marge Jantz, Rina Rien, Donovan Kramer family, Casa Grande Valley Newspapers Inc., Casa Grande Historic Preservation Commission, and the City of Casa Grande for their outstanding efforts in the creation of the Neon Sign Park.

Casa Grande Main Street is glad to be able to provide the residents of Casa Grande with such a unique community space to enjoy. With the COVID pandemic still affecting businesses and income, Casa Grande Main Street is seeking donations to help make up for lost income to help maintain the Neon Sign Park. For more information on the Neon Sign Park and how to donate, please visit www.neonsignpark.com.

Casa Grande Main Street is a 501(c3) nonprofit that supports the vision of Historic Downtown by enhancing the economic vitality, promoting and marketing the district, fostering partnerships and acting as the lead advocate for Historic Downtown and its historic preservation. Main Street manages the Neon Sign Park and welcomes your donations to help maintain the park.