

Yard of the Month Rules

The Julington Creek Plantation - Property Owners' Association (JCP-POA), in partnership with a seasonal sponsor, is pleased to announce the creation of the Yard of the Month award program to show their appreciation and to recognize those property owners who demonstrate superior effort in maintaining their property and who, as a result, positively contribute to the overall appearance of JCP.

General Criteria

Yard of the Month candidates will be judged solely on the total exterior appearance of their property and front yard as viewed from the street. General upkeep of the yard and property is paramount.

Guidelines

1. The program will be managed by the Compliance/Enforcement team who will oversee the program and the Publicity Committee will seek sponsorships from local businesses and/or Preferred Vendors recommended by the Property Managers office.
2. All JCP property owners are automatically eligible by default.
3. Award winners are selected based on the judging criteria, factors, and guidelines listed in this document.
4. The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper.
5. An award duration term is approximately a single calendar month and runs until the following months' winner has been notified. Durations may vary due to judging schedules and holidays.
6. Winners will be selected for each month of the year. The Board may elect to shorten the Yard of the Month season depending on sponsorship and participation.
7. The same property cannot receive more than one award in the same rolling twelve-month calendar period. At least 12 months must elapse between awards for the same yard.
8. No more than one Yard of the Month recipient will be selected in a single month.
9. Yard of the Month winners must be in good standing with the POA and not in violation of any covenants.
10. While an individual's home is being recognized as a JCP "Yard of the Month," they are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title. Should the owner fail to maintain the property, the title may be reassigned.
11. Winners must be willing to have photos of their yard taken and published on the POA website, POA newsletter and any other publications the Association deems appropriate.

General Judging Factors

Factors include the overall appearance, tidiness, and neatness of the front of the property as evidenced by pruned, trimmed and shaped foliage, edged and defined lawns, borders & flower beds, and a visually appealing facade. Judge(s) will utilize the following factors when selecting Yard of the Month candidates:

a. Yard Maintenance

1. Healthy lawn, neatly mowed and edged
2. Pruned and trimmed shrubs and trees
3. Healthy, living plants
4. Minimum weeds in flower beds
5. Yard free of debris and clutter
6. Driveway clean and neat in appearance
7. Buildings, fences, porches, and patios on the property are in good repair
8. House numbers are displayed attractively
9. Mailbox in good repair

b. Design and Landscaping

1. Use of color and texture
2. Creative, unique curb appeal
3. Balance appropriate to house and lot size
4. Overall aesthetic appeal
5. Pleasing appearance making the property an asset to the community

Awards

All award winners receive an official "Yard of the Month" lawn-sign, to be placed on their property for the duration of their award. Winners will receive a write-up on the POA website, POA Newsletter as well as any other publications the Association deems appropriate.

Actual Judging

- Each month the Property Manager Compliance team will identify one (1) home in each neighborhood that satisfies the General Judging Factors
- A notice will be sent to the property owner from the Property Manager informing them of their nomination for "Yard of the Month"
- The Covenant Enforcement Committee will review the nominations and select a single home from the nominations each month and designate that property as Yard of the Month
- Publicity team will announce the "winner" in the month following their selection in the JCP-POA newsletter
- The Board will send congratulatory letters to all "Yard of the Month" award selections with instructions to come by the Property Managers office to sign for their award.