

# **Carriage Hills Yard of the Month Program**

Carriage Hills Civic Assn sponsors a Yard of the Month program. We believe that this will encourage all homeowners to take an active interest in keeping up their yards and homes. Winners will be rewarded by receiving recognition and a small monetary reward. The Program will recognize and support Carriage Hills neighbors who demonstrate exceptional efforts to maintain and improve their property in a manner that contributes to the overall appearance of the community at large.

## **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 (curb appeal). General upkeep of the yard and property is most important.

## **Guidelines**

1. Award winners must be current with their Carriage Hills Civic Assn dues.
2. All residents of Carriage Hills subdivision, except board members, are eligible.
3. Carriage Hills subdivision is defined as follows:
  - a. Old Dobbin-Wagon Tongue-Antebellum loops and associated streets.
  - b. Gaslight Lane North, South, East, West, and associated streets.
  - c. South side of Shady Lane.
  - d. Stonemill Run (except for 3xxx addresses), Quail Creek Run, and associated streets.
4. Yard of the Month awards will be given out during months as determined by the Board, typically April through September.
5. Current Carriage Hills Civic Assn board members or their designees will serve as the Judging Panel for selection of Yard of the Month winners.
6. The upkeep of the property can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or those of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper.
7. The award will consist of a sign to be placed in the winner's front yard, and a \$20 gift card.
8. The winners will be selected, and the awards will be given out no later than 2 weeks from the beginning of the month.
9. A property can only be selected for Yard of the Month once in a calendar year.
10. Yard of the Month award recipients will be expected to surrender the "Yard of the Month" sign once the following month winner has been selected.

11. While a property is recognized as a Yard of the Month property, the residents are expected to maintain the property in the same manner that allowed them to win the award.
12. With the homeowners' permission, recognition will be given, and a photo of the yard will be posted on social media sites and/or Civic Assn website.

## **Judging Factors**

The following criteria will be used by the Judging Panel to determine the winner of the Yard of the Month award.

1. Yard Maintenance
  - a. Healthy lawn, neatly mowed and edged
  - b. Pruned and trimmed shrubs and trees
  - c. Healthy, living plants
  - d. Minimum weeds in flowerbeds
  - e. Yard free of debris and clutter
  - f. Driveway free of oil and other stains
  - g. Buildings, fences, porches, and patios on the property are in good repair
  - h. House numbers and mail boxes are displayed attractively
2. Design and Landscaping
  - a. Use of color and texture
  - b. Creative, unique curb appeal
  - c. Balance appropriate to house and lot size
  - d. Overall aesthetic appeal
  - e. Pleasing appearance making the property an asset to the community

## **Summary**

Carriage Hills Civic Assn looks for ways to improve the quality of life and appearance of our community. We encourage residents to take pride in their homes and neighborhood. In turn, we look to celebrate those who do a superior job in maintaining their yards in such a way that they enhance the overall curb appeal of the entire community.