

Pecan Grove Yard of the Month Guidelines

OVERVIEW

Homeowners of Pecan Grove POA will be sponsoring a perpetual, self-governed “Yard of the Month” program.

The purpose of the program is to recognize Pecan Grove POA neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large. There is a great award and the program is administered entirely by volunteers.

All award winners receive an official *“Pecan Grove Yard of the Month”* lawn-sign, to be placed on their property for the duration of their award month. If your sign becomes lost or damaged, please request a replacement by sending an e-mail to pecangroveyom@yahoo.com. Position of the sign should be prominent in the yard located midway between the street and the front of the house.

The Pecan Grove Yard of the Month group congratulates all “Yard of the Month” award selections and encourages all neighbors to join the efforts of these homeowner’s in keeping their yards and homes beautiful.

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

- All current Pecan Grove POA properties are automatically eligible by default.
- Award winners are selected based on the recommended judging criteria listed below.
- Recipients must reside in Pecan Grove POA.
- Key criteria include manicured yard, beautification, originality and creativity.
- The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper.
- An award duration term lasts a single calendar month and runs from the first day of the month to the last day of that same month.
- The same property cannot receive more than one award in the same rolling 12 month calendar period. At least 12 months must elapse between awards for the same yard.
- Recipients receiving awards in the middle of the month shall surrender their award at the end of that same month.
- More than one Yard of the Month recipient may be selected in a single month. In other words, multiple yards may be concurrently recognized.
- While an individual's home is being recognized as a Johns Creek "Yard of the Month" they are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title.

RECOMMENDED JUDGING CRITERIA

Pecan Grove Yard of the Month candidates are 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.

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.

LAWN: Healthy grass with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed and edged, and grass around foundations and fences shall be trimmed. Debris (garbage, pet feces, etc.) shall be picked up and removed. A unified, simple and balanced landscape design. Neat and natural.

LANDSCAPE & FLOWER BEDS: Beds weeded and edged. Flowers deadheaded and dead plants removed. Trees and shrubs pruned. Natural areas cleaned. Beautification efforts including new flowers, new trees, new shrubs, etc. Plantings in scale with the surroundings and limited to a few different types of plants rather than too many which may confuse the eye.

WALKWAYS & DRIVEWAYS: Walkways and driveways shall be clean (including trash containers or yard products removed from view). Area in front of curb free from debris and dirt. Evening appearance after dusk including accent lighting, safety lighting, visible interior lighting, etc.

AESTHETICS: Overall look of landscaping (formal versus informal, use of color and textures, garden art). Inviting look of front entryway (hanging baskets, pots, cleanliness etc.) Originality/creativity (any special touches of the owner i.e., yard art, bird feeders, etc.)

Summary note: While lack of strict adherence to the criteria above does not necessarily result in a disqualification, these principles offer general guidelines that should be recognized by the Pecan Grove Yard of the Month program.

The Pecan Grove Yard of the Month is dedicated to improving the quality of living 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. Yards of the Month are awarded at the beginning of each calendar month. Yards are judged on neatness, landscaping and color. All yards are eligible. If you feel you're yard is being overlooked, please send a voting e-mail with your name, address & phone number to pecangroveyom@yahoo.com.