

## Yard of the Month Program

We are pleased to announce the Yard of the Month program to recognize those residents who demonstrate superior effort in maintaining their property, and who, as a result, positively contribute to the overall appearance of Gateway Parks. We will have one winner a month and we will present the first winner on June 10, 2022 in the Gateway Gazette. The Yard of the Month program will continue through September.

Each monthly winner will receive special recognition in the Newsletter and the honor of displaying an official "Yard of the Month" lawn-sign in their yard, as well as a gift card sponsored by **Woodlake Outdoor**.

Submit your nominations for your favorite yard in Gateway Parks by the first of each month (May nominations should be submitted by June 1 and so on).

## **Judging Criteria**

Yard of the Month candidates are judged solely on their property's exterior appearance as viewed from the street. Yards will be judged on neatness, landscaping, and color. Overall appearance and factors include, but are not limited to, tidiness and neatness of the front and side yards, pruned and trimmed trees and shrubs, edged and defined lawns, borders and flower beds, and a visually appealing façade.

**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.

**Landscape and Flower Beds:** Beds weeded, mulched, and edged. Trees and shrubs pruned. Efforts made to improve upon builder landscaping, including the inclusion of color and the installation of new flowers, trees, and shrubs.

**Walkways and Driveways:** Walkways and driveways shall be clean. Walkways, driveways and curbs shall be edged and free of debris and dirt.

**Aesthetics:** An inviting front entryway and a positive overall look to the landscaping and curb appeal.

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