

Rock Creek HOA

Yard of the Month Program

Purpose

The purpose of the Yard of the Month Program (YOTM) is to promote goodwill and reward exemplary lawn and property maintenance in the Rock Creek neighborhood. The Program will recognize and support Rock Creek 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. In October & December, YOTM will be based on holiday/seasonal decorating.

Guidelines

1. Homeowner must in be good standing with the HOA. All HOA dues must be current and the property must be in in compliance with all covenants and city regulations
2. The same property cannot receive the award within a 12-month period.
3. Residents may nominate properties through the neighborhood website, www.RockCreekHOA.net. Each month the Activities Committee will review the nominations and vote for a 1st and 2nd place winner.

Yard of the Month Criteria

Rock Creek 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, healthy, edged, and defined lawns, borders & flower beds, and a visually appealing facade. Voting will take place over a 5-7day window of time. The nomination/voting schedule is below.

Holiday Decorating Awards

Holiday/October - December Criteria

Holiday Yard of the Month candidates for October (Halloween/Fall decorations) and December (Christmas decorations) will be judged solely on the total exterior appearance of their property and front yard as viewed from the street.

Holiday Judging Factors

Factors for October & December include the overall appearance of the decorations on the front of the property, overall level of holiday enthusiasm, aesthetic layout and balance, degree of incorporation of the property and structure, and the use of appropriate holiday display items. Judges will utilize the following factors when selecting Holiday Yard of the Month candidates:

a. Design

- (1) Use of color and texture
- (2) Creative, unique curb appeal
- (3) Overall aesthetic appeal
- (4) Pleasing appearance making the property an asset to the community

b. Holiday Spirit

- (1) Use of materials – lights, sounds, inflatables, figures, etc.
- (2) Creative use of holiday imagery and symbols
- (3) Unique, inventive and thoughtful layout

Nomination and Award Schedule

Nominations will open the 1st -20th of each month, committee members will vote the 21st – 28th of each month and winners will be announced on the last day of the month. Winners will be given a sign for their yard to display, until the end of the next month, when the next winner is announced. The exceptions to this will be October & December to accommodate the Halloween and Christmas holidays. Holiday Nominations will run the same in October, but slightly altered in December. Award time frames are listed below. This alteration will allow time for all neighbors to have decorations in place before the YOTM candidates are selected. Nominations and winners will be announced on Nextdoor, Facebook, and the HOA Website.

Month	Approximate Date of Award	Prize
May - September	Last day of the month	1 st and 2 nd Place = \$100 Gift Card
October & December	5-7 days prior to the holiday	1 st and 2 nd Place = \$100 Gift Card