

**Ascot Homeowner's Association
Yard of the Month Program**

Purpose

The purpose of the Yard of the Month Program (YOMP) is to promote goodwill and to recognize and support Ascot residents who maintain their property in a manner that contributes to the overall appearance of the Ascot community.

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.

Guidelines

The YOMP will be managed by a committee of volunteers led by a chairperson who will coordinate the program.

All properties that comprise Ascot Subdivision will be eligible.

YOMP winners will be selected based on judging criteria, factors and guidelines listed in this document.

Upkeep of a yard can reflect the efforts of the resident or that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper.

An award duration term is approximately a single calendar month and runs until the following month's winner has been notified. Durations may vary due to judging schedules and holidays.

Committee members will coordinate delivery and pick up of the Yard of the Month sign with the homeowner.

A recipient of Yard of the Month will be eligible to receive the award again after 12 months have elapsed.

Yard of the Month recipients must be current with their Ascot Homeowners Association dues. The committee chairperson will check with the AHA treasurer before notifying homeowner of the award.

While an individual's home is being recognized as Ascot Yard of the Month, they are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the award.

General Judging Factors

Winners of Yard of the Month will have property with an overall aesthetic appeal and a pleasing appearance making the property an asset to the community. Judges will consider the following when selecting Yard of the Month:

- * Pruned, trimmed and shaped foliage
- * Edged and defined lawns
- * Borders and flowerbeds
- * Healthy lawn, neatly mowed and edged
- * Healthy, living plants
- * Minimal weeds in flowerbeds
- * Yard free of debris and clutter
- * Building, fences and porch in good repair