

YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST GUIDELINES

The Clear Lake Forest Yard of the Month Committee (YMC) has been established to promote goodwill and reward exemplary lawn care in the Clear Lake Forest subdivision (4-5 members). The purpose of the program is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large. This is a great award and the program is administered entirely by volunteers.

The YMC will choose a lawn that best typifies the qualities of: uniqueness, beauty, appeal, as well as consistency with Clear Lake Forest architecture and having all installations within our Architectural Control Committee (ACC) guidelines. Since the YMC will mainly deal with "curb appeal," nominations will be for front and side yards jointly, as well as the exterior of the house. The YMC will select a Yard of the Month during the first few days of each month. The winner of the Yard of the Month will be provided with a decorative yard sign for display indicating their winning yard as well as a posting on our community website, which will include a picture.

Contest Guidelines

- All current Clear Lake Forest properties are automatically eligible.
- Award winners are selected based on the recommended judging criteria listed below.
- 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.
- Board members and Yard of the Month committee members are not eligible for this award during term (board term - 2 years; YMC term – 1 year).

Judging Criteria

Clear Lake Forest Yard of the Month candidates are judged solely on the total exterior appearance of their property and front/side yards 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 & flowerbeds, and a visually appealing facade.

YMC realizes not everyone has a 'green thumb'; therefore, a homeowner may still win Yard of the Month by making an extensive improvement to the curb appeal of their home.

The Clear Lake Forest Community Association 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.