

Pinion Park HOA

Yard of the Month Program

Purpose:

The purpose of the Pinion Park Yard of the Month Program is to promote good will and reward exemplary lawn and property maintenance within the Pinion Park neighborhood. The Program will recognize and support Pinion Park 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.

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. General upkeep of the yard and property is paramount. All eligible properties are judged over a nine month period, April through December.

Guidelines:

- The program will be managed by a Yard of the Month Committee of volunteers chaired by an elected homeowner who will Chair the Committee and oversee the program.
- Pinion Park HOA Board Members and Yard of the Month Committee members are not eligible for this award.
- All Pinion Park properties are eligible with the following exception:
 - Properties that are not currently in Good Standing with the HOA. This includes any property with delinquent dues and or late charges.
- Monetary prizes are awarded to the owners of the property in the event a leased or rented property is chosen for the award.
- Award winners are selected based on the judging criteria, factors, and guidelines listed within this document.
- 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 is approximately one calendar month and runs until the following month winner has been notified. Awards will be given approximately the second week of an eligible month.
- Recipients receiving awards in the middle of the month shall be asked to surrender the "Yard of the Month" sign once the following month winner has been selected.
- The same property cannot receive more than one award in the same rolling twelve-month calendar period. At least 12 months must elapse between awards for the same yard.
- No more than one Yard of the Month recipient will be selected in a single month.
- Winners may be disqualified if their property is in violation of any HOA covenants or city regulations.
- While an individual's home is being recognized as Pinion Park "Yard of the Month," they are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title.
- Winners must be willing to have photos of their yard taken and published on the Yard of the Month page of the HOA website.

General Judging Factors:

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 lawn, borders and flowerbeds, and a visually appealing facade. Judges will utilize the following factors when selecting Yard of the Month candidates.

- Yard Maintenance

- Healthy lawn, neatly mowed and edged
 - Pruned and trimmed shrubs and trees
 - Healthy, living plants
 - Minimum weeds in flowerbeds
 - Yard free of debris and clutter
 - Driveway free of oil and other stains
 - Fences and porches on the property are in good repair
 - House numbers are displayed attractively
- Design and Landscaping
 - Use of color
 - Creative, unique curb appeal
 - Balance appropriate to house and lot size
 - Overall aesthetic appeal
 - Pleasing appearance making the property an asset to the community

Halloween (October) Fall (November) and Christmas (December) Judging Factors:

Factors for October, November, and December include the overall appearance of the decorations on the front of the property with 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.

Disclaimer:

All decisions of the Yard of the Month Committee and Pinion Park Board are final. The Yard of the Month Committee and the Pinion Park Board will not accept or entertain any rebuttals to the Committee's decision. The Pinion Park Board will not attempt to sway the Committee's decision in any manner, other than confirming eligibility as listed in the Guidelines, Section 3, a).

Awards:

All award winners receive an official "Yard of the Month" lawn sign to be placed on their property for the duration of their award. The HOA will award a check in the amount of \$100.00 to the property owner. In an effort to highlight three times specific to lending themselves to decoration of the property, October (Halloween) November (Fall) and December (Christmas) awards to the property owner increase to \$150.00.

Judging:

Judges are members of the HOA Yard of the Month Committee. The Chairman of the committee will provide the Pinion Park HOA Board a property for consideration of the award no later than the 10th day of the month. Once the selection has been verified to meet the requirements for the award as listed in the Guidelines section, the property will receive the title of Yard of the Month. If the selection does not meet the requirements, a second selection shall be submitted and vetted.

Summary:

The Pinion Park Homeowners 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 forward to celebrating 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.