

Halifax Plantation Phases II & III Homeowners Association

'Yard of the Quarter Program Guidelines

The Halifax Plantation Phases II & III Homeowners Association Yard of the quarter program has been established to encourage homeowners to improve the overall appearance of their lawn and landscapes. 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. The program is administered entirely by volunteers.

On (or about) the first of every quarter (Jan, Apr, July, and Oct) the HOA yard Committee will choose a home that has been nominated by neighbors, whose lawn and landscape best exhibits uniqueness, beauty, appeal, and consistency with these guidelines.

Each Yard of the Quarter winner will be provided with a decorative yard sign to be displayed prominently in the yard for the entire award quarter indicating their winning yard. A photo will be posted to our community website, a \$25.00 gift certificate for dining in the Clubhouse and a \$50 cash award from the HOA along with a owner donation of \$25 will also be included.

Contest Guidelines

- All homes within Phases II & III are eligible (Board(s) and committee members excluded).
- Award winners will be selected based on the criteria listed below.
- Landscaping can be done by the resident or a professional landscaper.
- A property cannot receive more than one award in a 12-month calendar period.
- Each winner is expected to maintain their yard (during the award quarter) in the same manner that allowed them to win the title.

Judging Criteria

Yard of the Quarter candidates are judged solely on the total exterior appearance of their lawn and landscape as viewed from the street. General upkeep of the yard and property is paramount. Factors considered 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 & flower beds, and a visually appealing facade.

Lawn:

Grass should be healthy with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed and edged and trimmed around foundations and fences. Debris (garbage, pet feces, etc.) shall be picked up and removed. A unified and balanced landscape design with a neat and natural appearance is preferred.

Landscape and Flower Beds:

Beds shall be weeded and edged, flowers must be deadheaded, and dead plants removed, trees and shrubs pruned, natural areas cleaned. Beautification efforts should include flowers, trees, shrubs, etc., with plantings in scale with the surroundings and a balance between seasonal color and other planting(s).

Walkways and Driveways:

Walkways and driveways, if visible from the front, shall be clean (including trash containers or yard products removed from view). The area in front of the curb must be free from debris and dirt.

Aesthetics:

The overall look of landscaping (formal versus informal, use of color and textures, garden art (where permitted by the Design Review Committee) is important. The front entryway should be inviting, with original and creative touches to show personality (hanging baskets, pots, yard art, etc.).

The HOA Board of Directors is dedicated to improving the appearance of our community. We encourage residents to take pride in their homes and neighborhood. In turn, we look to recognize 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.