

## RULES FOR YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST

The yard of the month program has been established to recognize the efforts of residents within Chimney Hill Community Association, whether they are Homeowner's or Tenants, who demonstrate a clear and consistent desire to maintain or improve their property above normal expectations. The ACC Committee would like to give you the recognition you deserve for creating a beautiful, well-kept yard. This is a great way to maintain property values and make the neighborhood beautiful and inviting.

## RULES:

Yard of the Month will be awarded for the months of April, May, June, July August, September and October. A special Yard of the Month will be awarded for the best decorated yard during the Holiday Season.

The ACC Committee will be around the neighborhood monthly to determine the winner of Yard of the Month. Residents of Chimney Hill may also submit recommendations for Yard of the Month. Please notify the Assistant Manager/ Property Inspector by e-mail <u>admin@chimney-hill.net</u> with your recommendation. You can also stop by the CHCA Office to submit your recommendation located at 800 Chimney Hill Parkway, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462. Please take note that any recommendations without a complete address will not be considered.

All entries must be in by the third week of the month and will be considered for the following month.

Resident's yards will be judged the last week of the month prior to the awarded YOM, expect for the Holiday judging which will be judged after December 16.

Potential YOM winners are judged solely on the total exterior appearance of their property and front yard as viewed from the street.

Properties may win Yard of the Month more than once a year.

Property Owner must be in good standings in order to participate.

Judging factors include the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of the front of the property as evidenced by:

- Well- groomed (properties can have a natural, wildscape appearance, but grass must be mowed and the perimeter of the property must be edged)
- Attractive, pleasing to the eye (i.e. green lawn, a variety of plants such as trees, shrubs, ground cover, flowers, wildflowers, plants with a variety of heights, textures and colors; landscape features such as large rocks in beds)



- Buildings, fences, porches and patios on the property are required to be in good repair
- All selected properties must be free of liter, junk and debris.
- All selected properties must have no appliances or indoor furniture on porches or patios.
- All selected properties must be free of junked or inoperable vehicles.
- All selected properties must have no parking on the lawn.

## **Evaluation Checklist**

V Lawn mowed neatly; low areas filled with top soil; no brown spots

- V Lawn & flowerbeds are free of leaves, grass, weeds; area walks are swept
- √ Sidewalks & driveways edged
- √ Mulching flowerbeds/bushes/trees
- V Appearance & condition of flowers
- ✓ Bushes trimmed neatly
- ✓ Front yard clear if clutter, garbage cans, litter, etc.
- ✓ Overall appearance- is it neat & clean

Please Note your property will not be eligible is it is maintained by a professional lawn care/ landscape provider.

## Winners will receive:

- A certificate of recognition signed be the HOA President
- A picture of their front yard displayed on the website
- Their name posted on the marquee for the YOM
- A special prize for the Holiday Season