



# LINDENWOOD “YARD-OF-THE-MONTH” PROGRAM

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The Lindenwood Homeowners Association sponsors a perpetual, self-governed “Yard of the Month” program from April through September each year. The purpose of the program is to recognize Lindenwood homeowners who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large. This is an award program administered entirely by volunteers.

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## **AWARD:**

Award winners receive the official “*Lindenwood Yard-of-the-Month*” lawn-sign, to be placed on their property for the duration of the award month in a location of their choosing and a \$25 (twenty-five) dollar gift certificate card from either Lowe's or Home Depot home improvement store.

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- All current Lindenwood properties are automatically eligible.
- Yard-of-the-Month winners must be current on their Association dues and may be disqualified if their property is in violation of any HOA covenants.
- Award winners are selected based on the recommended judging criteria listed below (page 2).
- The Lindenwood HOA Board receives all nominations and votes for the next month's winner.
- 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.
- An award term lasts a single month and runs from the 15<sup>th</sup> of one month to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the next month, with the year's program starting April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The same property cannot receive more than one award in the same rolling 12 month calendar period.
- Neighbors interested in being chosen or nominating a neighbor are welcome to submit their entry one of several ways:
  - a. e-mail: [board@LindenwoodNC.com](mailto:board@LindenwoodNC.com) (or any contact via [LindenwoodNC.com](http://LindenwoodNC.com) web site)
  - b. mail: Lindenwood HOA, P.O. Box 11906, Charlotte, NC 28220
- In the event they are selected, a homeowner may elect to refrain from participation and are asked to work with the HOA Board and their neighbors to select a suitable replacement winner.
- More than one Yard-of-the-Month recipient may not be selected in a single month. In other words, multiple yards may not be concurrently recognized.
- While an individual's home is being recognized as a Lindenwood "Yard of the Month" they are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title.



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## JUDGING CRITERIA GUIDELINES:

- All current Lindenwood Yard-of-the-Month candidates are 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.
  - Factors include the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of the front of the property as evidenced by pruned, trimmed & shaped foliage, edged lawns, borders & flower beds, and a visually appealing facade.
  - **Lawn:** Healthy grass with minimum bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed, edged, and trimmed. Debris shall be picked up and removed.
  - **Landscape & Flowerbeds:** Beds weeded and edged. Flowers deadheaded and dead plants removed. Trees and shrubs pruned. Natural areas cleaned. Beautification efforts including new flowers, new trees, new shrubs, etc.
  - **Walkways and driveways:** Shall be clean and stain free (including trash containers or yard products removed from view). Area in front of curb free from debris and dirt.
  - **Aesthetics:** Overall look of landscaping. Inviting look of front entryway. Originality/creativity (any special touches of the owner).
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## *Summary Notes:*

While lack of strict adherence to the criteria above does not necessarily result in a disqualification, these principles offer general guidelines that should be recognized by the Lindenwood Yard-of-the-Month program.

The Lindenwood 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 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. Yards of the Month are awarded from the 15<sup>th</sup> of one month to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month between April & September (starting April 15<sup>th</sup>). Yards are judged on neatness, landscaping and color. All yards are eligible. If you feel your yard is being overlooked, please send a voting e-mail with your name, address & phone number to the following:

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*The Lindenwood HOA congratulates all “Yard of the Month” award selections and encourages all neighbors to join the efforts of these homeowner’s in keeping their yards and homes beautiful.*

*Thank you!*

