

## **Castle Hill Estates Yard of Month Guidelines**

The Castle Hill Estates Yard of the Month (YOM) program is intended to inspire residents to take pride in the appearance of the exterior of their homes and upkeep of their yards, in turn creating an aesthetically appealing neighborhood that a passerby enjoys viewing.

### **Guidelines and criteria are as follows:**

#### Yard Maintenance:

- (1) Healthy green lawn, that is well-groomed, neatly mowed and edged on a regular basis
- (2) Pruned and trimmed shrubs and trees
- (3) Healthy live plants (all plantings must be living, no plastic or artificial plants)
- (4) Minimum weeds in flowerbeds and lawn
- (5) Yard free of debris and clutter
- (6) Buildings, fences, porches, and patios on the property are in good repair

#### Design and Landscaping:

- (1) Use of color and/or texture including annuals and perennials that are pleasing to the eye.
- (2) Creative, unique, curb appeal including features such as rock edging, fountains, etc.
- (3) Overall aesthetic appeal, an inspiration to others in the neighborhood.
- (4) Balance appropriate to house and lot size including variety of shrubbery.
- (5) Overall design that gives a passerby sense that the homeowner has pride in his/her landscape and property.

You may nominate your neighbor for YOM via the website: [www.castlehillhoa.org](http://www.castlehillhoa.org). Nominations will be accepted through the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month.

One home will be selected by the Castle Hill Estates Board and/or Selection Committee each month during the months of March through September; judging will occur during the last week of each month after the nomination deadline has passed.

Each yard may win the award up to twice in any calendar year.

One winner will receive a gift card valued at \$25.00 from the Home Depot and will proudly display a "Yard of the Month" sign in their yard for the entire month. A picture of the winning yard will also be posted on the Castle Hill Estates website.

Only front yards as viewed from the street will be judged.

Current board members and voting members of the selection committee are not eligible.

Winner must be in good standing with the Castle Hill Estates HOA including dues paid in full and must be in compliance with the Declaration of Covenants.

Judges' decisions are final.