

## Shandon Neighborhood Yard of the Month Rules for 2013:

### Overview

**The Shandon Neighborhood Council will be sponsoring a perpetual, self-governed “Yard of the Month” program.** The purpose of the program is to recognize Shandon neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large. There is a great award and the program is administered entirely by volunteers. All signs and prizes will be supplied by Mary Lane Sloan, with The ART Team.

All award winners receive an official “*Shandon Neighborhood of the Month*” lawn-sign, to be placed on their property for the duration of their award month. If your sign becomes lost or damaged, please request a replacement by sending an e-mail to [mhsloan@prudentialmidlands.com](mailto:mhsloan@prudentialmidlands.com) . Position of the sign should be prominent in the yard located midway between the street and the front of the house.

The Shandon Neighborhood Council 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.

### Contest Guidelines

- All current Shandon Neighborhood properties are automatically eligible by default.
- The Shandon Neighborhood YOM judges will be around the neighborhood monthly to determine the winner of YOM.
- Residents may also submit recommendations by submitting the attached nomination form and sending it to [mhsloan@prudentialmidlands.com](mailto:mhsloan@prudentialmidlands.com) .
- All entries must be in by the third week of the month and will be considered for the following month.
- Judging will occur the last week of the month prior to the awarded month, except for the Holiday judging which will occur the second week of December.
- Winners will be notified either in person or by mail. A photo of the yard and resident will be taken and placed in the newsletter, neighborhood website and facebook page.
- Award winners are selected based on the recommended judging criteria listed below.
- Recipients must reside in the Shandon Neighborhood.
- 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 or groundskeeper.
- YOM will be awarded for the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October. A special YOM will be awarded for the best decorated yard during the Holiday season. An award duration term lasts a single calendar month and runs from the first day of the month to the last day of that same month.
- The same property cannot receive more than one award in the same rolling 12 month calendar period. At least 12 months must elapse between awards for the same yard.
- Recipients receiving awards in the middle of the month shall surrender their award at the end of that same month.
- More than one Yard of the Month recipient may be selected in a single month. In other words, multiple yards may be concurrently recognized.
- While an individual's home is being recognized as a Shandon Neighborhood "Yard of the Month" they are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title.
- Winners may be disqualified if their property is in violation of any city regulations.

**RECOMMENDED JUDGING CRITERIA**

The Shandon Neighborhood 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 and shaped foliage, edged and defined lawns, borders & flower beds, and a visually appealing facade.

**WINNERS WILL RECEIVE**

- A specialty designed sign to place in the yard until the announcement of the next month’s winner.
- A certificate of recognition
- A picture of their front yard displayed in the neighborhood newsletter, website and facebook page

**WINNERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR:**

A gift card will be awarded once a year to the best yard of the month from those yards honored during the calendar year.



Yard of the Month Nomination Form

All nominations must be submitted to:

No later than the third Friday of the month for the next month’s judging.

Nominee’s Name and Address:

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Reason for Nomination:

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Your Name and Address:

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