**PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

1. Judging for the award will be done by the GPOA Board of Directors
2. Landscaping awards will be presented for the months May through August
3. The award term lasts from the first day to the last day of a calendar month
4. The same property cannot receive the award in the calendar year award period
5. The property of all current residents of Guilbeau Park, both owner-occupied and rental, are automatically eligible to participate in the program
6. Homeowners involved in the governance of the HOA are ineligible to participate
7. Yard of the Month winners must be members in good standing with the Association, current with their Association dues, and free of any code violations.
8. The occupant, owner/renter, of the winning yard will receive a $25 Lowe’s gift card award
9. The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents or a professional landscaper
10. During their reign as Yard of the Month, winners are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title  
      
    **JUDGING CRITERIA**
11. **Yard of the Month** candidates for landscaping are judged solely on the exterior appearance of  
    their property as viewed from the street. Yards will be judged on neatness, landscaping, and  
    color. Overall appearance and factors include, but are not limited to, tidiness and neatness of the  
    front and side yards, pruned and trimmed trees and shrubs, edged and defined lawns, borders and flower beds, and a visually appealing façade.
12. **Lawn:** Healthy grass with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed and edged,  
    and grass around foundations and fences shall be trimmed.
13. **Landscape and Flower Beds:** Beds weeded, mulched and edged. Trees and shrubs pruned.  
    Efforts made to improve upon builder landscaping, including the inclusion of color and the  
    installation of new flowers, trees, and shrubs.
14. **Walkways and Driveways:** Walkways and driveways shall be clean. Walkways, driveways and  
    curbs shall be edged and free of debris and dirt.
15. **Aesthetics:** The use of originality and creativity to create an inviting front entryway and a  
    positive overall look to the landscaping and curb appeal. Formal or informal, use of color and  
    textures, garden art, hanging baskets and pots.