

*****IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ*****

**Asbury Place Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 327
Olive Branch, MS 38654**

July 16, 2012

Re: Yard of the Month Program

Dear Resident:

The Asbury Place Homeowner Association (HOA) has implemented a Yard of the Month (YOTM) program to highlight homeowners who have taken pride in the curb appeal of their property. The YOTM designation is intended to showcase well-maintained properties and to encourage other homeowners to put additional focus on the maintenance of their property. If a significant portion of the homeowners show pride in their neighborhood by maintaining their properties in an appealing manner, other potential homebuyers may consider the display of neighborhood pride in their buying decisions.

Each month during the program period, the Board of the HOA will convene to select a property and homeowner upon which to bestow the YOTM designation. The winning yard will have the traveling YOTM sign placed in their yard on the first day of the award month and will retain possession of the sign until the last day of the month. A letter will be distributed to the chosen homeowner a few days ahead of the award month explaining that their property was chosen and requesting that the homeowner notify the Board if they do not wish to have their property showcased as YOTM.

Please see the program guidelines and judging criteria below, subject to modification as the Board deems necessary.

The Asbury Place HOA YOTM program guidelines are as follows:

- All current Asbury Place properties are automatically eligible by default, provided the homeowner is in good standing with the Asbury Place HOA. The upkeep of the property may reflect the efforts of the homeowner himself or of a professional maintenance service.
- Awards are awarded for a single calendar month on the first day of each month. Properties are only eligible for one award over a rolling twelve month period.
- Homeowners are expected to maintain their property in the same manner that allowed them to win the award.

- The Asbury Place HOA reserves the right to retract an award if the property is not maintained in the same manner that allowed the homeowner to win the designation for the month.
- Back yards must be kept up as well, though will not be considered, even if visible from the street.
- YOTM will run from April-October annually, with an official start of August 2012. HOA Board members are not eligible to win.

Judging criteria for YOTM awards are as follows:

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.

Landscape and Beds: Beds weeded and edged to maintain clean delineation between beds and grass. Flowers, shrubs, and other plantings must be in good health and be in scale with the surroundings. No plastic, silk, or artificial plants shall be present.

Decorations: Any ornaments or accents should be tasteful and not overdone.

Concrete: Walkways and driveways must be clean - free of stains, weeds, etc.

Miscellaneous: Trash containers must not be in view from the street as stated in the Asbury Place Covenants. All containers must be located to the rear of the home.

Please contact the Asbury Place HOA at asburyplacehoa1@yahoo.com with questions for YOTM.

Thank you.

Asbury Place HOA