



## **Binglewood Civic Association**

### **Yard of the Month Award Program**

The Binglewood Civic Association is pleased to sponsor a “*Yard of the Month*” award program to recognize those homeowners who demonstrate superior effort in maintaining their property and positively contribute to the overall appearance of our neighborhood. Participation is optional but encouraged! All current residents of Binglewood Sections 1 through 6 are automatically eligible to participate in the program, including those homeowners involved in the governance of the Civic Association.

Yard of the Month winners, for each of the six sections that make up the Binglewood neighborhood, will be selected and recognized for the months of April, May, June and July. All winners will receive special recognition on the Binglewood Civic Association website and social media pages and in the *Binglewords* Newsletter, as well as the honor of displaying the official “Binglewood Civic Association Yard of the Month” lawn sign in their yard that identifies their property as a winner.

Properties are judged on the overall exterior appearance as viewed from the street. Judges will be looking for a visually appealing façade with healthy lawns and evidence of effort made to improve upon prior landscaping, including the inclusion of color and the installation of new flowers, trees, and shrubs.

Judges will also consider tidiness and neatness of the front and side yards, pruned and trimmed trees and shrubs, along with edged and defined lawns and borders and flower beds. Walkways and driveways shall be clean, free of debris and dirt. Use of accent and safety lighting for an improved evening appearance would be advantageous.

The same property cannot receive more than one award in the same year. The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper. 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.

## Holiday Decorations Award Program

The Binglewood Civic Association is pleased to sponsor the *Holiday Decorations* award program to recognize those homeowners who demonstrate superior effort in displaying appealing and creative décor for October (Halloween) and December (Winter Holiday) in the Binglewood Neighborhood. All current residents of Binglewood are eligible to participate in the program, including those homeowners involved in the governance of the Civic Association.

Holiday Decorations Award candidates are judged solely on the exterior appearance of their property as viewed from the street. Overall appearance, creativity, decorating in the “spirit of the holiday” and an overall visually appealing impression will decide the winner.

Up to two homes from each of the six sections will be selected as finalists by officers and/or volunteers. One winner will be selected from the finalists by a three-member team comprised of two BCC board members and one volunteer resident—preferably the previous year’s winner!

All of the finalists will receive special recognition on the Binglewood Civic Association website and social media pages and in the *Binglewords* Newsletter. The winner will also have the honor of displaying the official Binglewood Civic Association Halloween or Winter “Holiday Decoration Winner” yard sign that identifies their property as the winner.



The winner for October will be awarded to the house with the best Halloween decorations. Ghosts, goblins, black cats, and pumpkins are all in order. Lights and animation are a plus. Judging will take place during the 3rd week of October.



The holiday winner for December will be awarded to the house with the best Winter Holiday decorations. Theme, creativity and originality in ornamental lighting and decorations will be considered, as will daylight and evening displays. Judging will take place during the 2nd week of December.