

LA Mesa Village Yard of the Month Program

Description. The Yard of the Month (YOM) is an award that is given to La Mesa Housing Village residents as an incentive to promote civic pride and enhance landscape beautification in La Mesa Village (LMV). LMV is divided into five geographic areas each area offering its own site-specific circumstances. Each month of the calendar year one residence from each neighborhood is awarded YOM.

Qualifications. Yards from each area qualify for nomination as YOM if they satisfy the following guidelines:

- a) Most improved and/or meets the standards set forth in the Public Quarters Regulations chapter 5, sec.506, paragraphs A through H;
- b) Adheres to watering restrictions set forth by the La Mesa Housing Office and the City and County of Monterey;
- c) The resident has lived in the residence for more than 90 days; and
- d) The resident did not win YOM for the previous month.

Nominations. Any resident of LMV may nominate qualifying yards in any neighborhood of LMV by submitting the nomination to their La Mesa Village Residents' Association (LMRA) Representative. Area LMRA representatives gather and evaluate all nominations submitted for their area and submit no more than six (6) to the LMRA Recorder.

The nomination process closes at midnight on the first Wednesday of each month (or one week prior to the next scheduled LMRA meeting.) All nominations received after this time will be held over for consideration the following month.

Judging. To ensure a fair and impartial judging process, YOM winners are selected from the three nominations from each area by a panel of independent judges. The panel of judges for each area rotates monthly and will contain no residents of the subject area.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
CF	TO	PV	LMC	WG	TO	WG	LMC	WG	TO	PV	LMC	WG
LMC	WG	TO	PV	CF	WG	TO	PV	CF	WG	TO	PV	CF
PV	CF	WG	TO	LMC	CF	CF	WG	LMC	CF	WG	TO	LMC
TO	LMC	CF	WG	PV	LMC	PV	CF	PV	LMC	CF	WG	PV
WG	PV	LMC	CF	TO	PV	LMC	TO	TO	PV	LMC	CF	TO

The LMRA Recorder will redistribute area nominations to the respective judges by midnight the first Friday of each month before the LMRA meeting. Selected winners for each area are submitted to the LMRA Recorder for inclusion in the LMRA meeting agenda and are announced at the LMRA Meeting.

A yard from each area will be awarded Yard of the Month with the following exceptions:

- a) A yard need not be chosen from an area for a given month if no yard within that area meets the guidelines
- b) No resident may win more than two (2) YOM awards in a single calendar year, but may continue to be nominated to earn YOY points.

Awards.

YOM winners are presented the following awards from Housing for their efforts:

- a) A gardening kit, and
- b) A YOM sign to be displayed at their residence.

Yard of the Year (YOY).

Five Yard of the Year Awards, one for each La Mesa Village area, will be issued at the end of each calendar year and will be announced at the December LMRA meeting.

The yards considered for this award will be from all the Yard of the Month winners and the all nominees for that calendar year according to the following point system:

- a) Nominees receive 1 point for each months nomination
- b) YOM winners receive an additional 3 points for that month
- c) Residents may claim only those points earned for their yard while they were assigned to their quarters. No points from previous residents of that property will be considered.

The yard from each area that has the highest total number of points for the calendar year will be the YOY winner. If a tie exists in any area, an independent panel of LMRA judges not residing in the subject area will decide the winner.

Any yard failing to meet the YOM qualifying guidelines after being nominated or winning YOM will not be considered for YOY.

YOY winners receive a free house cleaning certificate from Housing to be used at the end of their stay in LMV.