"YARD OF THE SEASON" ANNOUNCEMENT: The Board of Directors of Tejas Trails Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce the creation of the "Yard of the Season" award program to show their appreciation and to recognize those neighbors who demonstrate superior effort in maintaining their property, and who, as a result, positively contribute to the overall appearance and goodwill of Tejas Trail.

## YARD OF THE SEASON GUIDELINES

"Yard of the Season" candidates will be judged on the total appearance of their exterior property and front yard as viewed from the street. Criteria for judging will be based on the visual attractiveness, creativity, originality, beautification, and overall maintenance.

"Yard of the Season" is recognition for maintaining a beautiful yard on a consistent basis.

## Guidelines:

- 1. The Landscape Committee will select one "Yard of the Season" winner every three months: March-May, June-August, September-November (including Halloween and Fall decorations), and December.
- 2. In the month of December, the Landscape Committee will award the best decorated home as the "Yard of the Season."
- 3. The Landscape Committee Members are not eligible to win.
- 4. No resident may receive the "Yard of the Season" more than once in a two calendar year cycle.
- 5. The "Yard of the Season" sign will be placed in the yard on the 1st day of the 3rd month and placed where it is most visible from the street. The house with the best Christmas Decorations will be judged and placed in the yard at the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December. The winner will also be acknowledged with a certificate, a \$25 gift card, and be posted on the website along with a picture. The "Yard of the Season" sign will be removed by the Landscape Committee on the 1st day of the following month.

## Criteria:

- 1. Weekly mowing and edging of the yard.
- 2. Weed less flower beds, seasonal color, regular mulching of flowerbeds, all shrubs trimmed properly, insect control, and a lush green, healthy lawn.
- 3. Upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper or groundkeeper.
- 4. Yard must be free of debris and clutter (i.e. trash cans, recycle bins, etc.).
- 5. The front entryway should have an inviting look (hanging baskets, pots, cleanliness, etc.)
- 6. Use of accent and safety lighting for an improved evening appearance is always a bonus.
- 7. Buildings, fences, porches, and patios on the property are required to be in good repair, i.e. minimal distraction from the landscape due to deterioration, damage, or construction.
- 8. Resident must be in good standing with Association dues.