

WAY TO GROW, SEDALIA! **YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST RULES**

The City of Sedalia, Fair City Garden Club and Show-Me Master Gardeners are partnering together to promote gardening and beautification of our neighborhoods.

Contest Information: Sedalia's yard of the month contest will be held during the months of May, June and July. Once an application is submitted, applicants will be eligible for the entire remaining length of the contest; however, monthly applications will be accepted prior to the 10th of each applicable month. Applications may be submitted to the Office of the Mayor, 200 S. Osage Avenue, Sedalia, MO 65301 or emailed to webmaster@cityofsedalia.com.

Property must be within the corporate limits of the City of Sedalia. Judging will be conducted from the street/public right-of-way only. City employees are not eligible to participate in this contest.

Judging Criteria:

- 1) Yard must be pleasing to the eye, mowed and trimmed.
- 2) Flowers should appear healthy and in good condition. Bushes and trees should also be well maintained.
- 3) All structures (homes, outbuildings, porches, patios fences) should be in good repair. House numbers should be displayed attractively.
- 4) There should be no inoperable/nonmoving vehicles in driveway or yard. The yard should be free of litter, junk and debris.
- 5) Extra consideration may be given to properties with creative use of yard décor (i.e. potted plants, mailbox design, hanging baskets, outdoor artwork).

Award Information:

- 1) During the months of May, June and July, a winner will be chosen from each of the four City of Sedalia wards.
- 2) An overall grand prize winner chosen from the four ward winners will be awarded a \$50 gift card/certificate each month also. Grand prizes may be received one time only and the resident will not be able to be eligible for the rest of the contest season. Yard of the month ward winners will still be eligible.
- 3) Yard of the month winners will be invited to the first Council meeting of June, July and August to receive a certificate of recognition from the Sedalia City Council.
- 4) Each yard of the month ward winner will receive a yard of the month sign for display in their yard for the month. At the end of the month, a City representative will collect the yard sign.
- 5) Winners will receive recognition on the City of Sedalia's website, www.cityofsedalia.com, and social media.