

## **Yard of the Year Winner - The Sheltons' of Markham Drive!**

The Beautification Committee of the Hampton Clean City Commission is pleased to announce the Yard of the Year winner, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shelton of Markham Drive (photo attached). The Sheltons were one of the Yard of the Month winners in July, and received the Yard of the Year award because, in the words of the committee chair, Shirley Boyd, "They did everything right, environmentally speaking, and had a beautiful yard."

YARDS Judge Marie Smith described the yard on Markham Drive at the time of the Yard of the Month award, "As you drive up to the Shelton yard you cannot help but notice the beautiful and healthy red and white geraniums that line the walkway to the front door. The beds are perfectly manicured and mulched with pine straw that the owner collects. There is also a bright red and fully bloomed crepe myrtle bush on the side which adds to the red theme of the front yard. In the back, there is a lovely deck sitting area. The back yard is green and shady giving a feeling of coolness in this July heat. Ferns, grasses and a white crepe myrtle emphasize the cool green yard. For a pop of color, there is a blue hydrangea and yellow hibiscus."

The YARDS Contest judges look at curb appeal; plant selection and placement; environmentally healthy landscape maintenance practices; energy, soil, and water conservation measures; and that special "something" that makes a yard beautiful and unique.

Yard of the Month winners for the season were: Jackie Cannan, Woodsman Drive; Cleo Parker, Jay Sykes Court; Jerry & Terry Burke, Curle Road; Lois Peterson, 2019 N. Armistead Avenue; Raynard Vinson, Ethel Drive; Charles & Celestine Johnson, Pocahontas Place; Richard & Jeannette Parsell, Osage Lane; Bertram & Mary Hardnett, Aspenwood Drive; Dorene Britton, Todds Lane; Johnnie & Veora Manning, West Avenue; Henry Goodwin, Chantilly Court; and Charlotte Hazelwood, White Marsh Court. All their yards were lovely and special places, and we congratulate them all!

Facebook members, for photos of the Yard of the Month winners' yards, including the Sheltons' Yard of the Year, check out our Facebook album at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151055427316502.432316.252581721501&type=3>

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