

TOLEDO ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST GUIDELINES

About

The City of Toledo Neighborhood Block Beautification Contest is sponsored by the City of Toledo and Keep Toledo Lucas County Beautiful. The contest is designed to encourage and promote community involvement in keeping Toledo a beautiful place to live, work and play. It will recognize and reward individual participants, residents of winning neighborhood blocks and small businesses whose properties reflect their community pride and have an aesthetically pleasing improvement. All residents are encouraged to participate.

Eligibility

The TNBC is open to all individuals or neighborhood blocks within city limits (50% of home/multifamily complexes on a block must participate to qualify) Property enhancements must be for community beautification and include the front yard, fencing and exterior home/building.
Condition of streets and sidewalk will not affect judging.
Property cannot have any outstanding code violations.

PLEASE NOTE: A block is defined as “a section of homes on both sides of a street that is intersected by a street at each end.”

Selection Criteria

The TNBC will only consider street facing landscaping and enhancements that increase the properties curb appeal. Entries will be judged by the steering committee which will consider plant materials, landscape design and property maintenance. The steering committee will consider the following questions pertaining to the property:

- Does the landscape enhance the neighborhood?
- Is the plant selection appropriate for the site and the climate?
- Is the foot path to the property clear and inviting?
- Is the front porch clean from debris and in good condition?
- Is the front door crisply painted and clean?
- Is the front yard lawn green and well-trimmed?
- Is the fencing and exterior paint of the home in good condition?
- Is the yard free of litter?

Awards

3 winning houses will be chosen in each district as winners. Each winner will receive an elegantly designed house plaque and recognition from the Mayor and City Council.

2 winning blocks will be chosen in each district. Each winner will receive an elegantly designed house plaque and recognition from the Mayor and City Council.

2 small business will be chosen in each district. Each winner will receive an elegantly designed house plaque and recognition from the Mayor and City Council.

PLEASE NOTE: Other incentives may be identified by partner organizations.

Contest Timeline

Selection Committee members will be appointed by City Council no later than July 30th

Application deadline is August 30th

Judging will take place the first two weeks in September

Results will be announced at the end of September. Presentation of house plaques –made by the Mayor and City Council- will be scheduled after winners are announced.

Submit Your Contest Materials

You must submit your completed entry form, questionnaires and photos no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 30th

There are two ways to submit your contest materials:

Email to: monica.smith@toledo.oh.gov

Mail or drop-off: Department of Neighborhoods, Attention: Monica L. Smith, One Government Center, Toledo, Ohio 43604

Download Contest Materials

TNBC Flyer

Participating Property Questionnaire

Questions?

Contact Monica Smith at 419-245-3179 or 419-392-3207

Or via email: monica.smith@toledo.oh.gov