

COMMUNICATIONS MEMORANDUM
#9-2021

DATE: Aug. 23, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*

FROM: Diana Wilson, Director of Communications *DW*
Jenni Murphy, Community Outreach Coordinator

SUBJECT: Neighborhood Beautification Program August Recipients and 2021 Most Magnificent Tree

PURPOSE

To honor the residents chosen as Yard of the Month and Water Wise Yard of the Month recipients for August 2021 and recognize the 2021 Most Magnificent Tree.

BACKGROUND

The Northglenn Neighborhood Beautification Program (NNBP) was established in 1998 to recognize residents who have done an outstanding job of making their homes and yards beautiful.

The City is divided into 13 areas, and volunteer judges in each of the areas select winning yards. Nominations are received from residents and neighbors throughout the community.

In June, July, and August, winners are chosen by the judges and receive a large lawn sign to display for a month. City Council recognizes the winners at summer regular meetings. Recipients also receive a letter inviting them to the meeting, where they are recognized and receive a framed certificate and keepsake garden sign.

There are two program categories: Yard of the Month and Water Wise Yard of the Month. In April 2021, Northglenn declared Stage 1 Drought levels. In conjunction with our citywide water conservation efforts, this year there is more of a focus on recognition of water-wise yards. Residents use techniques such as:

- Less turf
- More water-tolerant plants, flowers, trees, and shrubs
- Additional use of rock, mulch and other landscaping materials that help support water conservation and are considered water-wise

In support of water conservation efforts, the Long-Term Home Beautiful Award typically given at the end of the summer to a home and yard that is a trend-setter for their neighborhood has been suspended this year.

The August 2021 Northglenn Neighborhood Beautification Program recipients are:

Name	Address	Category
The Allbrook Family	364 W. 99 th Ave.	Water Wise
Henry and Beverly Biela	9606 Pelon Drive	Yard of the Month
Dan and Jeri Burgett	10565 Carmela Lane	Yard of the Month
Pam and David Capshaw	10543 Sperry St.	Yard of the Month
Tom and Marie Cardenas	2140 Phillips Drive	Water Wise
Deanna Cervantez	10955 Alvin Drive	Yard of the Month

Jerry and Andrea Downs	1849 E. 117 th Court	Yard of the Month
Florence and Jerry Downs	1463 W. 100 th Place	Yard of the Month
Tim and Debbie Eckhart	1943 Fisher Way	Yard of the Month
Shirley Erickson and Sheila Shaklee	243 E. 111 th Place	Water Wise
Ronald Humphreys	10780 Acoma St.	Water Wise
Ken and Diane Mahoney	10975 Manet Way	Water Wise
Maria Morfin	11072 Clayton St.	Yard of the Month
Ruth and Donald Powers	10883 Northglenn Drive	Yard of the Month
Sharon Tillery, Denise and Steve Reyes	10563 Adams St.	Yard of the Month
Daniel Sanchez	11946 E. 119 th Place	Yard of the Month

In addition to Yard of the Month and Water Wise Yard of the Month, there is a Most Magnificent Tree award presented each year. Anyone may submit a nomination; they are solicited from May through July. The NNBP volunteers have selected a fine example of the State tree, a blue spruce (*picea pungens*), for the 2021 Most Magnificent Tree. The tree lives in the yard of:

Robert Gurule and Anthony Nuanes
10704 Downing St.

Finally, this year staff and volunteers would also like to present a special award for the Most Heartfelt Nomination for Most Magnificent Tree to Rachel and Steve Hudson (see Attachment 2 for Rachel's nomination email).

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the program are included in the General Fund for 2021.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This item is for informational purposes only.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any questions, please contact Diana Wilson, Director of Communications, at dwilson@northglenn.org or 303.450.8713.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Presentation
2. Rachel Hudson email

Hi Northglenn Tree Team

My name is Rachel Hudson –My husband Steve and I live on 10552 Brewer Drive. I know there are many magnificent trees in Northglenn—we are fortunate to live in an established neighborhood with tons of big bountiful trees towering over our modest homes. But, our big ash tree in our backyard has a ton of special forever meaning to my husband and I. We moved into our Northglenn home in April of 2014 and in October of that year we were married. My uncle married us, my mom walked me down the aisle, and Steve's daughter presided as my maid of honor---all under the watchful eye of the golden leaves of our Ash tree.

Every year, I take a picture of our tree as a reminder of our wedding and our beautiful life together. It's affectionately (and rightfully) known as our wedding tree...and it's a huge part of why we call our Northglenn house our forever home.

Last year, after many seasons of drought and rough winds, our tree got sick. It started to lose branches and the beautiful leaves remained bare and sickly. A few tree services recommended we cut it down (GASP!) This spring, after many visits from arborists and tree trimmers, our wedding tree is on the mend. The leaves are vibrant green and the sickly branches are making their way back to their former glory.

If perhaps a coincidence about new life....Steve and I are expecting a child in January of 2022. We can't wait to raise our child under the watchful eye of its golden leaves and healthy branches for many seasons to come. Please consider our version of a magnificent tree for the 2021 award season.

Thank you

Rachel Hudson

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QUESTIONS?

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