

Association of Poinciana Villages Launches 2nd Annual Home Beautification Program “Poinciana Beautiful”

Winners Recently Honored for Their Efforts During the 2016 Program

POINCIANA, Fla.—The Association of Poinciana Villages (APV), Florida’s largest homeowners association, is once again hosting a contest to inspire its residents to improve their property and take pride in their homes’ appearance. Following the success of the inaugural program, APV is now accepting submissions for its 2017 Home Beautification Program.

Through the program, which was initially launched in March 2016, APV found that residents started seeing the improvements their neighbors were making and, in the true spirit of competition, wanted to make their own home look equally as nice. These improvements also help to increase property values, increase sales and encourage developers and businesses to consider the community as a place to successfully invest.

“We aren’t requiring anything spectacular, we are simply looking for residents to spruce up their curb appeal,” said Ivonne Martinez, Community Service Supervisor at APV. “Sometimes, even the smallest improvements can really enhance the look of your home.”

APV residents who are interested in entering can send a picture of the complete front of their home, including landscaping, to Ms. Martinez at IvonneM@apvinc.net. Entries can also be sent to The Association of Poinciana Villages, Poinciana Beautiful, 401 Walnut Street, Kissimmee, FL 34759. Additionally, community service officers who patrol the neighborhoods will be on the lookout for potential candidates. The 2017 Home Beautification Program will run from now until November 2017 and winners will be announced at the 2nd Annual Poinciana Beautiful Awards Gala in January 2018.

Out of the more than 70 properties that were chosen as finalists last year, the following winners (one in each of the seven villages that participated) were selected:

VILLAGE NUMBER	OWNERS
• 1	Dennis and Esther Bruckel
• 2	Jesus Delgado/ Iris Hernandez Garcia
• 3	Raymond Shumate
• 5	Justin Tuerpeau / Victoria Alvarez
• 7	Julio Flores / Ana Vega
• 8	Steven Arends
• 9	Karl and Margaret Thompson

These winners, and all of the finalists, were recently honored at The Poinciana Beautiful Awards Gala on January 27th. More than 175 guests walked the red carpet leading into APV's Community Building, where a slideshow of the finalists' homes played throughout the evening. Carol Saragusa, an actress with Walt Disney World's Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular and The American Idol Experience, served as the evening's emcee. Guests were also treated to a performance from contemporary jazz artists Nova Jazz.

"Through the program, and ultimately the awards gala, we wanted to show our appreciation for our homeowners in maintaining their properties and making APV one of the best places to live in Central Florida," said Mark Maldonado, General Manager of APV.

Winners were presented with a beautiful plaque, a one month family pool pass to APV's community pool, and an elegant sign they can proudly display in their front yards, showing everyone that they are the home of the year for their village.

The winners were determined by a panel of judges, including: Dottie McStay President of Village 9 and President of the APV Master Board; Edward Drexel, President of Village 5 and member of the APV Master Board; Linda Cantreva, President of Village 3 and member of the APV Master Board; Amber Adams of CenterState Bank; and Linda Perry, Member of the APV Design Control Board.

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The Association of Poinciana Villages, Inc. (APV) is one of the largest homeowners associations in the United States. The 47,000-acre, unincorporated, suburban community encompasses both Polk and Osceola counties perfectly nestled between Haines City and Kissimmee, Florida. The community is enriched by more than 26,000 homes, 200 businesses and more than a dozen recreational parks. There are more than 50,000 deeded homeowners and approximately 150,000 residents who have enjoyed a vibrant sense of community since Poinciana's inception in 1972. The Association of Poinciana Villages maintains its core vision of continuing to be one of the best places in all of central Florida to live and raise a family. Visit apvcommunity.com for more information.