

July, 2017 Beauty Spot of the Month

Congratulations to the Fitzgeralds, our CCH neighbors at 3419 Country Hill Drive. The landscape at their home has been selected as the July, 2017 Beauty Spot of the Month. CCH owners of corner lots have used many landscape designs to beautify their extra wide front and side yards. The Fitzgeralds have enhanced the curb appeal of their home by transforming their outdoor space into a lovely private retreat.

When traveling on Old Lee Highway past the side yard of this home, one first notices the row of mature cypress trees at the edge of the property. These closely planted tall evergreens with feathery, emerald leaves form an attractive privacy wall next to the sidewalk. At the corner of the property, one's attention is captured by the glossy leaves of a magnolia tree with wide-spreading branches that are adorned with fragrant white blossoms in the spring. The dense foliage of these ornamental trees extends to the ground and serves as a year-round screen to block the distractions of pedestrian and car traffic.

On the opposite side of the natural green fence, a remarkable variety of trees, shrubs, and flowers comes into view. To the left of the driveway, several holly trees and a towering maple shade a level area of turf with plenty of open space for family outdoor activities. Powder blue hydrangea flowers brighten the rear boundary. To the right of the driveway, in the middle of the lawn, two dogwoods provide a colorful focal point through the change of seasons. Plantings of contrasting sizes and colors fill the sunny gardens along the house foundation. Large euonymus and aucuba with variegated gold and green leaves and mounds of low-growing blue star junipers parallel the front wall. Nandinas dress up the house corners with cascading white summer flowers and red winter berries. Perennial flower beds near the main entrance feature azalea and wood sedge. Liriope grass and dwarf boxwood border the walkway leading to the doorstep accented with potted pink begonias and purple verbena.

Prominently located at an entrance to Country Club Hills, this attractive property makes a lasting impression on residents and visitors in the neighborhood. The Fitzgeralds garner many compliments, especially on a national holiday when they display patriotic decorations for all to enjoy!

Respectfully submitted,

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