

September, 2017 Beauty Spot of the Month

Congratulations to the Whetzels who live at 3406 Park Hill Place! During September the CHGC sign for the Beauty Spot of the Month will spotlight their creative use of their front yard. By putting their imaginations and green thumbs to work, Jay and Lisa have converted their lawn area into a bountiful garden supplying their dining table with homegrown fruits and vegetables.

The Whetzels step into their garden paradise from their front door. Heavenly bamboo, Autumn Joy sedum, crepe myrtle, barberry, impatiens, and a Japanese maple tree add bursts of red, pink, and white around the stone patio that opens to the broad front yard. Along the slope to the left, lily turf lends its purple blossoms and pointed leaves as a fringed edging under lofty hardwoods and large evergreens. An unexpected sight in the middle of the lawn is a micro-orchard containing apple, plum, pear, peach, and cherry trees. Small bushes for figs, berries, and grapes line the parkway. Right of the driveway, a sun-drenched garden plot spreads out to the corners of the yard. During this summer, continuous blooms from daisies, zinnias, roses, and sunflowers attracted pollinators, as well as decorated rows of vegetable plants. Plentiful amounts of beans, corn, okra, squash, tomatoes, and peppers were picked at the peak of the season. Now that autumn is approaching, the Whetzels have cleared spent vines, pruned branches, and pulled weeds to make way for a fall harvest. The new season will bring tasty additions to their cornucopia when cooler temperatures foster new growth from rosemary, basil, collards, kale, Swiss chard, and Brussels sprouts.

Home orchards and vegetable gardens require planning and hard work, but the time and effort yield great rewards. Imagine preparing nutritious meals from an amazing selection of fresh produce conveniently growing just steps from the kitchen! This September the Whetzels will savor the fruits of their labor in crisp salads, tasty main dishes, and delicious desserts!

Respectfully submitted,

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