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**City of Clovis to Host 2023 Yard of the Summer Contest**

CLOVIS, NM (*June 16, 2023*) – The City of Clovis is hosting its annual summer yard contest to recognize residences and businesses for their outstanding outdoor spaces. The purpose of the program is to promote pride of ownership in our properties, which, in turn, improves the appearance of our community and acts as an economic development incentive for people and businesses looking to relocate in Clovis.

The City will continue to accommodate the various yard conditions of residences and businesses. Only one round of the “Yard of the Summer” Contest will be held, and a special category has been added to recognize yards with a xeriscape element. The public will also vote for the winners of the contest.

To nominate a residence or business for the Yard of the Summer Contest, the public can submit a short online form via the City’s website at [www.cityofclovis.org](http://www.cityofclovis.org). The nomination period is now open and will close at 3:00 p.m., Friday, July 14, 2023. Once all nominations have been collected, the public will vote from July 17 to July 28 for their favorite outdoor spaces within the following categories:

- One residence from each of the four commission districts.
- One xeriscaped residence from each of the four commission districts.
- One business among all districts.
- One xeriscaped business among all districts.

The voting form will be made available on July 17 on the City’s website at [www.cityofclovis.org](http://www.cityofclovis.org) and its Facebook page at City of Clovis, NM (City Government) or [www.facebook.com/cityofclovis](http://www.facebook.com/cityofclovis). The winning residences and businesses will be announced via Facebook after the voting period, and the winners will also be recognized during the August 3 City Commission meeting. For questions regarding the Yard of the Summer Contest, please contact the City Manager’s Office at (575) 763-9670.