Nominating information for Covington beautification awards:

The Covington Neighborhood Collaborative, the Old Seminary Square Neighborhood Association and some former members of the now defunct Friends of Covington are reviving the annual Covington Beautification Awards program that was launched by the Friends group more than 30 years ago. The following information is being gathered in an effort to recognize some 20 property owners – residential or commercial -- in the city in 2023. It would be helpful if people who make nominations would provide answers to all or at least most of the following questions:

1. Location of property: street number and, if possible, neighborhood\_\_\_\_\_2213 Eastern Avenue, Wallace Woods\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Name(s) of property owner or tenant(s) who are responsible for the property\_\_\_\_Tom & Sara overt\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Contact information for the person who has nominated the property as well as for the person or persons who would be a recipient of the award\_\_\_Ryan Christen Oliphant WWNA President, Tom & Sara Covert \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. If possible, some information about the person or persons who might be an award recipient. (For example: Mom, dad, two kids and a pooch. Mom teaches school, dad is a firefighter, Bill’s in the fifth grade..., etc.) Tom is an architect and builder who restores properties in Covington. Sara is an administrator for the Covington Independent School District. They have two sons, Larkin and Mastin. Larkin is 6 and entering the first grade and Mastin is 3.
5. Length of time that the owner or tenant has lived at the address\_The family worked on the house for five years. They moved in November 2022. They purchased the home when Larkin, their oldest son was 1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. If possible, information about the architectural style of the home or commercial structure\_\_\_The home is a 1920’s tutor with a stucco finish. It was completely gutted and restored. All fireplaces were restored using the original tile. The roof had caved in, so the home had significant water damage. Due to damaged and buckled flooring, the original hardwood was replaced with white oak hard wood. The hardwood came from the couple's hometown of Portsmouth Ohio, Graf Flooring. The kitchen is a custom, modern kitchen, featuring custom cabinetry and marble counters. There are custom cabinets and built-ins throughout the home. Multiple additions were added, including a completely finished attic space featuring a bedroom and full bath for guests. On the exterior, a large rock wall was created using local river rock, generating three tiers in the backyard featuring local plants and trees. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. If possible, information about the age of the building\_\_\_1920s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. What sort of work has been done on the exterior of the building in recent years that makes it worthy of a beautification award?\_\_\_\_The home's original stucco was deteriorating. It was completely restored. Almost all original windows were restored. French doors were added to the back of the home. A garage addition was added to the home with a large deck on top of the roof of the garage. The deck overlooks the beautiful landscaping, as well as the beautiful trees of Wallace Woods. The river rock wall around the home and behind the home was created using stone from the Licking and Ohio rivers. Landscaping was done by Sharon Nursery out of Mainville, Ohio and features a variety of trees and plants including cherry, dogwood, magnolia, hydrangeas, holly plants, and viburnum amongst others\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. What sort of work has been completed in the yard or garden or in the overall landscaping treatment that makes it a good candidate for an award?\_\_\_\_\_\_see above\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. Is there any information available about previous owners who might have been noteworthy or prominent in the city or the state?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. Are there any anecdotal stories about the property that might distinguish it in any way from other properties in the city?\_\_\_The neighborhood followed this project from the beginning, rooting on the family every step of the way. A very special neighbor, Ryan, kept the family informed and watched the home to protect it during an extremely long rehab.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. Very broadly, is there anything that might make the property “special” in any way?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The neighborhood refers to it as ‘The story book house’ and since it has been restored, it is an absolute beauty.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
13. Question for the prospective award winner: Why is it important to take care of the exterior of your property?\_\_\_Taking pride in the exterior and interior of our home is one of the most important responsibilities of home ownership. With all of the hard work that has been put into this home, it is only right to preserve its beauty and history through presenting it in the most positive light possible. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. Is there any evidence that taking care of your property influences others to do the same?\_\_\_\_\_\_Absolutely, it is contagious, it is a shared attitude and belief that our homes are a reflection of our values. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
15. What are the advantages of living in the City of Covington?\_\_Covington is an amazing community to live, work, and raise a family. The Covert family is very invested in growing our community and improving the city for future generations. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
16. What are the disadvantages of living in the City of Covington?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.