

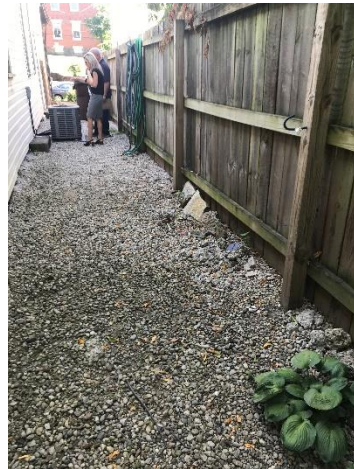
Nominating information for Covington beautification awards:

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 222 Berry St.
2. Name(s) of property owner or tenant(s) who are responsible for the property: Joan Morris.
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 Joan Morris.
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.) Retired from Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Moved to Covington in 2019 and has two sons and 4 grandchildren. Active in community.
5. Length of time that the owner or tenant has lived at the address 3.5 yr.
6. If possible, information about the architectural style of the home or commercial structure Was told the house was a former tailor's shop, which would explain the 13 windows in the front rooms of the structure. The original portion of the home is believed to have been built in the late 1880's/90's.
7. If possible, information about the age of the building _____.
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? When I purchased the home, it had aluminum siding and had very steep stairs to the front door, with no protection from the elements. In 2020, a front porch was added, the siding removed and replaced with hardibacker and the house was painted. A new brick sidewalk was installed from the street sidewalk through to the backyard. A small fence was added on the side of the house to hide the trashcans.
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? The entire front yard was landscaped and a small stone wall was built to control erosion on the west side of the sidewalk. The backyard was all gravel and had a wood deck when the house was purchased. All of that was removed and a concrete pad (10'x20' was installed, sod was laid and the backyard was fully landscaped. A custom shed was built to act as storage for gardening supplies and also as an entertainment feature.
10. Is there any information available about previous owners who might have been noteworthy or prominent in the city or the state? unknown.

11. Are there any anecdotal stories about the property that might distinguish it in any way from other properties in the city? unknown.
12. Very broadly, is there anything that might make the property “special” in any way? I feel it helped change the ‘vib’ on our street.
13. Question for the prospective award winner: Why is it important to take care of the exterior of your property? It’s a reflection of the owner as well as the value they place on their community.
14. Is there any evidence that taking care of your property influences others to do the same? That is hard to determine – not sure how you would collect evidence for this, but I do know people notice my yard when walking by and comment on it.
15. What are the advantages of living in the City of Covington? Very walkable city and the Westside is a very vibrant and welcoming neighborhood.
16. What are the disadvantages of living in the City of Covington? Parking is always an issue, especially as the number of businesses expand.

BEFORE PICTURES:



AFTER PICTURES

