

Enter now! 2010 Westlake in Bloom

Dear Residents,

I invite you to enter the city's ninth annual Westlake in Bloom competition. Just [click here](#) for this year's entry form. Representatives from the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County will judge entries on July 12, 13 and 14, from 9 a.m. 'til 6 p.m.

First, second, third and honorable mention will be selected in all categories, provided five or more properties are entered. Every Hilliard Boulevard flower box will be entered automatically in the judging.

Everyone who enters will receive an invitation to the 2010 Volunteers in Bloom Appreciation Reception and Awards Ceremony, planned for Thursday, August 5, at LACENTRE Conference and Banquet Facility, where the winners will be announced.

Additional contest information is listed below under "Contest Rules and Details." I look forward to celebrating with you on August 5.

Dennis M. Clough, Mayor

Contest Rules and Details

* **Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., Friday, June 25, 2010.** You may mail your entry to Westlake in Bloom, Westlake City Hall, 27700 Hilliard Boulevard, Westlake, OH 44145, or drop it off at the reception desk at City Hall. To be eligible for judging, your entry must be received by the deadline date and time.

* You may enter a property in only one category.

* Awards will recognize first, second, third and honorable mention in all categories with 5 or more entries. In categories with fewer than five entries, judges will determine the number of awards.

* All Hilliard Boulevard flower boxes will automatically be entered in the category: "Hilliard Boulevard Flower Box." If you have adopted a box, you do not need to send in an entry form.

* Your entry will be judged between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. by a two-person team from the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County on one of the following days: July 12, 13 or 14. Since judges' schedules may vary, you will not receive notification of a specific date and time for evaluating your property. Judges will leave a door hanger message after their visit.

* Past winners are eligible to enter.

* Judges will base their scoring on the following criteria:

Overall effect of garden design	40 points
Overall quality of plant materials	30 points
Originality	10 points
Maintenance	<u>20 points</u>
Total possible	100 points

* Winners will be notified by July 31 and will receive their awards at the Volunteers in Bloom Appreciation Reception, Thursday, August 5, at LACENTRE Banquet and Conference Center, 25777 Detroit Road. Everyone who enters will receive an invitation to the reception.

* By submitting this application, you are giving the city permission to photograph your landscaping, should you finish in the top three in a category. If you do not want your garden/landscaping photographed, please check this box.

* Do you have any questions? Please contact Lynn Brady, Westlake Planning and Economic Development Department, 440-617-4308, or via e-mail at lbrady@cityofwestlake.org.