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NEWS RELEASE

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WAY TO GROW, SEDALIA! **YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST**

(SEDALIA, MISSOURI): The City of Sedalia is partnering with the Fair City Garden Club and Show-Me Master Gardeners to launch the *Way to Grow, Sedalia!* Yard of the Month Contest for the 2015 growing season!

“*Way to Grow, Sedalia!* is an excellent way to thank Sedalia residents for investing great pride and ‘sweat equity’ in their community,” said Mayor Stephen Galliher. “Well maintained properties are visual evidence to visitors, neighbors and prospective new businesses and residents that Sedalia is clearly committed to helping our city grow and thrive.”

The Citizens for a Clean Sedalia Committee was an ad-hoc committee formed in 2012 as a response to citizen surveys reflecting concern over physical conditions of area properties. Based on recommendations from the Citizens for a Clean Sedalia Committee, the City Council approved changes to City of Sedalia code, authorized once-a-month neighborhood Clean Up events, and added another code enforcement officer to the Community Development roster. While the Citizens for a Clean Sedalia Committee completed their tasks as directed by City Council in 2014, the group did leave a number of “wish-list” items that City leaders might choose to explore in the future. A Yard of the Month contest was among these suggestions.

Sedalia, Missouri’s yard of the month contest will be held during the months of May, June, July, August and September. Each month, A *Way to Grow, Sedalia!* Yard of the Month winner will be chosen from each of the four City of Sedalia wards. Thanks to the tremendous support of our local businesses, an overall grand prize winner will also be selected from the four ward winners and awarded a \$25 gift card/certificate.

Way to Grow, Sedalia! Yard of the Month winners will receive a certificate of recognition from the Sedalia City Council, a *Way to Grow, Sedalia!* sign to be displayed in their yard during their award month, and recognition on the City of Sedalia's website and social media.

Applicants will be eligible for the entire length of the contest; however, monthly applications may be accepted prior to the 10th of each applicable month. Detailed contest rules and applications may be obtained online at www.cityofsedalia.com or through the Mayor's Office, 200 S. Osage Avenue, Sedalia, MO 65301. Applications may be submitted to the Mayor's Office or emailed to webmaster@cityofsedalia.com. For further information, please call the Mayor's Office: (660) 827-3000 x 145.

- When:** Effective immediately through September 2015
- Where:** Sedalia City-Wide
- Why:** *Way to Grow, Sedalia!* Yard of the Month Contest