There are beautiful yards and then there are absolutely wonderful yards. The City of Norfolk Tree Advisory Board recognizes the outstanding landscaping accomplishments of property owners each year with the Green Leaf Award.

The first Green Leaf Award was given to Women’s Health of Nebraska in 2011. Criteria for the award includes outstanding landscaping, ongoing maintenance, diversity of plantings and water management.

New this year is a Green Leaf award to be given to a resident of Norfolk with outstanding landscaping. Those wanting to nominate either a resident for the residential Green Leaf Award or a business for the corporate Green Leaf Award can either email a picture and/or notes about the nominee to cityofnorfolk@gmail.com, call Diane Becker at 402-844-2034 or write a letter of recommendation and send to Green Leaf Award, Diane Becker, City of Norfolk, 309 North 5th Street, Norfolk NE 68701. The letters of recommendation can also be dropped off at the City Administration Building at 309 N. 4th Street.

Past winners of the Green Leaf Award include Faith Regional Health Services in 2014; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson and Buettner, P.C, L.L.O in 2013; and Sunset Plaza Mall in 2012.

Deadline for submitting nominations for the residential Green Leaf Award and/or the corporate Green Leaf Award is September 3, 2015.