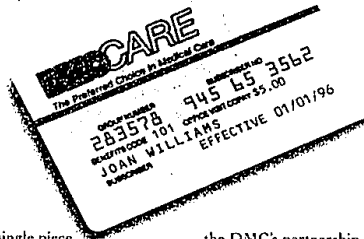


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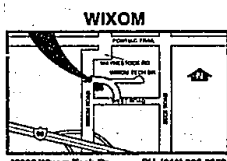
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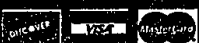
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Gardens

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are grouped, the use of color, the street appeal."

Added Sechler: "Some homes tied in the color of the plantings to the color of brick in the home. That's very pleasing to the eye."

Sandy Occhialini's advice to beginning gardeners is "just plant what you can maintain. It's not the quantity, but quality that counts."

In addition to the overall winner, nine other homes were cited for their appeal and homeowners will be awarded plaques of recognition.

They are Ed and Sid Carew, 37836 Bradley Court; Jerry and Cathryn Hatfield, 38076 Riverbend; Jeffrey D'Angelo, 23090 Baypoint; and Larry and Cathy Montgomery, 37840 Bradley.

Other homes cited were the residences of Suresh and Sushma Ailawadi at 37885 Windwood; Mark and Jana Chrumka, 23165 Baypoint; Jerome and



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Lush grounds: The Occhialini's landscaping includes a variety of trees and shrubs.

Mary Goldman, 23298 Fox Creek; Charles and Nancy Rivers, 22662 Shadowglen; and John and Patricia Delle-

Monache at 37633 Windwood. For more information about the Hill and Dale Garden Club, call Chris Sechler at 344-8239.

Garden club offers landscaping tips

Here are some tips on improving landscapes, courtesy of the Hill and Dale Garden Club. To remove weeds in a drive or bed with rocks and gravel, use Round Up or other similar chemicals. When using prepared weed killers, be sure to read the label instructions carefully. For a good non toxic solution, use boiling water. This can be applied directly to weeds in the drive or patio, or in gravel or stone areas. These applications take a little longer, but they do work.

You can trim or shape evergreens any time of the year. Some like to trim in mid-November. This provides greens to decorate for the holidays. When

trimming evergreens, avoid extreme shapes and be aware of the natural growth of the plant. If your shrub is naturally low and spreading, turning it into a round ball will be a lot of work. Overgrown evergreens can be pruned severely, moved to another location, or removed.

Many professional landscape contractors over plant when the landscape is first installed. Examples can be seen when evergreen trees eventually block windows and grow into the house. Overcrowding of shrubs and other bushes can also occur as these plants reach a mature size. Careful consideration should be made before removing any tree or plant. Most professional landscape contractors will provide a free estimate and opinion of this kind of work.

Many professional landscape contractors do not emphasize the maintenance that shrub and flower beds require. Keeping shrub and flower beds mulched or weeded can be time consuming, especially when a bed gets out of control. Selectively replacing mulch with a weed barrier and stone, or lawn, are two ways

to get a tough area under control.

When planning your annual planting for the front of the house, take into consideration the colors of your house and its trim. Too many different colors will detract. Annuals are quick and easy color. Grouping your colors will move your eye in the direction you want it to move. You can also use different colored evergreens and small shrubs to add color and texture.

Welcome your guests to your front door by directing their path with an easy access walk that points the way to the entrance. If you want to use containers, either hanging or standing, ask yourself: does the color of the container compliment the color of the planting? Is this the color that goes well with the color of the house? Will the flowers or planting in a container make the entrance overcrowded? Front yard sculpture should be integrated into your landscape and enhance your street appeal. If a sculpture dominates or distracts from your entrance, try integrating it into the design.



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