

# BEST ON THE BLOCK



## Complete 2011 Contest Description and Guidelines

The **Best on the Block** program is designed to reward and recognize home and business owners who improve the curbside view of their home or buildings. The contest is free to enter and open to all West Sacramento residents and small business owners. **In order to participate:**

1. Submit a completed entry form between May 2nd and September 2nd, along with a “before” picture of the front of your home or business. Staff will conduct a “drive-by” verification of your home or business to make sure the picture matches the “before” condition of your home or business. No email entries!
2. Once your project is complete (or by September 30th, which ever comes first) submit an “after” picture of the front of your home or business to complete the entry process. A panel of “drive-by” judges will conduct a one-day site inspection of all entries to determine the winners.

### CONTEST TIPS

1. Take your photos from the same vantage point to best demonstrate the improvement. Multiple photos are permitted.
2. Be sure to include a brief description of the project on the entry form. Additional information allowed on a separate page.
3. Include the name & phone number of at least one (1) neighbor or business with whom we can talk to about your efforts.
4. Contestants must choose which category they wish to compete in. The categories are defined below.

### CATEGORIES

- **Residential Small Improvement.** Intended for any improvements that do not require any type of permit. Examples include landscaping, painting and other relatively low-cost improvements.
- **Residential Large Improvement.** All improvements can be entered into this category but it is intended for larger improvements that require a permit to perform the work. Even if the work you have done may not require a permit you may compete in this category, but bear in mind that you are competing against larger projects. Examples would be anything ranging from tree removal, adding or changing siding, and re-roofing. If your project required a permit please include the permit number on your entry form. For more information on Building Permits visit the [West Sacramento Community Development Department web page](#) or call 617-4645.
- **Business.** This is intended for any business that employs 99 people or less and makes any curbside improvements to their buildings or landscaping. This includes any improvements that may or may not require a permit.

### PRIZES

Top three (3) winners in each category receive [West Sacramento Recreation Center](#) passes

- **Residential Small Improvement:** 1<sup>st</sup> place: 1-year pass, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 6-month pass; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 3-month pass
- **Residential Large Improvement:** 1<sup>st</sup> place: 1-year pass, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 6-month pass; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 3-month pass
- **Small Business:** 1<sup>st</sup> place: 1-year pass, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 6-month pass; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 3-month pass
  - Pass prizes for residential winners are for each member of the immediate family living at the address of the project house. Pass prizes for the small business winners are for up to six (6) current employees.
  - Passes are non-transferable and cannot be substituted for a cash payout or used to pay for other program purchases or rental fees.

**Entry Form and photos can be sent to:**

**Parks & Recreation Department  
1110 West Capitol Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  
Attn: BEST ON THE BLOCK**



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