



SOMERSET PARK HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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VERGE COMPETITION

Verges create an important first impression of a home or neighbourhood and also impact property values.

Many property owners view the areas outside their boundary walls as being of lesser importance. While it is understandable that people choose to devote most of their attention to those parts of the garden in which they spend time, these external areas make a first impression on potential home buyers and can enhance the appeal of a property and the neighbourhood.

The **Somerset Park Home Owners' Association in partnership with eThekweni Municipality** takes pleasure in announcing the second **Verge Competition** in order to create an awareness of the importance of exterior environments and particularly gardens within neighbourhoods. The Verge Competition encourages homeowners to put a little extra effort and creativity into the appearance of verges. Aesthetically pleasing exteriors not only improve homes, but also **beautify and help uplift communities**. Attractive neighbourhoods attract buyers and impact positively on property values.

A number of **different criteria are considered when judging the verges** entered into the competition. The overall attractiveness of each verge is the starting point with the innovative use of plants and features. Some of the verges could be indigenous while others have special themes. We will make a special effort to judge each verge in its own right. The winners of each category will receive prizes and vouchers to assist them in further developing their gardens.

A verge is the area of land that lies between a property boundary and a road. The competition is open to all residents. The public is encouraged to either nominate themselves or homes, individuals that have the best verges in front of their properties.

There are categories for **freestanding homes and complexes**, as well as for most improved verge, which aims to further motivate homeowners.

"Hingham Nursery is delighted to be part of the Verge Competition. Picture driving through the suburb with beautiful verges and what a demand it would create for property in your area. We realise that with water shortages it is not all that easy to keep a verge in tip top condition. We are always on hand to help you make smart choices or simply choices to achieve the look that you want to go for and to advise you what maintenance would be required. Feel free to bring photos in for some good advice."

Julie Scragg – Hingham Nursery

We encourage our house-proud residents to think about how they can contribute in the beautification of their neighbourhoods and to become involved in the competition. Those who wish to **enter this year's competition** should contact Julie **no later than 30 September 2024**. Presentation of prizes will take place at the Green Belt. Date of the award ceremony will be confirmed.

For more information, please contact Julie on 031 5611371/2 or Email: julieh@attlee.co.za



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ENTRY FORM

Somerset Park Home Owners' Association invites residents to participate in our first verge competition. The competition promotes a sustainable environment by encouraging residents to beautify and keep their verges clean and well maintained. By promoting civic pride, it is a step towards the vision of making Somerset Park the most beautiful suburb in Durban.

The competition is open to all. Residents are encouraged to either nominate themselves or nominate homes or complexes that have the best verges in front of their properties.

Participants stand a chance to win vouchers and exciting prizes.

Presentation of prizes will take place at the Green Belt. Date will be announced next year.

HOW TO ENTER?

Complete the entry form or request a form via email: julieh@attlee.co.za

Submit the form with pictures of your verge **before 30 September 2024**.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Entries submitted later than 30 September 2024 will not be considered.

Submissions without pictures will not be considered.

COMPETITOR'S DETAILS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Does the competitor know they have been nominated? YES ☐ NO ☐

NOMINATOR'S DETAILS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

VERGE CATEGORY

Free Standing Home or Complex: _____

SELF-RATING

Please rate your nominated verge out of 10 for each criterion.

SELF RATING		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
CRITEIRA	/10	JUDGES PRELIMINARY SCORE	/10
1. Wow factor		The verge garden is great	
2. Civic pride		The verge garden is proof of civic pride	
3. Sustainability		The verge garden is sustainable	
4. Biodiversity		The verge garden supports nature	
5. Aesthetic appeal		The verge garden is aesthetically pleasing	
6. Waterwise consideration		The verge garden has a waterwise design	
7. Construction		The verge design has a sustainable construction	
8. Maintenance design		The verge garden has a low maintenance design	
9. Maintenance implementation		The verge garden is well maintained i.e., lawn, plants, soil, weeds, pests.	
10. Invasive alien plant free		The verge garden is alien free	
TOTAL	/100		/100

VERGE GARDEN SHORTLISTED: YES ☐ NO ☐

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Submitting a nomination: YES ☐ NO ☐

1. Booking Forms

- Only completed booking forms will be considered
- Electronic entries are advisable and encouraged and may be emailed to us.
- Each completed entry must contain the details of the respective nominator.
- Only the official nomination form may be completed and submitted.
- Several verges may be nominated but each verge must be on a separate completed nomination form.
- All nominations must be submitted on or before the closing date.

2. Photographs

At least one (1) quality full colour photograph needs to be part of your nomination. If possible, include several photos of the nominated verge from various angles to provide a 'complete picture'.

3. Geographic Area

Only verges within Somerset Park may be nominated.

4. Important Dates

- Deadline Nominations: **30 September 2024.**
- Award ceremony: To be confirmed

5. The judges' decision is final

6. For further enquiries please contact Julie on 031 5611371/2 or Email: julieh@attlee.co.za