



## **Neighborhood Beautification Awards**

We are pleased to introduce the new and improved Neighborhood Beautification Awards! A program of the New Bern Appearance Commission, the Awards are designed to encourage and promote community involvement in keeping New Bern a beautiful place to live, work and play, and to recognize and reward City of New Bern residential property owners whose properties reflect their community pride and have an aesthetically pleasing appearance. The finest landscapes in the City, one from each of six Wards, will be recognized each year. All property owners are encouraged to participate.

The Neighborhood Beautification Awards Nomination Process has been enhanced to invite nominations from the public.

### **Eligibility**

1. To be eligible, the property must be within one of the 6 Wards of the City of New Bern.
2. Any citizen of the City of New Bern can nominate any residential property within the City limits.
3. Nomination Forms are available at [www.newbern-nc.org/RP/appear\\_comm.php](http://www.newbern-nc.org/RP/appear_comm.php) or can be picked up during normal business hours at Parks and Recreation Department, 1620 National Avenue, New Bern.
4. Completed Nomination Forms can be dropped off at the Parks & Recreation Department or mailed to:  
Parks & Recreation Department  
ATTN: Appearance Commission  
1620 National Avenue  
New Bern, NC 28560
5. All Nomination Forms must be received by no later than June 1.
6. The Commission welcomes the inclusion of photographs whenever possible.
7. Properties in violation of building, municipal and/or zoning codes will be disqualified.

### **Selection Criteria**

Citizens wishing to nominate a neighbor, friend, or themselves should use the following criteria:

- Does the landscape have abundant eye appeal? • Is the space inviting? • Are plant materials used in a creative way? • Does the landscape enhance the neighborhood? • Are there any improperly pruned trees on the property? • Are the plant selections appropriate for the site, our climate, and our region?

Please note that the Commission can only consider street facing landscapes and gardens.

The Commission will review the submittals and select the most outstanding nomination in each Ward. The properties will be judged based on neatness, creativity, color harmony, plant health, complimentary to home and/or neighborhood, plant varieties, overall effect, and most improved (before and after photos helpful).

Winners will be featured on the City's website, receive recognition at a Board of Aldermen meeting, and proudly display a "Neighborhood Beautification Award" sign.

