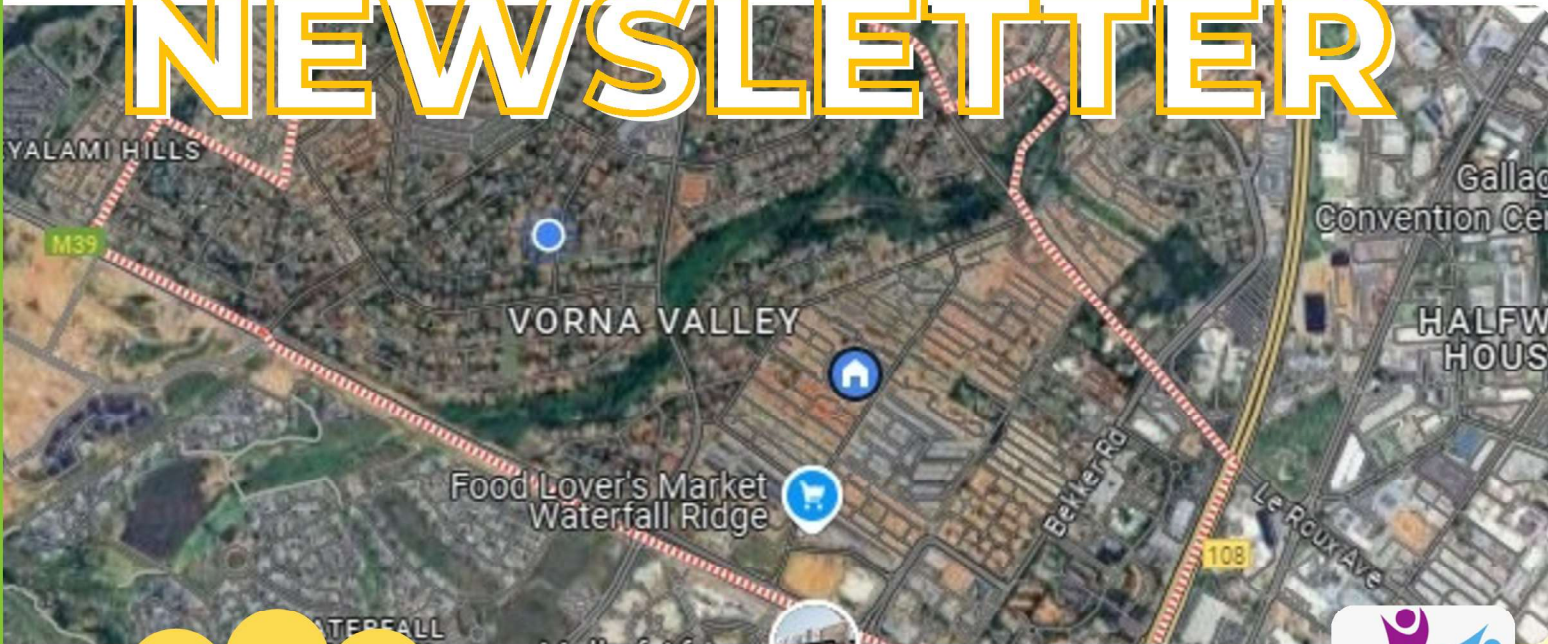


VORNA VALLEY COMMUNITY

NEWSLETTER



In case you missed it!



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- and is frustrated with service (non) delivery?
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A Member

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**ARE YOU
UNITED OR ENTITLED?
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**SPRING IS IN THE AIR...
BUT SO IS THE POLLEN!
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SNIFFLES AT BAY**
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Sneezes and Breezes

When Flowers + You = Aachooo!!!



Tips to keep the allergies at bay this Spring.

MAKE IT A HABIT OF CHECKING THE POLLEN COUNT, NOTING THAT THE POLLEN COUNT IS PARTICULARLY HIGHER ON THOSE DRY, WARM DAYS.

POLLEN COUNT IS GENERALLY HIGHER IN THE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS, SO CONSIDER ACTIVITIES THAT DON'T CLASH WITH THESE TIMES.

Keep pollen where it belongs - Outside.

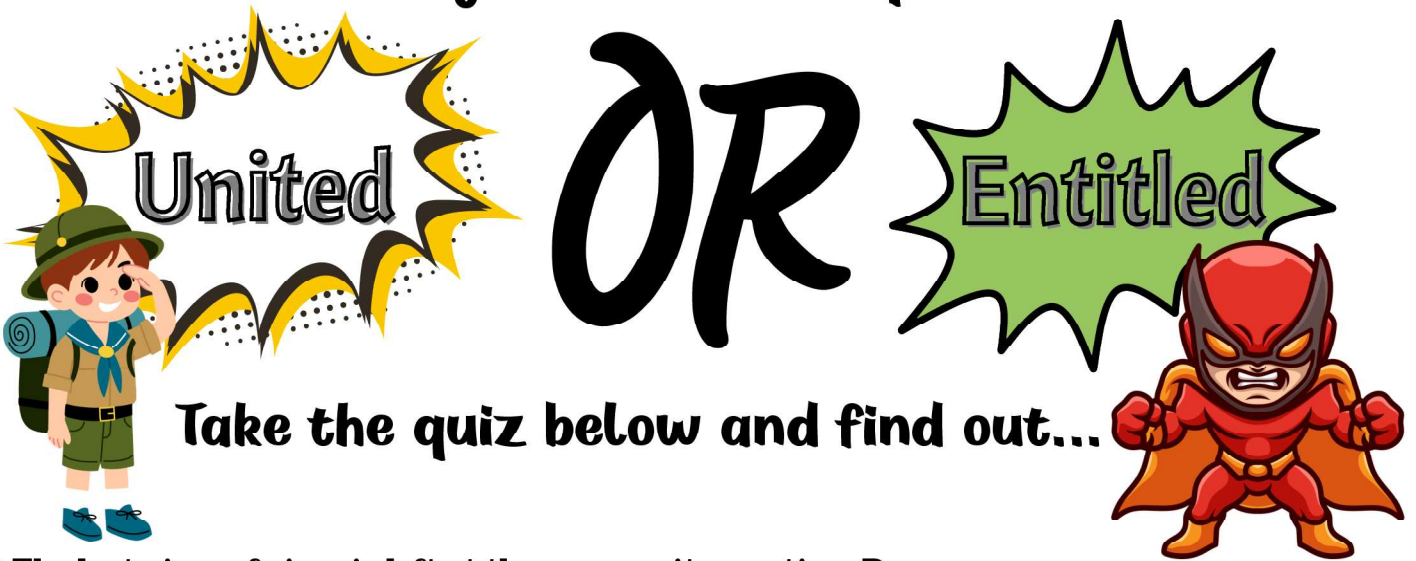
1 SHOE SWAP: CHANGE YOUR SHOES WHEN YOU GET HOME TO AVOID TRAIPSING POLLEN THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

2 CLOTHES CHANGE: AIM TO GET CHANGED ONCE YOU GET HOME BECAUSE POLLEN CAN CLING TO YOUR FABRICS.

3 SHOWER POWER: A SHOWER BEFORE BEDTIME WILL REMOVE POLLEN FROM YOUR SKIN AND HAIR SAVING YOUR PILOWS FROM EXPOSURE.

4 KEEP YOUR WINDOWS SHUT: TEMPTING AS IT MAY BE TO AIR YOUR SURROUNDINGS, CONSIDER THE TIME OF DAY AND THE POLLEN COUNT BEFORE YOU OPEN THOSE WINDOWS!

What is your Residentsip status?



1) The last piece of pizza is left at the community meeting. Do you:

- A) Offer to someone who came late.
- B) Share with someone you know.
- C) Grab it before someone else does.

2) A community task needs doing (e.g., cleaning verges). Do you:

- A) Volunteer immediately.
- B) Wait for others to volunteer.
- C) Ignore the call for help.

3) A decision impacts the whole community. Do you:

- A) Listen to the options provided.
- B) Suggest some options that could help.
- C) Demand your option be instated.

4. You see a neighbour struggling with local vandals. Do you:

- A) Help with calling security.
- B) Smile & drive / walk by.
- C) Pass along and look the other way.

5. Your opinion isn't the one chosen. Do you:

- A) Understand that other options will likely work.
- B) Neutral because the betterment of the community is 1st prize.
- C) Annoyed because you know what's best for the community.

Mostly A's

The Enlightened Anchor

You're the community's rock!
Your instinct is to support, share, and lift others up. You understand that "we" is stronger than "me."

Mostly B's

The Balanced Neighbour

You've got a healthy balance!
You look out for your own needs while being a reliable part of the community.

Mostly C's

The Entitled Island

Sometimes you forget the "community" part of community. Try looking for one small way to contribute — you might be surprised how good it feels!

Doggie Ice-Lollies for this Summer!

Ingredients:

1 cup (250ml) low-sodium bone broth - make by boiling chicken / meat bones for +/- 30 minutes.

A few of your dog's favourite treats; blueberries or apple slices.

Method:

- 1. Pour bone broth into a shallow bowl or mould.**
- 2. Drop in treats or fruit and veggie pieces.**
- 3. Freeze overnight.**
- 4. Let your dog enjoy licking it slowly outdoors.**

This one's especially great for slow hydration and mental stimulation.



Unscramble the 9 letter word below and send us your answers to: communication@vvra.org.za

M I M U S Y N G A

Hint: For body and mind, both find results here!

Last Month's Solution: UNLUCKILY

Pavement Upgrade: What happened to Greig Street?

You may have noticed a recent upgrade on the sidewalk along Greig Street — the installation of sturdy new bollards. This small but significant change is already paying dividends for our community, and it's a perfect example of what we can achieve when we work together.



Greig Street Sidewalk Bollards installed: 2025

Since their installation, we've seen a remarkable transformation:

- **Safer Pedestrian Pathways:** The previously common issue of unnecessary curbside parking has been eliminated, finally clearing the sidewalk for pedestrians, parents with strollers, and joggers.
- **Reduced Dubious Activity:** The bollards have successfully deterred the presence of dubious vehicles that often loitered in the area, increasing the sense of security for residents.
- **A Noticeably Cleaner Environment:** With fewer vehicles idling or parking illegally, the associated littering has dropped tremendously, helping to keep our suburb attractive and neat.



This success story is a testament to the power of community collaboration. It began with concerned residents raising the issue with us, the Vorna Valley Resident Association. Together, we consolidated our voices and brought the matter to our dedicated local councillor, Annette Deppe. Her recognition of our concerns and unwavering support was crucial in turning this idea into a reality. We extend our sincere gratitude to her and the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) for administering the prompt installation.

[This is proof that your voice matters. Let's continue this momentum!](#)



Do you have a problem area in mind?
Loitering? Littering?

A sidewalk that needs attention or a community space that could be improved? We encourage every resident to highlight these concerns, become a member of the VVRA and share your ideas to tackle the issues, we're excited to work together! By partnering proactively, we can continue to make our **Vorna Valley**, a safer, cleaner, and more attractive haven for all who call it home.

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- Tenant**

**Help, I can't find the key for my gate & my dog ran out on the street. Come quickly!
- Tenant**

**Urgent: No light in the kitchen, not sure if it's loadshedding or the bulb? Send someone.
- Other Tenant**

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