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Individual (Youth)
\$25 per year

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\$50 per year

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\$150 per year

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www.NUSA.org

A Declaration of Neighborhood Roles, Rights & Responsibilities

We come together as neighborhood people working to preserve and improve our neighborhoods.

As neighborhood people, we have the right to self-determination and empowerment; to be advised and consulted on public policies and public-private initiatives affecting our neighborhoods; to have our neighborhood values, culture and history recognized and respected; and to have the authority and the resources to establish neighborhood organizations.

As neighborhood people, we have the responsibility to advise governments and others of neighborhood values, culture and history; to listen to the views of all residents; to help one another to care for children, the aging and others in need; to promote self-sufficiency of residents and economic and social development of the neighborhood; to guide our youth; to look out for the safety of our homes and streets, maintain our properties, and make proper use of public facilities; and to strive diligently to achieve liberty and justice for all.

As neighborhood people, we look to a variety of governments, voluntary organizations, businesses and philanthropy to meet neighborhood needs for personal, social and economic development; to fund neighborhood organizations and services; to respect neighborhood values, culture and history; and to be held accountable for how their actions affect our neighborhoods.

As neighborhood people, we ask that the actions of neighborhood residents and organizations, governments, businesses and philanthropy be guided by the principles of equity, participation and accountability.

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We are

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Building Stronger Communities since 1975



Neighborhoods are the building blocks of every city in our nation. Communities are at their strongest when neighbors look out for one another and work together to improve their surroundings. Strong grass-roots groups not only have a positive impact on our quality of life, but they are popular vehicles to affect positive change and revitalization.



In 1975, a small group of neighborhood leaders across the United States came together to form a national organization that would provide the guidance, encouragement and educational tools for community activists and civic officials to organize neighborhood groups and bring them into the local decision-making process.

And for the past 41 years, Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) has been on the front lines of building stronger communities across the United States.

Neighborhoods face a menu of complex problems every day, whether it be fighting crime, getting more people involved or just being heard by their local elected officials. NUSA helps provide the knowledge and skills that leaders and neighborhood groups need to strengthen their base of support, build efficient partnerships and create a new synergy.

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Working with local host cities across the nation, NUSA is best known for its annual conference held every May.

At our conference each year hundreds of people, who are passionate about improving neighborhoods and building stronger communities, gather to share information with one another, attend and actively participate in educational workshops, tour neighborhoods of the host city, and recognize achievements of neighborhoods across the nation.



OUR ANNUAL AWARDS

At NUSA's annual conference, we recognize the work being done in neighborhoods across the United States in a variety of ways.

Neighborhood of the Year Awards - NUSA's oldest awards are presented to groups who have developed creative grass-roots solutions to problems in their communities.

Best Neighborhood Program Awards - NUSA recognizes outstanding programs in neighborhoods that have been implemented by local government departments, businesses or corporations.

Neighborhood Newsletter Competition - Newsletters provide valuable information and keep neighbors informed about what's happening in their community every year. NUSA recognizes the best of the best of these newsletters and the work leaders put into their publications.

Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods - NUSA's newest award competition recognizes individuals who have made significant achievements in their local communities and whose work mirrors the mission of NUSA.

STAYING CONNECTED

The work of NUSA continues throughout the year, not just during the annual conference. To achieve our goal of helping neighborhoods and local governments build stronger relationships, we communicate regularly with our membership through a variety of methods.



Web site - visit NUSA's site on the internet at www.NUSA.org for regular updates about the organization, our annual conference or neighborhood-related news.

Social media - NUSA engages their membership throughout the year on social media via **Facebook** (facebook.com/NeighborhoodsUSA) and **Twitter** (@NUSAConference).



NUSA E-News - We also frequently communicate throughout the year with our membership through the use of our e-mail marketing platform, regularly sending out updates about the conference, our organization and other news. To sign up for these updates, visit our web site at www.NUSA.org

Quarterly Newsletter - NUSA publishes and mails a newsletter, *NUSA NEWS*, to its members three times a year. Each edition features educational information for neighborhoods, articles about neighborhood programs and achievements across the nation, and helpful information about the annual NUSA conference.

