

Downtown Little Rock at night is aglow as buildings and bridges light up the sky.



You belong with us at NUSA 2020!

The history behind every successful Neighborhoods, USA Conference includes active participation from people across every sector and level of society seeking out new opportunities to discuss the pressing issues of the times, share experiences and offer assistance; and motivate and encourage others.

If you are interested in volunteering to make a difference on a national level, the NUSA Board of Directors invites you to partner with us by serving in one or more of these ways:

- Join the Awards Committee and **become a judge**.
- Encourage **your city to host** a NUSA Conference.
- Showcase your **social media or website skills** by joining the Public Affairs Committee.
- **Present a workshop** at the 2020 NUSA Conference.
- Run for the **Board of Directors** in May 2020.
- **Be a photographer** at the 2020 NUSA Conference.
- Ask your organization to become an **Affiliate NUSA Member** (it's FREE).
- Request a City/County or Corporation to become a **City/County or Corporate NUSA member**.

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Save the Date

August 31, 2019

2021 & 2022 Host Bid Packages are due

September 15, 2019

2020 Workshop Presentation Proposals are due

May 20-23, 2020

NUSA Conference in Little Rock, AR



Consider hosting the 2021 or 2022 NUSA Conference

The value of hosting a NUSA conference is in showcasing the strength of your civic infrastructure, the assets and accomplishments of your community, and yes, it promotes economic activity. More important, it tests and develops your community's capacity for purposeful, collaborative action.

In selecting its conference host entities NUSA looks particularly for those communities that evidence a strong commitment from the local neighborhood leaders and a system of neighborhood organizations that are working closely with local government, business, and civic groups.

Hosting a NUSA Conference is challenging and uniquely rewarding. Few communities are ever quite the same after a NUSA conference! The following highlights the spectrum of cities who have hosted over the past ten years:

- 2011 - Anchorage, AL
- 2012 - Indianapolis, IN
- 2013 - Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 - Eugene, OR
- 2015 - Houston, TX
- 2016 - Memphis, TN
- 2017 - Omaha, NE
- 2018 - Birmingham, AL
- 2019 - Palm Springs, CA
- 2020 - Little Rock, AR

If your city is interested hosting the 2021 or 2022 NUSA Conference, please download the [Host Bid Package](#). For additional resources and a complete conference history to help you plan, visit: nusa.org/nusa-conferences/conference-history/.



NUSA's Mission

"To build and strengthen neighborhood associations; to encourage neighborhood involvement in the decision-making process in local governments; and to promote productive communication and collaboration between neighborhood associations, local governments and the public/private sector."



Present a Workshop at the 2020 NUSA Conference



NUSA's Program Development Committee is seeking proposals from the best and brightest to present workshops on a wide range of topics related to neighborhoods. Preference is given to proposals that address the years' conference theme, "Neighborhoods: the Fabric of our Communities" in one of the following workshop tracks:

Adult Workshop Tracks

- Crime, Safety and Security
- Beautification/Urban Revitalization
- Restoring Lifestyles: Health/Drugs, Homelessness, Re-entry and Senior Citizen Transition
- Neighborhood Enhancement and Technology/ Working with City Government
- Building and Sustaining Neighborhood Leadership & Skills for Success
- Working with our Multicultural Communities
- Youth

Youth Workshop Tracks (ages 13 - 18)

- Community Matters
- How the Media Shapes You
- Where is Life Taking You
- Having a Seat at the Table

All proposals must be received no later than **September 15, 2019 by 11:59 p.m. (East Coast Time)** to be considered and must follow the [Proposal Outline](#).

Should you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact the Program Development Committee by email: ProgramDevelopment@nusa.org or visit nusa.org

"Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than the one where they sprang up."

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

2019 NUSA Conference Award Winners

Each year, NUSA solicits nominations to recognize the commitment of neighborhood endeavors, actions and neighborhood-friendly individuals or enterprises by awarding its Neighborhood of the Year, Best Neighborhood Program, Neighborhood Newsletter and Who's Who in America's Neighborhood awards. Congratulations to all our awards finalists and winners!

Neighborhood of the Year

NUSA's Neighborhood of the Year awards have been presented since 1984 as a collective "thank you" for the hard work of nominated neighborhoods and are the only national awards given on an ongoing basis to neighborhood organizations for their self-help initiatives.



AOC7 Literacy Fair



Grand Prize – Overall Neighborhood of the Year

Project	Neighborhood	City/State
AOC7 Literacy Fair	Anaheim, Orange, Cherry & 7th Street NA	Long Beach, CA

Physical Revitalization/Beautification Category

Award	Project	Neighborhood	City/State
1 st	Saturn Hills Community Garden	Orchard Hills NA	Garland, TX
2 nd	Visual Impact Committee	Goleta Old Town Community Assoc.	Goleta, CA

Multi-Neighborhood Partnerships Category

Award	Project	Neighborhood	City/State
1 st	Silent Railroad Crossings Project	Berkley Place NA	Fort Worth, TX
2 nd	Soar Serves Seniors	Sylvan Old Auburn Road NA	Citrus Heights, CA
3 rd	Historic Fairmount 5K Run	Fairmount NA	Fort Worth, TX
Finalist	Summer Games & Movies	Goleta Old Town Community Assoc.	Goleta, CA

Social Revitalization/Neighborliness Category			
<i>Award</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Neighborhood</i>	<i>City/State</i>
1 st	AOC7 Literacy Fair	Anaheim, Orange, Cherry & 7th Street NA	Long Beach, CA
2 nd	Santa Ana Social Revitalization	Santa Ana NA	Santa Ana, CA
3 rd	Whitely Community Safety Project	Whitely Community Council	Muncie, IN
Finalist	Taste & Sounds of Old Town	Goleta Old Town Community Assoc.	Goleta, CA
Finalist	Happy Birthday Highlands Day Festival	Highlands Council	Issaquah, WA
Finalist	Palm Springs Black History Parade & Town Fair	Palm Springs Black History Committee	Palm Springs, CA

For a complete list of past award winners and event photos, visit:
nusa.org/nusa-awards/neighborhood-of-the-year/

Best Neighborhood Program

For the past 12 years, NUSA has recognized and honored outstanding programs implemented to improve neighborhoods by a governmental entity, business or corporation through its Best Neighborhood Program Award. Congratulations to all the 2019 winners!

Physical Revitalization/Beautification Category		
<i>Award</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Organization</i>
1 st (tie)	Neighborhood Pride Program	City of Peoria
1 st (tie)	Neighborhood Public Safety Initiatives	City of Tallahassee
2 nd	Small Sparks Program	8 Twelve Coalition
3 rd	The NAMAZing Eagle Street Initiative	The NAMAZing Initiative

Social Revitalization/Neighborliness Category		
<i>Award</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Organization</i>
1 st	Southside Farmers Market	City of Tallahassee
2 nd (tie)	Back to School Celebration	Round Rock PD
2 nd (tie)	Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program	City of Vancouver
3 rd	The NAMAZing Eagle Street Initiative	The NAMAZing Initiative
Finalist	MAP Neighborhood Treasurer Program	City of Monrovia
Finalist	Neighborhood Pop-Up Parties	Highland Council
Finalist	Fort Lauderdale Little Free Libraries	City of Fort Lauderdale
Finalist	The Good Neighbor Program	City of Rowlett

For a complete list of past award winners and event photos, visit:
nusa.org/nusa-awards/best-neighborhood-program/.

Neighborhood Newsletter Competition

The Neighborhood Newsletter Competition awards excellence in community print and electronic newsletters. 2019 marks the 9th year NUSA has sponsored its National Newsletter Competition.

Neighborhood Organization - Print Category			
<i>Award</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>Neighborhood</i>	<i>City/State</i>
1 st	News from the Neighborhood	Belmont Heights Community Association	Long Beach, CA
2 nd	Whitely Community Newsletter	Whitely Community Council	Muncie, IN
3 rd	Connection News	Highlands Council	Issaquah, WA
Finalist	Society Hill Reporter	The Society Hill Civic Association	Philadelphia, PA
Finalist	NOPNA News	North of Panhandle NA	San Francisco, CA
Finalist	Orchard Hills NA Quarterly Newsletter	Orchard Hills NA	Garland, TX

Neighborhood Organization - Electronic Category			
<i>Award</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>Neighborhood</i>	<i>City/State</i>
1 st	RNP Newsletter	Riverside NA	Riverside, CA

Government Entity - Electronic Format		
<i>Award</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>Publishing Entity</i>
1 st	City of Bend	Neighborhood News - Bend, OR

Government Entity - Print Format		
<i>Award</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>Publishing Entity</i>
1 st	City of Balch Springs Community Newsletter	City of Balch Springs, TX

If you're interested in competing in the 2020 competition or for more information about past winners, visit: nusa.org.



Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods

The Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods award recognizes individuals whose work mirrors the mission of Neighborhoods, USA. Nominees were submitted under one of two categories: the Governmental or Grassroots/Neighbor.



Grassroots/Neighbor Category

Ray Dettman was nominated by Jorg Hruschka, Chief Service Officer from the City of Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Volunteer Office.



Governmental Category

Cheri Coryea of Manatee, FL was nominated by Debbie DeLeon Manatee, FL for over 28 years of work with neighborhoods.

To read the applications submitted on behalf of our Who's Who winners or to view a complete list of past award winners, visit: nusa.org/nusa-awards/whos-who-in-americas-neighborhoods/.

Your membership in NUSA connects you to neighborhoods across the U.S!

Since 1975, NUSA has been committed to strengthening communities and today that mission continues with your membership. NUSA members are the driving force in building neighborhoods across the United States and abroad.

Our goal is to empower communities to be vibrant and strong while connecting neighbors together. There are currently four levels of membership in NUSA: *City/County*, *Corporate*, *Affiliate* and *Individual*. While your individual membership is covered under your annual conference attendance, City/County and Corporate memberships are renewed annually and neighborhood Affiliate memberships are renewed bi-annually.

Renewal information and applications are currently available online at: nusa.org and the Membership Services Committee will be facilitating a direct mail renewal to all City/County, Corporate and Affiliate members in the near future.

Welcome our newest NUSA Affiliate Members

NUSA's nationwide affiliate network is a dynamic and geographically diverse force of dedicated neighborhood leaders and practitioners located in urban and rural areas across the country. The affiliates are made up of parents, professionals, lay persons, regional organizations and others who actively work to build and strengthen neighborhoods.

These organizations recently joined our team:

Highlands Council – Issaquah, WA

Poinciana Park Civic Association – Fort Lauderdale, FL

Historic Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club – Fort Lauderdale, FL

Coral Reef Neighborhood Watch – Freeport, Grand Bahamas

Jubilee Gardens Neighborhood Watch – Nassau, Bahamas

There is no charge to become an Affiliate Member and organizations may apply online. To view a list of all current Affiliate Members, please visit: nusa.org/nusa-membership/affiliate-membership/

2019-20 NUSA Board of Directors

NUSA is governed by a 21-member Board of Directors. Members are elected at the annual conference to staggered three year terms to serve voluntarily and at their own expense. The board directs the ongoing business and policy of the organization, provides oversight for the implementation of each year's conference and plays a leadership role by promoting the organization and the work of neighborhood-based activism and self-help initiatives.

The 2019-20 NUSA Board of Directors include:

Barnes, Hal
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Omaha, NE

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Indianapolis, IN

Taylor-Hill, Reba
Indianapolis, IN

Thomas, Craig*
Valley City, UT

Pryor, Jeri
Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Elected in May 2019.*

For a list of current executive officers and committee assignments, visit: nusa.org/about-nusa/board-of-directors/.
For more information about how you can run for the board, visit: nusa.org/about-nusa/board-elections/

2019 Retiring NUSA Board of Directors

Thank you for all the years you've dedicated to serving your NUSA community – *you will be missed!*

Rene Kane
Eugene, Ore.

George R. Lee, Jr.
Birmingham, AL.

Lisa Middleton
Palm Springs, CA

Annie Rodgers
North Adams, Mass.

Wanda Sloan
Lakeland, FL