

NUSA NEWS

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Indianapolis Prepares for the 2012 Neighborhoods, USA Conference



The 37th Annual Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) conference is quickly approaching and the Circle City is thrilled to act as host as we celebrate "Communities Building Community"!

Indianapolis started off 2012 with a bang as this year's Super Bowl host city, and the experience put this city on the map as a champion host. Indianapolis has since then been going at full speed to continue being a great host city for many other events,

such as the NCAA Basketball playoffs, followed by the Indy 500 race which will be in full swing as NUSA 2012 is happening. Indianapolis has proven to the world that it is a welcoming place for all people and that Hoosier Hospitality is a real thing we practice and not just preach. We know you will fall in love with Indy's thriving downtown, and its many unique neighborhoods and commercial districts.

For the beer aficionados, a new post-conference event has been added, and includes a tour of some of Indy's many new breweries, including Thr3e Wise Men Brewing Co, Sun King Brewing Co, and the newest addition Fountain Square Brewing Co. If you are interested in this brewery tour, please contact Lisa Laflin at llaflin@indy.gov for more information.

Local media has heard the buzz about NUSA and the great conference that it is and will be covering the conference in different ways. A local neighborhood - focused newspaper, Urban Times, has seen the value of NUSA coming to Indy and has agreed to publish a four part series on NUSA and why local residents should attend. At the time of this writing there have been two publications: one on what NUSA is and why residents should attend and a second one on Generation Collaboration Day at NUSA and how youth and young adults can become involved. The City of Indianapolis and its residents are busy making sure that this is one NUSA that will be unforgettable. We look forward to seeing you in May.

The Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center and NUSA Planning Committee are looking forward to opening our doors and showing attendees some Hoosier Hospitality at this year's 37th Neighborhoods, USA conference. For more information on NUSA 2012, visit www.inrc.org or contact Conference Coordinator Cassandra Gillenwater at cgillenwater@inrc.org.

NUSA WORD SCRAMBLE	
Scrambled Words	Answers
RAWDAS	
KHSOPSRROW	
ASNU	
SRONEIHBG	
ARJIWOTTMR	
COGNE	
NDPIIONLIAAS	
OLABLOOICANRT	
STURO	

Solve the NUSA Word Scramble above, bring with you to the NUSA 2012 Conference and submit your completed word scramble for a chance to be included in a raffle! The completed word scramble must be turned in to the conference registration booth on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 before 5 p.m. to qualify.

Join Us On Facebook



NUSA uses Facebook to share information about our upcoming conference in Indianapolis, as well as news and information of interest to neighborhood organizations.

You can find us and "Like" us on Facebook by either searching our name on Facebook or by visiting:

www.facebook.com/pages/Neighborhoods-USA-NUSA/260105550708659

NUSA City/County Memberships

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Edmonton

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Birmingham

ALASKA
Anchorage

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Chandler
Tempe

ARKANSAS
Little Rock

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Carlsbad
Chino Hills
Citrus Heights
Compton
Davis
Escondido
Long Beach
Modesto
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Pasadena
Riverside

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Hollywood
Melbourne
Miramar

FLORIDA cont'd
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Orlando
Pinellas Park

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Rock Island

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Topeka
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MARYLAND
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Minneapolis

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Columbia
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TENNESSEE
Memphis

TEXAS
Arlington
Fort Worth
Prosper

VIRGINIA
Chesapeake
Roanoke

WASHINGTON
Kent
Renton
Shoreline
Tacoma

WISCONSIN
Madison

Become A Member Today!

There are five categories of membership in NUSA:

- Affiliate - NUSA affiliates are composed of groups of neighborhood leaders /practitioners who actively work to build and strengthen neighborhoods. There is no charge to become a NUSA affiliate.
- City/County - City/County memberships are available for \$100 annually.
- Corporate - Corporate memberships are available for \$150 annually.
- Individual - One year individual memberships are included in the conference registration fee or by a separate payment of \$50.
- Youth- Youth memberships are available for \$25 annually.

For more information on memberships visit - www.nusa.org.

NUSA Corporate Membership

NEW YORK
Home Headquarters, Inc.

DALLAS, TX
Royalyn B. Reid /Consumer & Market Insights, LLC (CMI)

NUSA Affiliate Memberships

ALABAMA
Birmingham:

Hands on Youth Activities Program, Inc.

*Powderly Neighborhood Association & Southwest Community

Montgomery:

Building our Neighborhoods for Development and Success

CALIFORNIA

Southern California Neighborhood Partners

Pasadena - Flintridge Center

FLORIDA

Florida Neighborhoods Conference, Inc.

Fort Lauderdale:

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, Inc.

*Yacht Club Estates Civic Association

IDAHO

Idaho Crime Prevention Association

INDIANA

Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center

IOWA

Davenport Neighborhood Alliance

Iowa Department of Economic Development

Iowa Neighborhood Resource Center

KANSAS

Wichita Independent Neighborhoods, Inc.

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program

SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia:

Columbia Council of Neighborhoods

*Colony Park North Crossing Neighborhood Association

Richland County Neighborhood Council

*Rock Hill Council of Neighborhoods

VIRGINIA

Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Inc.

Roanoke - The Urbiculture Foundation

WISCONSIN

Madison Neighborhoods, Inc.

INTERNATIONAL

Japan Association for Community Policy

Quezon City, Philippines - Citizens Crime Watch/ Special Task Force

* Affiliation in Progress



NUSA Board of Directors Candidates

Nine candidates have submitted applications and have met eligibility requirements to run for the Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Board of Directors. Of those candidates, there are four running for re-election and five are new contenders. The candidates will be vying to fill seven full-term (3 year term) vacancies.

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to meet these candidates on Thursday, May 24, 2012, between 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m., in the White River Ballroom of the JW Marriott.



Jason Bergerson - Anchorage, Alaska

"I have served for 3 years on the NUSA board and bring my own personal experience, including work organizing the Anchorage NUSA Conference in 2011. I have served on both the Program Development Committee and Public Affairs, in addition to being both Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer of the organization."

Advisor to the North Slope Borough Mayor-Government and External Affairs; Former Secretary, Vice President and President of the Spenard Community Council; Vice Chair and Chairman of the Federation of Community Councils; Board of Directors - Neighborworks Anchorage; Anchorage School District - Capital Review Advisory Committee and Co-Chair of the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee



Loretta F. Buckner - Wichita, Kansas

"NUSA has given me the opportunity to be involved with some of the best and brightest that a grassroots organization has to offer. In addition, the networking opportunities that have come to me through NUSA are immeasurable."

Administrative Aide - City of Wichita, KS; Member At Large, Secretary, Chair of Newsletter Committee and Annual Dinner meeting -Wichita Independent Neighborhoods, Inc.; P.O.W.E.R. Community Development Corporation; Secretary of Recovery Community Development Corporation; Member At Large, Secretary and NNO Committee Chair - Orchard Breeze Neighborhood Association; Member-NAACP, Urban League of Kansas, Kansas African American Museum and Nicodemus Historical Society; Member, WEA Rep and Event Coordinator-Wichita Employees Association



Monique M. Coleman - Dallas, Texas

"As a professional planner, public administrator, community volunteer, community activist and a participant in professional organizations, I have had an opportunity to have an impact on the community I serve, live, worship, or work in and believe serving on the NUSA Board will allow me to merge local initiatives in my region with NUSA's national objectives."

City Planner - City of Plano, TX; Member-American Planning Association; Program Co-Chair, Membership Committee Chair-North Texas Chapter of National Forum for Black Public Administrators; Secretary, Vice President of Public Relations, Vice President of Education - Plano Presenters Toastmasters Club; Volunteer - Dallas Life Foundation



Robert Gibbons - Madison, Wisconsin

"I am an advocate for neighborhood empowerment and a strong believer in neighborhood involvement in the decision making processes that impact our local communities. For the past eight years, as a NUSA board member, I have utilized my strong communication, organizational and leadership skills to serve in various capacities on the NUSA board. I also created and implemented the Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods Award, the Newsletter Competition Program and while Treasurer returned NUSA to good standing with the IRS by filing delinquent 990 filings. "

Facilitator-Madison Neighborhoods, Inc; Founder and Former President and Member of Emerson East Neighborhood Association; NUSA Awards Program Chair/Co Chair, Former Secretary and Treasurer - Neighborhoods, USA



Johnny E. Hargroves - Gig Harbor, Washington

"As a current member on the NUSA Board of Directors...listening to the membership and attendance at board meetings to conduct business is very crucial in keeping a strong and vibrant organization successful. ...It will continue to be my goal, responsibility and honor in serving the membership. I will also continue to work with neighborhood volunteers and leaders across the country to provide forums that bring neighborhood volunteers and leaders together to share experiences, knowledge and solutions on concerns in neighborhoods."

President, Vice President and Secretary - Eastside Neighborhood Advisory Council; Former Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Public Affairs Committee Member, Former Awards Program Committee Member - Neighborhoods, USA



Margaret Madden - Long Beach, California

"I currently serve on the NUSA Board of Directors and helped create and implement the NUSA Affiliate program...I enjoy sharing best practices with other communities, so that all of us learn how to improve our neighborhoods and celebrate our accomplishments. It is exciting for me to learn from other communities on how to tackle neighborhood challenges from a new perspective. NUSA serves as a catalyst for community building and I am proud to serve our members and open the door for even greater participation nationally and internationally."

Neighborhood Improvement Officer - Long Beach, CA; Membership Services Chair - Neighborhoods, USA; Founding Member - Southern California Neighborhood Partners



DeAnna O'Malley - Texarkana, Arkansas

"I truly love being around people and helping communities as much as I can. On a personal note, my passion in my community is our youth and I hope that I could bring some new ideas on how to incorporate our young people in NUSA to help make our communities better places to live, work and play."

911 Dispatcher - Texarkana, AR; Funding Raising Chair - Southwest AR Prevention Taskforce; Training Committee and Adult Leader - Making Right Choices Youth Group; Board of Directors Member - local American Cancer Society; Tobacco Prevention Chair and Activities/Entertainment Chair - ACS Relay for Life; Chair - Smoke Free Texarkana; Band Booster Member; Fundraising Committee Member - AR Geocachers Association



David Rubedor - Minneapolis, Minnesota

"I believe that serving on the NUSA Board provides a great opportunity to help build stronger and more vibrant neighborhoods across the country. My skills and experience as a volunteer and as a professional can be utilized by the Board. I have successful experience with both running neighborhood and community organizations, as well as running a City department that supports neighborhoods and community engagement. I believe I bring an understanding on how these organizations work and operate, and the tools that are needed to ensure their success."

Neighborhood and Community Relations Department Director - City of Minneapolis; Vice Chair - Nexus Community Partners; Former Board Member - Juxtapositoin Arts; Former Executive Director - PRG, Inc.; Former Executive Director - Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association



Elena Vigil - Nampa, Idaho

"I believe in "Community" and would like to help neighbors sustain and create and build safe and enjoyable neighborhoods to raise children, retire in and work and play in. I enjoy people and would be honored to be on the board where I could make a difference."

Crime Prevention & Volunteer Coordinator - Nampa Police Department. Coordination of Neighborhood Crime Watch programs, senior volunteers and Citizen's Patrol; Volunteer - Treasure Valley Neighborhood Summit; Board Member - local Crime Stoppers board; Board Member - on Homeowners Association

2012 Neighborhood of the Year Finalists

MULTI-NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIPS		
ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	CITY, STATE
Wichita Independent Neighborhoods, Inc.	Neighborhood University	Wichita, KS
Millersville at Fall Creek Valley Inc.	Millersville Project Greenspace: Gateway & Village Transformation	Indianapolis, IN
PHYSICAL REVITALIZATION		
ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	CITY, STATE
Historic Kenwood Neighborhood Association	BungalowFest/Children's Cancer Center Charity Event	St. Petersburg, FL
California Heights Neighborhood Association	California Heights Home & Garden Tour	Long Beach, CA
Echo Lake Neighborhood Association	Densmore Pathway Project	Shoreline, WA
Shaw Clarke Neighborhood Association	Shaw Clarke Underpass Project	Fort Worth, TX
SOCIAL REVITALIZATION		
ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	CITY, STATE
Fairmount Neighborhood Association	Pancakes in the Park	Fort Worth, TX
Shadow Wood Neighborhood	Shadow Wood Neighborhood Watch	Coral Springs, FL
Lafayette Square Area Coalition	A World of Difference...International Parade and Taste The Difference	Indianapolis, IN
Wright Avenue Neighborhood Association	Movies on the Boulevard	Little Rock, AR

2012 Best Neighborhood Program Finalists

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	CITY, STATE
City of Memphis	Ready Shelby/Ready Shelby Neighbors	Memphis, TN
City of Fort Worth	Movies That Matter	Fort Worth, TX
City of Chandler	Let's Pull Together	Chandler, AZ
City of Citrus Heights	Citrus Heights Community Campout	Citrus Heights, CA

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

A couple of amendments to the bylaws, having been approved by the NUSA Board of Directors, are being proposed for consideration and approval by the general NUSA membership at the annual conference in May.

Proposed amendments to the bylaws are presented to current NUSA members prior to the conference by notice placed in the NUSA newsletter. All registered attendees will be provided full copies of bylaws with proposed amendments upon registration at the conference. The proposed bylaws amendments will also be posted on the NUSA website at www.NUSA.org

The proposed changes are indicated below in red italicized letters. Both of the proposed changes are additions with no edits to existing wording.

Section 7-B: OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Election and Term of Office

The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at their first meeting following election of new members of the Board. Officers shall be elected as the next order of business following the swearing in of the Board members and their seating at the next session of the meeting on the same day. *In the case of a tie-vote after five elections for any officer position, the tie will be broken by a coin flip, and the selection of the call will be administered by a non-board member by a random draw.* Each officer shall hold office until a successor shall be duly elected and qualified or until removed from office. Officers may not serve more than two successive terms of office in the same office.

(Rationale: to avoid deadlock when ties occur during the election of officers)

Section 9-A: CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS, AND FUNDS

The Board may authorize any officer, agent or officers authorized by the Corporation's bylaws to enter into any contract or exercise and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. *No account shall be opened in the name of NUSA or with the use of its Federal Tax ID number without board approval and the Treasurer of NUSA having access to such account(s) and statements.*

(Rationale: to ensure no unauthorized opening of an account(s), under NUSA's identity, without proper approval and ensure that all NUSA accounts are accounted for in NUSA's IRS filings)