I am certain that most of us would agree that the last two months have been some of the most confusing, financially difficult, and emotionally stressful days we have faced in recent times. COVID-19 has changed our lives in ways that many still cannot fully wrap our minds around.

In NUSA’s 45-year history, we have never missed a conference. It has been a tremendous blow for our board and the City of Little Rock. During one conference call in March, board members took turns sharing their experiences, how their cities and schools were responding and concerns about future furloughs.

Just like many of you, our board members are dealing with remote work, job restructuring, budget cuts and mourning the loss of loved ones.

We work extensively with the public, face-to-face, hugs and tears. The realities of how we must learn to engage our neighborhoods while following social distancing policies may seem difficult, but we will get through this together because this is what we do.

Over the next few months, you will start seeing new opportunities to network with other NUSA members to share what is working for your community. Our new website launches on May 20 and will allow members new ways to showcase community successes, help plan future site content, learning opportunities and conferences.

Our definition of engagement and education must evolve to address the challenges our communities are facing. What we do today, can help lay the foundation for how community engagement will be defined in the future.

Public engagement, encouraging and supporting others, creating partnerships – this is what we do!

Time to roll up our sleeves and get busy, together.

Catherine Huckaby
2019-20 NUSA President

“*In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.*”

- Marianne Williamson
2020 NUSA Award Finalists Announced

Not holding the NUSA 2020 Conference won’t stop NUSA from honoring all our award finalists and winners! The Awards Committee is partnering with the host NUSA 2021, the City of Fort Worth, to plan a special awards recognition opportunity for all 2020 Award finalists and winners during the NUSA 2021 Conference. Throughout the next month, judges will meet virtually, and award winners will be announced in the special edition NUSA Newsletter on May 25, 2020.

Congratulations to the 2020 NUSA Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Award Finalists.

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“Moving forward is making things happen.”
- Anonymous
Congratulations to the 2020 NUSA Best Neighborhood Program of the Year (BNP) Award Finalists.

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2020 NUSA Board Elections to be Held Online

Although our conference could not be held this year, the Board of Directors believes it important to move ahead with the board elections and ensure planning for the NUSA 2021 Conference in Fort Worth continues.

- All current NUSA members will receive a special NUSA E-News (email) on May 20, 2020 with a link to vote online for the candidates of their choice.
- Elections will be open on 8 a.m. (CST) May 20 through 8 p.m. (CST) May 23, 2020.
- Results will be shared in a special edition NUSA Newsletter on May 28, 2020.
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING NUSA

We sincerely appreciate your continued support of the Neighborhoods, USA organization, the annual conference, and our continued efforts to build strong communities.

Individual Memberships - $50
Each year, when attendees register to attend our annual conference, the total cost includes their $50 registration fee. For the first time in NUSA’s forty-five-year history, the annual conference cannot be held, and our membership base will be dramatically reduced at the end of May.

Please retain your valuable membership status by renewing today.

Affiliate Memberships - FREE!
Please join us in showing your support of Neighborhoods, USA by personally reaching out to your neighborhood association to encourage them to become a free affiliate member. In addition to being recognized on NUSA’s website and social media outlets, affiliate membership entitles them to:
- Annual subscription to the NUSA Newsletter.
- Regular email updates about our annual conference.
- Recognition in our annual conference program.

In lieu of the annual conference program, all new and continuing individual members will be recognized on NUSA’s new website on June 1, 2020!

Meet the 2020 NUSA Board of Director Candidates

Elise Bowers
Rowlett, TX

As the Neighborhood Life Coordinator, my job is to collaborate with our residents so that their neighborhoods are welcoming and safe.

I would be an asset to the NUSA Board because I have experience with creating and growing organizations of volunteers. I am passionate about creating places where everyone is welcome, ideas are encouraged and follow through happens.

I have worked with our non-profits, in the City of Rowlett, to help them create the community that fits their dreams. Coordinating large projects, like a National Conference, need people who will work diligently, listen carefully and keep track of details. If that is the kind of person you feel would be an asset to the board, I ask for your vote.

-Charmaine Clark, Columbia, SC

Charmaine Clark
Columbia, SC

I volunteer and work with the Columbia Council of Neighborhood Organizations on a regular basis; this organization consists of 119 neighborhoods. I am currently employed by the City of Columbia Community Development Department as a Community Liaison.

I currently serve as the secretary of the NUSA organization and have been on the board for three years.

-N-USANews, Spring 2020
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Orlando Robinson, Jr.
Midfield, Alabama

I have been a loyal Midfield, Alabama resident for over 24 years and faithfully served my community in various volunteer organizations including Midfield Chaplains Corp., the Midfield Neighborhood Association, Midfield Public Library Board of Trustees, the Midfield Area Chamber of Commerce and as a NUSA board member for three years.

I work full time as a hospice chaplain and was previously employed in the banking industry with over twenty-four years and worked in media over 21 years as a part time radio announcer and voice artist. Throughout my various leadership roles, Orlando am known to be well grounded, approachable, and consistently displays competence above expectation.

-Orlando Robinson, Jr., Midfield, Alabama

Sandy Becker
Little Rock, Ark.

I have served as Treasurer of the NUSA Board for the last year and a-half and been a board member for three years. I have enjoyed serving and would like to continue working with my fellow NUSA members and Board members. I am also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

-Sandy Becker, Little Rock, Ark.

Catherine Huckaby
Fort Worth, TX

I am honored to have been given the opportunity to serve on the NUSA Board of Directors for the past three years and as the 2019-20 NUSA President. I bring more than 25 years of volunteer management, conflict resolution, and community outreach and event coordination experience to the NUSA team.

I have sincerely appreciated collaborating with volunteers on a national level who share a mutual vision to build and strengthen neighborhood organizations. NUSA’s history is rich with important lessons to be honored and it has been a blessing to work with a group of volunteers who respect the past, while looking forward to the future of what this organization will become. It would be privilege to be a part of that growing vision.

-Catherine Huckaby, Fort Worth, TX
Affiliate, City/County and Corporate Memberships

Thank you!

We appreciate your support and value your continued membership with NUSA. If your organization became a member after April 1, 2020, we will include your information in the special May Edition of our newsletter.

City members
City of Birmingham - Ala.
City of Anchorage - Alaska
City of Peoria - Ariz.
City of Tempe - Ariz.
City of Riverside - Calif.
City of Monrovia - Calif.
City of Long Beach - Calif.
City of Fort Lauderdale - Fla.
Town of Jupiter - Fla.
City of Port St. Lucie - Fla.
City of Orlando - Office of Communications & Neighborhood Relations - Fla.
City of Tallahassee - Fla.
City of Coral Springs - Fla.
City of Miramar - Fla.
City of Miami Gardens - Fla.
City of Melbourne - Fla.
City of Decatur - Ill.
City of Wichita - Kan.
City of Gladstone - Mo.
City of Concord - N.C.
City of Raleigh - N.C.
Cuyahoga Falls - Ohio
City of Spartanburg - S.C.
City of Charleston - Business & Neighborhood Services - S.C.
City of Garland - Texas
City of Round Rock - Texas
City of Rowlett - Texas
City of Fort Worth - Texas
City of Lewisville - Texas

City of Balch Springs - Texas
North Richland Hills - Texas
City of Cedar Hill - Texas
Provo City - Utah
West Valley City - Utah
City of Roanoke - Va.
City of Kent - Wash.
City of Vancouver - Wash.
City of Madison - Wis.

County members
Adams County Government - Colo.
Manatee County Government - Fla.

Affiliate members
Glen Oaks Neighborhood Association - Fairfield, Ala.
Hands on Youth Activities Program, Inc - Birmingham, Ala.
College Hills Neighborhood Association - Birmingham, Ala.
Goleta Old Town Community Association - Goleta, Calif.
Historic Kenwood Neighborhood Association - Saint Petersburg, Fla.
Imperial Point Civic Association - Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations - Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Florida Neighborhoods Conference - Statewide, Fla.
Historic Fort Lauderdale Woman’s Club - Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Poinciana Park Civic Association - Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Idaho Crime Prevention Association - Boise, Idaho
Crown Hill Neighborhood Association - Indianapolis, Ind.
Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center - Indianapolis, Ind.
LaFamilia Senior Community Center - Wichita, Kan.
East/Northeast Winston Neighborhood Association - Wichita, Kan.
MECA (Multicultural Education and Celebration Association) - Wichita, Kan.
NKINDD (Nicodemus KS Independent Neighborhood Design by Descendants) - Wichita, Kan.
El Pueblo NA - Wichita, Kan.
Highland South-Indian Hill Neighborhood Association - Omaha, Neb.
North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance - Omaha, Neb.
Triple One Neighborhood Association and Parents Union - Omaha, Neb.
East Ward Safe Coalition - Winston Salem, N.C.
Crosswinds Neighborhood Association - Winston Salem, N.C.
Williams Park Neighborhood Council - Mullins, S.C.
Champion Lakes HOA - Rowlett, Texas
El Paso Neighborhood Coalition - El Paso, Texas
Summerfields Neighborhood Association - Fort Worth, Texas
The Villages of Woodland Springs - Fort Worth, Texas
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For more information about the bid process, email: ProgramDevelopment@nusa.org or visit the nusa.org website. All bid proposals must be received by September 1, 2020.

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Upcoming NUSA Conferences

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Fort Worth, TX
May 19-22, 2021

NUSA 2022
Little Rock, Ark
May 4-7, 2022

More information coming next month!

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