

# Special NUSA 2020 Awards Edition

## May 2020

### ***Congratulations to the NUSA 2020 Neighborhood of the Year Award Recipients!***

#### **Physical Revitalization/Beautification**

*The projects in this category focus on physical aspects of improving your neighborhood such as parks, lighting, litter control, traffic management, housing improvements, green spaces and business district enhancements.*



#### **1st Place**

Historic Kenwood NA - Petersburg, FL  
Historic Kenwood Public Arts Initiative

Recognized as the "Neighborhood of the Arts" by artist and non-artist neighbors, public art was absent from Historic Kenwood's streets and park. In response, neighbors created a plan to build a collection of neighborhood art for all to enjoy. Funding came from neighborhood dining events and a City grant.



#### **2nd Place**

County Club Hills Twin Lakes – Lima, OH  
CCHTL Corn Hole Tournament and Valley Way Park Improvement

The CCHTL Corn Hole Tournament and Valley Way Park Improvement project was developed to support and then renovate a 414-foot-long walking path along Lost Creek from the street to the park shelter. The walking path had been damaged while fixing creek erosion and needed repairs to be used by residents.



#### **3rd Place**

Germania Park NA – Birmingham, AL  
Youth Code Enforcement

Germania Park, working with the City of Birmingham Youth Services, developed the Youth Code Enforcement Program. This program was offered to youth ages 14-18 interested in building code enforcement, learning to inspect construction plans and buildings to ensure safety standards.

### **Social Revitalization/Neighborliness**

*This category features projects that focus on the social or cultural aspects of a neighborhood like safety, youth and/or senior programs, and activities that make neighbors feel connected and foster neighbors working together like an ice cream social, holiday celebration or festival.*



**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Las Familias de Rosemont Neighborhood Association - Fort Worth, TX**

**Cinco de Mayo Event**

The Las Familias de Rosemont Neighborhood Association put on a Cinco de Mayo Celebration to help re-engage and revitalize their neighborhood association. By partnering with area agencies and with the help of their volunteers, they were able to have a successful event and get new neighbors involved and informed.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Jubilee Gardens Neighbourhood Watch**

**Jubilee Bay Festival - Nassau, Bahamas**

Jubilee Gardens residents celebrated their neighborhood at the Jubilee Bay Festival. Open to all, neighborhood residents sold crafts, food, and services, and welcomed the community to their neighborhood.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**Travis College Hill Neighbors - Garland, TX**

**"Becoming Garland Avenue" Musical Drama**

Travis College Hill is one of Garland's oldest neighborhoods. Excited to share the history of Travis College Hill, neighbors came together and developed "Becoming Garland Avenue", an original one-act play. This sell-out musical drama was offered as part of the City's annual Heritage Celebration.

**Finalist**

Oakridge Neighborhood Association  
Oakridge Holiday Meals for Neighborhood Fire Stations

### Multi-Neighborhood Partnerships

*These projects are jointly produced by at least two neighborhoods or community organizations in a partnership effort, addressing either physical or social concerns.*



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Bethany Lutheran Church - Indianapolis, IN  
Bethany Community Gardens

Bethany Community Gardens was created in 2018 to *Build Community through Gardening Together* on the southside of Indianapolis. The Garden Council is preparing for its third year of engaging neighbors and neighborhoods with

gardening instruction, neighborhood information sessions, community meals, friendship building and giving those in need quality, fresh produce.



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Southeast Action Forum (SEAF) – Roanoke, VA  
Love SE Fest

LOVE SE Fest is a free neighborhood party intended to strengthen pride and love for Southeast by bringing SE residents and citizens from the City of Roanoke together to enjoy an afternoon of outdoor activities, food, and

music with neighbors and new friends.



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

8twelve Coalition - Muncie IN  
8twelve Sense of Community

8twelve defines Sense of Community as when “residents, community associations, and partners identify with the neighborhood, feel connected,

and support one another.” The 2019 Annual Action Plan was developed directly out of resident

desires and included six partners who planned and executed events throughout the year to help neighbors feel better connected.

Please do a special page for this grand prize award and the Who's Who Awards.

## **GRAND PRIZE - Neighborhood of the Year Award**

*The first-place winners from all three Neighborhood of the Year categories compete to become the Neighborhood of the Year and be awarded a cash prize of \$1,000.*

**Historic Kenwood NA  
Petersburg, FL  
Historic Kenwood Public Arts Initiative**

## **Who's Who in America Awards**

*The Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods award was created to recognize individuals whose work mirrors NUSA's mission.*

*(insert NUSA's mission statement somewhere near this section or off to the side)*

***"NUSA provides opportunities for diverse people and organizations to share their ideas, values, and experiences to build stronger communities."***

**Governmental recipient** - Includes elected officials, local or state government staff and paid neighborhood advocates and/or community leaders.



Judi Bailey,  
City of Vancouver, WA

Judi has developed and strengthened several programs and resources to support neighborhood associations and leaders. Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle, who nominated Judi, wrote, *"Under Judi's leadership, the City of Vancouver's Office of Neighborhoods has engaged citizens in civic democracy through the City's partnerships with neighborhood*

*associations. This strengthens the City and builds an active and involved community. Through Judi's leadership, the city government is linked with the neighborhood associations' skills, ideas, and energy through responsive, coordinated services and activities. She's used strong communication, leadership and problem solving skills to promote a sense of community and a safe, secure environment in which to live."*

**Grassroots/Neighbor recipient** - Includes non-paid neighborhood advocates and/or community leaders.



Shirley Walker-King  
Garland, TX

Shirley has served on the board or as President for Summerfield of Garland Homeowners Association. She helps others in Garland overcome the obstacles of gender and race to pursue their career through her workshops, seminars and community involvement.

Her nominator, Laura Castillo De La Vega, writes, *"Shirley does so much more than just live and run a business in Garland. She is a community role model, leader, and community mom. She celebrates people, service and sacrifice. Shirley believes you have to overshadow all the negativity with positivity, and that begins at a community level. We can't build strong nations and worlds without strong community leaders, who is building a better world, one community at a time!"*

## ***Congratulations to the NUSA 2020 Best Neighborhood Program Award Recipients!***

### **Physical Revitalization/Beautification**

*The projects in this category recognizes the outstanding programs implemented by governmental entities, businesses, or not for profits to improve neighborhoods.*



1st Place

Small Sparks Neighborhood Matching Grant Program  
City of Riverside, CA

The Small Sparks Neighborhood Matching Grant Program supports local grassroots projects within Riverside's 26 neighborhoods. Small Sparks provides cash to match community contributions of volunteer labor, donated professional services or materials, or cash donations in support of neighborhood-based self-help projects.



2nd Place

Neighborhood Partnership Grants for the Greater  
Frenchtown/Southside District  
Tallahassee, FL

The Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program to provide direct funding for small-scale neighborhood-led revitalization projects in the Greater Frenchtown/Southside CRA district. The program focuses on physical improvements that increase neighborhood pride and awareness, identify the neighborhood to visitors, encourage greenspace and self-reliance, increase neighborhood and child safety, and promote art awareness.



3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
 UNO Park & Community Center  
 Northern Berkshire Community Coalition  
 North Adams. MA

The UNO Park in North Adams, Massachusetts, aims to be a congregating point for people of all ages in its neighborhoods by offering opportunities for gardening,

basketball, and other programming facilitated by the UNO Community Center and local partners.

## Finalists

City of Spartanburg, SC  
 Beaumont Mill Village  
 Playground Community Build

City of Cedar Hill & Community – Cedar Hill, TX  
 Virginia Weaver Community Project Build

## Social Revitalization/Neighborliness

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1st Place  
 Neighbor Fest!  
 City of Riverside, CA

The Our Riverside Our Neighborhoods (ORON) initiative is a citizen-led, citizen driven visioning and action-oriented planning process where residents work together to create unique strategies for each of Riverside's 26 neighborhoods that began in 2013. Neighbor Fest is an event that was created to assist in moving the vision

forward by using Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) principles in an all-inclusive, hands-on, fun way.



2nd Place  
The Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Prescription (RX) Program  
City of Tallahassee, FL

Tallahassee's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program is a cross-sector collaborative program that seeks to improve the overall health and well-being of Southside Tallahassee residents by focusing on behaviors linked to healthy nutrition choices, fruit and vegetable consumption and the clinical care needs of residents. Through a six-week course, the program teaches healthy nutrition, cooking skills, wellness tips, community building skills and incentivizes the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables by providing participants a voucher that is redeemable for produce at the Southside Farmers Market.



3rd Place  
iLead Leadership Series  
City of Orlando, FL

The I Lead Leadership series is a 6-week educational leadership program designed to effectively equip neighborhood leaders to serve their neighborhood. Over the 5 weeks, 12 board members learn leadership skills, community building techniques, and walk away with greater confidence to serve their neighborhood, and \$250 for their neighborhood.

## Finalists

Coral Springs Police Dept.  
Summer Youth Program

City of Cuyahoga Falls  
Front Yard Interaction Meetings

City of Mansfield, TX  
Mansfield Volunteer Program-West Side Project 2019

City of Raleigh, NC  
Raleigh Digital Connectors Program

***Congratulations to the NUSA 2020 Neighborhood Newsletter Award Recipients!***

Neighborhood Newsletter Competition		
Neighborhood Organization Electronic Format Newsletters		
1	Niguel Shores Community Association	Seashore News
Government Organization Electronic Format Newsletters		
1	City of Overland Park, KS	Neighborhood Conservation Program
2	City of Rowlett, TX	The Friday at 5:00
3	City of Charleston, SC	Hey, Neighbor!
Neighborhood Organization Print Format Newsletters		
1	Society Hill Civic Association	Society Hill Reporter
2	Richmond Beach Community News	Richmond Beach Community Association
3	Bonita Bay Community Association	Around the Bay Newsletter
Finalist	Indianhead Lehigh Neighborhood Association	The Optimist Newsletter
Finalist	Niguel Shores Community Association	Seashore News
Finalist	Buck Hill Falls Co.	The Breeze Newsletter
Finalist	Oakridge Neighborhood Association	Oakridge Neighborhood Association Newsletter
Finalist	Jubilee Garden Neighborhood Watch	Newsletter
Government Organization Print Format Newsletters		
1	City of Memphis	Neighborhood Connect Newsletter
2	City of Balch Springs, TX	City of Balch Springs Neighborhood News Blast
3	Marion Co. Public Health Dept.	Housing & Neighborhood Health Newsletter
Non-Profit Organization Print Format Newsletters		
1	Issaquah Highlands Council	Connections News
2	8twelve Coalition	Thomas Park/Avondale



**May 19-22, 2021**

**2020-21 NUSA Board of Directors**

Use the previous newsletters list/photos but add **Elise Bowers from Rowlett, TX** and her photo from the candidate section.

**(graphic or photo) – this can be put on the front page or back.**

**Coming this summer:**

- NEW NUSA Website!
- ONLINE Classes
  - *How to Run for the NUSA Board of Directors*
  - *Tips for a Winning Awards Application*
- NUSA 2021 Workshop Tracks and Call for Proposals

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