

*Prepare your entries now for the 2007 NRC Neighborhood Awards and receive recognition and cash prizes for your group. Winners will be announced at the Neighborhood Awards Luncheon on October 25, 2007. Cash prizes are raised solely by the NRC and will be presented at a later date.*

**Completed entry form must accompany all entries. Forms may be photocopied or duplicated on a computer.**  
*Entries may only include projects completed within calendar 2006 or 2007. Call 735-0586 for more information.*

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2007 BY 12PM AT THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER (located in Trinity Episcopal Church, 2401 Wilson).**

**NRC DIRECTORS AWARD (\$1000)**

Submit an essay explaining the circumstances which present a challenge in your neighborhood and the plan (and/or positive steps already taken) to meet this challenge with a positive vision for the future. Explain how the association would utilize the prize money. Criteria for selection include member involvement, initiative, planning effort, degree of success or what was gained, and the overall project effort. Judging will be done by the NRC Board of Directors.

Entries must be prepared on 8 1/2" by 11" white bond paper. Essays should be three pages, one-sided, double spaced, Times New Roman font or equivalent, 12 pitch, with 1" margins all around. Each page should be numbered below the margin. Essay should be stapled with a completed entry form included on top. All entries become the property of the Neighborhood Resource Center. This category is open to all neighborhood associations, homeowner associations, neighborhood coalitions, or small community groups with an annual budget of no more than \$100,000.

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS**

Judging criteria for all subcategories includes the following:

- 1 Description of Project - member involvement, initiative, planning effort, how well description explains project, and degree of success of what was gained.
- 2 Layout of Poster - attractiveness (use of pictures & graphics), use of space, and how well poster documents project.
- 3 Overall Project Evaluation - how well project applies to association purpose and goals and the overall project effort.

Groups may submit one display board per category. All entries must be submitted on a white tri-fold 3' X 4' display board. A completed entry form should be stapled on the left section and the name of the association (in big letters) on the top of the center section. A second completed entry form, which is not attached to the display board, must also be submitted with the entry. All pictures should be labeled. Limit one display board per category.

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT CATEGORY LIST**

**Nettie Hinton Community Spirit Award for Neighborhood Improvement:** This award is to recognize community efforts that visually improve the neighborhood. Entry form should include how many hours spent on the preparation and actual activity; explain how the project was accomplished and how it will be maintained. (Include before and after photos, if applicable.) The NRC will be seeking cooperation from the office of the Mayor and Bexar County Judge selection of winners and presentation of awards. \$300

**Community Spirit Award for Neighborhood Activity:** This award is to recognize successful neighborhood activity efforts such as crime prevention, social events, fundraisers, etc. Examples include: National Night Out, raffles, graffiti clean up activities, block parties, neighborhood garage sales, and welcome committees activities.

### **NEWSLETTER AWARD (Each Category: First Place - \$200, Second Place - \$100)**

Categories are listed below by the number of current/paid association members. Indicate on the entry form which category reflects your association. Criteria for selection include use of space, attractiveness (may include pictures & graphics), correct spelling and grammar, and how well the content reflects the neighborhood and the association's purpose and goals. Judging will be done by representatives from Express-News, Prime Time Group, and La Prensa.

**Submit three sets of three different issues of the association's newsletters within the last 12 months. All entries must be submitted in one large clasp envelope with completed entry form indicating the applicable category stapled on top of the envelope. In addition, three extra copies of the entry form should be submitted. Entry forms MUST include the percentage of newsletter preparation and distribution done by volunteers, paid workers, and/or a management company. This item will be highlighted for the judges' consideration.**

### **NEWSLETTER AWARD CATEGORY LIST**

Category 1= Mandatory (Homeowners) Associations

Category 2 = Voluntary (Neighborhood) Associations up to 100 members.

Category 3 = Voluntary (Neighborhood) Associations over 101 members

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WEB SITE AWARD (Each Category: First Place - \$200, Second Place - \$100)**

Two categories available: custom-designed web sites OR template web sites (i.e. NeighborhoodLink). Criteria for selection include web site design (user friendly, functionality, links), content (usefulness, message clarity, grammar), and originality (uniqueness, vision).

**Submit three sets of screen prints from three different "pages" or "views" of the association's web site within the last 12 months. All entries must be submitted in one large clasp envelope with completed entry form stapled on top of the envelope. Entry form MUST include the web site address, number of hits per month, the name of the web site coordinator, and the percentage done by volunteers, paid workers, and/or a management company. This last item will be highlighted for the judges' consideration.**

### **NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ACTIVITY AWARD (First Place - \$200, Second Place - \$100)**

This award is to recognize an outstanding neighborhood youth activity with a neighborhood or homeowner association. Examples include neighborhood scholarship programs, youth graffiti activities, or other community service project involving youth or youth groups in partnership with a neighborhood or homeowner association. Judging will be done by the NRC board of directors.

**All entries must be submitted on a white tri-fold 3' X 4' display board. A completed entry form should be stapled on the left section and the name of the association (in big letters) on the top of the center section. A second completed entry form, which is not attached to the display board, must also be submitted with the entry. All pictures should be labeled. All activities depicted must occur between May 2002 and May 2003.**

### **NEIGHBOR OF THE YEAR**

This award is to recognize an outstanding individual who has contributed leadership and/or commitment to the community. The winner will be recognized with a plaque. The winner will also be invited to speak at a future NRC event. Judging will be done by the NRC board of directors.

**Nominations must be submitted by essay and can be submitted by the nominee or someone else. Essay must be prepared on 8 1/2" by 11" white bond paper, and be one page, one-sided, double spaced, with 12 pitch. Essay should be stapled with completed entry form on top. The essay should include the name and phone number of the nominee, nominee's current and past activities, and why they should be chosen for this award. Three signatures, not including the nominee, must endorse the essay.**

# 2007 NRC Neighborhood Awards - Entry Form

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, BY 6 PM. EACH ENTRY MUST HAVE A COMPLETED ENTRY FORM ATTACHED. THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED. CALL 735-0586 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Association Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Name (for presentation) : \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Assn Type \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One): Voluntary Mandatory Other (list type & budget): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Paid Members \_\_\_\_\_

in Association: \_\_\_\_\_ City Council District (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Brief Statement of Association's \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose and Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Entry Project (If applicable, include % done by volunteers, paid workers, and/or management company): \_\_\_\_\_

AWARD: \_\_\_\_\_ CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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