

The Near South Neighborhood Association is an organization of citizens concerned with historic preservation, revitalization of older properties, and the maintenance of the neighborhood for low-density land use.

The NSNA was formed in 1972 by thirty couples who wanted their neighborhood to have an active voice in the formulation of the city's comprehensive plan. More than twenty five years later, the NSNA continues to represent the neighborhood with a strong, active voice in city government and neighborhood zoning issues.

As one of Lincoln's oldest and largest neighborhood associations, NSNA is involved in a variety of neighborhood issues and projects such as:

• **Revitalization of target areas**

The NSNA informs residents about self-help programs such as PRIDE and Neighborhoods Inc. for landscaping, painting, and other home improvements. NSNA also works closely with City Urban Development in developing focus areas for improvement.

• **Neighborhood improvements**

The NSNA sponsors a neighborhood "Clean-Up", organized tree plantings, a Spring Plant Sale, and alley graveling projects. With the NSNA's support, the city has funded a redevelopment project for the business district on 17th street.

• **Development of "green space"**

In 1993, the NSNA embarked upon its grandest project to date, the creation of community green space. The vacant lot on the southeast corner of 19th & A streets, is being transformed into a neighborhood park. Upon completion, the NSNA will donate the park to the City of Lincoln. NSNA volunteers also help plant flowers, maintain the flower beds, and installed neighborhood signs in Breta Park.

• **Promotion of preservation/restoration**

Our biennial Tour of Homes showcases our neighborhood's outstanding homes, and our Walking Tour books help promote the uniqueness of our neighborhood. NSNA members can subscribe to Old House Journal at a discounted rate.

• **Social events and meetings**

The NSNA is a great way to meet your neighbors and others interested in improving the quality of life in our neighborhood. Our Ice Cream Social, held in early fall, is a fun family event, and our Annual Meeting, held the first Monday of October, gives you a chance to learn more about the association.

The Near South Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization whose activities are overseen by a twenty-five member volunteer Board of Directors. The organization operates on money raised through fund-raising activities, donations, membership dues, and the sale of NSNA sportswear and products.

As a member of the NSNA, you will receive a quarterly newsletter informing you of activities and projects of the association and the neighborhood. You are also entitled to vote on issues and elections at the Annual meeting. For more information on the NSNA, the public is welcome to attend any of our regular board meetings held the second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at First Plymouth Church, 20th & D streets. Or write:

Near South Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 80143

Lincoln, NE 68501-0143

Or contact your Section Representative:

NSNA Membership Application

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Yearly Membership Categories (Check one)

___ Individual - \$7 ___ Business - \$15

___ Family - \$12 ___ Sponsor - \$50

___ Senior - \$3

Please indicate your areas of interest:

___ Historic preservation ___ Zoning

___ Revitalization ___ Education

___ Crime prevention ___ Recycling

___ Community development ___ Social events

___ Health and recreation

___ Old House Journal discount

___ Other: _____

Check if you are willing to help with:

___ Neighborhood Clean-up ___ Plant Sale

___ Alley Graveling ___ Tree Planting

___ Tour of Homes ___ Membership

___ Ice Cream Social ___ Publicity

___ Preparing food for events ___ Lobbying

___ Neighborhood revitalization

___ Distributing neighborhood information

___ Recycling/composting programs

___ Serving on the NSNA Board

___ Special committee work

Make check payable to NSNA and mail to:

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