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Houston neighborhoods will be featured at upcoming National conference

HOUSTON, April 28, 2015 – One of the key features of the upcoming Neighborhoods USA Conference, May 20-23, is the Neighborhood Pride Tours highlighting some of Houston's great places to live.

Houston is proud to host the 40th anniversary Neighborhoods USA conference that will inspire, educate and excite. The conference theme is Passion into Action. On Friday, May 23, people from across the country will tour unique neighborhoods where community leaders from that neighborhood will show their guests what makes their neighborhood great. The tours include:

- Downtown Houston – the place to be
- University Place – where mixed uses work
- Westbury – growing a community through green projects
- Houston Heights – Texas original planned community
- Glenbrook Valley – mid-century modern rules
- Washington Avenue – where art happens
- OST/South Union – the 3P effect for neighborhood revitalization
- Corinthian Pointe – a community built from scratch
- Aldine – a community committed to transformation
- Gulfton – today's Ellis Island with 16,000 residents, 70 nationalities and Neighborhood Centers
- Near Northside – reweaving the fabric of an urban neighborhood
- Lyons Avenue – renaissance in Houston's Fifth Ward
- Near Montrose – eclectic charm in the city
- East End – where it all began
- Museum Park – the art of being resourceful and engaging
- Millennials and development in Houston

Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) is a non-profit group focused on building stronger communities by providing learning, information sharing and networking opportunities for its members. The organization is also known for recognizing outstanding communities and individuals dedicated to improving neighborhood quality of life.

In addition to the tours, there will be workshops on key topics such as grants and government programs, health and safety, neighborhood initiatives, social and civic engagement, environment and resources, using new technology, what the senior boom means for neighborhoods and how to engage youth.

Two respected leaders who have shown their capacity for innovative solutions to neighborhood issues will provide the keynote addresses: Angela Blanchard, President and CEO of Neighborhood Centers Inc. and Kirbyjon H. Caldwell. Senior Pastor of Windsor Village United Methodist Church.

Registration runs through May 8. To see more about the conference and register, go to <http://www.houstontx.gov/nusa2015//>. More information about NUSA can be found at www.nusa.org.

Learn what communities across the country are doing and how you can bring these ideas to your neighborhood. Please contact us at 832-393-6637, if you have any questions.

Conference sponsors include: AARP, Union Pacific Citgo; Metro; Neighborhood Centers, Inc.; LISC; APA Texas Chapter; Houston City Tours and the City of Houston.

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