



NEUSE NEIGHBORS NEWS

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Helping Our Members Age in Place

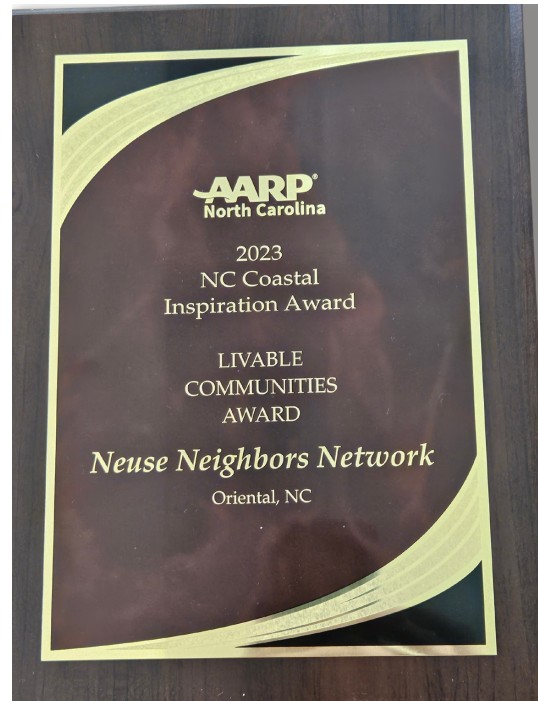
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I find that I have much to be thankful for as I near the end of my first term as President of NNN. While adapting to this new role, I am grateful for the support of our dedicated board members and the tireless energy of our many volunteers.

Over the past year, I have also had a chance to meet more of our members. This has made me acutely aware of the importance of the service NNN provides, and how it is making a crucial difference in the lives of our members. Last but not least, my first term has given me newfound appreciation for what it means to live in a community that cares about its neighbors.

In these divisive times, it's easy to overlook the humanity that connects us. Being a part of NNN reassures me that there is great good in the world. I conclude by wishing all of you a Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving!

- David Tikkala, President



NNN HONORED BY NATIONAL AARP ORGANIZATION

Each year AARP recognizes the outstanding work done by those who share AARP's dedication to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. This year, NNN was granted AARP's Livable Communities North Carolina Coastal Inspiration Award.

The prestigious Livable Communities Award proves that the efforts of our founders have exceeded all expectations. As we approach our fifth year, NNN is very proud to support AARP's goal of empowering seniors to lead fulfilling lives as they age.

AARP presented its Livable Communities award on September 14 at the Cameron Art Museum in Wilmington, NC. The ceremony was attended by our board President, David Tikkala, and fellow volunteers Vicki Rasmussen, Patty Tikkala, and Mary Ann Parham.

VOLUNTEER CONNECTIONS



THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE OUR FIRST FRIENDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS

On Friday, October 13, Neuse Neighbors Network and Prime Time hosted the first ever FRIENDRAISER! Open to the public, our goal was to raise awareness about the many ways NNN and Prime Time work together to serve our community. The Friendraiser also was an opportunity for our members, volunteers, friends, and neighbors to gather informally at The Village Brewery for an evening of cold brews, hot music by the Brant Island Strings, and tasty food from Bokanina's Food Truck. All proceeds were shared equally by NNN and Prime Time. MORE important was the number of individuals who signed up to learn more about our organizations. Thanks to all the NNN and PrimeTime volunteers who helped with set-up or simply dropped by to show their support. And special thanks to Debora Steenson, Prime Time Director, and Denise Meng, NNN Director of Community Outreach, for all their hard work making our first FRIENDRAISER a big success!