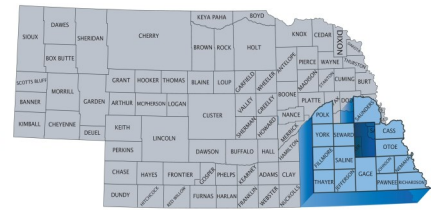


SEND D

Southeast Nebraska Development District



SEND D Contracted to Help Communities with “Clean-Up” Programs

Many communities in Southeast Nebraska desire to improve the appearance and condition of the community. SEND D recognizes the importance of a program designed to assist communities with Nuisance Code enforcement. SEND D plans to hold informational sessions to present the program concept and tips for a successful program. The first scheduled session will be held in



conjunction with the SERN (Southeast Resource Network) meeting **June 19, 2013. The Nuisance Abatement portion will begin at 2:00pm in Fall City at Personal Care Inc. 3003 Old Hwy 73, Falls City, NE 68355.**

SEND D is currently working on Nuisance

Abatement programs in two SEND D communities. The Village of Dorchester is working on their second year of the program and the City of Humboldt is working on their first. The goal is to

build community pride and encourage citizens to maintain properties.

The Nuisance Abatement program requires planning, patience, and political will. The process starts months before property assessments are conducted. The first step is for the Governing Body

to review their Nuisance Code. Many times the existing Nuisance Code is antiquated or does not have clear procedures for enforcement. The Nuisance Code is brought up to date and a provision for hiring a “nuisance officer” is added. The Governing Body then reviews and approves a resolution appointing SEND D as the Nuisance Officer and negotiates a contract for the service. The contract amount is based on the number of properties within a defined area of

town. All of the properties within the defined area are reviewed for compliance. Contracts can range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 depending on the size of area the program looks at.

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SERN Quarterly Meeting June 19, 2013 in Falls City, Nebraska

Each SERN Meeting includes updates and announcements from the Southeast Regional Resource and Service Providers, and local officials/leaders. The meeting also includes presentations from featured communities and/or businesses followed by an optional lunch, and a Feature Presentation and/or community tour given by industry leaders on regional topics of interest.

The SERN Region includes the Counties (and their communities) of: Polk, Butler, Saunders, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Fillmore, Saline, Gage, Johnson, Nemaha, Thayer, Jefferson, Pawnee, and Richardson. Anyone with an interest in community and economic development in Southeast Nebraska may become a SERN Member and attend SERN Meetings. To be added to the SERN Email Distribution list or for more information about SERN, please contact the SERN Chairperson: Jen Olds at 402-475-2560 (jolids@senn.org).

Location: Personal Care Inc. 3003 Old Hwy 73, Falls City, NE 68355

Host: Beckie Cromer, Falls City Economic Development

RSVP By: June 14, 2013

RSVP attendance for each: 1. SERN Business Meeting 2. Lunch, 3. Feature Presentation 4. Nuisance Enforcement Program

Email RSVP To: Falls City Edge - assistant@fallscityedge.com

Plattsmouth Hosting Main Street Training June 13

Plattsmouth, in conjunction with Elizabeth Chase, Director NEBRASKA | Main Street will be hosting Main Street Training from 10 AM to 4 PM on Thursday June 13. They invite you to join them in beautiful and historic downtown Plattsmouth for two specialized Main Street training sessions and tour of downtown Plattsmouth.

Todd Barman of the National Main Street Center will be on hand to deliver training on volunteer development and fundraising. Then, community leaders from Plattsmouth will talk about how they accomplished a large-scale public improvement project and facade improvements in the Main Street

district.

The presentation will be followed by a walking tour of downtown Plattsmouth so attendees can see the improvements first hand and talk with those who have benefitted from the project. This training is open to Main Street communities and Associate Members as well as

non-member communities. They encourage non-profit community development organizations and civic leaders from across the state and region to attend this training.

Where: Plattsmouth State Bank Community Room (2nd Floor) | 446 Main Street | Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Cost? Pre-registration for this training is required. Deadline to register: June 10, 2013. Main Street Community/Associate Member Cost: \$12 per person and includes lunch and handouts. Non-Member Cost: \$24 per person and includes lunch and handouts. Register by mail or credit card over the phone. Elizabeth Chase, Director NEBRASKA | Main Street (402) 323-7337 office.

