



What format should I send my story in?

Please email your story as a word document to Rachel D. Graham, *The NPN Trumpet* Editor, at rachel@npnnola.com with *Trumpet Story - (Name of Issue)* in the subject line. Please include the article's title in the filename as well as at the top of the document. We also want to make sure to give credit where credit is due. So include the author's name with the organization or the neighborhood you represent under the article title.

How long should my story be?

The IDEAL perfect length (in terms of easy layout) is 200-400 words, plus a high-resolution (300+ dpi, jpg format) photo.

Do you pay writers?

No. Unless you count getting published and having the satisfaction of sharing your story, thoughts, and ideas with others a type of payment.

I don't have time to write a story; what else can I submit?

Besides articles and opinion pieces, we take photos, recipes, mini-blurbs, neighborhood updates.

I have a great idea for a story, but I'm not a "writer." Should I still try?

Absolutely! Most of our submissions are not from trained journalists, they're from regular people who just have something to say or share. You can even set up an appointment with the Editor to have an in-person "writing session," where we can help guide you in framing your story. Just email thetrumpet@npnnola.com.

I work for a non-profit - can I submit a press release about my organization and the great work that we are doing?

We'd rather you didn't. The Trumpet represents "community voices orchestrating change," and is not a catch-all, free PR publication. We would, however, love to hear about SPECIFIC initiatives your non-profit is working on and how our network can BENEFIT from it. You can also submit recent success stories that will inspire and encourage neighborhoods and other non-profit groups.

Will my story be printed exactly as I wrote it?

Maybe. Maybe not. By submitting your story to The Trumpet, you are giving us permission and authority to correct it for spelling, grammar, length and redundancy. Don't worry - we won't take away from your message, we just want it to be presented in the best, most readable format.

Can I re-submit my story to other publications?

Absolutely! It's YOUR story. (And hey, we didn't pay for it).