



## **PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

PO Box 125 Lawrence Kansas 66044

April 2013 Newsletter

### *Pinckney Tunnel Beautification Project Unveiling May 3<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm*

After years of neglect the Pinckney Tunnel will be getting some much needed attention. The amazing people of Pinckney Neighborhood and Old West Lawrence with the support of The City of Lawrence teamed up with Van Go to create the largest project Van Go has done to date. PNA donated \$100 toward the project. The artists at Van Go have created a multi panel mural to grace the walls of the tunnel that runs below 6th street at Pinckney School. Along with the mural the tunnel will be getting a fresh coat of paint and new LED lights installed by the city.

The unveiling will be Friday, May 3<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Please come see what we have accomplished after months of fundraising, preparation and creative spirit. Turning something needed into something loved!

### **Got Questions?**

Is there someone or something you would like to know more about in Lawrence? Please let us know what's on your mind and we'll do our best to find the answers and/or invite guest speakers to attend a PNA meeting. Attend a PNA monthly meeting, call one of the contacts listed on the back of this newsletter or email us: [Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com)

### ***Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings & Events***

#### **April 20 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level)

Topics: Kirk McClure, KU Professor of Urban Planning  
Fund Raising & Public Service Projects

#### **May 5 – Pinckney Tunnel Dedication**

5:00 p.m. @ Pinckney Elementary School Tunnel Entrance

#### **May 18 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level)

Topics: Bert Nash Center update from David Johnson, CEO  
Prep for Neighborhood Potluck Picnic

#### **May 20 – Bulk Brush Pick-up**

Curb-side bulk brush pick-up starting early Monday morning

#### **June 22 – Pinckney Neighborhood Potluck Picnic, Kids' Arts/Crafts & "Share the Warmth" Service Project**

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. @ Clinton Park (5<sup>th</sup> & Maine Streets)

## **Annual Pinckney Potluck Picnic Kids' Arts & Crafts Fun**

**Saturday June 22 @ 11:30 a.m. – Clinton Park**

Mark your calendar now for this year's Pinckney Neighborhood Potluck Picnic. The Kids' arts & crafts activities have been so much fun and will be returning this year. PNA will provide hot dogs, veggie dogs, and beverages.

**Date:** Saturday, June 22

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Clinton Park (SW Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> & Maine)

**What to Bring for the Picnic:** a side dish or dessert to share!

**What to Bring for our Public Service Event:** a coat or jacket!

(SEE "SHARE THE WARMTH" BELOW)

Our picnic is a fun and relaxed way to meet your neighbors. With our sponsors' support, we'll provide:

**Hot Dogs, Veggie Dogs and Beverages  
Activities for Kids and the Young at Heart  
Good Eats & Treats from Local Vendors  
Arts & Crafts Activities  
Face Painting**

If you would like to volunteer to help plan the event or set up or clean up, contact Pat Miller at 550-6958 or send an email to [Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com). Take pride in your neighborhood and join your neighbors at our great annual summer community event.

More information and details will be coming soon – look for updates on the Pinckney Neighborhood website and on Facebook. A postcard reminder will be sent in early June.

## **"Share the Warmth" Public Service Project**

PNA is collecting coats and jackets to donate to Scotch Fabric Care Services' "share the warmth" program. Our long winter is over; June is the perfect time to bring in your families' winter coats that will be too small to wear or not needed next year! No need to launder - Scotch will handle it.

Bring your coat and jacket donations to the Pinckney Picnic! If you can't make it to the picnic, please send an email to PNA or call Kim Heck at 331-9868 to find out how to drop your coat and jacket donations off earlier!

## City Commission Candidates & School Bond Proponent Attended March PNA Meeting

We were honored to have all six candidates for the City Commission, as well as Kelly Jones on behalf of the "Vote Yes" for the Lawrence School Bond joined us on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Kelly provided many detail about the plans to use funds secured by the bond (which was overwhelmingly approved during the General Election). For example, each elementary school, including Pinckney, will have much needed and long overdue facility upgrades. The details for all the planned improvements can be found on the USD497 website at:

<http://www.usd497.org/bondissueplanning/overview>

In addition, Mike Amyx, Rob Chestnut, Scott Criqui, Jeremy Farmer, Terry Riordon and Leslie Soden each gave us a quick self introduction and informed us of some of the key interests and concerns that compelled them to run for City Commission. They answered many questions from the PNA meeting attendees and ended up staying long after the meeting formally ended to meet everyone personally and chat. We greatly appreciate their time and the attention they paid to getting to know Pinckney residents and hear our concerns.



## Photo Galleries on the PNA Website!

There are several photo galleries on PNA's website dedicated to YOUR photos. Last summer we started with a Pinckney Neighborhood Wildlife gallery, then added the Pinckney Fall Colors gallery, and during this past winter's snow storms we started a Winter 2013! gallery. We also have photo galleries for most of our Pinckney neighborhood events. Your photos for any of these galleries are more than welcome.

If you have photos of Pinckney wildlife, fall colors or the recent snow storms, or photos from any PNA event, please send them in! And, if you have ideas for a new gallery, let us know. If there's enough interest we could set up a Flickr or similar photo sharing site. We're also looking for people willing to be the "official" photographer for various events – no professional experience needed, just a decent camera and a good eye. Send an email with your photos and your ideas to: [Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com)



## UPCOMING PNA MONTHLY MEETING GUESTS:

April 20th - Kirk McClure, KU Professor of Urban Planning  
May 18th - David Johnson, CEO, Bert Nash Center

## April is Fair Housing Month

The City of Lawrence and the Human Relations Commission are promoting the month of April as Fair Housing Month, and Celebrating the 45th Anniversary of The Fair Housing Act. The Human Relations Division investigates complaints from persons alleging discrimination in housing cases because of race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age, ancestry, sexual orientation, disability or familial status or gender identity. Any person wishing to file a housing discrimination complaint can visit the Human Relations Division which is now located at 1006 New Hampshire or they may call (785) 832-3310. For more information about the City's fair housing and human relations code, visit the Human Relations Commission website at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/attorney/lhrc>

## LAWRENCE RESIDENT SEEKING RENTAL HOME

Mature, responsible woman, and experienced gardener, searching for a nice, affordable 1-2 bedroom home, with good working kitchen, private drive and yard, for permanent rental at the end of July. A bungalow would be ideal. Bedrooms and bath must be on the ground floor. I'd love to have a vegetable garden and plant flowers on the property; will take care of all the mowing. Pets allowed, please.

This would become my permanent home, so I'm searching for a property owner who values stability in his/her renters. I have rented all of my adult life, and do have rental assistance through the Lawrence Housing Authority's Section-8 program. The current rent range is about \$600.00+ utilities.

For more information, please call: Marilyn Roy at (785)-838-3057 in Lawrence.

## Annual Curbside Brush Pick-up Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>

After a long, snowy winter, it's finally spring and time for yard clean-up! To help dispose of your trimmed brush and tree limbs, we've again scheduled a special tour through the neighborhood on May 20<sup>th</sup> for the Lawrence Parks Department's wood chipper / shredder. The city crew will pick-up and process brush and oversize yard debris you leave at the curb. Brush does not need to be bundled, and limbs should have their butt-end facing the street. This is for brush and limbs only, since other yard waste is routinely picked up by sanitation crews each Monday. The brush and limbs will be chipped up to add to the city's compost and mulch piles. The city is not able to dispose of railroad ties and other wood fencing materials. Also note that city staff is not allowed to go into private yards to clean up or retrieve the debris. If you need assistance in bringing your debris to the curb, please call Pat Miller (550-6958) or send an email to [Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com) to arrange assistance from some helpful neighbors. Although it may take a couple of days for the crew to work its way through the neighborhood, **please have your brush ready at the curb by the morning of Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Please support these fine local businesses that have contributed funding and/or services to help PNA serve the Pinckney Neighborhood Residents. Find links to their websites on PNA's website.**

Businesses wishing to support Pinckney Neighborhood and reach approximately 1600 households please send an email to [Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com) or call Pat Miller at 785-550-6958. Our immediate need is for food, supplies and funding for our annual Pinckney Neighborhood Potluck Picnic, to be held this year on June 22 in Clinton Park.



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