



Pinckney Neighborhood Association April 2010 Newsletter

Pinckney Neighborhood Association is a nonprofit association of residents within the Pinckney Neighborhood who promote the interests of its resident and communication within the neighborhood.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR Upcoming PNA Events

April 17	PNA monthly meeting 10:00 am – Lawrence Memorial Hospital*
May 15	PNA monthly meeting 10:00 am – Lawrence Memorial Hospital*
June 12	Pinckney Neighborhood and Park Clean-up Day 10:00 am to noon – Burcham Park, Clinton Park, Constant Park & Woody Park
Mid-June	Neighborhood Curbside Brush Pick-up
June 19	PNA monthly meeting 10:00 am – Lawrence Memorial Hospital*
July 17	PNA monthly meeting 10:00 am – Lawrence Memorial Hospital*
August 21	Pinckney Neighborhood Picnic & PNA monthly meeting

** PNA monthly meetings at LMH are usually on the lower level in Meeting Room D, but check the schedule on your way in to make sure.*

Lawrence Police Dept. Neighborhood Resource Officers

The Lawrence Police Department has two officers assigned to a special Neighborhood Resource detail. These officers promote open communications with the public and pay special attention to issues important to neighborhoods, such as code enforcement, police enforcement, crime prevention and any non-emergency concerns.

The officers, Trent McKinley (pictured) and Rob Neff, attended the February 20th PNA meeting to introduce themselves and discuss how they may be of service to the community. These officers try to monitor ongoing concerns in different neighborhoods and act as a liaison between different City and law enforcement branches and with residents. Their services provide a continuity of support for addressing issues of concern within the neighborhood.



Contact Information: (785) 830-7410 nro@lkpd.org
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Pothole Reporting!

After all the nasty, cold weather this past winter, the streets in Lawrence are now riddled with potholes. The Lawrence Public Works Department is busy filling potholes and repairing streets. You can report your "favorite" pothole(s) to the City and request repair. The City provides a reporting phone number and a simple report form on its webpage.

Pothole Reporting Line: (785) 832-3456
http://www.lawrenceks.org/public_works/pothole_report_form

Woody Park & Recreation Resources for Pinckney

PNA continues to consider options for a proposal to Lawrence Memorial Hospital regarding Woody Park, the small baseball field located just north of the hospital on Maine St. Last summer, LMH officials notified PNA that the hospital would like to use at least part of Woody Park for a parking area. The City previously allowed LMH to use part of the park for a helicopter pad, thereby diminishing the size of the park and affecting its use as a viable ball field. The park gets its name from Mr. Elgin Woody, who for many years maintained a baseball field on the site for the benefit of Lawrence's black population during segregation.

A subcommittee will be presenting a draft proposal during the April 17th PNA monthly meeting regarding future use of Woody Park and options for creating new park space/athletic resources to serve the Pinckney Neighborhood, particularly for the northern and western areas of the neighborhood. We welcome and encourage the participation of Pinckney residents at the April meeting to discuss this important proposal to honor the historical significance of this site, ensure sound environmental and community-friendly future use of the site, and address park/recreation needs for the community. Please join us!

Annual Neighborhood Clean-up & Curbside Brush Pick-up 10:00 am Saturday, June 12, 2010

Put on your sunscreen and work gloves and join your neighbors in our **annual park clean-up!** Pinckney Neighborhood has four parks to enjoy: Burcham Park, Clinton Park, Constant Park, and Woody Park. Each year, the Pinckney neighbors commit a few hours of their time to spruce up our parks and providing a little tender loving care. Please join us! Team leaders will greet you at the park of your choice and provide trash bags for collecting refuse you gather in and around the park grounds. Many hands will make light and quick work of this rewarding task!

PNA has also tentatively scheduled a special **bulk yard waste pick-up** to follow this weekend event. The City's parks department will be bringing their chipper/shredder through the neighborhood to accommodate all your large brush, tree limbs, etc. Just pile these outsized yard waste items at your curb! (The specific date and pick-up details will be announced soon.) Residents needing assistance to move large items to the street should contact Steve Braswell (785-841-6902).

Annual Pinckney Neighborhood Picnic

Advance planning has begun for the annual Pinckney Neighborhood Picnic. This year, we've tentatively set the date as August 21 in Burcham Park. We're hoping to draw a great crowd – all the better to meet old and new neighbors and feel connected to our community. In addition to food (part provided / part potluck) we hope to have kid-friendly entertainment and maybe some music. Volunteers are needed to set things in motion. It's never too early to start planning! If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Steve Braswell (785-841-6902), or better yet, attend a PNA monthly meeting.

Speed Limit on 4th Street west of Michigan

After the speed limit on 4th Street west of Michigan was raised from 30 mph to 35 mph, several residents contacted PNA questioning the rationale behind the change and raising concerns about public safety, particularly regarding children, bicyclists and dog walkers. Of particular concern was the lack of prior notice to the community about the requested change, and therefore lack of an opportunity to provide input. PNA President Steve Braswell raised these concerns to the Lawrence Traffic Commission at their March meeting. The Board decided not to reverse its earlier decision to raise the speed limit. PNA will work to stay abreast of issues before the City Commission and other City boards and welcomes your input and assistance in raising issues of concern for our neighborhood. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact PNA. (PNA Contact Information below.)

Still Looking! Teens Needed for PNA Website Update

Do you have a kid in your house, or know of a neighbor who has a kid, who likes to tinker with things, take pictures, talk to interesting people, play with computers and/or prove they know more about almost anything than any adult? We need those kids!

The PNA website suffers from too few adults with too little time and energy to make the site interesting, useful and up-to-date. Please rat these kids out to – I mean, kindly steer these kids to – Pat Miller, who will make sure their talents, imagination, and boundless energy are put to great use making the PNA website the newest wonder of the modern world. Contact Pat Miller: pgmiller@sunflower.com or 785-550-6958



Steve Braswell, Kristen Walker, Harry Miller & Linda Bush

New PNA Officers

The February 20th Pinckney Neighborhood Association monthly meeting served as the Annual Meeting and election of officers. Up for biennial election were the Vice President and Secretary positions. Linda Bush was elected as Vice President and Harry Miller, who had filled a mid-term vacancy starting last September, was elected as Secretary. In addition, Kristen Walker was elected to fill a mid-term vacancy for Treasurer. Steve Braswell continues in his two-year term as President.

Pinckney Neighborhood Association Contact Information

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Facebook: "Pinckney Neighborhood Association" – *A small but growing group page*

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