

Pinckney Neighborhood Association August 2010 Newsletter

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Upcoming PNA Events

August 21 Pinckney Neighborhood Potluck Picnic

11:30 am - Burcham Park

September 18 Pinckney Parks Clean-up Day

10:00 am - Burcham Park, Clinton Park, Constant Park, Woody Park, and Hugh Cameron Stream

October 17 PNA monthly meeting

10:00 am - Lawrence Memorial Hospital*

* PNA monthly meetings at Lawrence Memorial Hospital are held in a lower level meeting room.

Check the schedule on your way in for the room number.

ANNUAL PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD POTLUCK PICNIC SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST @ 11:30 AM IN BURCHAM PARK

It's almost here, and this year's picnic will be the best ever! Pinckney Neighborhood's annual picnic will be held on Saturday August 21st in Burcham Park. We'll start gathering at 11:30 for fun, games and food. Please join us!

POTLUCK: Hot dogs (regular and tofu), drinks and tableware will be provided. Please bring a side dish, munchies or dessert to share with your neighbors. We'll be grillin' dogs and serving up a real community meal at the Burcham Park shelter starting at about noon.

BOUNCE CASTLE: By popular demand, the bounce castle will return for the enjoyment of the kids. By request, we will also set aside a special bounce time for the adult kids.

MUSIC: *NEW!* One of the wonderful things about the Pinckney Neighborhood is our passion for music – we boast many professional musicians, amateur musicians and just plain music lovers. If you're a musician, please bring your instrument and join in the fun. There will be a limited amount of electricity, so acoustic instruments are preferred. If you're simply a music lover, please come prepared to sing along, clap your hands, tap your feet and enjoy!

SILLY HAT PARADE: *NEW!* Everyone loves a parade. Bring your favorite very silly hat to join in a parade around Burcham Park. What? You don't have a silly hat! No problem. The official Silly Hat Parade Committee will help you make and decorate a fabulous silly hat. Requirements to join the parade include a silly attitude, lots of giggling, a silly hat, and a Silly Hat Parade license (to be issued at the picnic). In addition, it may be wise to bring a camera to memorialize this dignified event.

PINCKNEY PARKS CLEAN-UP EVENT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010 @ 10:00 AM

The bulk brush pick-up in mid-June by the Lawrence Parks and Rec Department went very well. However, due to heavy rain and thunderstorms on June 12th, we had to postpone our Pinckney Park clean-up date. So, we've rescheduled for Saturday September 18th at 10:00 a.m. This clean-up day will take the place of our regular monthly meeting. Pinckney Neighborhood has four parks to enjoy: Burcham Park, Clinton Park, Constant Park, and Woody Park. In addition, the Hugh Cameron Stream, the former home of Lawrence's tree house dwelling recluse, is located on the NE corner of 5th and Indiana. Please put on your sunscreen and work gloves and join your neighbors in our annual park clean-up! 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. Thank you for helping keep Pinckney Neighborhood a beautiful place to live.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ISSUES

David Woosley, Traffic/Transportation Engineer for the City of Lawrence Department of Public Works, was our guest at the July 19th PNA monthly meeting. Mr. Woosley discussed traffic and parking concerns raised by Pinckney residents, including busy intersections without traffic signs, school crossings, and areas where no-parking restrictions are causing hardship to the homeowners. PNA members were informed that these concerns and a request for action may be submitted by letter or e-mail to Mr. Woosley, who would place the matter on the agenda of the Traffic and Safety Commission after notice to any affected neighbors. PNA will continue to monitor these issues, engage the neighborhood in discussions, and ensure the concerns of the Pinckney Neighborhood are brought to the attention of the Commission.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PNA has very modest budgetary needs. Our primary expenditures include the quarterly newsletters, one or two special announcement postcards a year, and the annual picnic. We're fortunate to receive Community Development Block Grant funding that covers most of our needs. A little extra funding would help stretch our budget, and here's how you can help.

RESIDENTS: PNA's bylaws suggest an annual \$2 voluntary dues payment per household. This is completely voluntary and no records are kept! There will be a dues container at the picnic for anyone interested in making a donation to support PNA.

BUSINESSES: PNA is also seeking very small contributions from our neighborhood businesses. We've identified three levels of funding: Sponsor (up to \$10); Silver Sponsor (\$10 up to \$25); and Gold Sponsor (\$25 or more). Business sponsors will be recognized at the Picnic and in the next issue of the PNA newsletter.

If you're interested in making a monetary or in-kind contribution to PNA, including items for the annual picnic, please contact Linda Bush, Kristen Walker or Pat Miller. Regardless of whether you provide a donation, we're very glad you are our neighbor!

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