



PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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September 2011 Newsletter

Pinckney Neighborhood Events Bring Neighbors Together

Picnic a Huge Success – Over 100 Attend

The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, and about 120 neighbors enjoyed spending the afternoon of June 18 visiting in Clinton Park at Pinckney's annual potluck picnic. Pinckney's own Lance Fahy provided musical entertainment while kids of all ages took turns in the Bounce Castle provided by Anderson Rentals. Neighborhood kids displayed their art work on a wall provided by McCray Lumber and won participation prizes donated by many area businesses. Great Clips came back again this year to offer haircuts for a donation and Green Violin Italian Ice cooled everyone off with a free samples. All in all, it was a nearly perfect day! Thanks to all the volunteers who pulled the event together and helped with set-up and cleanup. Pictures are posted on the PNA Facebook page and we hope to soon add them to the PNA website.

Trunk-or-Treat & Food Drive – October 29th

Get your Halloween costume and spooky attitude ready a few days early this year for the first ever Pinckney Neighborhood Trunk-or-Treat. Following the success of the picnic this past summer, we are sponsoring the Trunk-or-Treat to continue building strong neighborhood connections and promote community stability. So, decorate your car, truck or van, or set up a table or booth with candy or other food items to pass out or fun things to do! (**Details inside →**)

In addition, the event will be used as an opportunity to collect non-perishable food items for Just Food Douglas County, a community food bank and family sustainability organization. Everyone is encouraged to bring food or other recommended items. See a list of current items needed on Just Food's website: "www.eckan.org/justfood/donations.html"

Upcoming PNA Meetings & Events

September 17 – PNA Meeting

10:00 am @ LMH*

Guest: City of Lawrence Planning Department

Focus Session: CDGB funding request & fundraising

September 24 – Pinckney Parks Clean-up Day

9:00 am @ Burcham, Clinton, Constant, Woody Parks & Hugh Cameron Memorial Ravine (rain backup: Oct. 1)

October 15 – PNA Meeting

10:00 am @ LMH*

Guest: Lawrence City Code Enforcement

Focus Session: Trunk-or-Treat & Food Drive planning

October 29 – Trunk-or-Treat & "Just Food" Drive

4:00 to 6:00 pm – DETAILS INSIDE THIS ISSUE!

LMH parking lot on 4th St. between Arkansas & Michigan

November 19 – PNA Meeting

10:00 am @ LMH*

Guest: Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center

Focus Session: Pinckney History Collaboration

**Lawrence Memorial Hospital - lower level meeting room*

Additional agenda items may also be discussed t each meeting. If you have a question or a discussion topic, please attend a PNA monthly meeting or send an e-mail to: Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com

THANK YOU TO BUSINESS SPONSORS

Neighborhood and area businesses and entertainers provided an amazing response to PNA's request for assistance. We received contributions of funding, prizes, food, supplies and entertainment to sponsor the annual Pinckney Neighborhood Picnic and PNA's quarterly newsletter. A huge thank you goes out to the following businesses! Please join us in letting them know how much we appreciate their contributions to make Pinckney a great neighborhood.

Gold Level Business Sponsors - \$100 or more:

Anderson Rentals – Lance Fahy

George Properties & Development – Great Clips

Green Violin Italian Ice – Lawrence Memorial Hospital

McCray Lumber – Harry Miller Piano Service

Premier Martial Arts – Sunflower Outdoor & Bike Shop

Swansea Phillips 66

Silver Level Business Sponsors - \$25 up to \$100:

Bob's Import Service – Braider Deb

Community Mercantile – Dillon's Foods – Fast Lane

Freddy's Pizza & Wings – McDonalds

Medical Arts Pharmacy – RACO Car Wash

Ray's Liquor Warehouse – West Side Automotive

Yacht Club

Business Sponsors:

Biemer's BBQ – Checkers Foods

Lawrence Feed & Farm Supply

Lawrence Elementary School Consolidation Planning

Earlier this year, the Lawrence Board of Education created the Central and East Elementary School Consolidation Working Group (Working Group) to “recommend a community plan for reducing the six elementary schools of Sunset Hill, Hillcrest, Pinckney, Cordley, Kennedy and New York to four or three schools within the next two or three years.” In June, Superintendent Rick Doll appointed members of the Working Group, including five members representing Pinckney School, one of whom is a teacher from Pinckney that serves as a non-voting member.

The Working Group is charged with considering the schools’ unique educational and social communities to determine which schools are most appropriate for consolidation based upon the criteria set out in the Board’s Vision Statement for Elementary School Facilities and the Task Force’s report. Two initial teams have been formed to focus on 1) the central schools, Hillcrest and Sunset Hills, and 2) the eastern schools, Cordley, Kennedy and New York. Representatives from Pinckney and Woodlawn will be split between the two initial teams. The Working Group is charged with completing its work by February 2012.

The Working Group held its first planning meeting in June. The remaining meetings are scheduled for: September 7 and 19, October 3 and 17, November 7 and 21, December 5 and 19, January 2, 16 and 30. All meetings will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the district office.

More information about the Consolidation Working Group can be found on the Lawrence Public Schools’ website at:

<http://www.usd497.org/Consolidation/>

Upcoming Speakers and Issues to be discussed at Monthly PNA Meetings

Michelle Leininger from the City of Lawrence Public Planning Department will join us on Saturday September 17th to discuss many issues important to the Pinckney Neighborhood. Some issues likely to be discussed include a recent proposal to add 75 cents to each water bill to create a fund to maintain sidewalks in the City. Other topics may be the planning process called “complete streets” and infrastructure needs within the neighborhood.

We plan to invite Brian Jimenez from the Lawrence City Code Enforcement Department on October 15th for his annual update on issues pertinent the Neighborhood. We will also attend to the final plans for the Trunk-or-Treat & Just Food Drive.

On November 19th we hope to have David Johnson, CEO of Bert Nash Community Health Center, visit with us to discuss Bert Nash’s plans to expand their facility as well as the services provided by Bert Nash to families and the community. We also invite local historians and those interested in Pinckney history to join us for the Focus Session on November 19th (starting at about 11:00) to initiate a Pinckney Neighborhood history collaboration project. We hope to create a repository of Pinckney history that will be viewable on the internet with information about Pinckney’s important and interesting past and present.

Your advertising helps fund publishing the PNA quarterly newsletter. For just \$30 per business-card sized ad, you can reach over 1500 households in the neighborhood. Contact Pat at pgmiller@sunflower.com for more information.



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Pinckney Elementary School

Here are a few of the upcoming events at Pinckney School, with contact information:

Monday Oct. 31 – Halloween Parade – 2 pm

Going to LMH and back through Clinton Park

Monday, Nov. 7th – Work Day – 3-6 pm

(after school – general clean-up and yard work)

Contact Karla Hughes — Cell 393-4993 (call or text)

Thursday Nov. 17 – Grandparents’ Day

Veritas Christian School

Veritas invites Pinckney neighbors to join them at football and volleyball games. A schedule of games and other upcoming activities can be found on their website at: <http://veritaschristianschool.org/>

Home Schoolers

We would love to hear from you. Please contact Kristen with information that we can forward to people in the neighborhood, such as upcoming events or requests for assistance.

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TRUNK-OR-TREAT & *JUST FOOD* DRIVE

Saturday October 29th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm – 4th St. & Arkansas St. – (Lot opens at 3:00 pm for set-up)

So you ask, what is Trunk-or-Treat? The simple answer is that it's a lot of fun. The detailed answer is that fun loving people decorate the trunks of cars, beds of trucks, backs of vans, a table, a tent, a booth (you name it, really) in the Halloween spirit for kids (of all ages) to visit and enjoy. You might choose to pass out candy, food or drinks (e.g., cider), or have games of skill, silly entertainment or any other Halloween or carnival like activity. Go it alone or join forces with friends. As long as it's kid-friendly and in relative good taste, your imagination is your only limit. Everyone is welcome to participate, even if you don't have an actual kid in your household. (If you're stuck for ideas, you can find lots of photos of trunk-or-treat events on the internet.) Awards will be given to the entries and costumes voted best by the crowd.

Food Drive: In addition to having fun and getting to know your neighbors better, Pinckney Neighborhood will have an opportunity to give back to the community by donating nonperishable food items and basic supplies to Just Food Douglas County. Just Food is a local organization that helps families and individuals in need. As stated on its website, Just Food's mission is to fight hunger in Douglas County by: increasing access to public and private programs that provide food to children in need and their families; strengthening community resources that connect children and families to healthy food; and improving families' knowledge about available programs and how to get the most from limited resources.

Here are the details for the October 29th Pinckney Neighborhood Trunk-or-Treat & "Just Food" Drive:

TRUNK-OR-TREAT LOCATION – LMH Parking Lot on 4th Street between Arkansas & Michigan Streets

- **Each vehicle/booth will be assigned a parking space when they arrive (enter on Arkansas St.)**
 - **Set-up starts at 3:00 pm – please allow plenty of time to set-up before trunk-or-treaters arrive**
 - **Preregistration is greatly appreciated for planning purposes, but is not required**
 - Preregistration and questions: pgmiller@sunflower.com or 785-550-6958
- **Trunk-or-Treat opens for guests at 4:00 pm and ends at 6:00 pm!**
- **Visit the PNA booth for voting on best entry/costume and to make **Just Food** donations**
 - Just Food donation suggestions are at: www.eckan.org/justfood/donations.html
 - Even if you don't attend the Trunk-or-Treat, you can drop off donations from 3 to 6 pm

**Challenge your friends and neighbors to show off their creativity and bring donations!
Post your challenges on Pinckney Neighborhood Association's Facebook page.
Come join your neighbors, have some fun and help your community!**



