



## **PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

PO Box 125 Lawrence Kansas 66044

April 2011 Newsletter

### **Neighborhood Rallies to Show Support for Pinckney Elementary School**

#### ***Upcoming PNA Meetings & Events***

##### **May 16 – Bulk Brush Pick-up**

Curbside pick-up of brush and bulk yard waste  
-put brush at curbside by Monday morning  
-more information on page 3 of this Newsletter!

##### **May 21 – PNA Meeting**

10:00 am @ LMH\*  
-neighborhood infrastructure needs  
-Focus Session: neighborhood arts, crafts, music and history

##### **June 18 – Pinckney Neighborhood Picnic**

11:00 am @ Clinton Park  
(in the event of rain, an alternative date will be chosen and announced)

##### **June 25 – Pinckney Parks Clean-up Day**

9:00 am @ Burcham, Clinton, Constant, Woody & Hugh Cameron Memorial Ravine  
(backup date in case of rain – July 9<sup>th</sup>)

*\*Lawrence Memorial Hospital - lower level meeting room*

*Additional agenda items may also be discussed at each meeting. If you have a question or a possible discussion topic, please attend a PNA monthly meeting or send an e-mail to:*

*Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com*

The recent decision by the Lawrence Board of Education to close one school and consider future closure and/or consolidation of several schools focused the attention of many Pinckney parents and community members on what Pinckney Elementary School means to our children and our neighborhood. Parents, students and neighborhood residents turned out in force to rally in support of Pinckney School. Many also attended the public comment and review sessions before the Board of Education and the Lawrence Elementary School Facility Vision Task Force. Dave Unekis, a Pinckney School parent, provided information at PNA's February monthly meeting regarding the Task Forces' proposal and the decision making process by the School Board.

Pinckney School is spared from this year's school closure list, but we expect future discussions regarding consolidation of 6 schools, including Pinckney, down to 3 or 4 schools. The newly elected School Board members have stated they want community involvement in making decisions about how future school closures and consolidations will be managed. The School Board meeting on April 25 will begin the process of creating working groups of community stakeholders to move forward with the new consolidation process, including discussions regarding how to involve the community. PNA will continue to stay informed and active in school consolidation



discussions. As issues emerge, monthly PNA meetings will continue to include updates, information, discussions, guest speakers, and calls for action, as needed, to support Pinckney Neighborhood children and strong neighborhood schools.

### **A Message from the PNA President**

Pinckney Neighborhood is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Lawrence. We have every different type of housing you can think of, the hospital and associated medical services buildings, a water treatment plant, four beautiful parks, and a wide variety of new and established businesses. The role of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association (PNA) is to facilitate bringing all those diverse components together to enhance and improve the community experience for all of our residents. Our great diversity is one reason we are eligible for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and those funds help us produce this quarterly newsletter and support outreach and service activities. But we also need the active participation of the residents and businesses of our neighborhood.

PNA has ambitious plans for the coming year, and I'm confident that Pinckney neighbors will continue to find more reasons to become active in their community and in PNA. We have new initiatives in Community Service, Fundraising, School Connections, and Social Events. We are also committed to supporting retention of our neighborhood schools, especially our own Pinckney Elementary! All these things take time and energy, but the rewards are endless. Let's all work together to make Pinckney the most vibrant neighborhood in Lawrence!

Thanks, Linda Bush

## New PNA Officers New Monthly Meeting Format

The Pinckney Neighborhood Association begins the year with a slightly new slate of officers. Linda Bush was elected as the president, moving up from her previous spot as vice president. Kristen Walker was reelected for another two years as treasurer. Tim Ivy was elected to fill the remaining year of the term for vice president. Tim will also serve as PNA's representative to the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, where leaders from all the area neighborhood associations join to exchange information and help build a stronger Lawrence. Harry Miller continues to serve as secretary for the remainder of his two-year term. Many thanks to Steve Braswell who served as PNA president, and in many other capacities, for so many years.

Beginning in March, PNA meetings have a new format to help manage time and push projects along. PNA meetings continue to be on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am, usually in a lower level meeting room at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. The general discussion and business meeting will begin at 10:00. At 11:00, we will begin a "Focus Session" to work diligently on an issue or project. You are encouraged to attend all or just one of the sessions, depending on your interest and time limitations. The agendas are highlighted in the newsletter and will be posted on the PNA website and on the PNA Facebook page.



L to R:  
Kristen,  
Harry,  
Tim &  
Linda

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## What picnic is more than just a picnic? The Pinckney Picnic! June 18<sup>th</sup> in Clinton Park

This isn't just a riddle – it's a challenge! This year's Pinckney Neighborhood Picnic will be on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> in Clinton Park. *(In case of a rain-out, we will choose and announce an alternative date.)* The picnic will not just be a fun way to get together with your neighbors and celebrate how wonderful it is to live in Pinckney Neighborhood. It will also an opportunity to show off the talents of local young artists and neighborhood musicians, encourage neighborhood volunteerism, and showcase our community service efforts.

Kristen Walker has volunteered to be the chair/lead organizer for the picnic, but many, many volunteers are needed to make the picnic a success. The April 16<sup>th</sup> PNA meeting Focus Session kicked-off planning for the picnic. We need help with everything from rounding up art work and music to fundraising to set-up on the day of the picnic. If you are interested in helping with the picnic, please contact Kristen or send an e-mail to the PNA e-mail. *(PNA Contact Information is on the back of this newsletter)*

### ☞ PNA NEEDS YOU! ☜

We're planning so many important, fun activities for the neighborhood that we're starting to tap out the energy of the neighbors who tend to volunteer for everything. To be quite candid, we need more hands, ideas, information, skills and energy to accomplish everything we want to do to make Pinckney Neighborhood an even better place to live. If you have even just a little bit of time to contribute to one or more of the PNA activities, please contact one of the officers listed in the PNA contact list and/or fill out the volunteer form and send it in. Current needs include: picnic planning and set up, advertizing and fundraising, web design, photography, and community service projects.

## Supporting Pinckney Neighborhood is good business!

**NEEDED: Picnic Sponsors & Newsletter Sponsors** Last year PNA asked businesses in our neighborhood to contribute funds, goods, or services to make our Annual Picnic a success. The response was so positive and encouraging that we're hoping to expand our list of sponsors this year. In fact, we're counting on it! Every little bit helps. Business sponsors will be recognized at the Picnic and in the next issue of the PNA newsletter. They also receive a certificate to display. We also have advertizing space available in this newsletter, which reaches over 1500 households in the community. Funds will be used to help publish and mail the quarterly newsletter and for picnic supplies and services.

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The PNA newsletters are delivered four times per year (Jan., Apr., July & Oct.) to approximately 3500 individuals / 1600 households in the Pinckney Neighborhood. Advertising in the PNA Newsletter will not only spread the word about your business to local consumers, it will also help support your community. To place an ad in the quarterly PNA Newsletter for a very modest fee, please contact Pat Miller at [pgmiller@sunflower.com](mailto:pgmiller@sunflower.com) or 785-550-6958.

## ***SCHOOL & STUDENT CONNECTIONS***

*Coordinators: Kristen Fellows Walker & Tom Hegeman*

### **Calling All Student Artists**

This year's Pinckney Picnic on June 18<sup>th</sup> will feature art created by neighborhood students. Start thinking about artwork you want to show off to your neighbors. Certificates of recognition and raffle tickets for prizes will be presented to all students who enter artwork in the show. Join PNA's Facebook page or look on the PNA website to watch for more information, and look for a postcard in mid May with all the details about the Picnic and the art show!

### **Pinckney School Street Dance - Everyone Welcome!**

Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:30 PM

On the Pinckney blacktop (in the gym if it rains)

**Food and Drinks for Sale**

**Moonwalk / Obstacle Course, \$5 all night**

**Raffle Tickets for Prizes**

**Dance Music for the Whole Family**

This event is sponsored by the Pinckney Parent-Teacher Organization. If you would like to help, contact Brigid Murphy at 841-7460 or [brigid@sunflower.com](mailto:brigid@sunflower.com)

### **Veritas Christian School**

We're in the process of making connections with Veritas School on north Michigan Street. They have invited us to explore their website, including the calendar of upcoming events at: [veritaschristianschool.org](http://veritaschristianschool.org)

## **Taking Action through Community Service**

One of the goals this year for PNA is to create a network of volunteers in our neighborhood who are actively involved in helping the neighborhood and our neighbors. We invited Shannon Reid of the United Way's Roger Hill Volunteer Center to the February PNA meeting to help us learn about area needs, available resources, and service opportunities. Shannon provided a list with names and contact information of agencies serving the Pinckney area. The Focus Session of the March PNA meeting continued our discussion about meaningful and productive community service projects that would be appropriate for PNA to tackle. Monika Ivy and Lydia Miller have agreed to serve as the adult and youth contacts/organizers for our community service committee as we select, develop, and implement activities.

Initially, the PNA e-mail list will provide notice of opportunities for volunteerism in the Pinckney area offered through the Roger Hill Volunteer Center. For example, an e-mail was sent in early April regarding the Pinckney School work day. Plans are in the works to include volunteerism opportunities and heightened awareness of community service during the Pinckney Picnic on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

To get involved, share your ideas, suggest community service projects, or request services, please come to a PNA monthly meeting, fill out and send in the "volunteer" form below, or contact one of the PNA officers.

*(PNA Contact Information is on the back of this newsletter)*

# **Annual Curbside Brush Pick-up**

**May 16th**



Sprucing up your yard this spring? To help dispose of your trimmed brush and tree limbs, we've scheduled a special tour through the neighborhood on May 16<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 Linda Bush (856-6435) 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 16.**

## Get Active in Your Neighborhood! Get Active in PNA!

If you live in the Pinckney Neighborhood, you are a member of PNA.  
Now is the time to become an ACTIVE member!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Join the list to receive e-mail notices before monthly PNA meetings and special events. We will keep your information private, including your e-mail address, and your in-box won't be full of PNA junk e-mail.)

\_\_\_\_\_ We have one or more young people in our household who want to be active in PNA. (Please list ages: \_\_\_\_\_)

*Participation and membership in PNA is free – but a donation of at least \$1 per person, or \$2 per household, is suggested and greatly appreciated.*

Please bring this form to the next PNA monthly meeting or mail it to:

**Pinckney Neighborhood Association, PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044**

## PNA Volunteers Needed!

PNA has many fun and meaningful activities planned that will bring neighbors together and benefit the neighborhood. Please volunteer to participate. We need people of all ages with skills or interest in:

- \_\_\_ School & Student Connections
- \_\_\_ Media: Newsletter, Photography, Website Management, etc.
- \_\_\_ Fundraising and/or Advertising
- \_\_\_ Street Dance Party Volunteer
- \_\_\_ Potluck Picnic Volunteer
- \_\_\_ Nature, Gardening, Environment and/or Sustainability
- \_\_\_ Local History and/or Historic Preservation
- \_\_\_ Sidewalks, Traffic, and Infrastructure
- \_\_\_ Music, Art, Crafts
- \_\_\_ Community Service Projects
- \_\_\_ Parks Clean-up Day Volunteer
- \_\_\_ Youth Member and/or Leader
- \_\_\_ Adult Mentor for Youth Members
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## PNA Contact Information

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Subscribe to a monthly news bulletin on the PNA website

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