



PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125 Lawrence Kansas 66044

January 2011 Newsletter

Happy New Year! Many Exciting Happenings in Pinckney Neighborhood This Year

Upcoming PNA Meetings

10:00 a.m. on 3rd Saturday of each Month at Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level meeting room)

February 19

- PNA Annual Meeting (*with refreshments!*)
- Elections (President and Treasurer)
- Special Committee Appointments
- Public service project discussion and planning
- Guest speaker from the United Way's Roger Hill Volunteer Center

March 19

- Building connections with neighborhood students and schools (Pinckney Elementary, Veritas Christian, Other Schools & Home School Students)

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 contact Linda Bush, PNA Vice President: 785-856-6435 or LCBush@gmail.com

With the new year beginning, Pinckney Neighborhood Association looks forward to greater involvement by residents and businesses in activities that boost the livability of the neighborhood and build strong community ties. In addition to our traditional events, PNA plans to sponsor several new events and projects to benefit the neighborhood. The activities, projects and events planned for 2011 include:

- PNA Monthly Meetings (10:00 a.m. - 3rd Saturday of each month)
- PNA Annual Meeting & Elections of Offices – February 19
- Pinckney Neighborhood Public Service Projects
- Newsletter & Website Upgrades
- Parks Clean-up Day
- Potluck Picnic
- Street Dance
- Partnerships with Neighborhood Schools & Businesses

Read more about many of these events in this newsletter and please attend the monthly PNA meetings to share your thoughts and concerns and get involved in making our neighborhood an even better place to live.

Building Strong, Supportive Connections with Our Neighborhood Schools & Students

Pinckney Neighborhood is fortunate to have two schools within its boundaries, Pinckney Elementary School, a public school at 6th and Mississippi Streets, and Veritas Christian School, a private school on North Michigan Street. Both schools serve children who live within the Pinckney Neighborhood boundaries as well as children who live outside the neighborhood. We recognize that some students living in Pinckney Neighborhood attend public or private schools outside the neighborhood or are home schooled. We consider all students who live in or attend schools in our neighborhood to be part of the greater Pinckney Neighborhood family.

In the coming year, PNA will build connections with the two schools located in our neighborhood and share information regarding upcoming events and strive to provide mutual support. In addition, we plan to provide many opportunities for students and families to get involved in fun and meaningful ways in the Pinckney Neighborhood. Beginning in this issue of the PNA newsletter, look for the "School & Student Connections" information box to see what's going on and how you can make a difference in the lives of our neighborhood's young people.

If you are a student or a parent of a student who lives in the neighborhood or attends one of the neighborhood schools, we would love to hear from you. Please attend one of the monthly PNA meetings or contact Kristen Fellows Walker at 785-331-6585 or kristenfellowswalker@live.com.

Focus on Neighborhood Community Service Projects

(An excellent opportunity for student involvement)

Pinckney Community Service Projects:

The Pinckney Neighborhood Association's purpose, in part, is to improve property, living conditions and communications within the Pinckney Neighborhood. During the coming year, PNA will plan, organize and sponsor several community service projects within the Pinckney Neighborhood to help fulfill this purpose.

To kick-off this endeavor, PNA has invited a representative from the United Way's Roger Hill Volunteer Center to attend the monthly PNA meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday February 19. Shannon Reid will discuss projects the United Way and its affiliated service organizations already have in place that benefit residents of the Pinckney Neighborhood. Shannon will also be able to give us information that will assist PNA in determining how to plan and implement its own public service projects.

These projects could range from adding manpower and support to existing public service programs or to developing and implementing a completely new program or programs. We encourage neighborhood residents and businesses interested in public service or who have recommendations regarding areas of need to attend the February 19th meeting.

Student Involvement:

Many young people, particularly college bound students, are looking for opportunities to serve their communities and to fulfill public service commitments for scouting, college applications, etc. PNA strongly encourages students living or attending school in the Pinckney Neighborhood to attend the February 19th PNA meeting to learn about public service opportunities and become involved in the planning and development stage of this important program. The public service program will provide many opportunities for young people to serve in leadership roles and be active participants in service projects.

Youth & Adult Public Service Project Coordinators:

PNA is seeking volunteers to plan, coordinate and implementing upcoming public service projects. These positions will likely involve a small amount of time each month for planning and coordinating projects, and additional time on several specific days during the year to implement the projects. PNA would like to find several youth coordinators and one or more adult sponsors to take on these leadership roles. In addition, PNA will recruit additional individual and business volunteers, as needed, to participate in scheduled public service projects.

Anyone up for a Potluck Picnic or a Street Dance?

By popular demand, the Annual Pinckney Potluck Picnic will return this year – a bounce castle, music and perhaps even the Silly Hat Parade will be part of the festivities. The likely location is Burcham Park, but we are open to suggestions. In addition, PNA hopes to also have a Street Dance (or perhaps a "Parking Lot" Dance) somewhere on the western half of the Pinckney Neighborhood. One event will be planned for the Spring and one for the Fall. We need your ideas and effort to help make these events fun and well attended. Please come to a PNA monthly meeting to get involved.

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Issues for Future PNA Monthly Meetings

Watch for monthly meeting agenda topics in PNA's April Newsletter and check the PNA website and Facebook page.

Tenants to Homeowners

City Planning, Zoning and Traffic Issues

Addressing Blight, Noise and Trash

Neighborhood Parks and Recreation

Do you have a concern or an idea that PNA can address? Please come to a PNA meeting or send an e-mail to a PNA officer.

SUPPORT PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION THROUGH NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

PNA seeks advertising support from area businesses to offset part of the cost of printing and mailing the quarterly PNA newsletters. The PNA newsletters are delivered four times per year (Jan., Apr., July & Oct.) to approximately 3500 individuals / 1600 households in the Pinckney Neighborhood. To place an ad in the quarterly PNA Newsletter for a very modest fee, please contact Pat Miller at pgmiller@sunflower.com or 785-550-6958.

SCHOOL & STUDENT CONNECTIONS

Coordinators: Kristen Fellows Walker & Tom Hegeman

Clipping box tops, labels & receipts: Do you clip and save "Box Tops for Education" or Campbell's "Labels for Education" or Hy-Vee receipts? Many schools have collection boxes right outside the main office. If you don't have a designated school to send them to, please drop them off during one of the PNA monthly meetings and we will split them between Pinckney Elementary School and other schools serving our neighborhood students that express an interest in receiving them.

Pinckney Elementary School

Lunch Buddies: Pinckney is looking for enthusiastic, caring and commitment-oriented people to serve as Lunch Buddies with students one or more times each month. Qualifications include (but are not limited to) an ability to commit, a willingness to share and an interest in making a positive difference in young people's lives. If you think you have what it takes, Please contact Principal Lesa Frantz for more information (785-832-5800).

Really BIG Sale: Saturday, January 29 at 8:00 am in the Pinckney School Gymnasium. It's time for the locally famous biggest garage-style sale of the season! See what there is to offer in the Pinckney gymnasium, Saturday, January 29th. There's still time to donate your gently used (just about anything) items for the really big sale. Not sure what to donate? Here are some ideas: clothing, stuffed animals, toys, strollers, athletic gear, sports equipment, DVD's, electronics, furniture, games, books, magazines, dishes, baskets, software, cooking and baking utensils, knick-knacks, doo-dads, whatchamacallits, thingamajiggies and more! But please remember that all items donated should be clean and usable. Electronics that are not working should be labeled as such. This is huge fundraising event for the school and it's important that they are able to sell as many items as possible. For more information, contact Pinckney School at 832-5800 for the next drop-off date and more information.

Public Schools: West Junior High School – Free State High School – Lawrence Virtual School?

Private Schools and Home Schooling: Veritas Christian School – Home School – Other Schools?

Where does your student attend school? We are seeking parents, educators, and students to act as liaisons between PNA and schools (including non-traditional schools) that serve students in our neighborhood. This section of future PNA newsletters will be used as a link between students/schools and the Pinckney Neighborhood to announce important and interesting events and to reach out for support. If you or someone you know would be willing to serve as a liaison, please contact Kristen Fellows Walker at 785-331-6585 or kristenfellowswalker@live.com.

Pinckney Neighborhood Needs You!

So many great things are happening or are about to happen in your neighborhood, and you should be part of them. PNA is stepping up its efforts to make Pinckney Neighborhood a wonderful place to live, raise a family, play and enjoy life. To be successful in these efforts, PNA needs you.

Our annual election of officers (President and Treasurer for a 2-year term) is coming up on February 19th. We will also start forming advisory and special-purpose committees to carry out the work (and fun) of PNA. A guest speaker from the United Way's Roger Hill Volunteer Center will provide information to help us choose and initiate community service projects that will improve the lives of our neighbors and the livability of the neighborhood. We are especially interested in getting young people involved. We encourage everyone, including students and their parents, to attend the February 19th meeting to help elect officers, become active participants in PNA committees of interest, and get involved in community service projects.

Please attend!

PNA Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Saturday, February 19, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level meeting room)

PNA Contact Information

Website: www.pinckneyneighborhood.org
Subscribe to a monthly news bulletin on the PNA website

E-mail: Pinckney@acornwebworks.com

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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: _____

Email: _____

(Join the list to receive email 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 email.)

____ 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.
- ___ Fund Raising 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: _____