



## **PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

PO Box 125 Lawrence Kansas 66044

September 2012 Newsletter

### **Pinckney Neighborhood Events Focus on Fun and Community**

Having fun and meeting your neighbors is a great way to build a sense of community – and to make your neighborhood strong and vibrant. Pinckney Neighborhood has three special opportunities each year to make these connections: the Potluck Picnic & Kids Art Show; the Neighborhood Parks Clean-up Day; and the Trunk-or-Treat & Food Drive.

**Potluck Picnic & Kids' Art Show:** This year's picnic & art show on June 16th was another great success. With generous contributions from many local businesses and families (see page 2 for a complete list), we once again were able to chow-down on hot dogs, Italian ice cream and many home made goodies, get a haircut, listen to great music, enjoy our kids' creativity and bounce in a castle. Photos from the picnic are posted on PNA's website – check them out!

**Parks & Street Cleanup:** Each year, we take a little time out of our busy schedules, and use a little elbow grease, to take care of our wonderful neighborhood parks: Burcham, Constant, Clinton and Woody, and the Hugh Cameron Memorial Ravine. This year we have an opportunity to give the parks some TLC *and* earn money for the neighborhood association at the same time. Promoters of a concert to be held in Burcham Park the evening of October 5<sup>th</sup> have offered to pay PNA to picking-up any litter along the main streets leading to Burcham Park the following morning, October 6th. These funds will be invested in the Pinckney Neighborhood for neighborhood communications (newsletters & website upkeep) and community building activities. As always, all Pinckney neighbors are invited and encouraged to join in! See more details on the back page of this newsletter.

**Trunk-or-Treat and Food Drive:** PNA's first ever Trunk-or-Treat last year was a great success. We dressed up, played silly games, ate just a little candy, and also collected 130 pounds of food to donate to Just Food Douglas County! You can see photos of last year's event on the PNA website. Time to start getting inspired for your trunk or booth! We'll have a friendly competition for best costume in various age groups and for best trunk/booth entry. We are also partnering again this year with Just Food to help stock the community food bank. More details on this year's Trunk-or-Treat, scheduled for Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>, inside!

#### ***Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings & Events***

##### **September 15 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level)  
Main Topic: Parks & Street Clean-up

##### **October 6 – Pinckney Parks & Street Clean-up**

9:00 a.m. – meet at Clinton, Constant or Woody Park  
(more details on back page)

##### **October 20 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

10:00 a.m. – Douglas County Health Dept./Bert Nash Center  
Main Topic: Trunk-or-Treat & Food Drive

##### **October 27 – Trunk-or-Treat & Food Drive**

4:00 to 6:00 p.m. @ LMH parking lot – 4<sup>th</sup> & Michigan  
(more details inside)

##### **November 17 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

10:00 a.m. – Douglas County Health Dept./Bert Nash Center  
Main Topic: neighborhood priorities for 2013 CDBG request

*Additional agenda items may also be discussed at 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](mailto:Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com)*

## **PINCKNEY TEENS**

**Earn Community Service Credit while  
you have fun in your own neighborhood!**

We take community service seriously – but we also know how to have fun. Each event PNA sponsors is an opportunity to earn community service credit for your resume. You may want to build up service hours for scouting, college applications, scholarships, or because you just love giving back to your community. We welcome your active participation in PNA events and have certificates ready to hand out to demonstrate your involvement. Individual kids, clubs, teams, and scouting, church or other groups are welcome!

So, what might be fun for you? Look at the list of upcoming events – we can use extra hands on October 6<sup>th</sup> to pick up the neighborhood and on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Trunk-or-Treat to set-up and run the PNA booth, take in the donated food and provide entertainment (that means dressing up in a costume!).

If you want to join in the fun, have questions or have additional ideas, please post on our Facebook page, send an email, come to one of the PNA Monthly Meetings, or contact Pat Miller (550-6958).

# TRUNK-OR-TREAT & FOOD DRIVE

**Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 pm – 4<sup>th</sup> St. & Arkansas St. – (Lot opens at 3 pm for set-up)**

It's back! Last year's Trunk-or-Treat was a great success, but we were only getting started. This year will be even bigger and better! To refresh your memory, Trunk-or-Treat is an opportunity to decorate the trunk of a car, bed of a truck, back of a van, 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 or other refreshments, or have a game of skill, silly entertainment or any other Halloween or carnival-like activity. Go it alone or join forces with other Pinckney neighbors. 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. Awards will be given to the entries and costumes voted best by the crowd. *If you're not convinced, check out last year's photos on PNA's website!*

**Food Drive:** In addition to having fun and getting to know your neighbors better, we will again have an opportunity to give back to the community by donating nonperishable food and money to Just Food Douglas County. Last year we collected 130 lbs of food! Let's try to top that and challenge other neighborhoods to do the same! (See **"Fighting Hunger: Just Food Douglas County"** below.)

## **LOCATION – Lawrence Memorial Hospital Parking Lot – 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Michigan & Arkansas Streets**

- **Each vehicle/booth will be assigned a parking space (enter on Arkansas St.)**
  - Set-up starts at 3:00 pm – please allow plenty of time to set-up before trunk-or-treaters arrive
- **Trunk-or-Treat opens for guests at 4:00 pm and ends at 6:00 pm**
- **Vote for best entry/costume and win fun prizes!**
- **Make a contribution to Just Food Douglas County of food or cash! (SEE LIST BELOW)**
  - Even if you don't attend the Trunk-or-Treat, you can drop off donations from 3 to 6 pm

More details and updates will be posted on the PNA website ([www.PinckneyNeighborhood.org](http://www.PinckneyNeighborhood.org)) and [PNA Facebook group](#) page. Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact Pat Miller: 550-7283 or [pgmiller@sunflower.com](mailto:pgmiller@sunflower.com)

## **FIGHTING HUNGER JUST FOOD DOUGLAS COUNTY**

Food insecurity is a real and serious problem in our community. In fact, in the Lawrence School District alone, 32% of our students receive free and reduced lunches – that's about 1 in every 3 kids. To combat this problem, Just Food, an innovative leader in alleviating the problem of hunger in Douglas County, works with partner agencies and government and community leaders to build public support to ensure no one in our community goes hungry.

Through its **Client Services Division**, Just Food serves nearly 8,000 individuals each month who are in need of food assistance, 40% of whom are children under the age of 18. By providing a walk-in pantry, mobile pantry, daily fresh market and an innovative cooking and nutrition program called "Culinary Stars," Just Food doesn't just feed people, it helps them get back on their feet and moves them to a place of self-sufficiency.

Just Food's **Partner Services Division** serves 40 Douglas County agencies by providing food at no cost to them. It serves 3,500 each month through collection of food and monetary donations from individuals, schools and businesses.

Just Food relies wholly on the generosity of Douglas County to continue to feed thousands of food insecure residents each month. This year along, Just Food will distribute more than 1,000,000 meals in our community; that's up a staggering 12% from last year.

### **HERE'S A LIST OF NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:**

Peanut Butter (#1 item needed!), Canned Fruit, Jelly, Canned Vegetables, Canned Pasta (SpaghettiOs, etc.)

**Also note that just a \$1 donation purchases 5 meals!**

## **THANK YOU BUSINESS SPONSORS!**

Once again, local businesses showed their dedication to the community by donating funds, products or services to Pinckney Neighborhood Association. These generous donations help PNA better serve the neighborhood – they are used to host community-building events and publish the PNA newsletter. Our 2012 business sponsors are listed below. Please take the time to let them know how much we appreciate their contributions to our neighborhood!

### **Gold Sponsors – \$100 or more:**

Anderson Rentals  
Jason Daily Photography  
Lance Fahy, Musician  
Great Clips  
Green Violin Italian Ice  
Lawrence Memorial Hospital  
Harry Miller Piano Service  
Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine  
Ox Team Industries  
SDM Transportation  
Sunflower Outdoor & Bike Shop

### **Silver Sponsors – \$75:**

Community Mercantile  
Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home

### **Sponsors – up to \$75:**

Checkers Foods  
Dillon's Food  
Fast Lane Food Mart/Fuel  
Premier Martial Arts

To find out how your business can also sponsor PNA, please call Pat Miller (550-6958) or send an email to [Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com)

# Annual Parks & Street Clean-up

Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9am

Once again, we'll join forces to let many hands make light work of cleaning and prettying-up our neighborhood parks on October 6th. We also have been given an opportunity by the sponsors of a concert in Burcham Park the previous evening (featuring BassNectar) to earn a little extra cash for PNA by picking up any trash along the streets leading to Burcham Park. We'll need a few extra helpers to get our job accomplished quickly.

Please join your neighbors at Constant Park (5<sup>th</sup> & Tennessee), Clinton Park (5<sup>th</sup> & Maine), Woody Park (3<sup>rd</sup> & Maine) or the Hugh Cameron Memorial Ravine (5<sup>th</sup> & Indiana) starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> for a brisk walk with a trash sack! We usually also clean up Burcham Park, but this year it will be cleaned by the concert sponsors.

Bring some work gloves, a bottle of water, maybe some bug spray, and some walking shoes. We'll have light refreshments in Clinton Park following the clean-up. Check for updates on the PNA website and Facebook page. For questions, contact Linda Bush (856-6435) or send an email to [Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com)

## 5 reasons why you don't need to join PNA

1. **Your streets and sidewalks are perfect.**
2. **You have no issues with traffic.**
3. **You already work closely with city government.**
4. **You already know everyone else in the neighborhood.**
5. **Guess what: you are already a member - and it is FREE!**

Yes, every resident in the Pinckney neighborhood IS a member of PNA. Membership is automatic, and it is free. The association asks for donations of \$2 per person in each household to help us publish this newsletter, but it is totally voluntary.

Speaking of voluntary, what PNA needs is volunteers. As you see, we are organizing our fall clean-up and community service Trunk-or-Treat and food drive. These events beautify our neighborhood, ensure the safety of our children, build a strong and vibrant neighborhood, and help families in need. **Please participate!** It only takes a few hours. You will feel the satisfaction of contributing to the improvement of our community.

PNA advocates on your behalf. We work to build stronger relationships and pride among neighbors, we communicate and work with other neighborhoods to build a strong community, we bring a unified and organized voice to city government, and we empower our residents to identify community needs, such as streets and sidewalks needing repairs!

Come to one of our monthly meetings and/or sign up to help with one of these events – meet like-minded neighbors and help make a difference.

## Pinckney Tunnel Beautification Project

Pinckney Elementary School PTO is collaborating with Van Go, Inc., a local arts-based social service agency that employs underserved and high-needs youth, to beautify a vital safe passageway – the Pinckney Tunnel. The PTO wants to turn something we need into something we love.

Built in the 1950s, the Pinckney Tunnel links two historic neighborhoods that lay at the feet of Mount Oread, the University of Kansas, and the birthplace of the Civil War. The tunnel provides safe passage underneath 6<sup>th</sup> Street, a busy multiple-lane highway. Some Pinckney residents need the tunnel to access downtown.

Please check out <http://rkthb.co/10487> to see how much money the PTO is raising and read the blog for updates on their planned fundraising events!

Coming up soon:

**1-Mile Fun Run** (more info to come)

Entry fee \$5

**Bluegrass concert on November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Two Pinckney neighborhood bands will get you clapping – the opening band is *Cow Girl's Train Set* and the headlining band is *Truckstop Honeymoon!* Tickets \$15

**Lemonade/Hot Chocolate Stand before KU Home Games:**

Visit the Pinckney Tunnel Stand at 9th & Louisiana St. before every KU home game for lemonade, cider or hot chocolate (depending on the weather) and hot dogs.

For information contact Melinda Toumi:

[melindatoumi@gmail.com](mailto:melindatoumi@gmail.com) or 785-979-2477

# PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD FALL PHOTO INVITATIONAL

After a brutally hot summer, it's nice to have some cool weather and to see beautiful fall colors appearing in the tree tops. Now is the time to get your camera out and take some pictures. PNA is hosting a Pinckney Neighborhood Fall Photo Invitational! Your photos taken in the Pinckney Neighborhood and submitted to PNA's email between now and midnight Sunday November 11th will be included in the PNA website photo gallery and shown in a video collage at the November 17th PNA monthly meeting. All ages and expertise levels are welcome to submit photos.

This is your turn to show off your love of Pinckney Neighborhood and whatever talent you have. We'll offer the photos up for the Pinckney community to pick their favorites. The favorites will be announced at the November 17th PNA monthly meeting during the photo collage presentation and posted on this website.

## Please follow these simple rules to submit your photo entries:

- 1) All entries must be submitted by midnight Sunday November 11, 2012 to PNA's email (below).
- 2) Each person may submit up to 5 photos.
- 3) Photos must be taken in the Pinckney Neighborhood and have a "fall" theme.
- 4) Please put "fall photos" in the subject line of your email and include in your message (a) the name you want to be identified by, (b) the general area of the Pinckney Neighborhood where each photo was taken, (c) any information you want to provide about each photo (e.g., subject matter), and (d) which category of photographer best describes you (under 18, adult amateur or adult professional).

Submit entries to: [Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com)

Please spread information about this photo project to your friends and neighbors via email, Facebook and word of mouth! Check the Photo Gallery periodically for new entries under the "Pinckney Fall Photos 2012" tab to see new submittals.

Good luck and enjoy!

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR MAILING LIST: TO ADD OR CORRECT AN ADDRESSEE NAME ON PNA MAILINGS, SEND AN EMAIL TO [PINCKNEY.NEIGHBORHOOD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PINCKNEY.NEIGHBORHOOD@GMAIL.COM) or FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM.

## PNA Contact Information

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*Subscribe to a periodic news bulletin on the PNA website*

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**Facebook:** ["Pinckney Neighborhood Association"](#)

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

Please join PNA and add or correct your name & address for future PNA mailings.

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

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

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

(Join the PNA email list to receive 1 or 2 email notices a month for PNA meetings and special events. We will keep your information private.)

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

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

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

## PNA Volunteers Needed!

Please volunteer to participate. We need people of all ages with skills or interest in:

- Media: Newsletter, Photography, Website Management, etc.
- Fundraising and/or Advertising
- Neighborhood Social Event Organizing
- Nature, Gardening, Environment
- Local History / Historic Preservation
- Sidewalks, Traffic, and Infrastructure
- Music, Art, Crafts
- Community Service Projects
- Youth Member and/or Leader
- Adult Mentor for Youth Volunteers
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_