



PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125 Lawrence Kansas 66044

August 2013 Newsletter

Trunk-or-Treat & Food Drive Set for Saturday October 26th

Love Halloween, even if you have children who are too old to trick or treat? The Pinckney Neighborhood Association needs you to help make Trunk-or-Treat a success on Saturday Oct. 26. The lot will open for set-up at 3 p.m.; Trunk-or-Treat runs from 4 to 6 p.m. We provide a very safe environment for young trick-or-treaters to come on a Saturday afternoon to play games, win prizes and get candy! It is easy to participate. Just decorate your trunk or set up a table or booth, don a costume, and create a fun "trick" or game for the kids. Be sure to have trinkets, stickers, candy or other handouts for our young guests. A postcard to be sent out in early October will provide more details, including the location for this year's event.

PNA also uses this as a food-raiser for Just Foods Douglas County, the area's food bank. We ask all who participate to bring a non-perishable food items to add to the food bank. Just Foods needs high protein canned goods to help families in need provide nutritious food at home. Please help by participating. Look for more information in early October.

Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings & Events

August 17 – PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level)

September 21 – PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level)

October 12 – Pinckney Parks Clean-up Day

9:30 am @ Clinton, Constant & Woody Parks
Meet back at Clinton Park @ 10:45 for refreshments

October 19 – PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level)
Topics: Prep for Trunk-or-Treat & Food Drive

October 26 – Trunk-or-Treat & Food Drive

(recommended donation of 1 food item per person)
3:00 p.m. set-up / 4:00 to 6:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat
(Location to be announced in early October)

Pinckney Potluck Picnic

Another Community Building Success

The Pinckney Neighborhood Potluck Picnic was held on a lovely day in June, with over 100 in attendance and lots and lots of food and fun to go around. Photos from the picnic are on the PNA website. Thanks to everyone for showing up and pitching in where ever needed to make the event go smoothly. PNA holds events like these not only to have a great time, but to also help folks from across our large neighborhood meet one another and make connections. In addition to having fun, we also collected good used coats and jackets. We had about a whole trunk full of donations to drop off at Scotch Cleaners for their "Share the Warmth" campaign. Scotch will clean the donated items and distribute them to people in need this fall. Thanks to all who participated in this community service project.

There are many people to thank for the success of the picnic – here are just a few of the over achievers: Lance Fahy for once again singing and playing guitar – awesome as usual!; the Walker family for providing hotdogs and buns; Health Care Access for free blood pressure checkups; Girl Scout Troup #7733 and Leader Anne Kohl for the ball toss game; Jim Miller for minding the grill all afternoon; Jennifer Unekis for face painting; David Unekis for photography; Lydia Miller for the arts & crafts table; and Asher Supernaw for being a student volunteer helping out with a little bit of everything. Many, many more pitched in – our thanks to all of you!

A number of local businesses also provided support for the picnic and to support PNA's work. Thanks to them all! Anderson Rental; Dillon's; Checkers; Fast Lane/Phillips 66; Lawrence Memorial Hospital; Liberty Tax Service; Medical Arts Pharmacy; and Harry Miller Piano Service.

The best way to ensure our neighborhood remains a vibrant and safe place to live is to work together to make it that way. If you enjoyed the picnic or any of our other events, please join us at one of our monthly meetings (third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am unless otherwise announced). You can also visit the PNA website and join the PNA facebook page to get the latest info.

City Working on Trails between Burcham & Constant Parks

Rowan Green with the Lawrence Parks and Recreation informed PNA that the City will be working on the trail along the river that runs between Burcham and Constant Park. The work will be starting soon and will likely be completed in late summer to fall. At one time there were two foot bridges on that trail. Then a few years ago, one of the bridges was replaced with tubes.

In the near future, the City plans to replace the remaining foot bridge with tubes and as part of this project and will need to widen the trail enough to get the equipment in to this location. This will also give them the opportunity to better maintain the trail. It will also allow the Forestry equipment to get up and down the trail to take care of large trees that have dead hanging branches etc.

The City does not intend to remove any large trees but rather will be removing small underbrush and volunteer growth, just enough to create space to get the equipment in to replace the bridge and then be able to maintain the trail. The City may also at some point add an ag-lime surface and then perhaps bring the end of the trail up to where it would connect to the wide path in Constant Park.

Work at Water Treatment Plant Scheduled for Winter Months

The City's Department of Utilities informed PNA that starting in about November there will be some major working occurring on North Indian between 3rd and 2nd Streets, inside Burcham Park, north of the park, and across the river. The City will keep PNA informed of the progress and we will provide updates on the PNA website (www.pinckneyneighborhood.org). The work will include a brief closure of Burcham Park to vehicular traffic. The City will make an effort to minimize the impact of the work on the neighborhood and users of the park. The work to be performed includes construction of a new water intake, removal of two nonfunctioning water intake structures, and construction of a new line across the river to serve the east side of town.

Got Questions?

Is there someone or something you would like to know more about in Lawrence? Please let us know what's on your mind and we'll do our best to find the answers and/or invite guest speakers to attend a PNA meeting. Attend a PNA monthly meeting, call one of the contacts listed on the back of this newsletter or email us: Picnkney.Neighborhood@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed for Multi-city Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts

Lawrence, Eudora and Baldwin City need volunteers to manually count bicycles and pedestrians at several locations across in each city next month. The Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the City of Lawrence, Eudora and Baldwin City will be conducting bicycle and pedestrian counts on Wednesday, September 11 & 12 from 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and also on Saturday, September 7, 14, 21, & 28 from noon to 2:00 p.m. Those interested in volunteering for one or all of the scheduled count times are required to attend one of the following training sessions:

Lawrence, Kansas - Lawrence City Commission Room
-Monday, August 26, Noon – 1:00 p.m.
-Tuesday, September 29, 5:30- 6:30 p.m.

Eudora, Kansas - Parks & Recreation Community Room
-Thursday, September 5, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Baldwin City, Kansas – Baldwin Public Library
-Wednesday, August 28, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Volunteers will be taught the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project method created by Alta Planning and Design and the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Volunteers trained in previous years are not required to attend the training again this year.

Data collected on bicycling and walking will assist city and regional leaders in estimating usage and demand for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The counts will also be used to track the region's progress on increasing the use of non-motorized transportation, strengthen grant applications to leverage additional federal funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects, evaluate existing projects, and help determine the location of future investments.

To sign up visit: www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/volunteer

For more information contact:
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**SCHOOLS ARE BACK IN SESSION IN
MID-AUGUST. REMEMBER TO
WATCH FOR KIDS WHEN DRIVING
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!**

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. Expect 1 or 2 e-mails per month.)

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 the next 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:

- School & Student Connections
- Media: Newsletter, Photography, Website, Facebook
- Fundraising and/or Advertising
- Neighborhood Social Event Organizing
- Nature, Gardening, Environment and/or Sustainability
- Local History / Historic Preservation
- Sidewalks, Traffic, and Infrastructure
- Music, Art, Crafts
- Community Service Projects
- Parks Clean-up Day Volunteer
- Other: _____

Bert Nash Expansion:

Possible ADA Compliant Walking Trail

Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center has many plans for improving the VFW property it recently purchased north of 2nd Street in the Pinckney Neighborhood. Under consideration are possible amenities to share with the community such as a 1/2 mile nature trail that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act – including features such as a wide trail that is accessible to wheelchairs, walkers, etc. The organization Outside for a Better Inside is a local not-for-profit group that promotes health by encouraging children to spend time outdoors. Outside for a Better Inside is working on raising funds to support building the new nature trail. For more information contact Melinda Toumi at 785-979-2477 or melindatoumi@gmail.com.

New Pinckney Neighborhood Gardening Group – Open to All

Ever wonder how your neighbors grow such great flowers or beautiful vegetables? Enjoy gardening and wish you had someone to share your passion with? Have too much zucchini and wish you could swap some for a bit of kale? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the newly sprouted Pinckney Neighborhood Gardening Group is for you!

The Pinckney Neighborhood Gardening Group was created as a way for fellow gardeners to come together and share anything and everything gardening. Besides working as a discussion board, we hope to gather enough of a following so that we can help work towards establishing a community garden in the Pinckney Neighborhood in the future.

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So far, we're a simple collection of people from the neighborhood interested in gardening who have "joined" a Facebook group to start exploring how this gardening community might work. Ashlee Jacobson and Norma Pierce have volunteered to head-up the group and get things started. We're very interested in your ideas. If you use Facebook, please join "Pinckney Neighborhood Gardening Group." If you're not on Facebook please send a note to PNA at PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044 or send an email message to:

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Pinckney Neighborhood Parks Clean-up Saturday, Oct 12th at 9:30 am

Plan on spending a few hours on the morning of Saturday October 12 helping to clean up our neighborhood parks. The Pinckney neighborhood is very fortunate to have several wonderful parks to enjoy. Please join your neighbors at Constant Park (5th & Tennessee), Clinton Park (5th & Maine), Woody Park (3rd & Maine) or the Hugh Cameron Memorial Ravine (5th & Indiana) starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday October 12th for a brisk walk with a trash sack! We usually also clean up Burcham Park, but this year the city will be doing some construction in and near the park. At about 10:45, we'll meet back at Clinton Park for refreshments.

The city furnishes us trash bags. All you need are gloves and good walking shoes and maybe a water bottle. Help us keep our parks user-friendly by participating in this clean-up. You can also help year-around by picking up trash as you walk through the neighborhood or take your dogs for a walk.

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