

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125 Lawrence Kansas 66044 August 2014 Newsletter

Pinckney Resident Designs Lawrence Public Library T-shirt

The Lawrence Public Library's grand re-opening July 26 featured commemorative T-shirts designed by our own Patrick Giroux, who won the library's competition. Patrick lives in Pinckney neighborhood with his wife and twin sons. He works as a graphic designer in Kansas City.



A few of Patrick's friends suggested that he submit something for the Library's T-shirt competition. Since his boys love going to the library and frequently wear their LPL t-shirts, entering the competition seem like the right thing to do. The T-shirt is being worn during the grand opening, so the design is straight-forward, simple and a mostly typographic solution. Patrick found the library's Marketing Director to be a joy to work with and he was glad some design elements that didn't make it onto the shirt served a purpose with the grand opening event materials. He was happy to be a part of celebrating the new building. Congratulations, Patrick!

Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings & Events

<u>August 16</u> – PNA Monthly Meeting 10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level)

<u>September 20</u> – PNA Monthly Meeting 10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level)

October 4 - Joint PNA & OWLA Meeting 10:00 a.m. @ Pinckney Elementary School -find out about upcoming construction at the school

October 25 – Fall Event – Trunk or Treat & Food Drive (Tentative - to be discussed at Aug. 16th PNA meeting)

Please visit "**Pinckney Neighborhood Association**" on facebook or **www.PinckneyNeighborhood.org** for updates and more information!

LPD & Bert Nash Develop Unique Alliance; Collaboration Benefits Pinckney & Other Neighborhoods

At a recent Pinckney Neighborhood Association meeting, David Johnson, CEO of Bert Nash, and Officer Trent McKinley, LPD Neighborhood Resource Officer, gave short presentations and answered questions from community members. They spoke about a very close partnership between the two organizations, which is not standard practice for communities. The LPD officers and those in the department whose jobs put them in contact with the general public, such as meter and animal control officers, are trained by Bert Nash professionals to identify and respond to those who exhibit mental health issues. These practices help to keep residents safe and provides knowledgeable and experienced responders in crisis situations. This also streamlines the process for getting immediate and appropriate help for the person in crisis.

According to the LPD, McKinley reports that Pinckney neighborhood does not show an increase in crime over the previous several years. However, police do encourage residents to watch for and report anything that makes them feel unsafe. When you call 911, be clear and specific on what behavior is making you feel unsafe. Be sure to describe any physical dangers to you or another person. Always say 'yes' to the dispatcher's questions about contact from an officer post-incident. Officers can call you rather than come to your door, if you feel their presence might compromise your anonymity.

Bert Nash has an aggressive homeless outreach program and also provides mental health training to citizens to recognize mental distress. Bert Nash, the police and sheriff's departments offer citizen's academies. For more information, go to:

www.BertNash.org and www.police.lawrenceks.org.

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**

Part Time Job Opening - Pinckney Neighborhood Association Coordinator Applications Due By August 22, 2014

Pinckney Neighborhood Association is accepting applications for a part-time Coordinator. The successful applicant will gain professional experience in fund-raising, community building, volunteer management and other marketable skills in a friendly cooperative atmosphere. The hourly wage for the position is grant funded, beginning immediately upon selection until July 31, 2015. (The PNA expects to apply for grant funding for future fiscal years as well, but there can be no guarantees.) The Coordinator's time commitment is approximately 35 hours per month. Except for scheduled events, the work hours are flexible.

The PNA is an active, nonprofit association of Pinckney neighborhood residents. The Coordinator supports the PNA in all of its organized activities to the extent possible in the hours funded for remuneration.

The primary duties of the Coordinator include attending monthly PNA meetings (3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am) and assisting with regular PNA activities: scheduling speakers/guests for PNA meetings and other events; the quarterly printed newsletter; the annual spring fundraising effort; maintenance of the PNA website and Facebook group page; and events including an annual picnic and parks clean up.

The PNA is looking for a Coordinator with good written and verbal communication skills; an enjoyment of meeting people and working with them; organizational skills; access to a computer and the Internet; basic familiarity with word processing software, WordPress for the PNA Website, and Facebook; experience in fundraising and/or advertising.

The complete position description and an application form can be found on PNA's website:

www.pinckneyneighborhood.org with a link also available on the "Pinckney Neighborhood Association" Facebook page, or by contacting Pat Miller (phone and e-mail listed below). Please submit a brief letter of interest along with the application form, including two (2) references, by no later than **August 22, 2014**, to one of the following addresses:

By Email: Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com

By Mail: Pinckney Neighborhood Association, PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

For additional information, please contact Pat Miller at **Pinckeny.Neighborhood@gmail.com** or 785-550-6958. Those interested in applying for the position as well as all Pinckney residents are encouraged to attend the regular PNA monthly meeting at 10 a.m. August 16 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Interviews will be scheduled in early September 2014, with the successful candidate beginning service immediately. The Pinckney Neighborhood Association Coordinator is an equal opportunity position available to all persons.

Pinckney Picnic another Success - 151 lbs. donated to Just Food

Pinckney Neighborhood hosts a potluck picnic at Clinton Park every June to encourage neighbors to meet, because when we build strong and supportive relationships with our neighbors, we build a livable and inviting neighborhood. This year's picnic was attended by well over 100 residents who feasted on both beef and vegetarian dogs, many delicious home-made side dishes and desserts, face painting, arts & crafts for kids, and freshly popped popcorn! Area businesses, including Anderson Rentals (popcorn machine and water jug), Checkers and Dillon's (gift cards for food), and Harry Miller Piano Service (art supplies) contributed to make the picnic a success. We also enjoyed great music by the guitar duo John Lomas & Bill Crahan as a gift from an anonymous donor. A volunteer from the League of Women Voter of Lawrence-Douglas County spoke about the over many Douglas County residents whose voting registration is being held in limbo until proof of citizenship is provided. Are you or a friend on the list? This information from the Douglas County Clerk's office about elections and the voter registration process can be found at:

www.douglas-county.com/depts/cl/ve/ve_home.aspx

PNA has begun a tradition of combining each social gathering with a public service project; this summer we collected 151 pounds of food and \$35 in cash for Just Food, Inc., the Douglas County food bank. Every dollar to Just Food stays in Douglas County. More information about Just Food is at: www.justfoodks.org

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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.	PNA Volunteers Needed!
Now is the time to become an ACTIVE member!	Please volunteer to participate. We need people <u>of all ages</u> with skills or interest in:
Name(s):	School & Student Connections
Address: Apt.#	 Media: Newsletter, Photography, Website, Facebook
Phone:	 Fundraising and/or Advertising Neighborhood Social Event Organizing
E-mail:	A mature, Gardening, Environment
(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.)	and/or Sustainability
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.	 Sidewalks, Traffic, and Infrastructure Music, Art, Crafts Community Service Projects
Please bring this form to the next PNA monthly meeting or mail it to: Pinckney Neighborhood Association, PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044	Parks Clean-up Day Volunteer Other:

New Complete Bike Path Map for Lawrence & Douglas County

A new map for bicycle enthusiasts is now available in print and electronic format for navigating Lawrence and Douglas County's streets, bike/pedestrian paths and trails. By using the map, riders can choose the most applicable routes to their skill level, provides information on difficult intersections, and shows major landmarks to help bicyclists navigate around town.

The electronic edition of the bike map is available from the City online at **www.lawrenceks.org/bikemap**

Printed maps are also available at Lawrence City Hall, Sunflower Outdoor and Bike Shop, CycleWorks, KU Parking & Transit, Ambler Student Recreation Fitness Center.

The Bicycle Rideability Map is a product of the City of Lawrence and the Lawrence - Douglas County MPO with input from the Lawrence - Douglas Bicycle Advisory Committee. Map printing was funded by these sponsors: Sunflower Outdoor & Bike Shop, CycleWorks, Lawrence Bicycle Club, LiveWell Lawrence and the Lawrence Central Rotary (**www.RideLawrence.com**) Lawrence Central Rotary (**www.RideLawrence.com**)

PNA Trunk-or-Treat & Food Drive or Other Fall Gathering?

(Tentatively Scheduled for Sat. Oct. 25th) For the past several years, Pinckney Neighborhood Associated has hosted a fun Trunk-or-Treat community gathering just before Halloween to combine neighborhood building with a public service project. Trunk-or-Treat events in the past have included cars and booths decorated in Halloween themes, games, face painting, cider and food collection for Just Food. This year, the last Saturday in October is the 25th (FYI there is <u>no</u> KU Football game scheduled that day). We would love to hear whether Pinckney residents want to continue this event or another fall gathering, and if so, what your suggestions are for improving it.

Please come to our August 15th PNA meeting or send your suggestions to PNA by one of these methods: **Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com**

"**Pinckney Neighborhood Association**" on facebook By mail at PNA, PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044)

SCHOOLS ARE BACK IN SESSION IN MID-AUGUST. REMEMBER TO WATCH FOR KIDS WHEN DRIVING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!



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Joint Pinckney/Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Meeting about Pinckney School Saturday Oct. 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Please join your fellow Pinckney neighbors along with Old West Lawrence neighbors for a community meeting at Pinckney Elementary at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, to learn more about the many upcoming changes at Pinckney Elementary School.

Members of the Gould Evans design team will share drawings and other information about the design and construction that is planned to start immediately following the 2014-15 school year. The school principal and parent leaders will be there to discuss the construction process, volunteer opportunities, and how our community can be involved in our neighborhood school's ongoing success.

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