



PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125 Lawrence Kansas 66044

February 2014 Newsletter

PNA Kicks Off Another Busy Year

Welcome to another wonderful year in Pinckney Neighborhood. We have interesting and helpful speakers lined up for our February and March meetings, and are working on topics and speakers for other upcoming meetings. Got a topic you want to share or learn more about? Let us know and we'll try to make it happen.

There are also many fun and helpful events coming this year; we hope you'll get involved and enjoy them. PNA works to make Pinckney a wonderful place to live, work and play. Let us know what we can do to make Pinckney Neighborhood a great place for you.

Here are a few things we've already planned for the year ahead:

- Monthly Meetings – 3rd Sat. each month at 10 a.m.
- Bulk Brush Pick-up – Spring (date to be determined)
- Parks Clean-up – (date(s) to be determined)
- Annual Pinckney Potluck Picnic & public service project – Jun. (date to be determined)
- Annual Trunk-or-Treat & Food Drive – Oct. (date to be determined)

Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings & Events

February 15 – PNA Monthly Meeting

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

- Annual PNA Meeting – elections for V. Pres. & Secretary
- Tips for filing 2013 taxes – Jerry Coatney
- Affordable Care Act info – Shandra Ragsdale
- Petition for Downtown Grocery Store – Dave Crawford

March 15 – PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital Auditorium

- Fundraising Ideas for PNA
- Emergency Preparedness – Douglas County Emergency Management Department

April 19 – PNA Monthly Meeting

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

- Planning for bulk brush pick-up & annual picnic
- (other topics will be announced via PNA's email list, website & Facebook page)

PETITION FOR AFFORDABLE DOWNTOWN GROCERY STORE IN LAWRENCE, KS

A group of Lawrence citizens has started a petition to request the Lawrence City Commission to convert the former building occupied by Borders – and currently the temporary home for the Lawrence Public Library – at 7th and New Hampshire into an affordable downtown grocery store. David Crawford, one of the group's organizers and a core group member, will provide more information about the effort and the petition at the ***PNA February 15th meeting***.

You can find more information about the proposal and – if you so desire – sign the petition, at:

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/lawrence-for-downtown-grocery.html>

There is also a facebook page for the effort named "Downtown Grocery for Lawrence, Kansas" at: www.facebook.com/groups/DTGrocery/

Helpful Information Provided by Local Businesses

Two local business owners have volunteered to come to the ***PNA February 15th meeting*** to provide information that may be helpful and of interest to the community.

Taxes: Jerry Coatney of Liberty Tax Service on 6th Street will provide some helpful tips on tax changes that will affect filing your 2013 taxes and look ahead to 2014.

Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act: In addition, Shandra Ragsdale of Day Insurance Solutions, LLC, will provide information on the ACA. Shandra will provide general information about the ACA as well as information helpful to anyone planning to sign-up for healthcare coverage through the marketplace or exchange before the March 31st deadline.

Recreational Trail Update

North of 2nd St. between Maine St. and Burcham Park

Additional progress is being made toward development of an ADA compliant recreational trail north of 2nd Street between Maine Street and Burcham Park in the Pinckney Neighborhood. The property, previously owned by the VFW, is now owned by the City of Lawrence and Bert Nash. A site plan has been submitted to the Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Office for development of the path.

The organization Outside for a Better Inside has actively been working on raising funds through grants and public donations to support building the new nature trail. Conceptually, the trail will include a half 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.

At its November 2013 meeting, members of PNA voted to send a letter in support of a grant application to the Sunflower Foundation. The grant application was successful, bringing \$55,000 toward the costs of the project.

Check on PNA's website and facebook pages for updates about the project. For more information contact Melinda Toumi at 785-979-2477 or melindatoumi@gmail.com.

Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition

The Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition, a joint effort of the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods and the League of Women Voters, exists to realize completion of the pedestrian network in Lawrence, Kansas, and ensure pedestrian access and safety throughout our community. They meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month, at 7 PM, in the basement conference room of the Carnegie Building on Vermont Street, downtown. All are welcome!

The LPC will host City Manager Dave Corliss at its February 12, 2014 meeting to discuss the status of pedestrian access and safety in Lawrence.

Check us out online at: <http://www.lawrencewalks.org/>
And on Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/LawrencePedestrians>

Emergency Preparedness Presentation PNA Meeting on March 15th

PNA's March 15th meeting will be a great opportunity for you to learn about emergency preparedness. Representatives from the Douglas County Department of Emergency Management will attend our meeting to discuss how to be prepared for a disaster or incident, where to turn in Lawrence to find help, and how to check on and aid your neighbors. We'll be meeting in the auditorium at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital, so there will be lots of room for everyone. Feel free to invite your neighbors and spread the word to anyone who might be interested.

The Emergency Preparedness presentation will immediately follow our regular PNA business meeting, which starts at 10:00 a.m.

KU's BIG EVENT IS BACK Day of Volunteering – April 12th

This year's Big Event – a KU student and faculty day of giving back to the community – is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014. Last year, the Big Event recruited 3,000 KU volunteers to complete tasks at nearly 400 locations around the Lawrence community. KU hopes to continue to expand its reach and make the Big Event better and more helpful as it starts planning for the 2014 edition.

Homeowners can register to be included in the Big Event by going online at <http://thebigeventku.com/> and then clicking "Online Job Request" to register. It should be a simple form to fill out, and once it is submitted, the homeowner will be contacted to set up a job site check. This works as a "first come first serve" process.

Volunteers will complete requested projects in the Lawrence community from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2014. If you have questions about how to submit a job request or what the Big Event does, you can contact The Big Event organizers at (785) 864-7469 or bigeventku.outreach@gmail.com.

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

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!
www.PinckneyNeighborhood.org Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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.)

Comments/Questions: _____

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

Water Treatment Plant Construction Work Update

Here's a reminder and an update on the Lawrence Department of Utilities' project on North Indian between 3rd and 2nd Streets, inside Burcham Park, to upgrade intakes for the water treatment plant. The City is breaking ground in Burcham Park and will be installing a sign along the park entrance identifying the projects underway and providing a Department contact phone number.

The contractor for the intake project is currently moving in equipment, constructing a temporary road to the Boathouse and shelter area, and fencing off the construction area. The transmission main contractor will be mobilizing to the site in the next couple of weeks. The intake project is scheduled to be completed July and the transmission main in September. The park entrance will remain open throughout construction.

Proposed Extension of Burroughs Creek Trail to Constant Park

The City of Lawrence is considering a proposal to extend the Burroughs Creek Trail north from Hobbs Park at 8th and Delaware Streets to Robinson Park and Constant Park at City Hall and the Kansas River Bridges. If this extension of the trail is constructed, it would provide safe and convenient access for residents of Pinckney Neighborhood to downtown Lawrence, the growing Lawrence Arts District and the current Burroughs Creek Trail, which will eventually be connected to a nature area at the Baker Wetlands.

For the past six months, the Lawrence based Sustainability Action Network has been gathering endorsements from a large constituency that supports building an extension of the trail. At its January meeting, PNA members voted to send a letter in support of the project to the City Commission. Find more information about the proposed trail expansion on PNA's website – www.pinckneyneighborhood.org

COMMUNITY VILLAGE LAWRENCE

Community Village Lawrence (CVL) is a membership-based service that is being established in Lawrence, Kansas. The mission of CVL is "to enhance the quality of life for the entire community by helping neighbors remain in their homes as they age." They aim to do this by creating a network of supports following the Village model to make aging at home a long-term, affordable option. Any Lawrence resident who wishes to age in their home but feels they may need extra support is welcome to join.

CVL will begin offering free sample services to the community in March 2014. These services including: Telephone Reassurance Program with calls from volunteers to ensure members are safe and connected in their homes; and Home Safety and Fire Safety programs, in partnership with the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department, to provide smoke detector checks, smoke detector installations, fire safety inspections, and home and fire safety education programs.

For more information about the mission of Community Village Lawrence, contact Allison at (785) 505-0188 or Kris at (785) 505-0187. E-mail CVL at: info@communityvillagelawrence.org. Website: www.CommunityVillageLawrence.org
For more information on the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department: lawrenceks.org/fire_medical



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Pinckney Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting - Full Agenda

Saturday, February 15th at 10:00 am

Meeting Room D-South in Lawrence Memorial Hospital

February 15th will be PNA's annual meeting and election of officers. This year, the Vice President and Secretary positions are open for election. But wait -there is so much more on tap for this meeting!

We're delighted to have 3 speakers join us to discuss interesting and timely issues: petition in support of a downtown grocery store; tax preparation tips; and the Affordable Care Act. (Check page 1 for more info on each.)

And yes, we also invite you to get involved in PNA. Melinda Toumi has graciously thrown her hat in the ring to run for Vice President. We continue to search for candidates to run for Secretary - we are open to recruiting two people for this position to split up the tasks of taking minutes and helping with other PNA communications.

PNA Contact Information

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

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