



## PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125 Lawrence Kansas 66044

February 2015 Newsletter

### Annual Neighborhood Meeting & Elections

**February 21<sup>st</sup> – 10 am - LMH**

Each year in February, the Pinckney Neighborhood Association holds its annual meeting to set goals for the coming year, get input from the Pinckney residents on issues and concerns, and plan activities and initiatives from the coming year. The annual meeting also includes elections for two of the four officers; this year the positions of President and Treasurer are up for election. PNA needs your involvement to help keep our neighborhood great. Please join us on Feb. 21st at the PNA annual meeting to talk about what's important to you and how PNA can help make our neighborhood even better.

On Feb. 21st, we will also discuss Pinckney's current neighborhood plan (last updated in 1978) and the process we can use to update it. Associate Prof. Dr. Bonnie Johnson from KU's Department of Urban Planning will join us to discuss the purpose of a neighborhood plan, the process other neighborhoods have used to update their plans, and why it might be a good idea and the right time for Pinckney to do so. You can find the current Pinckney neighborhood plan at: [www.pinckneyneighborhood.com/the-neighborhood/pinckney-neighborhood-plan-1978/](http://www.pinckneyneighborhood.com/the-neighborhood/pinckney-neighborhood-plan-1978/)

In March, PNA will discuss emergency preparedness issues, particularly for vulnerable residents. More info will be coming soon.

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

##### **February 21 – PNA Annual Meeting & Elections**

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level)  
-Annual Meeting - President. & Treasurer Elections  
-Pinckney Neighborhood Plan update  
-guest – Dr. Bonnie Johnson, KU Dept. of Urban Planning

##### **March 21 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

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

##### **April 18 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level )  
-TBD - more information coming soon

### New Bike Emblems Land On Pinckney Streets

In early fall, our neighborhood saw the installation of bike emblems on high-traffic streets, including Fifth, Fourth, and Michigan Streets, but what are they?

Eyebrows were raised when neighbors noticed several of the emblems installed up to four feet from curbs. Some emblems are within a foot of a curb, but the lack of consistency in the emblems' placement has caused some confusion.

After speaking with the Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition, Pinckney Neighborhood Association has discovered these pavement markings, also known as sharrows, are not bike lanes, but shared lane arrows. Sharrows are installed when streets are too narrow for both bike lanes and auto traffic, and ensures bikers can pass safely in the same travel lane.

Sharrows indicate to cyclists they can take the lane and drive with traffic when needed. Bikes are encouraged to continue to watch for motorists, signal your intentions, and stay predictable. When motorists come upon these emblems, drive predictably, share the rules of the road, and give the cyclist at least three feet when passing.

The City of Lawrence is making great strides to make our community friendly for all modes of transportation, and sharrows are just one piece of the puzzle. PNA is anxious to see our community grow as bicycle-friendly city, and encourage our neighbors to take advantage of all services available from the City's transportation system.

You can pick-up a copy of the City's bike map at:

- Lawrence City Hall
- Sunflower Outdoor and Bike Shop
- Cycleworks
- KU Parking & Transit
- Ambler Student Recreation Fitness Center

Or download a PDF version at:

[www.lawrenceks.org/assets/mpo/bicycle/BikeMap.pdf](http://www.lawrenceks.org/assets/mpo/bicycle/BikeMap.pdf)

# Project Lifesaver Ensures Your Loved Ones Stay Safe

## Douglas County Sheriff's Office Provides Peace of Mind with Wrist Watch Device

All too often, we hear in the news of seniors who have wandered from home or children with cognitive disorders getting lost. These situations are a nightmare for caregivers and families, but help is available from Project Lifesaver through the Douglas County Sheriff's Department.

Project Lifesaver is a program completely funded by the Lawrence Pilot Program, a volunteer organization committed to improving the quality of life for individuals with brain-related disorders. The program provides a wrist-watch sized radio transmitter for enrollees to wear on their ankle or wrist that emits a radio signal. If a loved wanders away, their caretaker can call 911, and Sheriff's deputies are dispatched to the individual's area. A team of trained Search Specialists will utilize their radio tracking equipment to find the individual and get them back to safety.

There are three ways to enroll in this program: you may contact the public information officer, Lt. Steve Lewis, at (785) 832-5204; or pick up an application at the Sheriff's Office on 11th street. They also have an application available online through the Sheriff's Department website ([www.dgso.org](http://www.dgso.org) - look for "Project Lifesaver" under the "Resources Tab." After the application is reviewed, the Sheriff's Office will set-up a meeting with the caregiver and the enrollee.

Anyone, regardless of their financial situation, may utilize this program. A grant provided by the Lawrence Pilot Program covers some of the cost of this service (\$300 the first year, \$10/month after that), but they do ask enrollees to pay what they can afford.

## The Ins and Outs of Curbside Recycling

On October 21, Pinckney Neighborhood (and the rest of Lawrence) began a single-stream, curbside recycling program. What does single-stream mean? Bottom line: you don't have to separate your glass, plastic, and cardboard – it all goes in the same blue recycling cart!

As with many things, though, there are some excluded items; not the least of which are plastic grocery sacks. Unfortunately, grocery sacks clog the machines that sort the recyclables. Plastic bags can, however, be recycled at many grocery stores. You'll find grocery sack recycling towards the front of Dillon's.

Enough of what cannot go in our blue recycling carts, let's talk about what CAN go in the carts - paper, soup cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles, corrugated cardboard, and newspapers. (Please rinse before recycling!)

Your recycling carts are emptied every-other Tuesday - the same day as your regular trash. If you find you are exceeding the capacity of your bins, you are welcome to request an additional cart for no additional fee. Now, only one request can be made per calendar year. After that, a small fee will be assessed. To request an additional cart (or a smaller cart if you are nowhere near filling it up), simply go to the City of Lawrence website at

[www.lawrenceks.org/swm/recycling\\_collection](http://www.lawrenceks.org/swm/recycling_collection).

## What is PNA? Qs & As

We sometimes get questions about the purpose and overall goal of PNA. PNA President, Pat Miller, addresses some of the frequent questions. (More Qs & As in the next newsletter.)

### **Q: What is the purpose of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association?**

A: The bylaws say the purpose of PNA is "to promote understanding with the City of Lawrence; to improve property, living conditions, and communication within the Pinckney Neighborhood; and to promote good public relations with the businesses within the neighborhood." In summary, we are neighborhood residents who care about the well-being of our community; we strive to provide a voice regarding neighborhood issues, to stay well-informed of anything that could affect our neighborhood, and to sponsor activities that make Pinckney one of the best neighborhoods in Lawrence.

### **Q: Does PNA just throw parties or potlucks? It seems more like a social club than a community organization.**

A: What better way than a social event to bring the neighborhood together? PNA plans its event to accomplish several specific things. First and foremost, we want Pinckney residents to meet one another – building a sense of community is very important for neighborhood cohesion. Next, we want residents to know they have a voice in the community through PNA - with the City, local businesses, and each other. And finally, we try to pair each social event with a service project to give back to our wonderful city. Our service projects have included food drives, a coat drive, and a supply/funding drive for Health Care Access Clinic. If you have a favorite public service project in need of action or donations, please bring it to our attention!

## Fourth Annual Trunk-or-Treat A Great Success

### More Than 100 Neighbors in Attendance Neighborhood Businesses Show Their Support

On Saturday, October 25, Pinckney Neighborhood Association, in collaboration with Old West Lawrence, hosted our fourth annual Trunk-or-Treat event in the LMH parking lot at 4<sup>th</sup> and Arkansas. Ghosts, princesses, and monsters came in droves to play games and fill-up on treats. The event lasted for two hours, and we saw more than 100 neighbors from Pinckney and Old West Lawrence show up to spook and sparkle the trunk hosts.

This year not only saw a record number in attendance, but also a record number of participants. Several area families, organizations and businesses showed their support for our neighborhood by hosting a trunk. Business participants included Kansas Crown Discount Liquor, Liberty Tax Service, Pawsh Wash, Sound Innovations, First Class Transportation, and Henry Miller Piano Repair. The Community Mercantile provided healthy snacks and cider for a change of pace, and the Lawrence Police Department brought in their community resource officer for lights and sirens. Rob from Fast Lane also donated \$100 to Pinckney Neighborhood Association in support of our neighborhood children. We are grateful for all of the support from all the individuals, families, businesses and organizations who helped make this a fabulous year.

Neighbors pulled out all the stops for the best trunk competition. We had a Monsters, Inc. themed trunk, a pirate trunk, and a couple of trucks filled to the brim with pumpkins, games, and treats. Our trunk-or-treaters voted for their favorite trunk by placing tickets in cups at each trunk. As happens nearly every year, by the end of the afternoon, the Spooky Duck Toss, provided by the fabulous Steve Braswell and Kendall Simmons, won the "Best Trunk" for 2014. Pictures of the trunks and festivities can be found on our Facebook page and will soon be part of the PNA website photo collection.

With the turn-out we had in 2014, we expect even more for 2015. Keep an eye out on your mailbox for our postcard invitation. If you're not already, follow the Pinckney Neighborhood Facebook page for important announcements (like the date for this year's Trunk-or-Treat) and news from our 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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.)

Suggested Dues: *an annual donation of \$1 per person or \$2 per household is 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**

## WHITE SCHOOLHOUSE

Come make memories at the White Schoolhouse, a recently refurbished historic schoolhouse in North Lawrence.

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## Resources Available in Times of Need

Recent frigid temperatures can definitely strain your heater (and your wallet). It's important to know your options so you're not left in the cold if disaster strikes.

The Douglas County Housing Assistance Program and the City have an Emergency & Furnace Loan, which can provide up to \$5,000 for emergency repairs or furnace replacement. Mobile home owners may access up to \$2,500. Applications are available in the Development Services Office and online (the link can be found at [lawrenceks.org/pds/housing\\_programs](http://lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs)).

It's important to maintain communication with neighbors who have trouble getting around or are homebound, especially during extreme cold and heat. The Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging administers and coordinates services for older adults and their caregivers. If you think your neighbor could benefit from extra help this winter, get them in touch with JAAA to find some help and resources designed for them.

We are fortunate to be a part of a community who looks out for its residents.

### PNA Contact Information

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