

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Trunk-or-Treat Saturday, October 24th

It's back! This fall, PNA will again sponsor Trunk-or-Treat for all Pinckney Neighborhood residents, families of Pinckney Elementary School kids and our neighbors in Old West Lawrence! This year the event will be on Saturday, October 24^{th} – a week before Halloween – and will be located in the Lawrence Memorial Hospital parking lot at 4^{th} and Michigan.

As in past years, the Trunk-or-Treat will also be a fund raiser for **Health Care Access Clinic**, a free or reduced coast clinic located in our neighborhood. Trunk-or-Treat participants are encouraged to bring a donation of cash or supplies (see page 2).

Residents and businesses are invited to decorate their trunk or a booth in a Halloween theme and hand out candy or set up a game for kids to play. We are in the process of lining up local organizations and businesses to participate. The Lawrence Fire and Police Departments will be there with a Fire Truck and a Police Car! Local businesses that are already planning to be at the Trunk-or-Treat or donate supplies include First Student (the school bus company), Dillon's, Liberty Tax Service, Pawsh Wash, McDonald's, Panera Bread Company, and Hy-Vee!

Barbara Sufian is chair of the planning committee. The September 19th PNA meeting will focus on preparation for the Trunk-or-Treat. If you have any questions or want to join in the planning effort, please come to the meeting or call Barbara at 785-550-3816.

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Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings & Events

October 3 – Neighborhood Parks Clean-up

9:00 a.m. @ Clinton Park, Constant Park, Burcham Park, Woody Park or Sandra Shaw Memorial Park (see back page for details)

October 17 – PNA Monthly Meeting 10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (D-South)

October 25 – Trunk or Treat Lawrence Memorial Hospital Parking Lot – 4th &- Arkansas 3 to 4 – Set-up for trunks & games 4 to 6 – Open for visiting Trunk-or-Treaters

<u>November 21</u> – PNA Neighborhood Meeting 10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (D-South)

Part Time Job Opening PNA Communications Coordinator

The Pinckney Neighborhood Association (PNA) is seeking a part-time Communications Coordinator. If you are interested in applying, please review the summary of the job description and expectations listed below. The position pays up to \$15 per hour, depending on skills, and generally requires about 20 hours a month. All are welcome to apply; PNA is an equal opportunity contractor. PNA's website can be found at <u>www.PicnkneyNeighborhood.org</u>. Applications accepted until October 1: start date as soon as the coordinator is chosen and hired. Submit a statement of interest and a resume to <u>Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com</u>

The Coordinator's contract will begin as soon as possible and will be completed on July 31, 2016, which is the end of PNA's grant year. Renewal of the contact is possible following an annual evaluation to be conducted in June. If needed, the position will be advertised in July for the following grant year.

Position Summary: The Coordinator for the PNA is responsible for completion or coordination of communications and related responsibilities, including:

- coordinating and attending regular meetings
- •filing quarterly PNA reports with the City of Lawrence
- planning for and coordinating yearly events

• preparing 4 to 6 newsletter or postcard mailings and monthly e-newsletters with news and notices affecting the neighborhood

 maintaining PNA email inbox and responding to emails, as directed by the PNA Board

- coordinating signage and advertising for PNA events
- •other various tasks as assigned by the PNA Board

The Coordinator will be expected to take initiative, contribute ideas, and keep the PNA Board informed of the Coordinator's activities. The Coordinator must schedule time efficiently and work through objectives to meet goals and deadlines on time.

Skills and Attributes: PNA seeks a communications coordinator who has excellent organizational, writing, editing, verbal and interpersonal skills and proficiency with, and access to, Microsoft Word, g-mail, MailChimp, Wordpress websites and Facebook. The coordinator must own or have access to a reliable computer with internet access. The Coordinator must maintain professional demeanor and appearance while representing PNA.

Trunk-or-Treat: The Details!

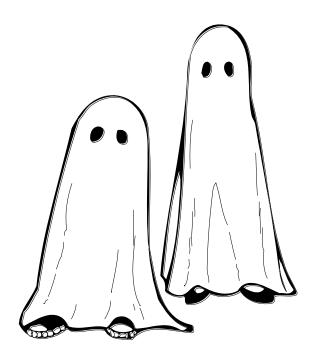
Who's Invited? All Pinckney Neighborhood residents, families of students at Pinckney Elementary School, and our neighbors in Old West Lawrence.

When and Where? Saturday, October 24th in the Lawrence Memorial Hospital parking lot on the corner of 4th and Michigan (enter at 4th and Alabama).

- Set-up starts at 3 p.m.
- Trunk-or-Treaters welcome from 4 to 6 p.m.

Admission? Free! We encourage you to bring donations for Health Care Access Clinic.

Why? To have fun, to bring neighbors together, and to give back to the community through donations to Health Care Access Clinic.



What will be Happening? There will be so many fun things to do! Games, candy, costume contests, great things to eat (cookies from Panara) and drink (Cider from Dillon's), and friends and neighbors to meet!

How Do I Participate? You and the kids can just show up at 4 to play games and get candy and other treats, BUT it would be way more FUN to also have a trunk or game! All you need to do is pick a Halloween theme, get a few decorations and a little candy or other items to give away, and set up your trunk or game between 3 and 4. Of course, you can pull out all the stops and try to win one of the fabulous prizes donated by our generous local businesses (e.g., gift certificates from the Merc & McDonalds).

Use Sign-up Genius to register your trunk or game. Look for the Pinckney Neighborhood Association "Trunkor-Treat 2015" sign-up link at: www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44afaa2ba6f58-trunkortreat



Why is PNA Sponsoring this Event? The Pinckney neighborhood is very large (about 1500 residences/3500 residents). Gatherings like the Trunk-or-Treat are excellent opportunities to meet your neighbors while doing something fun. Connections formed during these events build strong, caring communities and foster cooperation during good times as well as in times of need.

Please join your neighbors at the Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 24th to help build a strong and connected neighborhood!

Health Care Access Clinic Donations sought at PNA Trunk-or-Treat

We are once again proud to include a project to help out Heath Care Access Clinic as part of our annual Trunk-or-Treat neighborhood gathering. Health Care Access Clinic, located at 330 Maine Street in the Pinckney Neighborhood, is a nonprofit organization with a mission of facilitating access and providing health care services for Douglas County, Kansas residents with limited financial means who are not covered by private or governmental insurance programs.

PNA seeks your donation of cash and other needed items for Health Care Access Clinic in order for them to fulfill their mission. Please bring a donation of a few dollars or any of the items listed below to the Trunk-or-Treat. You donations are greatly welcome, but not required, to participate in the event.

Items Needed by Health Care Access

For cold and flu season:

Mucinex 600 and 1200mg (plain and DM or other long acting expectorant)Dylsem Syrup or similar 12 hour cough suppressantPhenylphedrine HCL 5mg (Sudafed or similar):

packages of 20-40 (larger pkgs cannot be dispensed) Ibuprofen 200 mg Naproxen 220mg Acetaminophen 325 and 500mg Generic Benadryl 25mg Generic Dramamine 50mg Generic Claritin 10mg packages of 100 Generic Zyrtec 10mg packages of 100

Other needed items:

Glucose Tablets: packages of 10 or 50 or more Pill splitters Men's reading glasses: 1.5/1.75/2.0 (\$1 at Dollar Tree) Large band aids Disposable wash cloths Hand sanitizer (alcohol) Hydrogen peroxide Fish oil 1000 mg – 100 count bottles Hydrocortisone 1% – 1 ounce tube Generic Benadryl cream – 1 ounce tube Triple antibiotic cream or ointment – 1 ounce tube Quart and Gallon ziplock bags

Other needed items and methods of giving to Health Care Access are listed on their website at: www.healthcareaccess.org/donate/

Pinckney Neighborhood Scores Big on Giving Back to the Community!

2015 Potluck Picnic Declared a Success

On Saturday, August 1st, after a delay caused by rain that flooded out our planned picnic in Burcham Park, Pinckney Neighborhood Association finally was able to hold its annual Potluck Picnic and Food Drive. About 75 neighbors gathered in Clinton Park to enjoy a hot dog lunch and catch-up with friends. Thanks to donations from local businesses and generous neighbors, we enjoyed a Bounce Castle, Popcorn, Face Painting, Kids Arts & Crafts, and Music by John Lomas and Michael Stevenson,.

We also gave back to the community by collecting donations for Just Food Douglas County in the form of \$51 in cash contributions and 76 pounds of food. Thank you Pinckney!

Thank you to contributing local businesses: Anderson Rentals, Checkers, Dillon's and Fast Lane!

More Opportunities to Help Just Food Douglas County

You may have heard the news that a former Just Food employee is alleged to have failed to pay payroll taxes and taken some of Just Food's much needed funds. The current Board of Directors of Just Food is attempting to raise \$60,000 by early October to pay the missing taxes.

Just Food has initiated a campaign called **Keep the Pantry Door Open** to raise the funds through donations from the public and matching funding from several donors. If you are interested in donating to Just Food to help keep the pantry doors open and to provide other valuable resources to families in need, you can make a contribution through an online funding link. More information about their current needs and the fundraising campaign can be found there.

www.crowdrise.com/keepthepantrydooropen



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Neighborhood Parks Clean-up Day Saturday, Oct. 3 – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Our annual parks clean-up day is Saturday morning, October 3. Please join your neighbors and spend a little bit of your morning helping clean up our wonderful neighborhood parks. Meet at your favorite park at 9:30 a.m. – Constant Park (5th & Tennessee), Clinton Park (5th & Maine), Woody Park (3rd & Maine) or Burcham Park and Sandra Shaw Memorial Park (2nd & Indiana). At about 10:45, we'll all meet back at Clinton Park for refreshments.

The city furnishes us trash bags. All you need are gloves and good walking shoes. 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.

Please send PNA an email if you want to be a team captain for one of the parks. Your responsibilities will simply include receiving a supply of trash bags and helping organize the folks who show up at your location.

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