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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!

We are SO excited to welcome 2012 in Pendleton Heights!

Our goal, as the Board of the Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association, is to improve the quality of life for YOU: The residents and business owners of Pendleton Heights. We will focus on crime, vacant properties and, especially, fostering a stronger sense of community amongst all the residents of Pendleton Heights.

We want to hear your thoughts, ideas and opinions about the Neighborhood. We've enclosed a survey in this newsletter for that reason. Please take the time to complete it and return it to us. You can bring your completed survey with you to the next Neighborhood Meeting on January 10th, 6:30pm at the Don Bosco library on Independence and Garfield, or you can also submit it other ways – instructions are on the survey.

Thank you in advance for your feedback – we look forward to an amazing 2012 that results in a better neighborhood for all of us!

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Upcoming Events:

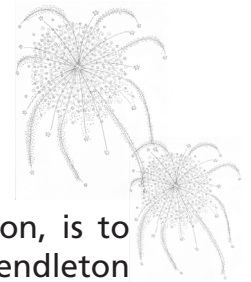
January Neighborhood Meeting – Tuesday, January 10th, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Don Bosco Library on Independence and Brooklyn.

January Curbside Glass Recycling Pickup - January 19th (details inside!).

February Neighborhood Meeting - Tuesday, February 7th, 6:30-8:00pm at the Don Bosco Library. Note this is a week earlier than usual due to Valentine's Day.

February Curbside Glass Recycling Pickup - February 16th (details inside!).

Pendleton Heights Monthly Social Hours - email board@pendletonheights.org and we'll send you the next location and time.



All About CommYOUity

Of course, it takes all of us to make a difference in our neighborhood. So what can you do to help?

The first step, as with many things, is to take care of our own. We all want to be proud of where we live. Now is the time to prove it.

Check out the article at the top of the next page for 3 simple things you can do to make our neighborhood safer.

If you have the time and the resources, please do all three. But if you have to pick just one, let's ALL concentrate on something easy: **The next time you're outside and see an old newspaper on the curb...pick it up. Small deeds really do make a huge difference. And good deeds are contagious.**

Imagine what we can accomplish with all 3,100 Pendleton Heights residents working to make our neighborhood the best it can be.

Let's show the criminals who's boss. There's strength in numbers. And with the wealth of resources we have in our community, there's nothing we can't do.

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Holiday Homes Tour

On November 26th, 220 people braved the elements to enjoy the Fifth Annual Pendleton Heights Holiday Homes Tour.



We sincerely thank the 2011 Homes Tour Committee, headed by Kent Dicus, who all labored for many months to pull off the event. The owners of the Tour homes also worked countless hours to beautifully decorate their homes. Each house had its own unique Christmas-y style.

Thanks also to all of you who participated as docents, helped promote the event and/or went on the Tour. The money raised is used for repairs and upgrades to our neighborhood as well as seed money for future fundraisers.

We still have commemorative posters from the 2011 Homes Tour, as well as the past four tours. Please contact Andrew Ray if you're interested at andrew@pendletonheights.org.

3 Simple Things YOU Can Do for Safety

Here are 3 things you can do to make our neighborhood cleaner, safer and brighter!

Let's resolve to make 2012 the safest year yet in Pendleton Heights.

1

Lighten up!

Put compact fluorescent bulbs in your outside lights so that you can keep them on all night. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. If you can, install motion-sensor lights if you don't have them already.

Why it's important:

Good lighting helps prevent crime. Many studies show that **criminals are less likely to commit crimes in well lit areas than poorly lit ones.**

2

Bash the trash!

Trash on the street makes it look like we don't care about our neighborhood. It tells criminals that we're not looking out for one another. So what can you do? Our trash pick-up is Tuesday morning. Take out your trash no earlier than Monday night and make sure your trash bags are tied tightly. **If you see trash on the street or along the sidewalks, even your neighbor's yard, picking it up will go a long way in telling criminals that we care about our community.**

Why it's important:

Of course, we all want to live in a place that looks nice. But it's extra nice when a clean street can have an impact on preventing crime.

3

Clearly safe!

Did you know you can have adhesive security film installed on your windows? It's nearly invisible and makes them almost impossible to break. Since 2 out of 3 burglaries get access through a window, this is a great way to make your home safer.

Bonus: the window film also protects you from flying debris in case of high winds.

Why it's important:

Bars on the windows can make a neighborhood look like a prison. Security film is a nice alternative. If you do have bars on your windows and plan to keep them, make sure they have an inside quick release so that you can open the bars in case of fire.

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Glass Recycling . . . Curbside!

If you have trouble hauling your glass recycling to Ripple Glass bins at City Market and NE News, we have some news for you:

On January 19th and February 16th, we'll pick up glass in Pendleton Heights!

Just put your glass in a box or even in your blue recycling bin, and leave it out on the curb on those days. We'll pick it up between 6-7:30pm.

Email kristin@pendletonheights.org if you have any questions.

Did You Know?

- **Pendleton Heights has a walking group!** You can bring your dog or just yourself and your comfy shoes. If you'd like, bring an extra plastic bag and help us pick up trash while we walk the neighborhood and chat!
 - Tuesdays, 7pm, meet at Garfield Elementary (corner of Elma and Wabash)
 - Wednesdays, 3:30pm, meet at Garfield Elementary (corner of Elma and Wabash)
 - Thursdays, 3:30pm, meet at Garfield Elementary (corner of Elma and Wabash)
 - Saturdays, 2pm, meet at Kessler Park (corner of St John and Park)
- You can get up-to-date information on the **Pendleton Heights Facebook Page**. 225 people have subscribed...and counting!
- You can receive the **Central Division's daily crime reports** from Officer Jim Schriever. Just send an email to james.schriever@kcpd.org to be added to the distribution list.
- Pendleton Heights has **monthly social hours!** The location changes every month, so contact board@pendletonheights.org if you'd like to be informed of the next hot spot! It's a great chance to get to know other PH residents.
- **Need a blue bin for your recyclables?** Call 816-513-1313 for a complimentary coupon to get your FREE bin. You can then pick up your bin at select Price Choppers and Westlake Hardware Stores.
- **Need to get rid of your Christmas tree?** You can drop it off for FREE on Saturdays from 8am- 5pm at the City's Leaf and Brush Drop-off Center at 1815 N. Chouteau Trafficway. Just make sure to bring it before they close for the season on Jan 21 - and remove all the tinsel and ornaments first.
- **Want to get some exercise?** North Kansas City Community Center is offering **FREE day passes** for Pendleton Heights residents - or \$10 off a monthly membership. Email kristin@pendletonheights.org or call 816-305-3563 to get the coupon.
- AND...email christy@pendletonheights.org if you are interested in being part of the **NEW Pendleton Heights Block Watch group!**

Questions about Pendleton Heights? Email board@pendletonheights.org or call Jessica at 816-225-3778

Concerned about a drug house? Call 816-881-3883

Concerned about a vacant home or a weedy lot that needs cut? Call 816-513-9052

Report suspicious criminal activity to KCPD's Central Patrol HQ: Call 816-234-5510

In an emergency, ALWAYS call 911