



PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

January 2019 Newsletter

Bert Nash Expansion

Discussion at February 16th PNA meeting

Join us on Saturday, February 16th during the PNA Annual Meeting at Lawrence-Douglas County Dept./Bert Nash to discuss the Douglas County Mental Health Crisis Center. Our guest will be Shannon Oury, Executive Director of Lawrence Douglas County Housing Authority and potentially other key people involved with the project to answer questions concerning the status and future of the center.

Douglas County voters approved a 1/4-cent countywide sales tax in November 2018 to build an \$11 million behavioral health campus in the 1000 block of West 2nd Street and provide \$4.15 million annually for campus operational costs and additional services for those with mental illness and those struggling with substance abuse. The campus, to be built in 2021, will include a crisis center for treatment to stabilize those suffering from acute mental health or substance abuse conditions, a transitional group home for residents recovering from crisis and a 10-unit apartment complex for those with long-term behavioral health issues.

Pinckney Neighborhood Association UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

February 16 – PNA Annual Meeting & Elections

10:00am at Lawrence-Douglas County Health Dept.
200 Maine St., first floor meeting room

March 16 – PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00am at Memorial Hospital
lower level, meeting room D south

April ? – Pinckney Parks Clean-up Day

9:00am – Clinton, Constant, Burcham and Woody
Parks and the Sandra Shaw Nature Trail

April 20 – PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00am at Lawrence Memorial Hospital
lower level, meeting room D south

May 18 – PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00am at Lawrence Memorial Hospital
lower level, meeting room D south

TBD – Annual Neighborhood Potluck Picnic

PNA Annual Meeting & Elections

Saturday, February 16 @ 10 a.m.

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Dept. / Bert Nash
200 Maine St. – 1st Floor Meeting Room

It is once again time for the Pinckney Neighborhood Association's meeting to elect officers and set goals for the coming year. We will also plan events for the coming year and get input from Pinckney residents on issues and concerns.

Offices open for election this year are the President and Treasurer. We will also fill the Vice President vacancy. We appreciate the work and leadership Justin Stumblingbear has provided this past year as Vice President, and wish him well as he steps down due to other obligations. We will also be asking for volunteers to head-up and work on several projects, including the parks clean-up day, community events and service projects.

Everyone who lives in the Pinckney Neighborhood is automatically a member of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association and is encouraged to attend PNA Meetings, run for office, work on a committee and attend our events and activities.

If you are interested in running for one of the open offices – President, Vice President or Treasurer – please attend the January 16th PNA meeting or send an email to pinckney.neighborhood@gmail.com

Pinckney Elementary School's PTO

Really Big Sale!

Feb. 16th – 8am to 1pm

Pinckney School's Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) is hosting its largest fundraiser of the year, a large indoor garage sale, on Saturday, February 16th at the school. Your donation of gently used household items, furniture, clothing toys and books will be sold so the PTO can host events for Pinckney School kids and families.

DONATION DROPOFF TIMES

- February 10 and 15 from 10:00 am to noon



MY BUS LAWRENCE app
with new and improved
real-time info

The “My Bus Lawrence” app has recently been upgraded to provide up-to-the-minute transit information and improved features specifically for bus riders in Lawrence. The upgraded My Bus Lawrence app is available for free on iTunes or Google Play. It’s simple to download, but for those who already have the previous version of the app on their phones, they will need to un-install and re-install the app for it to work properly.

New features on the app are designed to allow you to see moving bus icons on a map with the route number and direction the bus is traveling. You can find out when your bus will arrive by clicking on the icon, or selecting your route and bus stop. You can also choose your favorite stops, see important announcements, or set alerts to let you know you have 10 minutes before your bus will arrive.

Another tool riders can use to find out when their bus will arrive is to send a text message. Each bus stop has a number displayed on the bus stop sign. Simply send a text to 41411 and enter “Trip”, space, then the bus stop number and you will receive a reply with the estimated time of arrival at that bus stop.

For more information about bus routes, schedules and mobile tools, visit lawrencetransit.org, join on Facebook at facebook.com/lawrencetransit, or call 785- 864-4644.

Lawrence Advisory Board Openings

Lawrence has many citizen-participation advisory boards. The City is seeking to fill vacancies open now or in the near future for several advisory boards:

- Historic Resources Commission*
- Human Relations Commission*
- Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission*
- Lawrence Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission*
- Public Health Board*
- Public Incentive Review Committee*
- Public Transit Advisory Committee*

Anyone is interested in applying for a vacancy can visit the website (below) to check them out. You must click on the link at the top of the page ("volunteer to serve on a board") to fill out the web form.

<https://lawrenceks.org/board-vacancies/>

Downtown Master Plan

City begins planning process

PNA represented on Steering Committee

The City of Lawrence has announced the initiation of a planning process to develop a Downtown Master Plan that will serve as the City’s official guide for land use and development in the Downtown area over the next 15-20 years. It will act as a “road map,” detailing a long-term vision and policy agenda for important issues such as land use, development, beautification, parking, pedestrian mobility, and circulation. Ultimately, the plan will seek to answer, “What will our Downtown look like in the future?” and, “How do we get there?”

Nick Kuzmyak is serving as Pinckney Neighborhood’s representative on the Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee. Nick will be giving updates and seeking input for Pinckney Neighborhood residents at the monthly PNA meetings as well as posting updates on PNA’s Facebook group page, in upcoming newsletters.

- As part of the planning process, the City is hosting three workshops the week of February 4th. Nick will be attending on behalf of PNA, but all members of the public are welcome to attend. The three workshops are
- 1) the Downtown and Adjacent Neighborhoods Workshop, for people who live in close proximity to Downtown Lawrence;
 - 2) the Community-Wide Workshop, for anyone who lives/works anywhere in the City, and
 - 3) the Downtown Business Workshop which is designed to gather feedback from business owners, developers, and members of the Downtown business community.

More information about the Downtown Master Plan planning process can be found on the City’s website. The website provides more information about the planning process, questionnaires seeking community input and maps of many points of interest, services and other helpful information about the downtown Lawrence area. The website can be accessed at:

<http://www.hlplanning.com/portals/lawrence/>
<https://lawrenceks.org/boards/downtown-master-plan/>



Low Income Energy Assistance Program

LIEAP is a federally funded program that helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit. The 2019 application period is from Tuesday, January 22 through Thursday, March 29, 2019. Applications must be received prior to 5 PM on March 29, 2019.

Find additional information:

Phone: **1-800-432-0043**

KS Dept. of Children & Family's website:

www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/Energy/EnergyAssistance.aspx

Persons Eligible: To qualify, applicants must:

1. An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for paying the heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or the fuel vendor.
2. Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward purchase of the primary heating energy.
3. The combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address may not exceed 130% of the federal poverty level according to the guidelines listed on the website.



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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.
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 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
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