



PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

Fall 2020 Newsletter

PNA October Meeting **Saturday, October 17 @ 10 a.m.** Zoom Meeting

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Pinckney Neighborhood Association will continue to hold monthly meetings online via Zoom.

Check the bi-monthly PNA e-news, PNA's website, and our social media for information about the meetings. We will provide draft minutes from the previous meeting and an agenda for the upcoming meeting, as well as the Zoom link information. To sign up for PNA e-news, fill out the subscribe form at <http://www.pinckneyneighborhood.org/contact-us/>.

Recordings of each month's Zoom meeting will be made available for viewing on our YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/PNAyoutube>. Recordings will be kept up until the next monthly meeting, and then removed.

If you do not have internet access but would like to contribute ideas or ask questions, please contact us at:

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Thank you and stay healthy, PNA

Pinckney Neighborhood Association UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS*

October TBD – Halloween Lip Sync Challenge video filming

October 15 – Virtual Town Hall: Should We Change Our Neighborhood's Name?

7:00pm – Zoom call (see page 3 for more info)

October 17 – PNA Monthly Meeting
10:00am – Zoom call

November 21 – PNA Monthly Meeting
10:00am – Zoom call

January 16 – PNA Monthly Meeting
10:00am – Zoom call

February 20 – PNA Monthly Meeting
10:00am – Zoom call (PNA Officer Elections)

*check for updates: www.pinckneyneighborhood.org and Facebook & Instagram "Pinckney Neighborhood Association"

Welcome, all new neighborhood residents!

The Pinckney Neighborhood is bounded by the Kaw River on the east, I-70 on the north, Iowa Street/McDonald Drive on the west, and 6th Street on the south. Everyone who lives in the Pinckney Neighborhood is automatically a member of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association. Welcome!

Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health COVID-19 Communication

If you are experiencing the following symptoms, please contact your provider to be screened for COVID-19.



*if experiencing severe symptoms, please seek medical attention

As we enter the autumn and winter seasons, we spend more time indoors. Therefore it is important to remain vigilant about COVID-19: wear a mask outside your home, keep at least 6 feet apart from people you don't live with, and wash your hands frequently or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. If you experience symptoms listed above, seek guidance from your doctor. For important COVID-19 updates & daily case numbers in Lawrence, visit: <https://ldchealth.org>.

Stay tuned to Lawrence-Douglas Co. Public Health for upcoming info on flu shots. Getting your flu shot helps protect against influenza and reduces hospital strain, leaving critical resources available to treat people with COVID-19.

PROVIDE YOUR INPUT ON CITY PROPOSALS

Your feedback helps shape decisions!

1. City's proposal to use Woody Park as a temporary homeless camp, starting November 2020.

The City has proposed using Woody Park, located within the Pinckney Neighborhood near LMH, as a temporary homeless camp. The camp would serve approximately 25 individuals beginning in Nov 2020 for a period of at least 2 months but no more than 5 months. This campsite would provide unsheltered homeless with access to a socially-distanced personal campsite with a tent, sleeping pallet, restrooms and showers, laundry facilities, secure storage lockers, and food in a managed environment. The area would be fenced to ensure resident safety and privacy. The City plans to hire a non-profit (TBD) to operate the campsite. Camp residents would be screened by the management partner to assess vulnerability (i.e., physical and mental health) and willingness to follow an established Code of Conduct. The management partner will provide 24/7 staffing of the site to ensure operations meet expectations. Funding to support this project will come from federal CARES Act dollars awarded to Douglas County by the State of Kansas.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Review a map of the proposed camp layout, a draft of the Code of Conduct, and the RFP for encampment services at: <http://www.pinckneyneighborhood.org/news-info/>. Share questions and comments with: jjolicoeur@douglascountyks.org (Jill), drogers@lawrenceks.org (Derek), and dtucker@bertnash.org (David).

2. City's Bus Route Survey

The City will engage with the community over the next 12 months to collaboratively determine a new route structure for bus transit. The scope of work for Route Redesign Study #1 can be found at www.lawrencetransit.org/transfer-facility.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Take the survey now available at <https://lawrenceks.org/listens/surveys/> so that our neighborhood is well-represented in the City's outreach efforts.

3. For or against Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)?

Accessory Dwelling Units are small houses or apartments that exist on the same property lot as a single-family residence. The City is considering opening up more neighborhoods to allow ADUs. PNA needs to hear from YOU to see if this is something that our Neighborhood Association should adopt a stance on.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Tell us - Are you supportive, opposed, don't care? Send your feedback to: pinckney.neighborhood@gmail.com.

Eviction Moratorium Extended Through Dec 31st



On September 1, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced it would issue an order to temporarily stop residential evictions nationwide for nonpayment of rent of qualifying tenants in response to concerns about the spread of COVID-19. The order took effect on September 4 and will remain in effect through December 31, 2020.

You must meet a five-pronged test to qualify for your eviction to be halted. Use the CDC Eviction Moratorium Assistant tool to see if you qualify. If so, the tool produces a customized letter that you can download and print or email directly to your landlord. <https://massaccess.suffolktilab.org/housing/#CDC>

COVID-19 RESOURCES:

Many people are experiencing insecurity in food, housing, and other necessary items for survival as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our country. Below, we share a variety of community resources where you can get assistance.

Food Pantries, Food Access, and Community Meals:

- **United Way of Douglas County** provides a list of food pantries, community meals, and other means to access food. A list of resources in Lawrence can be found at: <https://www.unitedwaydco.org/covid-19-douglas-county-food-resources#Lawrence>
- Seniors who need assistance accessing food can contact the **Senior Resource Center for Douglas County**.
 - Phone: 785-842-0543
 - Email: contact@YourSRC.org
 - www.yoursrc.org/covid-19-resources-for-seniors/
 - Transportation to the grocery store - Call Senior Wheels to schedule a ride at 785-727-7876.
 - Assisting you to place an online grocery store order (have your debit or credit card available).
 - Assisting you with registration with **Just Food**.
 - Providing delivery of groceries or **Just Food** boxes.
 - Senior Meals

Free Masks to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19:

- **United Way of Douglas County** is partnering with the **Lawrence Public Library** to distribute masks for public health & safety. Starting October 1st, register at <https://www.unitedwaydco.org/masks>, schedule a time for pickup at the library, and then wear your mask to keep our community safe.

Accessing/Affording Broadband Internet:

- **Lifeline** is a federal program intended to put internet service within the reach of qualifying families – giving low-income households affordable internet access. You may be eligible if you receive SNAP, TANF, Section 8, or Medicaid. For more information visit <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/> or call 800-234-9473.

Rent Assistance for Housing:

- The **Housing Stabilization Collaborative** is a new program that provides rent assistance and low interest micro-loans to income eligible Douglas County households experiencing a COVID-affected income. Visit <https://tenants-to-homeowners.org/> for info.

REASSESSING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S NAME

The Pinckney Neighborhood Association stands with those seeking to end systemic racism. We join the KU and greater Lawrence communities in reiterating that Black Lives Matter.

One way to fulfill this commitment is to reconsider the name of our neighborhood. The Pinckney Neighborhood bears the former name of 6th Street. Until 1912, 6th Street was named Pinckney Street -- although this was not likely the original spelling. Early records from the abolitionist town founders of Lawrence point to the street being named for William Pinkney, the author of an influential anti-slavery document. However, in the late 1800s, maps and newspapers began to use the spelling "Pinckney" (with a 'c'), and by the 1920s for reasons that are still unclear, Lawrence school authorities were formally claiming that the school was named for Charles Cotesworth Pinckney. And so, in circular fashion, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney is now associated with the neighborhood.

Charles Cotesworth Pinckney has no connection to the City of Lawrence or even to the state of Kansas. While he was a Revolutionary War general and a signer of the Constitution, he was also a South Carolina plantation slave-owner who cowrote the Fugitive Slaves Clause. Our neighborhood being associated with someone so profoundly tied to slavery and racism is troubling. Thus, the Neighborhood Association has formed a committee to assess interest in changing the name of our neighborhood. *Note: This effort is independent of the elementary school. The Lawrence School Board and USD 497 leadership are conducting their own review of the school's name.*

We want YOUR input! Your opinion matters.

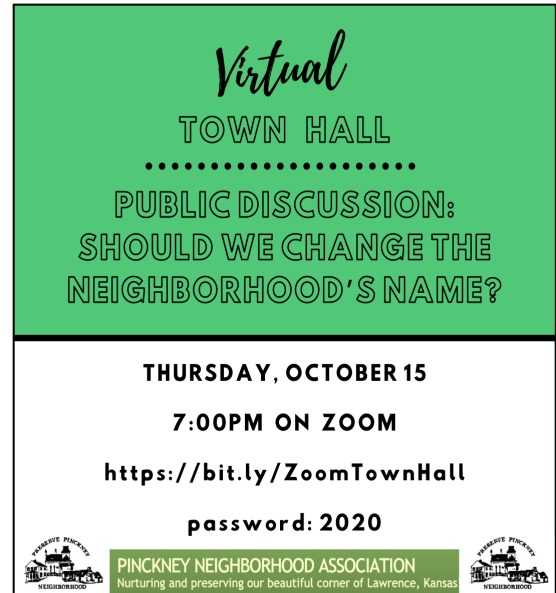
Are you in favor of changing the name of our neighborhood? Why or why not? Please submit your response before October 15th by:

- emailing us at pinckney.neighborhood@gmail.com OR
- mailing a letter to: Pinckney Neighborhood Association, PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044 OR
- calling us at 785-864-2380 (Eleanor Gardner; Neighborhood Coordinator)

Learn more by visiting our webpage at:



<http://www.pinckneyneighborhood.org/reconsidering-our-neighborhood-name/>.

AND PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
PNA TOWN HALL MEETING:



Virtual
TOWN HALL
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PUBLIC DISCUSSION:
SHOULD WE CHANGE THE
NEIGHBORHOOD'S NAME?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
7:00PM ON ZOOM
<https://bit.ly/ZoomTownHall>
password: 2020

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Nurturing and preserving our beautiful corner of Lawrence, Kansas 

ANNOUNCING: HALLOWEEN LIP SYNC CHALLENGE!

Although Halloween might look a little different this year due to COVID, we can still have fun in a safe way *and* help raise funds/supplies for local charitable causes. **Let's have a neighborhood Halloween lip sync challenge!**

Please send an email to pinckney.neighborhood@gmail.com if you have video filming or editing skills and want to help.

Here's how it works:

1. Each Lawrence neighborhood will choose a Halloween themed song to create a lip sync video. PNA's song is "**Monster Mash!**"
2. On a date TBD in October, Pinckney neighborhood families or pods will show up **IN COSTUME** at an outdoor location to lip sync and/or dance in front of a socially-distanced camera person.
3. Families or pods can also film monster dance video footage at home and submit it via Google Drive or Dropbox (deadline to be determined).
4. Each neighborhood will select a different local charitable cause to support. PNA's selection is **Just Food**; donation drop-off locations TBD.
5. Each neighborhood will publicly post its video on the designated day for Halloween fun and neighborhood pride!
6. A nonpartisan judge will determine which neighborhood wins, and local charities will win from all the donations!

Stay tuned for more information soon – watch our Facebook & Instagram pages for dates and locations!

City's new See-Click-Fix Tool "Lawrence Listens" enables reporting of potholes, street flooding, and more

Use the app to request assistance with things like potholes, parks issues, code violations, street flooding, and more! City staff will receive your request and communicate status updates in real time! Download the app (iPhone and Android) or visit the web page to get started: <https://seeclickfix.com/lawrence>.

SAVE THE DATE! February 20, 2021 PNA Annual Meeting & Election

The offices open for election will be PNA President and Treasurer, and we will discuss projects for 2021-2022. Stay tuned for more info!



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Important General Election Takes Place Nov 3rd ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Double-check that you're registered to vote at <https://www.ksvotes.org>! If you aren't registered, do so by the deadline of Tuesday, October 13th.

Early voting in Kansas begins October 14th and ends November 2nd. If you plan to vote in-person (whether early or on Election Day), be sure to wear your mask and practice social distancing!

Absentee voting (voting by mail) is available and no excuse is required to receive a ballot by mail in the state of Kansas. Ballots are mailed out beginning 20 days before the election until the 4 days before an election. Make sure you apply for an advance ballot before the deadline of October 13th to receive your ballot in the mail. Fill it out and get it in the mail ASAP, as the Postal Service is experiencing delivery delays. Or, drop off your ballot at one of three drop boxes located at: the Courthouse on Massachusetts St., 2110 Harper St., or 2329 Iowa St.

Track your advance ballot with Ballot Scout at <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections/ballot-scout>.

Find your polling place and lots of additional voter information at <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections>.

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