



# PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

Winter 2021 Newsletter

## **PNA January Meeting** **Saturday, January 16 @ 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\***

#### **January 16 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

10:00am – Zoom call

#### **February 20 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

10:00am – Zoom call (PNA Officer Elections)

**Help spread the word!** All officer positions are open for election this year: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. For more information on officer positions, please visit <http://www.pinckneyneighborhood.org/about-pna/minutes-bylaws/> and see the section titled "ARTICLE V - Officers." If you know a neighbor who may be interested in getting involved, please encourage them to attend the next meeting, sign up for the PNA e-news, or contact us in any of the following ways:

- Emailing [pinckney.neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:pinckney.neighborhood@gmail.com)
- Sending a letter to P.O. Box 25, Lawrence, KS 66044
- Calling the neighborhood coordinator at 785-864-2380

#### **March 20 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

10:00am – Zoom call

\*check for updates: [www.pinckneyneighborhood.org](http://www.pinckneyneighborhood.org) and Facebook & Instagram "Pinckney Neighborhood Association"

## *Loan Program for Furnace Emergencies*

For emergency situations, the City is offering a loan program that can provide up to \$5,000 for emergency repairs or furnace replacement for income-qualified homeowners. Please contact Development Services staff at 785-832-7700 for application information and terms & conditions.

## **Kansas Department of Health & Environment COVID-19 Communication:**

### **Kansas COVID Vaccination Plan**

- PHASE 1: FRONT LINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS, LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS
- PHASE 2: ESSENTIAL WORKERS; FIRST RESPONDERS, MEAT PACKING PLANT WORKERS, GROCERY STORE EMPLOYEES, ETC.
- PHASE 3: 65 AND OLDER, THOSE REGARDLESS OF AGE AT SEVERE MEDICAL RISK
- PHASE 4: UNDER 65 AT HIGH MEDICAL RISK
- PHASE 5: HEALTHY PEOPLE UNDER 65



The state of Kansas has begun its COVID vaccination plan. However, implementation will be an involved multi-phase process. Vaccines are first going to health care workers, workers in nursing homes and state prisons, and nursing home residents; essential workers, elderly people, and others in congregate living situations (e.g., state prisons) will receive vaccines next.

**The state does not expect vaccines to be available to the general public for at least several months.** Therefore, it is critically important that everyone remain vigilant against COVID-19 as we wait for vaccines to become more widely available. Continue wearing 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 such as coughing and fever, seek guidance from your doctor.

The Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health Department has hosted several free mass COVID testing events and more will likely be held in the future. Testing information can be found at:

<https://ldchealth.org/452/Testing-Information>

## UPDATE ON HOMELESS CAMP AT WOODY PARK



Since the campsite was erected on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 19 homeless individuals have been housed in the 20 heated platform tents at Woody Park within the Pinckney Neighborhood. With additional funding secured from the Kansas Housing Cooperation, the temporary campsite will be operational through March 31, 2021. The City is working to identify a future site, with more permanent weather resistant structures, to move it to after March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Despite the City having purchased two portable trailers with restroom/shower/laundry facilities before setting up the camp at Woody Park, a major delay forced the project to operate for 45+ days without the trailers. While they waited for the trailers to arrive, campers utilized two port-a-johns on site and were bussed to the Lawrence Community Shelter for showers and laundry facilities. The trailers finally arrived approximately one week before the Christmas holiday. Purchased with over \$260k of the \$374k federal CARES Act funding for this project, the two trailers will be permanent assets for the Lawrence and Douglas County communities in serving homeless populations in the future.

The campsite at Woody Park is one part of a multi-faceted effort by the City to help our town's large & growing homeless population during the COVID-19 pandemic. Space restrictions due to the pandemic mean the Lawrence Community Shelter can only house 40 people currently. Thus, the City has utilized emergency funding to find new temporary housing solutions. In addition to "Camp Woody," grant funding is being used to pay for 51 hotel rooms at the Econo Lodge on W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. An overnight drop-in shelter at the Days Inn on Iowa St. is also being run by volunteers and will only operate when temperatures are below 35 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Continued donations to help the homeless in our community are needed.** Please consider donating any of the following (new items only!): First Aid products; hygiene products such as conditioner, shampoo, and deodorant; laundry soap; toilet paper and paper towels; thermal coffee cups and water bottles; warm socks/gloves/hats; hand sanitizer. Donations can be dropped off at the Bert Nash Center, 200 Maine St., Suite A. Financial donations can be made at <https://bertnash.org/donate>.

## 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.unitedwaydgco.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](mailto:contact@YourSRC.org)
  - [www.yoursrc.org/covid-19-resources-for-seniors/](http://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. Register at <https://www.unitedwaydgco.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.

WE'RE RENAMING THE NEIGHBORHOOD...  
AND WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON NAME IDEAS!  
SUBMIT YOUR SUGGESTION BEFORE FEB 12.

# HAVE A NEW NAME IDEA?

Submit suggestions:  
[bit.ly/NewNameIdeas](https://bit.ly/NewNameIdeas)  
All name suggestions will be  
part of later voting process!

## TAKE PART!

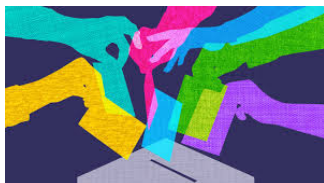
Since June 2020, the members of the Neighborhood Name Committee have worked to gather information about the history of our neighborhood's name and to get input from community member on their desire (or not) to change the name.

From all sources, we have 65 residents in favor of changing the neighborhood's name; 14 against; and 5 don't care. Given that the majority of respondents wish to see the neighborhood name change, we are now gathering all alternative name suggestions and determining the best route forward.

Please note that this is just one step in a multi-step process. Once all name suggestions are collected, then a series of votes will occur. This voting process will lead to the selection of a final, new name for our neighborhood.

Submit your new name ideas via the webform at <https://bit.ly/NewNameIdeas> before February 12th!

## SAVE THE DATE! February 20, 2021 PNA Annual Meeting & Election (via Zoom)



On February 20th, the Pinckney Neighborhood Association will hold its annual meeting to elect officers and set goals for the coming year. We will also plan events and get input from residents on issues and other concerns to address. **This year, all officer positions are open for election: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.** Officers are elected for terms of two years and take office immediately at the February meeting. Are you or a neighbor you know interested in serving as an officer? Contact [pinckney.neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:pinckney.neighborhood@gmail.com) or call 785-864-2380.

### Position Descriptions:

- **The President** shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board. They may be ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Executive Board.
- **The Vice-President** in the event of the absence, resignation, disability, or death of the President, shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. They shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Executive Board.
- **The Secretary** shall keep minutes and record all votes of all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board. The Secretary shall notify all officers of their election. They shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to that office.
- **The Treasurer** shall collect and receive all monies due. They shall be the custodian of these monies, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Executive Board, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. All checks must be signed by the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Board. They shall present statements to the Executive Board at their regular meetings and to the general membership quarterly and at the Annual Meeting. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually prior to the annual meeting.

### Free Home Buyer Webinar (via Zoom)

Saturday, January 16, 9am – 1pm

Presented by Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc., a HUD approved counseling agency, in collaboration with Tenants to Homeowners. Learn about mortgage options, closing costs, assistance programs, and lots more! Register at <http://bit.ly/TtoHhomebuyerwebinar>

### City's See-Click-Fix Tool "Lawrence Listens" enables reporting of potholes, graffiti, & more

Use the app to request assistance with things like potholes, parks issues, code violations, street flooding, and more. Download the app (iPhone & Android) or visit the web page to get started: <https://seeclickfix.com/lawrence>.



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### Pinckney Elementary Pantry

The Pantry at Pinckney Elementary School helps students and families in need. Although the Neighborhood Association held a donation drive throughout the month of November that resulted in 80 pounds of food & toiletries being donated, students and families are still in need of assistance. In particular, because of the extended time students are spending at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, food insecurity is a major issue that many families are facing.

If you are able, please consider donating any of the following: boxes of kid-friendly cereal, cereal/granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, macaroni and cheese, boxes of pasta, pasta sauce, crackers, fruit snacks, Cheez-Its, Goldfish, and other snack items. Families are also in need of shampoo, soap/body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand soap, and deodorant.

Please contact the Pinckney Parent Involvement Facilitator, Kate Sjursen, at [kathleen.sjursen@usd497.org](mailto:kathleen.sjursen@usd497.org) to arrange delivery of donations.

### PNA Contact Information

#### Website

[www.pinckneyneighborhood.org](http://www.pinckneyneighborhood.org)

#### E-News

[www.pinckneyneighborhood.org/contact-us](http://www.pinckneyneighborhood.org/contact-us)  
(Submit 'subscribe form' for bi-monthly e-news)

#### E-mail

[Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com)

#### Facebook & Instagram

"Pinckney Neighborhood Association"

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