



PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

Winter 2020 Newsletter

PNA Annual Meeting & Elections Saturday, February 15 @ 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 Vice President and Secretary. 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 February 15th PNA meeting or send an email to pinckney.neighborhood@gmail.com

Pinckney Neighborhood Association UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

February 15 – PNA Annual Meeting & Elections

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

March 21 – PNA Monthly Meeting

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

April 18 – Pinckney Parks Clean-up Day

10:00am – more information to come

April 25 – PNA Monthly Meeting & Potluck Lunch

11:00am to 1:00pm – 345 Mississippi St.
Activities for Kids – more information to come

May 16 – PNA Monthly Meeting

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

TBD – Annual Neighborhood Potluck Picnic

Pinckney Elementary School's PTO Really Big Sale! Feb. 15th – 8 to 5

Here's something Pinckney Neighborhood residents can do to support our neighborhood elementary school!

The Really Big Sale is a large-scale fundraiser hosted by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) of Pinckney Elementary School. All proceeds go to the Pinckney PTO, which helps provide supplies to the school and puts on lots of free or low-cost events to our students and families. The PTO will begin accepting donations the weekend of January 25th, and the sale will be held in the Pinckney Elementary School gymnasium on February 15th from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

The PTO welcomes Pinckney Neighborhood residents to donate new or gently used items for the sale and attend the sale! Volunteers are also sought to help sort and price items the day before the sale, as well as to assist on the day of the sale with keeping sale items tidy and helping customers with purchases.

Items sought for the sale include:

Clothing and outerwear – all ages, sizes, and seasons
(No undergarments, please!)

Children's toys and play equipment

Baby items

Furniture

Bed clothes, curtains, and other household linens

Dishes and kitchenware

Appliances

Lamps and lighting

Art and photo frames

Collectibles and knick-knacks

Books

Games

Camping and fishing equipment

Gardening supplies

Tools

All items should be in gently used condition and clean, free from stains, holes, and excessive wear. (Firearms cannot be accepted.)

UPDATES & DONATION DROPOFF TIMES

The PTO will post information about the donation drop-off times on the Pinckney Elementary School's facebook page ("wearepinckney") and posts on the Pinckney Neighborhood Association facebook group page.

PNA Seeks to Hire Communications Coordinator

The Pinckney Neighborhood Association is seeking a part-time contractor to serve as its Communications Coordinator. If you are interested in applying, please review the job description and expectations listed below. This contract position pays up to \$15/hr, depending on qualifications, and generally requires about 10-15 hours a month. All are welcome to apply.

Full details about the position and how to apply are at:
www.PinckneyNeighborhood.org

TO APPLY

Applications should include a cover letter expressing interest in the position and a resume, with one or more references, demonstrating that the applicant possesses the qualifications and expectations required of the Coordinator.

Applications will be accepted until at least January 31, 2020, continuing until the position is filled, with an expected start date of approximately March 1, 2020.

Questions and applications should be submitted to:
Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com

PNA COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Summary:

The Communications Coordinator for the Pinckney Neighborhood Association (PNA) is responsible for completion or coordination of communications and related responsibilities, in coordination with the PNA Board, including:

- coordinating and attending regular monthly meetings (3rd Saturday each month at 10 a.m.)
- drafting quarterly PNA reports to the City of Lawrence
- helping to plan for and coordinate yearly events (e.g. summer picnic and fall Trunk-or-Treat)
- preparing 4 to 6 newsletter or postcard mailings and monthly MailChimp e-newsletters with news and notices affecting the neighborhood
- maintaining PNA email inbox and responding to emails, as directed by the PNA Board
- maintaining the PNA Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts
- coordinating signage and other advertising for PNA events, and
- other various tasks delegated from Board.

Expectations/Qualifications:

The Coordinator is expected to maintain professional demeanor and appearance while representing PNA, and to schedule time efficiently, and work through objectives to meet goals and deadlines on time.

We're looking for a Coordinator who:

- has excellent organizational, writing, editing, verbal and interpersonal skills;
- ready access to a computer and the internet and proficiency with, and access to, Word, Excel, and Publisher software (or compatible software);
- is knowledgeable and proficient in (or be prepared to immediately take appropriate training for) the social media platforms used by PNA, including Facebook, WordPress, Instagram, Twitter and MailChimp; and
- lives within the limits of the City of Lawrence or Douglas County, Kansas.

Proficiency in a language in addition to English would be of interest to PNA, but is not required for this position.

The Pinckney Neighborhood Association provides equal contracting opportunities to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, disability(ies) or any other legally protected status.

City of Lawrence Advisory Board Openings

The City of 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:

- Affordable Housing Advisory Board
- Building Code Board of Appeals
- Douglas County Food Policy Council
- Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging
- Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission
- Public Incentives Review Committee
- Special Alcohol Fund Advisory Board
- Sustainability Advisory Board
- Multi-modal Transportation Commission
- Lawrence Douglas County Advocacy Council on Aging

Anyone is interested in applying for a vacancy can visit the website (link below) to check them out and submit an application.

<https://lawrenceks.civicweb.net/Portal/BoardApplication>

Douglas County Kansas assistance programs

Housing assistance (rent, deposits, and mortgage help) along with utility bill assistance, free food, and other financial help is available from charities, churches, and the government in Douglas County. The support for paying bills or free support (medical or dental care, etc.) is available from grants or loans in the Lawrence area. Or find how job programs, free foreclosure and credit counseling, and other services help the needy.

How to get help with bills

For people who are facing short term financial hardships, there are some places that they can turn to for help. They include the **East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation (ECKAN)** and also the **Warm Hearts of Douglas County** program.

Get help with heating bills

The Warm Hearts of Douglas County is a local heating bill assistance program, which runs from January to April every year. Douglas County families can apply for and are eligible for the program if their income is at 185 percent or less of the federal poverty guideline. Grants and funds from the Warm Hearts program are distributed through the Salvation Army (785) 843-4188, Ballard Center ((785) 842-0729), Douglas County Senior Services, ECKAN, and Penn House.

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Find Help. Thousands of nonprofit and government human services.

United Way of the Plains - Emergency Assistance

946 New Hampshire, Lawrence, KS 66044
(785) 843-4188

8:30 am - 12 pm and 1 - 4:30 pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.

Assisting clients with the payment of utility bills, rent, and finding housing. Referrals are given for alcohol/drug rehabilitation. Assistance is also provided for groceries (from our food pantry), formula, diapers, and hygiene products (if available). Feeding kitchen open 1-2 pm Mon, Wed, Fri. Pathway of Hope program provides Case Management.

Case/Care Management	Clothing Vouchers
Formula/Baby Food	Meals
Housing Search & Information	Diapers
Personal/Grooming Needs	Food Pantries
Rent Payment Assistance	Utility Assistance

K-12 Student Spring Bus Pass

The Kindergarten through 12th grade Student Spring Bus Pass is on sale now for just \$10.00! Students can access unlimited rides on any city or university fixed-route bus from January 1 until April 30.

The K-12 Student Bus Pass is a great way to get to and from school, go to after school activities and to get around Lawrence.

The K-12 Student Spring Bus Pass can be purchased at these locations in Lawrence:

- Dillon's stores
- Hy-Vee
- The Merc
- City Hall – First Floor Utility Billing
- Community Building
- East Lawrence Rec Center
- Holcom Recreation Center
- Sports Pavilion Lawrence
- Indoor Aquatic Center

For more information, call (785) 864-4644. Find Lawrence Transit on facebook: @lawrencetransit

MY BUS LAWRENCE app

There are two ways to find out when the next bus is coming. Download the free app or send a text message to receive the next arrival time.

Bus app: Check out our free bus app with real-time data. Available in iTunes and Google Play by searching "My Bus Lawrence."

PLEASE NOTE: Lawrence Transit has made major improvements to its real-time passenger app, My Bus Lawrence. If you had previously downloaded it, please delete and reinstall the app to make the update effective.

Text for next bus:

Step 1: Find your stop number located on the map or at the bus stop sign.

Step 2: Send a text to 41411. The text message should be formatted as follows: TRIP #### (### = bus stop number). For example, if you are waiting at bus stop #173 at the Kansas Union, your text message would be TRIP 173.

Step 3: Press send and you will receive the next bus arrival times for that 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.



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Community Health Garden

Attention all gardeners and would-be-gardeners!

PNA is exploring a project to develop a **Community Health Garden** in coordination with the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department to grow and distribute produce. It's early in the planning process and your input and participation are valuable!

More information about the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department's Community Health Garden project:
[facebook.com/groups/communityhealthgarden](https://www.facebook.com/groups/communityhealthgarden)

If you've never gardened before and want to, there will be at least 3 training sessions set up with the Douglas County extension office's horticulturalists who bring a wealth of garden knowledge. The Community Health Garden will post these events throughout the season on its facebook page. There are opportunities to build raised beds, plant, weed, and harvest.

So, if you want to garden or simply just eat some local produce, all are welcome! Please spread the word to all your Pinckney neighbors! To get involved or learn more, check out the "communityhealthgarden" facebook group page, send an email to **Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com** or attend a PNA meeting.

PNA Contact Information

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Vacant – applications accepted!