



PINKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

Winter 2022 Newsletter

PNA January Meeting **Saturday, January 15 @ 10 a.m.** Zoom Meeting

Due to a surging number of Omicron variant COVID-19 cases, the Pinkney Neighborhood Association will continue to hold monthly meetings online via Zoom.

At our January meeting, we will discuss:

- Preparations for elections at the PNA annual meeting on February 19
- Potential changes to PNA Bylaws
- Organizing a competition for a new PNA logo

Check the bi-monthly PNA e-news, our website, and our social media for more information about meetings. We will provide draft minutes from previous meetings, detailed agendas for upcoming meetings, as well as the Zoom link information. To sign up for PNA e-news, fill out the subscription form at <http://www.pinkneyneighborhood.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

Pinkney Neighborhood Association **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS***

January 15 – PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00am – Zoom call

February 19 – PNA Annual Meeting & Officer Elections

10:00am – Zoom call

Help spread the word! The following positions are open for election this year: Vice President and Secretary. 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 either of the following ways:

- Emailing pinkneyneighborhood@gmail.com
- Sending a letter to P.O. Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

March 19 – PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00am – Zoom call

*check for updates: www.pinkneyneighborhood.org and Facebook & Instagram "Pinkney Neighborhood Association"

Why is our neighborhood name now spelled Pinkney (without a 'c')?

The previous spelling ("Pinckney," with a 'c') was associated with Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, a Revolutionary War general who signed the Constitution but who also was a slaveholder who believed slavery was fundamental to the American way of life. He owned a large plantation in South Carolina. Given this problematic history, neighborhood residents voted to change our neighborhood name. To learn more about the year-long change process, go to our dedicated webpage at <https://www.pinkneyneighborhood.org/reconsidering-our-neighborhood-name/>.

In the final round of voting in June 2021, "Pinkney" (without the 'c') was selected as the new name for our neighborhood. This name honors William Pinkney, who gave a famous anti-slavery speech in 1789 and may have been the person intended to be honored when Lawrence was founded by abolitionists in 1854.

COVID Vaccines, Booster Shots, and Tests Available at LDC-Public Health

DID YOU KNOW...

➔ WALK IN CLINIC AT 200 MAINE ST. IN LAWRENCE HAS COVID VACCINES FOR KIDS 5+, BOOSTER SHOTS, & TESTING?

it's true!



Visit www.ldchealth.org to see clinic hours or register for an appointment!



The Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus spreads more easily than the original virus, so it is important to use the tools we have available to help protect yourself and others. Get vaccinated. Get the booster shot when eligible (2 months after initial shot for Johnson & Johnson, 5 months for Pfizer, and 6 months for Moderna). Take a test if you feel sick. Wear a mask in public indoor settings regardless of vaccination status.

All of these tools are available right here in our neighborhood at the Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health Department (200 Maine Street). Visit <https://ldchealth.org/> to find walk-in clinic hours, register for an appointment, and more.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PNA PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! My name is Shane Heiman, and I am your current President of the Pinkney Neighborhood Association. I moved to the neighborhood about two and a half years ago and have enjoyed getting involved with PNA.

Last year, even in a pandemic, we accomplished quite a bit as a neighborhood association. With the efforts of a fantastic committee, we voted as a neighborhood to change our name from Pinckney to Pinkney. Taking out the 'c' honors William Pinkney (1764-1822) who was an American statesman and diplomat from Maryland who was appointed the seventh U.S. Attorney General by President James Madison. An anti-slavery speech delivered by Pinkney in 1789 was turned into a widely circulated pamphlet during the abolitionist movement. A big THANK YOU to our Neighborhood Name Committee. A lot of work went into researching history, contacting residents, organizing multiple rounds of voting, and counting ballots.

Even though we were not able to have the neighborhood picnic or host the Trunk-or-Treat because of COVID, we did do a few service projects that made a direct positive impact on our neighborhood. In the fall, we hosted a supply drive for Pinckney Elementary. Most recently for the holiday season, we adopted a family in need from the neighborhood. I wish to thank Brandi Green, Parent Involvement Facilitator at Pinckney Elementary, for helping with both service projects!

Lastly, our neighborhood association is fortunate to have an amazing officer team which includes: Josh Spence, Vice President; Pat Miller, Treasurer; Kim Heck, Secretary; and Eleanor Gardner, Communications Coordinator. I'm thankful for the time and energy they all contribute to making our neighborhood a better place!

Interested in becoming more involved in our neighborhood association? Join us for our next meeting which is Saturday, January 15th, at 10am via Zoom!

-Shane

A message from Brandi Green, Parent Involvement Facilitator at Pinckney Elementary:

"On behalf of the staff and students of Pinckney Elementary, I want to extend a HUGE thank you to the Pinkney Neighborhood Association for your thoughtfulness, generosity, and dedication to the families in our community. Your Adopt-a-Family Holiday Drive was so successful, that not only did you meet every single one of the needs and wants of one of our families who is struggling greatly, your generous donations allowed me to help several other families in our school who found themselves in unexpectedly dire circumstances just before the holiday break from school. Having a partnership for our school community with your neighborhood association is a huge asset to our families and I cannot thank you enough. Please know that your heartfelt and sizeable donations went to great use and were tremendously appreciated by us all. Thank you again!"

ASSISTANCE RESOURCES:

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

- The Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) program serves Kansans who have had **difficulty paying or collecting rent, utility, or internet payments** due to the COVID pandemic. Approved applicants are eligible for up to 12 months of assistance. Learn more at <https://kshousingcorp.org/emergency-rental-assistance/>.
- The Housing Stabilization Collaborative provides **rent assistance and low interest micro-loans to income eligible Douglas County households** experiencing a COVID-affected income. Apply at <https://www.unitedwaydgco.org/form/hsc-rental-assistance-applicatio>.

WATER SERVICE ASSISTANCE

- For those with **difficulty paying monthly water bills**, the City of Lawrence Utility Billing department accepts requests to setup a payment arrangement. Submit a request form at <https://lawrenceks.org/utility-billing/payment/arrangement/>
- The Kansas Department for Children and Families offers assistance to eligible households to **restore or prevent disconnection of water service**. To apply, visit <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/EWAP/Pages/default.aspx>.

HEATING & ENERGY SERVICE ASSISTANCE

- **Warm Hearts of Douglas County is a local heating bill assistance program**, which runs from January to April every year. Eligible Douglas County families can apply for assistance at Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas (1525 W 6th St.) or at other local aid organizations. Learn more at <https://www.warmheartsofdouglascounty.com/>.
- The Lawrence Salvation Army (946 New Hampshire) provides **emergency assistance for utility bills**. Call (785) 843-4188, or visit <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/mokan/utility-assistance/>.

FOOD ACCESS ASSISTANCE

- 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
 - <https://yoursrc.org/>

MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE

- A list of **mental health resources in Douglas County**: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/services/external-agencies/274>
- **Suicide Prevention Hotline**:
 - Phone: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
 - Text: Text TALK to 741741
 - Website: <https://www.speakingofsuicide.com/resources/>

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

PNA needs a new logo,
and we need volunteers to
run the competition!

LOGO
COMPETITION!

With the change in our neighborhood name, we need a new PNA logo! To make the process more fun, we hope to hold a logo competition this spring. Volunteers are needed to run the competition, assist with judging submissions, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at pinkneyneighborhood@gmail.com.

If you are interested in participating in the logo design competition, stay tuned to PNA's e-news and website! <https://www.pinkneyneighborhood.org/>

SAVE THE DATE! February 19, 2022 PNA Annual Meeting & Election (via Zoom)



On February 19th, the Pinkney Neighborhood Association will hold its annual meeting to elect officers and set goals for the coming year. We will also discuss potential changes to PNA Bylaws, plan future events, and get input from residents on other concerns to address. **This year, two officer positions are open for election: Vice President and Secretary.** 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 pinkneyneighborhood@gmail.com.

Position Descriptions:

- **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.

Beeginner Beekeeping Class Saturday, January 29, 9am – 4:30pm

Start your beekeeping journey by learning from LOCAL beekeepers with years of experience! Course materials, lunch, and snacks are included. Registration is \$35.

Learn more and register at <http://www.nekba.org/>

Location: 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS.

If you have questions, contact Becky Tipton at 785-484-3710.

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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Safe Winter Walkways Snow Shoveling Program



Need help clearing walkways during the winter months? Or want to volunteer to remove snow for seniors? The Senior Resource Center and the City of Lawrence have partnered to help seniors clear their public sidewalks. For information, call Larry at [\(785\) 727-7875](tel:785-727-7875) or email contact@YourSRC.org. The goal of the Safe Winter Walkways program is to create safer and more accessible pedestrian walkways, and it is a structured version of what already happens in many neighborhoods – neighbors helping neighbors.

Volunteers are matched with residents needing assistance, and the program makes every effort to match volunteers with residents in their neighborhoods.

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