



# PINKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

Winter 2023 Newsletter

## PNA January Meeting

**Saturday, January 21 @ 10 a.m.**  
Zoom Meeting

By popular demand, the Pinkney Neighborhood Association will continue to hold monthly meetings online via Zoom for the time being.

At our January meeting, we will discuss:

- Preparations for elections at the PNA annual meeting on February 18
- Safety concerns in the neighborhood with representatives from the Lawrence Police Department and more!

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:  
Pinkney Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 125, Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Thank you and stay healthy,  
PNA

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

#### **January 21 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

10:00am – Zoom call

#### **February 18 – PNA Annual Meeting & Officer Elections**

10:00am – Zoom call

**Help spread the word!** The following positions are open for election this year: President and Treasurer. 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](mailto:pinkneyneighborhood@gmail.com)
- Sending a letter to P.O. Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

#### **March 18 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

10:00am – Zoom call

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

### *Assistance Programs for Electricity or Gas Bills*

Need help paying your electricity or gas bills? Qualified individuals or families can apply through March 31 for a once-a-year federal benefit. The Low Income Energy Assistance Program, or LIEAP, is available to Kansas residents with income 150% or less of the federal poverty level. The average benefit is \$1,180.

"LIEAP is federally funded and helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit," according to a news release from Evergy. "A customer's electric account does not need to be past due to receive the funds."

Questions about the program?

Visit [https://content.dcf.ks.gov/ees/KEESM/LIEAP/LIEAP\\_FAQ.pdf](https://content.dcf.ks.gov/ees/KEESM/LIEAP/LIEAP_FAQ.pdf).

Check eligibility and apply for the benefit at

<https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apspsp/sppNonMed.portal>.

In addition to LIEAP, those who qualify can also apply for assistance from Warm Hearts of Douglas County. More information at <https://www.warmheartsofdouglascounty.com/apply>.

### **Get Your Bivalent COVID Booster!**

**Most U.S. adults have not yet received an updated (bivalent) COVID-19 booster**



An **updated booster** may reduce your risk of severe COVID-19 by 50% or more\*



**For the best protection, get an updated booster**



\*Vaccine effectiveness varied based on previous vaccination status of the control group and outcome studied

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The XBB.1.5 variant (socially called "Kraken") is one of many Omicron strain subvariants of concern. It is rapidly spreading across the globe and will likely become the next dominant subvariant. It is highly transmissible and extensively drug-resistant, although current evidence does not suggest it has any specific mutations that make it any more dangerous than its ancestral subvariants.

Getting the bivalent booster, masking in crowded spaces, and practicing good handwashing can help protect you and your loved ones. Bivalent boosters for ages 6 months and up are available in our neighborhood at the Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health Department (200 Maine Street). Visit <https://ldchealth.org/> to find hours, register for an appointment, and more.

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE PNA PRESIDENT

As we roll into a New Year, we have a lot to celebrate as a neighborhood association! One big accomplishment this past year was that, in April, we selected a new PNA logo from the submissions to our logo competition. The new logo is reflective of our neighborhood elements by featuring walking trails, the river, and a variety of home styles. We again thank Patrick Norman for creating the winning logo design.

I am happy to say that during my tenure as PNA President, we have brought back favorite events in the neighborhood \*and\* started new ones as well. In mid-June, we hosted a pancake brunch at Clinton Park. This was the first in-person event PNA hosted since the start of the "Covid era." Big kudos go to PNA member Andy Lees for being our pancake-flipper extraordinaire!

One of my personal favorite PNA events I was excited to see make a comeback was the Trunk-or-Treat! The Sunday before Halloween, we hosted this fantastic event in the LMH Health parking lot for the families of Pinkney Neighborhood and Pinckney Elementary. We had special appearances from the Lawrence Police Department, Fire Department, and Lawrence Public Library's new Dottie Mobile Library - 'Dottie' the Bookmobile! Special thanks to all the community members who came up with fabulous activities and treats for the kids.

We finished out the year by teaming up with Pinckney Elementary to identify a family in need and organized an Adopt-a-Family campaign to collect holiday gifts for them. Our community of neighbors met nearly all the needs and wants for the family of five - including over \$700 in various gift cards! Wow!

Looking forward, next month we have the PNA officer nominations and elections at our annual meeting via Zoom. If you have any questions about the roles and responsibilities of Treasurer or President (open positions for election this year), please reach out to us at [pinkneyneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:pinkneyneighborhood@gmail.com). See you at our next meeting!

Take care,  
Shane Heiman  
PNA President

## ASSISTANCE RESOURCES:

### **EVICITION RESOURCES**

If you are a tenant and have received an eviction notice or want to be prepared in the case of an eviction, the Housing Stabilization Cooperative (HSC) has free information on its website at <https://hscdco.org/eviction-resources/>.

If you received an eviction notice that states nonpayment of rent as a reason for eviction and the HSC rent and utilities application is currently open, consider applying for monetary assistance to prevent an eviction from going forward.

The HSC offers mediation that can be an alternative to eviction if both tenant and landlord agree to participate. Read more and apply at <https://hscdco.org/mediation/>.

### **HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

The Kansas Homeowner Assistance Fund (KHAF) program helps qualifying Kansans get current on their mortgages and property taxes and avoid foreclosure.

The KHAF program provides:

- Mortgage payments
- Property taxes and charges
- And more

Learn more and apply at

<https://kshousingcorp.org/kansas-homeowner-assistance-fund/>.

### **FOOD ACCESS ASSISTANCE**

JustFood provides basic access to healthy food, diapers, and other basic needs to everyone within Douglas County.

JustFood also provides application assistance for residents of Douglas County seeking to enroll in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly referred to as SNAP or EBT.

Households with children under 5 years are eligible to receive a supplemental supply of diapers once per month.

Location:

1000 E. 11th St.

Lawrence, KS 66044

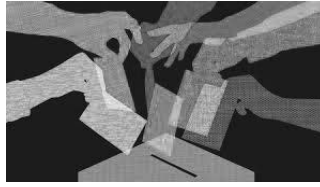
### **WATER ASSISTANCE**

The City's Utility Assistance Program is a resource for households that are experiencing financial hardship and are behind on City utility payments.

For information about how to apply for assistance through this program, please contact Utility Billing at (785) 832-7878 or [utilitybilling@lawrenceks.org](mailto:utilitybilling@lawrenceks.org).

# SAVE THE DATE! February 18, 2023

## PNA Annual Meeting & Election (via Zoom)



On February 18th, 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: President 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 [pinkneyneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:pinkneyneighborhood@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 President and perform such duties as may be designated by the Executive Board.

- **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 have a financial review each year prior to the Annual Meeting.

## Report: Pinkney Neighborhood Donated Generously During Holiday Adopt-A-Family Campaign



Our awesome neighborhood really came through in December for a family in need with children at Pinckney Elementary!

Over \$700 in gift cards were given to the family, all sheets/bed linens requested, most clothing items requested, a few games & hobby items, bath & beauty gift sets, ornaments and other goodies, PLUS replacement of the two front tires on the family's car!

Our PNA President, Shane Heiman, delivered everything on December 23rd. He reported that "The mom and dad were there while the kids were at their grandparents that night. So needless to say, the kids came home to a fabulous surprise on Christmas Eve! The parents were so grateful and just gave lots of gratitude to PNA and working with the elementary school. It was honestly my favorite moment of the entire Christmas weekend! Thanks to all that donated and for the efforts that went into this moment of giving!"

### Expansion of McCray Lumber

Curious about the site development at 5th and Minnesota St.? The City Planner reports that this is a major site plan project to expand McCray Lumber. Plans are to add several storage buildings and parking.

### Concerned about Neighborhood Safety?

Many neighbors have communicated concerns about neighborhood safety after the December 28th stabbing near the Maine St. entrance of Sandra Shaw Park. Attend our January meeting to hear from the Lawrence Police Department and to discuss additional issues and problems.



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## Recap of Woody Park Sign Re-Dedication Event



On December 9th, the City hosted a park sign re-dedication for Woody Park at 201 Maine St. The new historic sign celebrates the late Elgin Woody, the park's namesake. Originally known as Lincoln Park when it was created in 1936, Elgin Woody helped develop the site into a ballfield to promote organized recreation for youth of color. Woody took care of the field for 38 years until the park was renamed in his honor in 1973. The sign was re-dedicated on what would have been Woody's 134th birthday.

Speakers at the event included William Woody Jr. (Elgin Woody's grandson), City Commissioners Bart Littlejohn (a former PNA President) and Amber Sellers, Parks & Rec Director Derek Rogers, and more. Many extended Woody family members were in attendance. It was an enlightening and celebratory event for all.

## PNA Contact Information

### Website

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

### E-News

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### Facebook & Instagram

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