



PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

February 2017 Newsletter

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

February 18 – PNA Annual Meeting & Elections

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

March 18 – PNA Monthly Meeting

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

April 1 – Pinckney Parks Clean-up Day

9:00am – Clinton, Constant, Burcham and Woody
Parks and the Sandra Shaw Nature Trail

April 15 – PNA Monthly Meeting

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

May 20 – PNA Monthly Meeting

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

June 3 – Pinckney Neighborhood potluck picnic

11:00am-1:00am in Clinton Park – 901 West 5th St.

Pinckney Elementary School

“Really Big Sale!”

Saturday, February 18, 8am to 3pm. This year at Pinckney’s off-campus location at East Heights School, 1430 Haskell. The Really Big Sale is an annual Pinckney Elementary School fundraiser to pay for field trips and transportation for all grades, and money raised beyond that go into the general fund to support PTO's mission of supporting education and fostering community among Pinckney families. Anyone can donate items to the sale and/or volunteer to help set up. Donations can be dropped off at East Heights Feb. 15th 5-6pm, Feb. 16th 7-8pm and Feb. 17th ALL DAY.

Pinckney Neighborhood Plan Update

The Pinckney Neighborhood Plan was last updated in 1978 – almost 40 years ago. This document is the city’s planning document for the Pinckney neighborhood. The City Planning Department will be working with the neighborhood to update the Plan as soon as their schedule allows. The update will include review of current zoning, commercial uses, neighborhood goals, traffic safety and environmental concerns to make sure they match current trends and expectations.

Throughout the coming year, PNA will start gathering information and pulling together our future goals and expectations for the neighborhood. Your thoughts and participation in this process are encouraged. Look for an announcement once the weather warms up for an opportunity to join your neighbors in a walk around the neighborhood. For more information and to find out how you can get involved, please come to a PNA monthly meeting or contact Lance Fahy, at pinckney.neighborhood@gmail.com or (785)-393-8603.

Pinckney Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting & Elections

Saturday, February 18 @ 10 a.m.

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Dept. / Bert Nash
200 Maine St. – 1st Floor Meeting Room

Each year in February, the Pinckney Neighborhood Association holds its annual meeting to elect officers and set goals for the coming year. We also plan events and get input from Pinckney residents on issues and concerns. Offices open for election this year are the President and Treasurer. We will also be asking for volunteers to head-up and work on several projects, including the parks clean-up, neighborhood plan update and PNA 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.

LMH EXPANTION AND PARKING PLAN PRESENTATION AT JANUARY PNA MEETING

On January 17th, the PNA monthly meeting hosted the executive board of Lawrence Memorial Hospital to discuss the possible expansion of the hospital footprint and potential future parking ideas. Attending the meeting from LMH were Russ Johnson, CEO; Janice Early, Vice President/ Marketing & Communications; and Joe Pedley, Vice President/CFO. In this collaborative meeting, we discussed ways in which we could address the hospital’s need for more parking while still maintaining our neighborhood’s green spaces.

LMH proposed three scenarios that could relieve parking stresses: they are considering expanding the number of campuses around the city, additional angle parking on Arkansas and Maine Streets north of 4th Street, and expanding the parking on lot on Michigan. Additional takeaways from the meeting were that LMH: will explore more options in potentially connecting and beautifying the east/west corridor north of the hospital; will also return more data and models on how parking would be affected by each of their proposed scenarios; and will strive to foster a collaborative relationship with other civic partners, including the PNA, Bert Nash, and the City of Lawrence.

Pinckney School Renovation Update & Tunnel Closure

The renovation to Pinckney Elementary School is proceeding on schedule. Construction on the south side of the building is scheduled to start in the spring. At that time the Pinckney tunnel under 6th Street will be closed for a few weeks. The school and its construction contractor have advised us that the tunnel closure will be as short as possible. Details of the renovation, pictures, and more information regarding the Pinckney Tunnel will be posted in the PNA E-News Updates and our Facebook page.



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**Get Active in Your Neighborhood!
Get Active in PNA!**

If you live in the Pinckney Neighborhood, you are a member of PNA. Now is the time to become an ACTIVE member!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(Join the list to receive e-mail notices before monthly PNA meetings and special events. We will keep your information private. Expect 2 e-mails per month.)

Suggested Dues: *an annual donation of \$1 per person or \$2 per household is greatly appreciated.*

Please bring this form to the next PNA monthly meeting or mail it to: **Pinckney Neighborhood Association, PO Box 125 Lawrence, KS 66044**

Low Income Energy Assistance Program

LIEAP is a federally funded program that helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit. The 2017 application period is from Tuesday, January 17 through Thursday, March 31, 2017. Applications must be received prior to 5:00 PM, March 31, 2017.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 1-800-432-0043 or on the KS Dept. of Children & Family’s website at www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/Energy/EnergyAssistance.aspx

Persons Eligible: To qualify, applicants must:

1. An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for paying the heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or the fuel vendor.
2. Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward purchase of the primary heating energy.

Lawrence Advisory Board Openings

Lawrence has many citizen-participation advisory boards. The City is currently seeking to fill vacancies on 17 advisory boards: affordable housing, citizen advisory committee for fair and impartial policies, community development, corrections advisory committee, senior services, electric code, historic resources, aging, Lawrence alliance, mechanical board of appeals, plumbing code board of appeals, public incentive review committee, parks & recreation, public transit, sister cities and social service funding. Anyone is interested in applying for a vacancy can visit the website (below) to check them out. You must click on the link at the top of the page ("volunteer to serve on a board") to fill out the web form. <https://lawrenceks.org/board-vacancies/>

DOWNTOWN GROCERY GROUP

Anyone interested in learning more about plans for a downtown grocery store is invited to attend the next public meeting is at Lawrence Public Library Thursday Feb. 23, 6pm, lower level meeting room C.