



# PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

January 2018 Newsletter

## PNA Annual Meeting & Elections

**Saturday, February 17 @ 10 a.m.**

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Dept. / Bert Nash  
200 Maine St. – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Vice President and Secretary. 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.

## Pinckney Elementary School

### Really Big Sale!

**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – 8am to 1pm**

The Really Big Sale, Pinckney School PTO's gigantic garage sale, is scheduled for Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the school. As you make room in your home for holiday gifts or spend time during winter break decluttering, please set aside your gently used clothes, toys, household items, and lightweight furniture to be donated to the sale.

#### DONATION DROPOFF TIMES AND LOCATIONS

- 1/28: 12:00-2:00 outside by big storage containers
- 2/10: 11:00-1:00 outside by big storage containers
- 2/16: 8:00-3:00 outside by big storage containers
- ALL MORNING OPENERS IN JAN./FEB. outside the gym

## Lawrence Loop

### Draft Alignment Study report discusses potential connections through Pinckney Neighborhood

The Lawrence Loop, the shared use path that encircles much of the city, has two major gaps; one from Burroughs Creek Trail to Constant Park, and the other from Sandra Shaw Park to Peterson Road. The draft Alignment Study report was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee of the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization in early January. The report will be referred to the City Commission at a future date. A copy can be found at:

<https://lawrenceks.org/loop/>

### Pinckney Neighborhood Association UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

#### **February 17 – PNA Annual Meeting & Elections**

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

#### **March 17 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

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

#### **April 7 – Pinckney Parks Clean-up Day**

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

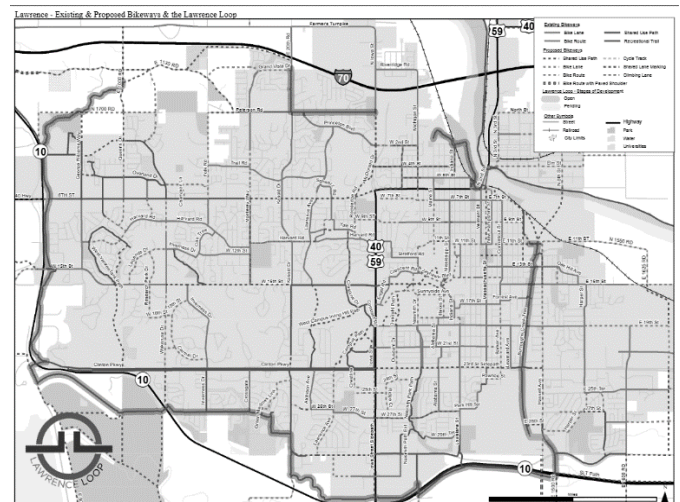
#### **April 21 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

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

#### **May 19 – PNA Monthly Meeting**

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

#### **TBD – Annual Neighborhood Potluck Picnic**



## Pinckney Neighborhood Hiring Communications Coordinator

The Pinckney Neighborhood Association is seeking a person to serve as a part-time Communications Coordinator. This is a contract position that pays up to \$15/hr., depending on qualifications, and generally requires about 10-15 hours a month.

**TO APPLY:** Please send 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, 2018**, continuing until the position is filled, with an expected start date of March 1, 2018. A full description of the position can be found at:

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

Questions and applications should be submitted to:  
[Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com)

### COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

**Summary:** The PNA Communications is responsible for completion or coordination of communications and related responsibilities, in coordination with the PNA Board, including:

- coordinating and attending regular monthly meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month at 10 a.m.);
- drafting quarterly PNA reports to the City of Lawrence
- planning for and coordinating 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;
- 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.

The Coordinator shall:

- have excellent organizational, writing, editing, verbal and interpersonal skills;
- have ready access to a computer and the internet and proficiency with, and access to, Word, Excel, and Publisher software (or compatible software);
- be knowledgeable and proficient in (or be prepared to immediately take appropriate training for) the social

media platforms used by PNA, including Facebook, WordPress and MailChimp; and

- live 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.*

## Pinckney Tunnel Damage

As you may have heard, over winter break the tunnel under 6th Street in front of Pinckney Elementary School was vandalized with graffiti. Anyone with information about who might have done this is encouraged to contact the Lawrence Police at 785-832-7509.

The tunnel remains open for use by students and the public. The painted panels, which were commissioned from Van Go, have been removed for safe keeping until they can be restored. The walls have been mostly cleaned and will be repainted as soon as the weather is warm enough.

The Pinckney PTO will use proceeds from the Really Big Sale and funds raised through a GoFundMe account to finish cleaning the walls and panels and put a protective anti-graffiti coating on them. The City also plans to install a camera in the tunnel.

If you are interested in helping fund the tunnel rehab work, you can donate stuff for and/or shop at the Really Big Sale or donate at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/help-protect-the-pinckney-tunnel>

## Lawrence Advisory Board Openings

Lawrence has many citizen-participation advisory boards. The City is currently seeking to fill vacancies on 12 advisory boards: affordable housing, community development, contractor licensing, homeless issues, human relations, aging, Lawrence alliance, mental health, plumbing code board of appeals, public transit, senior resource center, and sister cities. 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/>

## Woody Park Improvement Options discussed at PNA Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Derek Rogers, Director of the Lawrence Parks & Recreation Department, attended the PNA January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss some preliminary ideas about improvements to Woody Park that would make it a greater community asset. Elgin Woody's grandson, Bill Woody, Jr., also attended the meeting with other family members. Woody Park is located at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Maine Street, just north of Lawrence Memorial Hospital and just south of the western entrance to Sandra J. Shaw Community Health Park/Outside for a Better Inside Trail. Woody Park is not a regulation size ball field, but has been a nice field for parents and their kids. The Parks & Rec Dept. and the Woody family are exploring ideas and options, including adding playground gym equipment, ADA compliant fitness equipment, a T-ball size ball field, butterfly garden, benches, and historical information about Elgin Woody.

The Parks & Rec Dept. is still in the idea phase and is looking for community input regarding the project, and if the project moves forward, partners to help fund it. LMH has expressed interest in assisting in the revitalization of the park, with potential access for patients and their families. The Parks & Rec Dept. will connect with PNA, community members, LMH and other area organizations to consider options and fundraising ideas.



### DOWNTOWN GROCERY GROUP

A letter of intent has now been signed. A grocer and developer are moving ahead with design plans and soon will submit plans and requests to the city. To learn more about the downtown grocery group, upcoming meetings and events follow them on Facebook or twitter:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DTGrocery/>  
<https://twitter.com/dtgroc>

## A Brief History of Elgin Woody and Woody Park

**From the Lawrence Daily Journal-World for April 2, 1973:**  
Well-known Lawrence resident Elgin Woody was honored this week with the announcement that Lawrence's Lincoln Park at Second and Maine would henceforth be known as Elgin Woody Park. Lawrence Mayor John Emick attended the special services at Ninth Street Baptist Church and presented Woody with the key to the city. Woody, then 84 years old, was a native of Lawrence who had a long history of involvement in local sports programs, especially at Lincoln Park. He had frequently coached and sponsored teams known as Woody's Aces. "He's always cheerful, always brightens the day for folks," said Mayor Emick, "and since he's known as the Mayor of Lincoln Park, there is only one name that can appear on it -- Elgin Woody Park."

**From the City of Lawrence Parks & Rec website:**

Woody Park was purchased by the City in 1936 and named in honor of Elgin Woody, a Lawrence citizen who organized minority baseball and softball leagues for the town's youth. This 4-acre park was created in the same area used by Woody's leagues for games.

## 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 2018 application period is from Tuesday, January 16 through Thursday, March 31, 2018. Applications must be received prior to 5:00 PM, March 31, 2018.

Find additional information:

Phone: **1-800-432-0043**

KS Dept. of Children & Family's website:

**[www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/Energy/EnergyAssistance.aspx](http://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.



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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**

**PNA Contact Information**

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