



Fall 2026

Neighborhood Notes

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A Note From The Board

As summer winds down, there are certain sounds that let you know the seasons are changing in Picadome. The familiar *dink, dink* of the drum line and the sounds of the Lafayette band finishing up camp signal that school is about to begin. Before long, school traffic picks up, morning routines return, and another busy fall is underway. In reviewing the recent walk audit report, we were reminded of what makes **Picadome such a wonderful place to live**. It is a truly neighborly, connected community—where folks chat on front porches, kids ride scooters down the sidewalk, and neighbors gather at the creek bridge to watch the ducks. Between our shaded, tree-lined streets, active neighborhood association, and traditions like the annual picnic and yard sale, there is so much to celebrate about where we live!

Here's to a wonderful fall in Picadome!

2026 Annual Members Meeting & Potluck

The Picadome Neighborhood Association's annual membership meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19th, in the Vista Street Greenspace (350 Reed Ln). All PNA members are encouraged to attend. The main purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and board members for the coming year. **Interested in serving as an officer or board member?** Please send a brief blurb (3-4 sentences) to picadomeneighborhood@gmail.com telling us why you want to help lead Picadome.

Also on the agenda: **Council-At-Large candidate** forum as well as **Incoming District 10 Councilmember, Chris Woodall**. Stick around after the meeting and enjoy the last outdoor movie of the season – popcorn included!

PNA Board Members/Officers

- **President** – Melinda Ryles-Smith, Picadome Park
- **First VP** – Darcy Frame, Koster St.
- **Treasurer** – Lynne Flynn, Springhill Dr.
- **Secretary** – Katy Arnold, W. Vista St.
- **Neighborhood Beautification** – Chris Smigell, Springhill Dr.
- **Director of Volunteer Engagement** – Matt Rodgers, Southport Dr.
- **Community Relations/Public Policy** – Rick Bertelson, McCubbing Dr.

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PICADOME NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK

TIME & DATE SATURDAY 9/19 @ 6 PM
LOCATION VISTA ST. GREENSPACE

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **POTLUCK**
Hotdogs & buns provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- **BOARD ELECTIONS**
Shape your neighborhood's future! VOTE for board members.
- **CANDIDATE FORUM**
Meet the candidates – Meet and hear from Council-at-Large candidates: James Brown, Dan Wu, Stephanie Spires, Herbert Lynn, Chris Shafer, and Tate Ohmer.
- **OUTDOOR MOVIE**
Stick around after meeting – Enjoy the last outdoor movie of the season.

Upcoming Events

9/19: Annual Members Meeting

- Potluck
- Board elections
- City council candidates

9/27: Southland Street Fair

- Food | Entertainment
- Local Vendors
- Fun for the Whole Family

11/3: Election Day

Election Day 2026

General Election

November 3, 2026

Registration Deadline

October 5, 2026 4:00 pm

To check your voter registration, locate your polling place, or see the list of races/candidates visit vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky/. Or contact Kentucky State Board of Elections at 502-573-7100.

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The Picadome Neighborhood Association

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES & COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Here are the latest updates on traffic safety, greenspace restoration, and community developments in Picadome.

Living Streets Lexington & Traffic Updates

This summer, neighbor Linda Froehlich partnered with **Living Streets Lexington** to conduct a neighborhood walk audit. The goal was to evaluate our local transportation infrastructure, including sidewalk safety, crosswalk visibility, traffic speeds, and tree canopy coverage. A summary of the findings and key observations is listed below, and you can review the full report posted on our website. Now that the school year is underway, it may be interesting to do a morning walk to observe our new traffic lights in action and assess their impact on local traffic. Additional walks focusing on other areas of the neighborhood can be arranged as well. Please reach out to Linda Froehlich at froehlich.linda@gmail.com with any questions, feedback, or to show your interest in future walks. livingstreetslex.org

Summary

Picadome Neighborhood Walk Audit

- Conducted by Living Streets Lexington on July 18, 2026, to assess infrastructure and safety (Reed Lane, Pin Oak, Rosemont Garden, and Lafayette Parkway).
- Strengths: Active community, pleasant walking conditions with good shade and low traffic.

Infrastructure & Safety Concerns

- Sidewalk Issues: Many streets have missing or hazardous sidewalks due to narrow paths, root buckling, and obstructions/over hanging branches.
- Accessibility Challenges: Uneven surfaces at driveways and missing sidewalks near Rosemont Garden businesses create obstacles.
- Traffic & Crossings: Heavy traffic and lack of pedestrian crossings on key roads like Lafayette Parkway and Rosemont Garden. Speeding during off-peak moments.
- Creek Damage: Guardrails near Southland Drive remain damaged after a vehicle incident.

Community Engagement & Next Steps

- The walk audit report highlights key priorities for our neighborhood, including sidewalk repairs, grant opportunities, tree canopy management, and ways we can handle local maintenance issues directly before involving city code enforcement.

To address these inquiries, the neighborhood association is considering hosting our Council Member for a Q&A session to explore collaborative solutions.

Development & Greenspace Restoration

Local 452 Relocating to Former Southside Tech Site

Plumbers, Pipefitters, and HVAC Techs

Local 452 is preparing to move to the former Southside Technical Center. The Zone Change was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and was placed on the City Council's agenda for August 27 and September 10. Assuming there is no public hearing, the zone change will be finalized on September 10. It remains undecided whether classes will begin immediately or wait for the spring semester.

To support the move, board representatives reviewed site plans with the union's attorney. Select outbuildings behind the school will be demolished to expand on-site parking and keep vehicles off neighborhood streets. Additionally, evening classes (6:00–9:00 PM, 2–3 nights per week) will be scheduled to avoid peak morning traffic. Site plans available on our website.

Elam Park & Lafayette Parkway Restoration Update

While contractors for the city worked on updating the sewer project running through our neighborhood, these two sites were used as staging areas for materials and heavy equipment needed for the project.

Now that the sewer project is complete, *the board is working with the city to ensure that the two properties are restored properly.*

This two-phase restoration involves removing the gravel and fencing, decompaction of the soil, and restoring grass and other plants on the site.

Elam Park has been cleaned up and grass seed applied. The Lafayette Parkway site will be cleaned up in October/November.

Phase two: replanting and restoring the two sites to the condition before construction will take place in 2027.

Laurie Fields



****New 4-way stop at the intersection of Southport and Rosemont**

PICADOME SPOTLIGHT

Interview with Sean Nealy
Owner
PieTana & Rosemont Station
201, 222 Rosemont Garden

Rick Bertelson

Q: What do your restaurants serve and what other services do you provide?

A: *PieTana* is a wood fired pizza shop that focuses on hand made dough, locally sourced toppings and fresh ingredients. **Rosemont Station** is focused on all day breakfast, burgers ground fresh from Critchfield, and American pub food.

Q: Why did you decide to open a business in the Picadome Neighborhood area?

A: We opened *PieTana* Jan 1 2018 and *Rosemont Station* summer of 2021. My family lives in the neighborhood, so this area is pretty special to us.

Q: What has surprised you most about running your business in our neighborhood?

A: We have been privileged to work with landlords that share our desire to have local businesses filling the properties in our neighborhood and helped make the Rosemont Garden corridor unique.

Q: What events do you have planned for the near future?

A: We have been upgrading our patio spaces and recently added new menu items.

Q: What other things would like the neighbors to know about Pietana and Rosemont Station?

A: We love how our community supports local businesses.



Unscramble these 10 neighborhood-themed words from the newsletter.

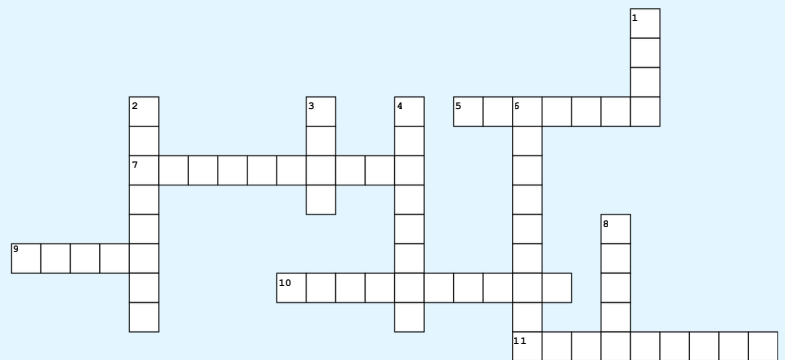
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6. Park undergoing Greenspace Restoration.
7. Last name of Sean, owner of Rosemont Station.
8. Annual food event on Saturday 9/17.
9. Street fair happening Sept 27th.
10. Parkway needing safer crosswalks.

1. Use this app to pay your \$20 PNA dues.
2. Neighbors watch them from the creek bridge.
3. PieTana serves up this wood-fired specialty.
4. Early voting takes place May 14th-16th.
5. The familiar drink-dink of the ...

HINTS:



Down

- This summer Linda Froehlich organized this type of safety audit
- The wonderful neighborhood we live in
- One of the 2 areas undergoing restoration _____ Park
- Street where a new 4 way stop was installed at the Southport intersection
- Local 452 is preparing to move to the former Southside _____ School
- PieTana serves this delicious wood fired food

Across

- Neighbors bring a side dish or dessert to share for this meal
- At the annual meeting meet the Council-At-Large _____
- The smartphone app used to digitally pay your annual PNA dues
- The Annual Meeting and Potluck is located in the Vista St. _____
- The sounds of this local high school band signal school is starting

Local Events

Sunday Farmer's Market

- 10AM-2PM (April-October)

Local LEX Market Block Party

- Every 2nd & 4th Sunday
- 439 Southland Drive
- 9AM-3PM (April-October)

Woodsongs

- Old-Time Radio Hour
- Every Monday
- 6PM-8PM
- Scottish Rite Hall

DOWN
1. WALK
2. PICADOME
3. ELAM
4. ROSEMONT
5. POTLUCK
6. TECHNICAL
7. CANDIDATES
8. PIZZA
9. VENMO
10. GREENSPACE
11. LAFAYETTE
ACROSS

Your support makes our community stronger!

Our association is all about bringing neighbors together!

and we cannot do it without your help. **Annual association dues are \$20/household** and go directly to neighborhood events and initiatives that keep neighbors connected and make our community such a wonderful place to live.

Join or renew today 👉

Existing members

if you haven't yet paid your dues this year, we kindly encourage you to do so. **If you're unsure whether your membership is current**, just reach out and we'll be happy to let you know.

We'd love for you to become a member and get involved!

If you haven't become a member yet, please consider joining us this year. We're busy cooking up some new events for 2027! Hope to see you at one! **Join us and be part of the fun!**

1

Scan the QR code or go to picadomeneighborhood.org/membership/ to complete the online form and pay your dues by Venmo

2

Mail a check along with the blue membership form at the bottom of this page. Address and payment details are on the form.



Sign-up Form



NAME(S): IN HOUSEHOLD : _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

☐ ADD ME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD EMAIL LIST

☐ I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING/SERVING ON THE BOARD

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