

MAPLE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

The next meeting - Tuesday, FEBRUARY 21 at 07:00 PM will be in the Maple Park Middle School Computer Library.

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February meeting highlights

Officer Graves will be our guest speaker.

His topic will be. (TOPS)

A Special Unit of the KCMOPD.

The "Target Oriented Policing Squad" (TOPS) is comprised of a Supervisor and six officers. This unit has the ability to direct all of their attention to a developing crime pattern, or to a problem area or individual. The TOPS unit will work a variety of hours, and often change their method of operation and patrol tactics to fit the environment. TOPS officers are frequently utilized as a supporting element to the department's patrol officers and specialized units and have also received extensive training in surveillance and basic patrol functions. Officers in TOPS utilize high visibility patrol, plain clothes, decoy operations, surveillance and other techniques to quickly bring problems to a successful conclusion.

(From the KCMO Police Shoal Creek web site.)
<http://www.kcpd.org/kcpd2004/patrols/shoalcreek/specialunits.htm>

CHILI SUPPER

After the business meeting and the presentation by Officer Graves, we will enjoy a chili supper compliments of some of our neighbors.

We are so fortunate as to have good neighbors. Every month since the October, 2005 meeting some of our neighbors have volunteered to supply refreshments after the meetings. So far it has been **GREAT.**

MARCH MEETING

Our featured speaker will be, Councilwoman Deb Hermann.



CALLING ALL CLASSIC CAR OWNERS - WAX AND SHINE!

I would like to invite you to participate in the 1st annual, Maple Park Classic Car Show. It is planned for May 6, 2006 (rain date May 13, 2006). This will be held in conjunction with the Maple Park Spring Picnic. If you would like to enter your classic car, or would enjoy helping serve on the committee, or just want more information, contact me, Jeff Simmons, at 816-452-4302, or email me at, jpsimford@juno.com.



Historical Committee (SCRAPBOOKERS)

If you have not viewed the current scrapbooks in progress, make a special point to see them at the next meeting, where we will have the books displayed. (February 21st, 7:00PM, at Maple Park Middle School)

If you can't attend, go to our web page, at www.maplepark.org, you'll find us there. Until next time

Peg. Simmons jpsimford@juno.com



SPRING CLEANUP

April 29th, 2006 has been set as the date for the annual spring cleanup. That is one week before the semi monthly KCMO bulky item pickup. That means **don't bring your bulky items to the neighborhood cleanup dumpsters.** Sorry we just don't have the space for all that. We will be collecting other refuse and brush. **(No chemicals, paint, tires, batteries etc.)**

Further info. Contact Christy Harris (816)454 2100



SPRING PICNIC AND CAR SHOW

The 1st annual spring picnic has been scheduled for May 6th, 2006 at the Maple Park shelter, on the corner of Bennington and 52nd Street. This is our first attempt at a spring picnic. We have set a rain date of the following week May 13th, 2006. There will be more information on this event and the car show as it progresses. To help plan this event bring your ideas for a fun community gathering and join the committee by calling any board member or go to the website and email the webmaster. www.maplepark.org.



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PROPOSED NEW SIGN



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Here is a sketch of the proposed future sign to be located between Fremont and Bennington on the north side of 48th Street.

The sign has been approved by the sign committee and the board of directors. Construction should begin early this spring. You can find more details on our web site www.maplepark.org

ANGEL FOOD

Once a month, you (or someone you want to help) can receive boxes of fresh meats, fresh or frozen fruits & vegetables, and staple items at an EXTREMELY LOW PRICE, from the "Angel Food" program being hosted by the Tower View Baptist Church.

For more information (Menu, cost, ordering, etc.) call.....Darlene at 816-453-3334

Or go online to <http://lhm.net/angelfood.htm>

No checks please, they accept only cash payments, and they are approved by the U.S. Government to accept Food Stamps!

What Spring Will Bring

Time marches on - much faster than any of us would like to admit. The MPNA spring events are on the calendar and will be planned soon. There is a lot of fun ahead. Join a committee and help with planning with other neighbors.

The following events are planned in the near future. The February meeting is on February 21st. There will be a chili super for all provided and Officer Graves will present information about the TOPS Team and operations in Maple Park. The March 20th meeting will highlight a discussion with guest Deb Hermann, city councilwoman. The April 18th meeting is planned to host our new codes officer and a representative from KC recycling. The spring cleanup is scheduled for April 29th. The spring picnic is scheduled for May 6, and will host a restored car display and food and games for all.

During the month of February, the construction will begin on our new sign. If you want to help, please let the newsletter staff know. We can use your help.

We are looking at a busy and fun spring with important neighborhood activities ahead. Join in! Work with your neighbors for a great neighborhood.

Larry Houser, President MPNA

Richard Taylor, Board Member and Treasurer of Maple Park Neighborhood Association

My wife and I bought our first house at 5051 n. Corrigton in the Maple park neighborhood in August 1969. I was working for the Kansas City Southern Railroad as a switchman. We had two daughters when we moved in and were expecting another which arrived on January 7, 1970. We lived there for seventeen years. Then in July 1986 we bought a house at 5004 n. Fremont and we are still there. I retired from the Railroad in June 2002 after 33 years. I am a member of the Tower view Baptist Church and Board member of Maple park neighborhood Assoc. My wife and I really like this neighborhood because it has easy access to Kansas City and Liberty plus shopping center and other stores.

<<<<<Lo Que Traería Primavera>>>>>

Los siguientes eventos son planificado en el futuro La acerta de Febrero es el 21 de Febrero. Habrá una cena de chili para todos y funcionario Graves presentará información sobre el "TOPS" equipo y operaciones en Maple Park. En la acerta del 20 de Marzo habrá un discusión con Deb Herman, concilio de ciudad. El 18 de April vamos a acertar con nuestro nuevo funcionario de codigos y un representante de Kansas City Reciclando. El limpia de primavera es planificado por el 29 de Abril. Tambien el picnic de Primavera es el 6 de Mayo, y tendremos un exhibición de coches refijados y comida y juegos para todos.

Durante el mez de Febrero, el construcción de nuestro nuevo seña empezará. Si quiere ayudar, pov favor deja nos saberm, los empleados de esto noticia. Podremos usar su ayuda.

Tendremos una primavera ocupada y divertida con importante actividades del barrio. ¡Que se agregel! Trabaja con su vecinos para un bien barrio.