

# MPNA GRAPEVINE

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## The February and March meetings are on the 20th of each month at the Maple Park Middle School

### 501(c)3 Letter Received

At the May meeting of the MPNA, the membership voted to submit an application to the IRS requesting a 501(c)3 charitable organization status with the United States Internal Revenue Service. The application was filed by the MPNA secretary, Judy Huntsucker, on June 21, 2006. During the Christmas holidays the we received the response to the application. We were successful and the approved 501 (c)3 letter was presented to the membership at the January 16 general meeting. The entire IRS letter and all documents are posted on the MPNA website (www.maplepark.org). If you do

not have access to the website and would like to have a copy, call the contact number above and you will be given a copy.

This is a very important step toward the future for the MPNA. We hope it will open many doors so that we can do more to reduce crime and improve the Maple Park Neighborhood.

### MPNA Birthdays

At the January meeting, we "had our cake and ate it to."

Leslie Knudson brought cake and June Lowry brought rolls for everyone to celebrate all those who had birthdays. Along with the cake, there was lemonade and coffee. We wish all our



members who had birthdays a "Happy Birthday" and hope there are many, many more in the future.

Thank you Leslie and June for helping to make our meeting a nice event.

Leslie Knudson brought these colorful and tasty cakes for the members. June Lowry brought frosted cinnamon rolls for everyone. With lemonade and coffee provided by Richard and Linda Taylor, the refreshments were excellent. The membership was treated to a tour of the new Shoal Creek Police Station which just opened in December. It was a very informative tour and about 25 members went on the tour.



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### MPNA Members Tour New Shoal Creek Station

The January 16 meeting was held at the new Shoal Creek Police Station. About twenty five MPNA members took a tour of the new facility. While we entertained leaving some in the lock-up, somehow we ended up with the same number at the end of the tour as at the begin-

ning of the tour. The new Station is an excellent addition to the Northland and will provide much needed support for our officers to better serve the Northland. We would like to thank Commander Zimmerman and her staff for inviting us and the kind treatment dur-

ing the visit. It is another example of the cooperation and spirit which continues to grow between our community and the law enforcement officers who serve our community. The Shoal Creek Station Staff makes us proud of our officers who work hard to make Maple Park a better place to live.



MPNA members visit the new Shoal Creek Police Station. Members look at one of the new detention cells at the Station.

*The MPNA meets the third Tuesday of every month and the Board of Directors meets the last Thursday of every month.*

The MPNA Website

is back online.

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

The next MPNA meeting is

February 20

and the March Meeting is

March 20

at the

Maple Park Middle School

### MPNA Website

Due to unforeseen circumstances the MPNA website was down from December 10, 2006 to January 10, 2007. We received many emails regarding the lapse and some telephone calls. While I am sorry about the lapse in service, I am confident that the content on the site will be better than ever. The content of both the website and the newsletter are directly under the supervision of the MPNA Board of Directors. If you do not approve of data or articles

contained in either the website or the newsletter, please feel free to contact the Board of Directors at the contact number on the front page or send your comment to the webmaster. Either way will



Visit the MPNA Website  
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direct your comments to the next Board of Directors meeting.

If you have information or pictures you would like to have in the newsletter or on the website, please submit them for consideration.

Thank You,  
Larry Houser  
MPNA Webmaster

## Do you live alone with no one to call for help?

If you live by yourself and sometimes wonder what you should do if you were sick for hurt at home and needed help, their may be a helpful answer for you. The Shepherd's Center provides services to help in cases where you might need a little help if you are hurt or sick. The MPNA Board of Directors have been looking into pro-

grams to find help and develop programs working with the Shepherd's Center. If you would like more information, call Ron Baldrige at 452-3260. If you feel a program which provides this service may be of interest to you, the Board would like to know so that they may access the need of these services in our neighborhood.

### Mike Ryan, New President

This month saw a change in the MPNA Board of Directors. The MPNA president, Garry Huntsucker and the MPNA secretary Judy Huntsucker have resigned from the Board of Directors. Garry has served on the Board since October of 2005 and was elected president in May of 2006. Judy has served on the board since October of 2005 also and has been the MPNA Secretary since she joined the Board. Both Garry and Judy have contributed and put forth a lot of effort in helping the MPNA become successful. Serving as an officer for the MPNA can a huge job and carries a lot of responsibility to the members. Being president requires a lot of energy and can be very demanding. We would like to thank both Garry and Judy for their service to the Maple Park Neighborhood Association.

The Board has appointed interim president Mike Ryan as the new President. Mike has been the Vice-President since the elections last May. If you feel you would like to serve on the Board of Directors, contact the board via either the website or the contact number on the front.

### Calendar:

#### February 16

NKC Schools Staff Development, No School

#### February 19

NKC School - Washington's Birthday, No School  
WHS Sweetheart Dance

#### February 20

MPNA meeting, Maple Park Middle School

#### February 22

MPNA Board of Directors meeting, Tower View Baptist Church

#### March 16

NKC Schools - Early Release Day

#### March 20

MPNA meeting, Maple Park Middle School

#### March 19-23

NKC Schools - Spring Break, No School

#### March 29

MPNA Board of Directors Meeting - Tower View Baptist Church

#### May 5

Tentative date for the Spring Picnic



Ice blankets the Maple Park neighborhood in Mid January.