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*The MPNA meets the third Tuesday of every month. The December 15 and January 19 meetings are at Maplewood Elementary School and the Board of Directors meet first Tuesday of each month at the Tower View Baptist Church.*

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## THE MPNA GRAPEVINE

### Maple Corners Housing Project

At the November membership meeting MPNA met with Gordon Lormor of United Resource Development Group and John Julian of United Senior Properties to discuss a development called Maple

### A note on personal safety tips

I sent the safety article to Marcus Smith and he replied with some additional advice. Marcus says to keep your money, credit card and check separate from your purse or wallet. Let

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Corners. This development is projected to be built on Randolph Road and 48<sup>th</sup> Street. Tower View Baptist Church is involved with this development and stands to benefit from it. The developer very much needs the support of this neighborhood before going further with this project. The members paid close attention to the presentation and asked good questions. A motion was made that we give our support to this project based on current information provided MPNA would have equal representation to share the responsibility of liaison to the neighborhood with Tower View Church. That was granted and the motion was passed. MPNA will have three representatives at future meetings as will Tower View Church. These representatives will be named soon and all information regarding this project will be made readily available to our membership.

them have your pictures, Kleenex, male or female products etc. Also do not display gifts in the picture window at home. Do not put out boxes (trash) before or after Christmas. Break them down and recycle them. You don't want to advertise your new purchases to a burglar. This sounds like good advice to me. Again Merry Christmas to all and thanks Marcus.

### Doing Vehicle-Related Crime Continued from other side

**REPORT ANY INCIDENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO POLICE.** "Even if I do not commit a crime, by taking or damaging your property, the police need to know if you see me behaving suspiciously. You can make crime harder for me by sharing what you see with police, by calling 9-1-1."

**IF YOU DISCOVER A CRIME HAS ALREADY HAPPENED, REPORT IT TOO.** "Make a theft or damage report on your loss. Or, you can make life easy for me by not reporting your stuff was taken. No heat. Thanks, victim. If you want to see where I have been busy recently, and reports were made, go to and click on Crime Mapping. Theft of Vehicle, Theft-TFA (from auto), and Theft-ACC (attached to) are vehicle-related crimes on the map." [www.kcpd.org](http://www.kcpd.org)

For more information on theft from vehicles, theft of motor vehicles, improving security at home, identity theft, or improving neighborhood safety, please contact your Community Interaction Officer:

North Patrol Division 816-437-6230  
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Community Partners; I again have attached a copy of the "If I were a Thief doing vehicle related crimes" brochure and ask all my com-

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### Doing Vehicle-Related Crime Continued

munity partners to forward to all on their contact lists. It was brought to my attention that we had another situation where a car was broke into and the GPS(attached to windshield in plain sight) and the garage door opener was stolen from the vehicle. The suspects then went to the victims house, using the turn by turn directions given by the GPS and burglarized it.They were able to make a silent entry by using the garage door opener. We must all be proactive in the fight against crime and take appropriate steps to prevent being a victim. Please pass on the brochure and feel free to make hard copies of the form if needed.

Master Patrol Officer James Schriever, CIO, Central Patrol Division, 816-759-6313, Cell 816-719-8350

THE ANNUAL MPNA Christmas Dinner  
December 15, 2009

This years MPNA Christmas Dinner will be December 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in the Maplewood Elementary School Cafeteria starting at 6:00 pm rather than the usual 7:00. MPNA will be serving Turkey and Ham and all the trimmings. Food contributions will coordinated through Leslie Knudson. You can phone Leslie at 516-0852 after 1:30 pm daily. She needs to know who is bringing what so we don't end up with seven green bean casseroles and no dessert. If you are able to bring a



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dish, and aren't already on the list, please call Leslie. Everybody who lives in Maple Park is invited to this dinner including those of you who have never attended a meeting. We especially want to welcome back members who used to attend regularly and have not been to a meeting lately. This is a great time to get to know your community's residents. All year long we speak for you and act in your behalf, so why don't you come and meet/join us? You will enjoy yourselves. Here's wishing you and yours the best of the Holiday Season and a **Merry Christmas to all.**

**Help The MPNA Donate Food**

Every year about this time MPNA does its best to help a few of the families in and around Maple Park that won't have enough to eat during the Holidays. This year the need is greater than ever before. We get names from Mr. Damien Moses, the School Resource Officer at Maplewood Elementary School. He has many,

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many families this year who really need our help. We are buying Angle Food Boxes for these families at a cost of \$30.00 each. Depending upon the size of the family a box should feed them for a week. As you know we are a 501(c)3 charitable organization so all the money you give us is tax deductible. We gave fourteen boxes last year and have enough money for about half of that number so far this year. Please help us in this very important endeavor. We need to order this food soon so please don't delay. Contact our Treasurer, Leslie Knudson at 516-0852. If you can't afford a whole box give what you can afford and she will pool the money. Any money collected too late for December's order will be used for the same thing in January. Winter will be here and children will be cold and hungry then too. Here is a great big Maple Park *thank you* to all those kind and generous people that help us do this year after year as well as you first time givers. Thank You


**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT  
DOING VEHICLE-RELATED CRIME**

**"If I Were A Thief...** I could break into your vehicle and steal your things, or the vehicle itself, in about the time it would take me to put this card under your windshield wiper." "Your stuff could be gone that fast!" "But you can do some things to stop me, or simply convince me to victimize someone else."

**ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLE WITH THE WINDOWS ROLLED UP.** "Almost half the thefts I pull are from an unlocked vehicle. If a target is too hard – I will move on."  
**DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OF VALUE IN PLAIN VIEW INSIDE YOUR VEHICLE.** "I look for things like cell phones,

**Personal Safety and Shopping Tips  
From the Shoal Creek Patrol Division  
Kansas City Missouri Police Department**

I hope you are all finished with your Christmas shopping, as I am, but if you aren't I have some safety tips for you. Much of this I learned from Marcus Smith, KCPD. Here they are in no particular order. Never leave gifts in the car where they can be seen. Make several trips if necessary and take your purchases home. If you need help getting your purchases to your car ask the store for help. They won't offer but will help if asked.  
**Leave your purse at home along with your checkbook.** Carry a small coin purse in your pocket and if you **must** write a check take only one already made out to the merchant except for the amount. If you insist on taking your purse, and a few of you will, carry it with the strap over your shoulder and the purse itself securely tucked under your arm. Use the arm next to the building or nearest row of cars. **Never leave it in a shopping cart.** Carry only the credit card you will be using that day. Leave the rest in your safe. Shop with a friend and park in well lighted spaces. Hold your head up and walk with purpose. Don't look like a victim. Pay attention to your surroundings, don't be preoccupied. Never leave the garage door opener in the car unless it's parked inside the garage. Lock the door between the garage and the house itself. Lock the car if even for a



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quick stop for coffee. I know I am wasting ink with this last tip because nobody does this anymore. Never have your social security number written anywhere on your person and keep the card itself in the safe. Remember friends the bad guys are doing their Christmas shopping now just as you are, only they aren't helping the economy by spending hard earned money. They are looking to steal what you bought. Don't let them. Please remember to support the advertisers you see in this newsletter while you are out spending money this season. They support us all year and we really need that support, so when you stop in one of these great places tell them where you saw the ad and thank them for all of us. Let's make this the Merriest and safest Christmas ever.

*"Doing Vehicle-Related Crime Continued"*

radios, briefcases, laptops, purses, packages, CDs, GPS devices, and other stuff that means quick cash for me. Even loose change could attract me. You better take anything that looks valuable with you."

**KNOW WHEN AND WHERE TO PLACE VALUABLES IN YOUR TRUNK.** "I could be watching you arrive at your parking destination – so if you use your trunk, do so well before you park here."

**IF YOU HAVE AN ANTI-THEFT DEVICE, USE IT.** "I like to work fast and quietly; so I do not like an alarm being set, or a steering wheel "club" being put in place correctly."

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR KEYS IN YOUR UNOCCUPIED VEHICLE.** "Even in a second – I could hop in your ride and be gone. I like to hang at convenience stores and I do not care if your kids have to go for a ride too."

**REMOVE GPS UNITS/ELECTRONICS AS WELL AS THEIR INDICATORS (MOUNTS/CHARGERS ETC.)** "Knowing people will simply place the device in console or glovebox, if I see indicators, I will still break in and take my chances. Once I have your GPS, I know where you live and frequent."

**MAKE SURE THE LICENSE PLATES ON YOUR CAR ARE PROPERLY SECURED.** "I can take your plates, put them on another vehicle, and commit a crime. That gives me your street identity. But if your plates are tightened-down, I will move on."

**UPON DARKNESS, OR OVERNIGHT, PARK IN A WELL-LIGHTED AREA.** "I prefer working unseen, so I tend to avoid bright lighting. Not only is your car safer, but you will be safer walking to it."

**REMOVE SPARE CHANGE FROM CUP HOLDERS OR ASHTRAYS.** "I have broken into cars for 35 cents in spare change costing you hundreds of dollars to fix your broken window."