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The June and July meetings are on June 19th and July 17th at the Northland Christian Church, 6120 NE 48th street.

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The May Meeting was the Annual Board of Directors Election

The general membership meeting on May 15 was the election meeting to elect new board members for the upcoming year. As called for by the MPNA bylaws, the board serves from June to the following May when new elections are held. Members are nominated for the month preceding

the election in May. After the Directors are elected by the membership, the new Board meets within 14 days to begin conducting business, beginning with the election of new officers. From the newly elected Board, the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are elected at this first board meeting. Board meetings are public and any member is welcome. The new board members are Larry Knudson, Larry Harris,

Christy Harris, Pat Foiles, Ron Baldrige, Richard Taylor, Marcia Valdez, Houston Green and Judy Huntsucker. The new board elected the following officers to serve the MPNA. Larry Knudson, President, Larry Harris, Vice President, Pat Foiles, Secretary, Marcia Valdez, Treasurer. Teresa Glynn is the Liaison to the Board for aged and disabled.

Photo's of the board members are posted on the MPNA website. Board meetings are

held at Tower View Baptist Church on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

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Multi-family Dwellings Proposed Between Randolph Rd & 48th St. and Tower View Baptist Church

On Tuesday, May 15, about 15 of our MPNA residents attended a meeting of the Planning Committee in the Council Chambers (City Hall, 26th floor). Anthony Arnold, a developer, requested approval from the City to build 132 rental units at the corner of 48th & Randolph (next to the Tower View

Baptist Church). The dwellings proposed were multi-family units (four-plexes). The residents of Maple Park and representatives from Tower View Baptist Church were opposed to the development. The opposition was based on the impact of added multi-family rental development in the Maple Park

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Getting to Know Your Neighbor

On November 11th, 1959, Roger and Gerri Waller moved into the Maple Park Neighborhood. They made their home on Ridgeway Ave, getting involved with the community through school events with their daughter, Patricia. Roger was known to the kids in the neighborhood for his bicycle tire repair talents! (And he still is!)

As the years went by, retirement from the Post Office came

for Roger, but the Wallers were still active, square dancing with the Mercers, and enjoying their lives. In September of 2003, Gerri was called home to her maker leaving Roger to carry on best he could. After that time, he became involved with the Maple Park Neighborhood Association.

You will probably recognize him as "RK." This spring in April, RK suffered from a ruptured colon. As some of you may know, and some of us have learned, recovery from the infections associated with this type of health problem is very difficult and many do not recover. In visiting with RK for this article, his wishes are to warn everyone about this avoidable happening. "Get yourself in to your doctor before it is too late!" In most instances, there are no symptoms. Doctors recommend that after the age of 50 years, everyone should get a colonoscopy test.

So heed RK's words. Call your doctor for an appointment today. It might just save your life!

After about two months, RK is home and attended our last meeting. It is nice to have our neighbor back with us.

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How Can I Submit an Article to be Published in the MPNA Newsletter?

We are always glad to learn about our neighborhood. If you have information of interest (historic, good things about our neighborhood or our neighbors, health or safety tips), you may want to share it with your neighbors. This is a great place to share information!

You may submit an article for the Newsletter by filling out the form on the MPNA website at www.maplepark.org. Using the menu on the left side, select "MPNA Newsletter" then select "Submit an Article." Or if you prefer, you may contact Peg Simmons by calling 452-4302.

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Multi-family Dwelling Construction

Neighborhood. Mr. Arnold chose not to meet with the neighborhood regarding the construction and did not appear for the planning meeting, but did appear in the lobby area after the meeting. After some discussion and learning that the developer had not attended about seven other meetings to make improvements to the plan as requested by the Commission, the recommendation was approved to deny the request. The attendance of the residents at the meeting had an impact on the Commission members. It was proposed to continue the request to another time, but upon realizing the neighborhood had an interest and was opposed, the Commission decided to forward the recommendation to the City Council to deny the request.

We received only a short notice of this meeting and were fortunate that several MPNA members went to this meeting. Hopefully, we will know earlier before another proposal takes place and can involve more people in attending meetings which impact our residential neighborhood.

At the last meeting of the MPNA, Deb Herman visited with us and suggested that our neighborhood might want to become more involved in finding a reputable developer who might develop the property with single family dwellings. It is certain that sometime this section of Maple Park will be developed. The MPNA would like to thank all the members who took the time at such short notice to go to City Hall and attend this meeting. Thank You!

Calendar:

Congratulations to our students! School is out for the Summer!

June 14 - Flag Day

June 17 - Fathers Day

June 19 - MPNA Meeting at Northland Christian Church

June 21 - Summer Begins

June 26 - MPNA Director's Meeting, Tower View Church


July 4 - Have a safe Independence Day!

July 17 - MPNA Meeting at Northland Christian Church

July 24 - MPNA Directors Meeting, Tower View Church

August 21 - MPNA Meeting at Maple Park Middle School

August 28 - MPNA Director's Meeting, Tower View Church



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The MPNA Spring Clean Up

The Spring clean up event was April 28 at the Maple Park Middle School. There were about 15 volunteers to help with sign-in, unloading, collecting brush and helping at the event. In the past, the MPNA had scheduled with the ACCENT pro-

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gram to have court-order community service help from the police department. For this event however, the program was scheduled to work in the Old Maple Park neighborhood on the same Saturday as our clean up. Hopefully, we can schedule their help in the fall clean up event.

Lunch was provided for volunteers at the shelter house near Maplewoods Elementary School. Two pans of enchiladas were provided by Saul Ruiz (Juli Houser's future husband). They were great and smokin' (hot stuff). The volunteers also had tacos provided by the **El Sombrero Restaurant** (always excellent). The food was great and the day was a very successful clean up event. The brush dumpster was about 75% full and the trash dumpster was full to the very top. A huge "thank you" goes to all those who participated. **THANK YOU!**