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The MPNA meets the third Tuesday of every month. The June 17 and July 15 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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Well neighbors, Spring is finally here. You remember Spring. That all too brief interlude between having the heat on in the house and turning on the air conditioner. That period when you can finally open the windows and air out the house. If your street is like mine when you opened the windows you heard an enormous cacophony of barking dogs. Well I have good news for those of you who have talked to your neighbors but the dogs still bark. You no longer have to call animal control. The 311 number works for this too. One call is all it takes. If any of you have questions about the codes go to our websight, maplepark.org, look under codes for barking dogs. What you will find is basically this. If you hear a dog barking and it bothers you, the owner has to make it stop. That simple.

Larry Knudson, MPNA President

Maple Park May Cleanup

On Saturday, May 3rd MPNA had a neighborhood cleanup. We couldn't have picked a better day. The weather was great and the night before we had a huge, storm. We filled the brush dumpster in just a couple of hours. We were also able to persuade the City of KC to pick up (by appointment) brush from the storm that we couldn't accommodate. They did this because we were doing our best to help ourselves. We had about fifteen volunteers that worked all morning and we fed them a picnic lunch at the shelter house after. We bought chicken and other picnic foods from the Festival Food Store on Choteau. The owner Larry Heng contributed greatly to the food we bought for our volunteers. Larry has always been very generous supporting MPNA events. The food was excellent. They have the best deli north of the river by far. Please remember Festival Foods when you shop. Their assistance is very important to our organization, and our business is very important to their success. When you

Thank You!

This is the end of our fiscal year and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents who came to the meetings and supported the efforts of the neighborhood association. I'd also like to thank all the board and committee members for their volunteer work over the last year. THANK YOU!

Larry Knudson MPNA President

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stop there ask for Larry and thank him for caring about our neighborhood. You will find him to be a very nice guy, and you will recognize him because he is the person who is working the hardest even in his own store.

For the first time we had a metal recycle bin at the cleanup. We raised almost \$80.00. That is a ton of metal. Larry Harris recycled cans for us and raised another \$43.00. We would like you to save your cans for us. Please crush and rinse them. When you have a large bag full you can drop by and throw them in the back of my truck. Any questions call 510-1910

2008-2009 MPNA Board of Directors

I am proud to announce MPNA's new board of directors . Fern Brashear, Pat Foiles, Thresa Glenn, Houston Green, Ruth Hunnicutt, Carissa King, Larry Knudson, Leslie Knudson and Hiedi Kraft. I hope I spelled them all right. Congratulations to the new members. Thanks to the old members who decided that we had unfinished work to do here in Maple Park and wanted to stay and see it through. I also want to give a huge thank you to those board members who have served us well in the past and felt it was time now for them to leave. You will be missed. We hope to see you at membership meetings and we look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Visit Maple Park Website

Visit the Maple Park Website. It contains a host of information and links to most Kansas City government agencies, including trash pick departments, Parks and Recreation and other branches of our city government. It also has links for younger children listed under "MPNA Kids Activities." The Missouri Sex Offender Database also has a link on the menu. Check "Online Forms to subscribe to the newsletter or submit information or articles. Visit your neighborhood website! www.maplepark.org

June 17 Membership Meeting Guest Speaker


Kathy Sitt will be our guest speaker at the June membership meeting. She will be joining us to discuss the home mortgage crisis. Her job is to help people who are looking at the possibility of foreclosure on their homes. She will discuss options that are available to those of us who may be facing their worst nightmare. Hope you can all attend, because this should be very informative for all.

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Public Announcement

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. Announcement

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CALENDAR

- June 3 - MPNA Board of Directors meeting
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 15 - Father's Day
- June 17 - MPNA Meeting
- July 1 - MPNA Directors meeting
- July 4 - US Independence Day
- July 15 - MPNA Meeting

CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL FOR TIME AVAILABILITY

- July 28, 30, 31 - Maplewoods Elementary registration
8-12 am and 1-3 pm
- July 29 - Maplewoods Elementary registration
3 - 8 pm
- July 30 - Northtown High School "Back to School" registration
9-12 and 1-3 pm
- July 31 - Maple Park Middle School registration
3-8 pm
- August 4 - 5 - Northtown High "Back to School" registration
5-8 pm (newcomers may register anytime office is open)
- August 4 - Maple Park Middle School registration
9-12 and 1-3pm
- August 6 - Maple Park Middle School registration
9-12 and 1-3 pm

The new board will meet on June 3rd at Tower view Church. Their first order of business will be to elect the officers that will serve them over the next year. As you all know the officers serve the board and the board serves the neighborhood (members).

This is a real opportunity to begin again. We have so much work to do. We kind of got complaisant over the last year. We didn't accomplish nearly as much as we should have. We will this year. We have new people and new ideas and enthusiasm. This will be a great year for Maple Park.

Last year we did get five wooden Maple park signs built. We are looking for places to put them. Any ideas will be followed up. We need your help on this. We also held a really great picnic, and an excellent Christmas dinner. We donated Christmas dinners to several neighbors who needed them. We held two successful neighborhood cleanups. We published the newsletter and kept the 501c3 intact. We have begun what will be a long and very painful process of working with our neighbors and the City of Kansas City to clean up Maple Park. We started in a very deep hole, so we have a looooooong climb ahead of us. We also accomplished other good things for the neighborhood. Things we can be proud of. It's just that we have so much more to do.

Larry Knudson, MPNA President

Public Announcement

WANT A DOG PARK UP NORTH? Join bones4dogs!

Bones4dogs is a dog advocacy group which helps address the need for Building Off-leash Northland Environments & Support for dogs! Our main focus is getting dog parks in the north region of Kansas City and nearby communities. We work with many other dog advocates to help provide a collective voice as well as places to play with our dogs! We also help promote many dog friendly events such as the 'Ruff Ride' on June 14th which will benefit the future for northland animals.

Join us for our meeting on Friday, June 6th at 7:15pm (Paul & Jack's, 1808 Clay St, NKC) at 7:15pm. Our meeting will follow the Northland Animal Welfare Society (NAWS) monthly meeting at 6pm. We will discuss more details about the group, possible locations, and the importance of attending the final Kansas City public meeting regarding dog parks which will be held on June 11th at 7pm (Liberty Memorial). If you are interested please join this group and attend our upcoming meetings, as you know there is strength in numbers! Additional information can be found by visiting: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/bones4dogs>