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The MPNA meets the third Tuesday of every month. The June 16 and July 21 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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May 16 MPNA Cleanup

MPNA held a neighborhood clean up on May 16th. We removed three dumpsters full of unwanted "stuff" from our neighborhood. One for trash, one for brush and one for scrap metal. We sold almost \$45.00 worth of metal and collected \$23.00 for tire disposal and a \$10.00 donation from a grateful neighbor. This \$78.00 helps offset the \$110.00 we paid for the dumpsters, so all in all we had a really productive day. We were assisted by the usual group of volunteers with help from some first timers who did a really great job. We also had two young men help, one working for school credit and one for scouts. I am always reluctant to name names here for two reasons. One is I always miss someone that worked very hard and the other is many of our volunteers do not do this for the recognition and don't want any. You all know who you are and you know how much we appreciate all you do for us. Here's a big THANK YOU to all of you. Those volunteers who had the time after the cleanup went to the Knudson residence for a lunch of hamburgers, bratwurst and hotdogs served with all the trimmings by Leslie. All of the food was donated and the lunch cost MPNA nothing.

MPNA Board Elects New Officers for 2009-2010

MPNA's new board of directors met on June 2nd and elected officers for the next year. They are as follows. Larry Knudson, president. Teresa Glynn, Vice President. Sharona Beck, secretary. Leslie Knudson Treasurer. Since Larry and Leslie Knudson have already served two full consecutive terms in these same offices their appointment will have to be approved by a 2/3 majority of the membership. This is in accordance with MPNA bylaws. This vote will

Kansas City Mowing

The city of Kansas City has begun its mowing and cleaning season. They will be cleaning over 3500 acres of city property and over 900 lots owned by the Land Trust of Jackson county.

The city will also mow and clean private properties in violation of city code if the codes enforcement does not result in abatement by the owner.

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New Officers, continued

be taken at the June 16th meeting. All of you should be sure to attend and let your voices be heard in this very important decision.

Maple Park Neighborhood Crime Alert

6801 N.E. Pleasant Valley Rd,
Kansas City, Missouri 64119, (816) 413-3400
Commander: Major Michael McQuillen
Police Department
Neighborhood Crime Report
From: Stanley, Andrew E
Wednesday, May 20, 2009 3:13 PM

Nelle Belle's Diner

150 NE 69 Hwy
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Dixie Edwards
Owner

Subject: Write-up for Maple Park

Recently there has been a series of burglaries in western Maple Park. Shoal Creek Property Crimes is working to identify two subjects of interest, listed below. In multiple incidents the suspects have been seen walking behind houses. If you see a suspicious person or persons, please call 911 immediately. Subject of Interest:

#1: light skinned black male, 16 - 18 years old, 6'2" tall, skinny, with long straight black hair.

Subject of Interest:

#2: black male (no further description)

Andrew Stanley

Shoal Creek Crime Analyst

Kansas City Police Dept. (816) 413-3430

Contact: P.O. Markus Smith, Community

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The New MPNA Board of Directors

Elected May 19

The MPNA general membership meeting was held on May 19th 2009 at Maplewood Elementary school. As you all know by now May is the annual election meeting. Re-elected to the board were Teresa Glynn, Ruth Hunnicutt, Fern Brashear, Leslie and Larry Knudson. Three new members were added. They are Carolyn Thompson, Betty Latimer and (supply name). The new board will meet at Tower View Church on June 2nd at 7:00 pm. Their first order of business will be to elect the officers whose duty will be to serve the board for the next year. Remember the board serves the membership and the officers serve the board.

As you can see there are three familiar names missing above. Pat Foiles has been on the MPNA Board of Directors almost since the beginning. Pat held the position of Secretary for the past two years. She has served you well and with distinction. Pat resigned citing personal reasons. She assured us she will continue to be an active member of MPNA and will help in any way she can and we know that she will do just that.

Houston Green also resigned for personal reasons and will continue to be there for us when we need him. Cecil has been in this organization and on the board for about five years now



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if I remember correctly. He is always there with a smile and a joke and he is ALWAYS willing to work. He is always very generous helping whomever it is this organization tries to help.

Carissa King also resigned from the board citing a conflict with her work schedule. Carissa is new to the organization in the last couple of years and has been a great asset during the time she has been on our board. She, like the others will be there for us as much as her schedule will allow.

We will miss the oldsters as we try to break in the newbies. This is going to be a great year for MPNA. I have some new things in mind and I have a store of suggestions from members that we will implement this year. Look for a short bio of each of our new members later in this newsletter. They don't know it yet, but they are each going to write one.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning with the June seventeenth meeting MPNA will be holding our general membership meetings in the gymnasium at Maplewood Elementary School. Same school. Same third Tuesday of the month. Different room. The janitors will be setting up chairs and tables for us and we will be much more comfortable in this new setting.

Safety Notes from the May, 2009 "Creek Report"

Alcohol and Drugs which can occur during this pivotal time in our kid's lives. This transition into adulthood sometimes effects the judgment and a disregard for rules and standards set for them while growing up. Some say 'My child is a good kid'. It's not about being a good kid, it's the temptations they'll be exposed to and their safety. Here are some tips:

Hosting a underage drinking party can result in civil liability and criminal charges.

Parties that are held at hotels or outdoor locations should be chaperoned.

Rape, alcohol poisoning, driving under the influence, or drug experimenting is real in these unsupervised events.

Never leave your drink unattended or with someone. Drink only unopened, non alcoholic drinks.

Curfew laws (50-237 "Did unlawfully allow any minor under 18 years of age to (loiter, wander, stroll or play) in or upon the public streets or any place unsupervised by an adult, without having the lawful authority to be at such place between the hours of 11pm-6am, Sunday-Thursday and 12am-6am, Friday -Saturday.)

Parents should know where their child is going, who is the chaperone and their contact number, when the event starts and ends, ask chaperone if there will be alcohol at the event, and have the child call before leaving. Check the Liberty & NKC School links below to see when these events take place and if there is an after prom or graduation sponsored event by the school.

Local SCAM

2010 Census Bureau Field Employees going door to door. All employees should be wearing an identification badge around their neck. Their personal vehicle should display identification stickers. To verify employment call Kansas City Census Bureau at 816-726-9327.

SCAM -Utility Companies calling and asking for credit card or checking account information because they haven't received your payment. They threaten to turn off your utilities. Don't give them any information and hang up. Look up the utility company's number in the phone book and call to verify. Extra tip keep all utility numbers and emergency numbers posted by your phone for easy access in emergencies.

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