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Movie Nights At Festival Foods

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If those aren't enough reasons to get you to shop there, how about this? All Summer, June till September Festival Foods will show family movies on Friday night. They are shown in the parking lot. Festival provides water and popcorn. They ask that you bring your own chairs. This is not too much for them to ask since the price for the movies and popcorn and water IS FREE. Yes I said they are FREE. They will start at dusk and the following schedule is set.

Friday, June 18 "The Incredibles"
Friday, July 2 "Transformers"
Friday 16 "Shrek"
Friday July 30 "Jurassic Park"
Friday August 13 "Madagascar"
Friday Sept 3 To Be Announced

MPNA Annual Fall Picnic

The date for MPNA's annual Fall Picnic is September 11th. It will be held at the Shelter House on 52nd St and Bennington. The hours are Noon until 3:00pm. MPNA will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. All additional foods will be "pot luck", so bring a chair or blanket to sit on, your favorite picnic food and your family.

Leslie Knudson is the chairperson for this event. She is currently putting together a committee. Leslie can be contacted at 516-0852 or 455-8299 if you wish to volunteer.

It has become an MPNA tradition to have a white elephant sale at the picnic. It is our one big fundraiser each year and has proven to be quite successful for us in the past. Please bring an item that has value that you no longer need for us to sell. All donations are de-

Family Loss

It is with great sadness that I announce that our Treasurer, Leslie Knudson, lost her Father on May 26th. Leo Wood was 95 at the time of his death in Mason City Iowa. He lived at home with his wife of over 50 years in the same house they had always shared. He enjoyed thirty years of retirement after working over forty years on the same job. He was al-

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ways healthy taking only a multi vitamin daily. Leslie was able to go to Mason City to visit with her mom, brothers and sisters. Leo and Ole always wanted to go together, so a memorial service is pending and will be held at a much later date. Leo's favorite saying was "you just gotta have fun" and he said it often and always practiced what he preached.

Fall Picnic Continued:

ductable because we are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All donated items must be sold at the picnic, so please don't bring anything that no one would want to buy.

There will be meetings and other announcements between now and then, but we want you to start thinking about this event now. Spread the word.

MPNA Election Results

As you all know, May 18th was the election meeting for Board Members to serve from June 2010 through May 2011. The election was held and the results certified by those in attendance. It was moved and seconded that the results be accepted and the motion passed unanimously. The ten Board members are: Ron Baldrige, Teresa Glynn, Cecil Green, Ruth Hunnicutt, Larry Knudson, Leslie Knudson, Betty Latimer, Richard Taylor, Mike Ryan and Larry Houser. The results of the elections were posted on our website, www.maplepark.org. The MPNA bylaws were strictly followed throughout the election and announcement process.

This Board met the following Tuesday and elected officers for

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MPNA Election Results Continued:

They are as follows: President - Larry Knudson, Vice-President - Ron Baldrige, Treasurer - Leslie Knudson, Secretary - Teresa Glynn.

According to MPNA bylaws, since the Knudsons have served in these same positions as officers for more than two consecutive ears their reelection must be approved by a two thirds majority. This must be done at the next general membership meeting which will occur on Tuesday, June 15th, 2010. Meetings are held at Maplewood Elementary School at 7:00 pm. Maplewood School is in summer hiatus, but Principal Bob Guist generously consented to allow us our regular meeting times. For that and many other considerations we thank them profusely.

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Burglary Prevention Tips

When you make your vacation or business travel plans, make a burglary prevention plan as well. You'll enjoy your trip much more if you feel secure about the safety of the property you've left behind. Coming home to a safe, well-lighted house is very reassuring and you can do that by following these steps:

1. Lock all doors and windows.
2. Connect lamps and radios/TV in various parts of your home to automatic timers to create a lived-in appearance to the outside world.
3. Leave shades and blinds in their normal positions.
4. Ask your neighbor, friend or relative to pick up your deliveries such as mail and newspapers.
5. Arrange to have your lawn mowed or snow removed. Ask a neighbor to put a bag of trash out in front of your house on trash day.
6. Store valuables in a safe place.
7. Keep your garage door closed.
8. Alert the police and a close neighbor to look for any suspicious activity in your absence.
9. Exterior lights should be equipped with dawn-dusk switches.
10. Refrain from notifying the newspaper delivery people or the

Fireworks Prohibited in Kansas City

Sec. 26-3309.1. Sale, use and possessing fireworks. (1) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess, keep, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, use or explode any fireworks in the city.

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Looking Ahead

The new Board of Directors of MPNA is looking for more and better ways it can serve the neighborhood. If you have a project that will benefit Maple Park and the Neighborhood Association is able to do, contact a member of the Board. All ideas are welcome. If there are things we did better in the past than we are doing now please let us know. We want to improve. Please tell us how we can. This is your Board and your Neighborhood Association. Most important it is your neighborhood. Please help the Board make this Association as viable and beneficial to Maple Park as it can be. The more people who participate, the more voices we hear the better we can perform our duty as neighborhood leaders. Thank you for your help.

Burglary Prevention Tips Continued:

mail service of your vacation plans.

Your first line of defense is the appearance your home gives from the street.



1. Lighting - All entry ways should be well lit with lights located high and out of reach. A good location is under eaves.
2. Shrubbery and trees should not block the view of the doors and windows.
3. When staying home or leaving your home at night, leave lights on inside. Inexpensive timers can be connected and scheduled to go on and off at different times.

Calendar:

- June 6—D Day.
- June 14—Flag Day
- June 20—Father's Day
- July 4—American Independence Day