

MAPLE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

The next meeting - Tuesday, April 18 at 07:00 PM will be in the Maple Park Middle School Computer Library.

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Who we are

Commentary by, *Garry Huntsucker*

We are the Maple Park Neighborhood Association.
We are a not for profit charitable organization.
We are volunteers.
We are neighbors.
We are trying to make a difference in our neighborhood
We are working to improve the Quality of our Community and improve the quality of life of the residents living in its area.
We are working collectively with existing agencies, organizations, schools, churches, businesses, governmental bodies, and individuals for the benefit of the neighborhood as a whole.
We are developing a spirit of community and cooperation among our residents;
We are resisting neighborhood deterioration, and those things that cause it.

This is symbolized in the construction of the new neighborhood sign as it was laid block by block and brick by brick be residents. Not a sign construction company. As some would ask who built your sign? We can answer "the residence of Maple Park" Each block and brick could represent a residence in Maple Park resident cemented together with the bond of community. Though the bricks are diverse in shape color and texture when cemented together they make a beautiful structure.

We need your support, Participation, and influence (and you do have influence) every time you go to a neighborhood meeting and make your presence known, you influence the decisions of the board at maple Park, when you put your name on the sign in at the meeting you add to the numbers that the board can present to obtain grants, influence decisions with the city counsel and other city officials.

So you say, "I cant' do anything I am in a wheel chair or I have a bad back or I don't know how to do those things so I won't volunteer". I say you can make a difference. By signing in at a neighborhood meeting or participating in an event you are saying "I support our neighborhood and want it to be a better place to live.

ANGEL FOOD

Once a month, you can receive boxes of fresh meats, fresh or frozen fruits & vegetables, and staple items at an EXTREMELY LOW PRICE, from the "Angel Food" program being hosted by the Tower View Baptist Church.

For more information (Menu, cost, ordering, etc.) call.....**Darlene at 816-453-3334**

Or go online to <http://lhm.net/angelfood.htm>

No checks please, they do accept only cash payments, and they are approved by the U.S. Government to accept Food Stamps!

The deadline to order for April is 04/10/2006

The deadline for May is 05 10, 2006

Need a ride?
If you need a ride to a Maple Park meeting or event please call one of the directors and a ride will be arranged for you

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MARCH MEETING

Our featured speaker was, Councilwoman Deb Hermann.



Deb Hermann was elected to office in March 2003 and was immediately appointed as chair of the Neighborhood and Housing Committee and member of the Operations Committee by Mayor Kay Barnes.

Councilwoman Hermann has demonstrated her leadership through active participation and involvement in 28 civic and community organizations since 1979. She has been a member of the Gracemor Randolph Community Council for 24 years and served as its president from 1994 until her election to the City Council.

Councilwoman Hermann was elected in 2001 as the chairwoman for the Property Maintenance Advisory Committee, and in 1999 was appointed by Mayor Barnes as a Kansas City Plan Commission board member.

Councilwoman Hermann was a member of the KC-GO Competitive Review Committee from 2000 to 2002, the Property Maintenance Advisory Committee and has been a member of the Community Policing Steering Committee since 1994.

Councilwoman Hermann wants the citizens of Kansas City to know her commitment to neighborhoods will continue to be a high priority.

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“My priorities will be basic services, infrastructure, restoring the reserve fund and creating efficiencies and improved customer service at City Hall.”

Councilwoman Herman has been married for 31 years to Tom. They have three children; Erika, Betsy and John.

SPRING PICNIC AND CAR SHOW

The 1st annual spring picnic has been scheduled for May 6th, 2006 at the Maple Wood School grounds, 6400 NE 52nd Street. Bring your lawn chair and a desert. This is our first attempt at a spring picnic. We have set a rain date of the following week May 13th, 2006. There will be more information on this event and the car show as it progresses. To help plan this event bring your ideas for a fun community gathering and join the committee by calling any board member or go to the website and email the webmaster. www.maplepark.org

LEAF DROP-OFF

The environmental campus at 4707 Deramus Ave. will be open for leaf and brush drop-off starting every Saturday from 8a.m. to 6 p.m.

Drop-off rules

- If you use plastic bags, you must empty them at the site and take them with you.
- No duct tape or wire
- No grass clippings or trash
- Proof of residency, such as a drivers license is required.

For more information, call the action center, (816) 513-1313

Kansas City curbside leaf and brush pick-up

The City of Kansas City, Mo., collects up to 15 sacks or bundles of leaves and brush -- **excluding grass clippings** -- from residences at curbside twice a year, in the spring and fall. The spring 2006 schedule is as follows:

For the Maple Park neighborhood

The spring leaf and brush pick-up will be April 24th,

- if sacks and bundles are not picked up by Wednesday of your collection week, call the Action Center at (816) 513-1313 no later than 5 p.m. Friday of the same week.
- No more than 15 sacks and/or bundles per household.
- Sacks and bundles must not weigh more than 40 pounds each.

SPRING CLEANUP

April 29th 2006 has been set as the date for the annual spring cleanup. That is one week before the semi monthly KCMO bulky item pickup that means **don't bring your bulky items to the neighborhood cleanup dumpsters**. Sorry we just don't have the space for all that. We will be collecting other refuse and brush. **(No chemicals, paint, tires, batteries etc.)** Further info. Contact Christy Harris (816)454 2000

Great opportunity

With the neighborhood clean-up sandwiched between the City leaf pick-up and bulky item pick-up we will have ample opportunity to clean up our neighborhood this year.

If you need assistance with getting your items to the curb or to the clean-up call a board member.

CALLING ALL CLASSIC CAR OWNERS - WAX AND SHINE!

I would like to invite you to participate in the 1st annual, Maple Park Classic Car Show. It is planned for May 6, 2006 (rain date May 13, 2006). This will be held in conjunction with the Maple Park Spring Picnic.

If you would like to enter your classic car, or would enjoy helping serve on the committee, or just want more information, contact me, Jeff Simmons, at 816-452-4302, or email me at, jpsimford@juno.com.



Monthly meetings

Maple Park Meetings during the winter (November thru May) are being held at the Maple Park Middle School in the library. The Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and usually end by 8:00 pm. Coffee, punch, and refreshments are served at the end of the meeting. Come and visit with your neighbors. The next meeting is on April 18, 2006

Our guest speaker is going to be **Andrea Babbit**

Andrea Babbit ...is an M.P.A. graduate of the Cookingham Institute of Public Affairs, the Bloch School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Missouri- Kansas City. She currently is employed by Bridging the Gap in Kansas City.

Andrea Babbit at 816-561-1061, ext. 102. or email andrea@bridgingthegap.org.

Keep Kansas City Beautiful

Be sure to make this meeting for the nomination of new board members and the May meeting for the election.

February meeting highlights

Officer Graves was our guest speaker.

He brought the **(TOPS)** team with him

A Special Unit of the KCMOPD.

The "Target Oriented Policing Squad" (TOPS) is comprised of a Supervisor and six officers. This unit has the ability to direct all of their attention to a developing crime pattern, or to a problem area or individual. The TOPS unit will work a variety of hours, and often change their method of operation and patrol tactics to fit the environment. TOPS officers are frequently utilized as a supporting element to the department's patrol officers and specialized units and have also received extensive training in surveillance and basic patrol functions. Officers in TOPS utilize high visibility patrol, plain clothes, decoy operations, surveillance and other techniques to quickly bring problems to a successful conclusion.

(From the KCMO Police Shoal Creek web site.)

(<http://www.kcpd.org/kcpd2004/patrols/shoalcreek/specialunits.htm>)