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TRASH TALK

What items may be recycled in Kansas City Missouri? This information is courtesy of Med-America Regional Council (MARC).

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| Pizza Boxes: clean, no food chunks or grease spots | Toothpaste tubes |
| Aluminum cans (rinsed) | Aerosol spray cans |
| Plastic Containers with numbers 1-7 in the triangle | Plastic that held motor oil, anti-freeze or anything toxic |
| Egg Cartons (if paperboard) | Styrofoam |
| Plastic water and soda bottles | Glass |
| Milk Jugs, detergent bottles (rinsed) | Aluminum foil |
| Junk Mail, office paper | Tissues, paper towels, gift wrap |
| Paperbacks*, phone books | Zipper food storage bags |
| Newspapers, magazines, Catalogs | Newspaper bags |
| Cereal boxes | Makeup containers |
| Plastic deli/bakery containers (clean)_ | Waxed containers like milk cartons and juice boxes |
| Frozen dinner Plastic trays | Pet food bags |
| Plastic lids | Prescription bottles |

*Some haulers, including Deffenbaugh, will not take paperback books

SAFETY TIP

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr.'s office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around.

THE MPNA JANUARY HOLIDAY DINNER

The MPNA Holiday Dinner was very good. We had roasted turkey and baked ham with green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, macaronie and cheese and lots of very good desserts with coffee, tea, and soda pop. The folks from our local Festival Food store was present as guests. They helped us with making up of the food boxes that were given during the Christmas season. They help us every year and we thank them for their help. Everyone left with a full belly and helpful neighborhood information from Office Marcus Smith of the KCPD. We are looking forward to the February Chili Dinner at our February General Meeting. This is one our fund raisers for this year. See you there. Richard Taylor, MPNA Director

Christmas Food Boxes


This year we were able to hand out thirty food boxes on Saturday December 17th. Maple Park Neighborhood Association donated two hundred dollars towards the boxes and the rest of the moneys came from you. Jason Curtis, from Festival Foods, not only put the boxes together for us ,he also bought one of the boxes for one of our neighbors. Mike, Chris, and Nick Sinclair, Betty Latimer and Leslie Knudson gave out the boxes. Betty Latimer had Christmas hats for all of us. The fun was had by all. We had a slight problem concerning the names we got from Maple Wood School. We only got half of the names for our delivery on Saturday. So on Monday Mike, Chris, Nick and Leslie delivered the rest of the boxes. As we delivered the last two boxes it really started to rain. Even with the rain, we still had a great time. I want to thank everyone who gives not only their money but their time. We could not do this every year without your help. Thank you, thank you, and thank you. Leslie Knudson, MPNA Treasurer

MPNA Spring Clean Up

Maple Park Neighborhood Association will be holding it's Spring Neighborhood Cleanup Event In April. It will be held on a Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 8:00 am until Noon, or when the dumpsters get full, whichever comes first.

Tough times are better with Great Neighbors

It seems that all of the news is bad. Our country is in a mess. Sometimes it feels like every street in the Maple Park neighborhood is a disaster. There are holes in the roads and water is leaking out everywhere. Kansas City is broke and unable to fix anything. Would you like to hear something positive for a change? We have a gentleman in our neighborhood that is as close to being the perfect neighbor - perfect as you can get. He mowed our lawn many times one summer when we were laid up from an accident several years ago. No one asked him to do this. He saw a need and just showed up and filled it. He once installed a cat door for our 3 cats. He helps neighbors cut down trees and tree stumps and does many other outdoor things. He volunteers at the Shepherd Center. He drives people to doctors, dentists, hospitals, grocery stores etc. He also brings tea, coffee, fruit drinks and water to every MPNA



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Spring Clean up continued.

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Trash and brush cannot be mixed. We cannot accept "bulky trash". There is no fee for this service, but donations are gladly accepted as we are a self funding 501©3 charitable organization. We will accept tires for \$3.00 each, the cost to us of disposing of them.

This year the City of Kansas City is cutting back even more on essential services to neighborhoods, so our efforts in this area are more important than ever before. MPNA works diligently year around to make Maple Park a good livable community. With little or no support from the City of KC these days it becomes more and more difficult to maintain this agenda. We mow City property, because they won't.

We remove hundreds of those unsightly signs that get plastered all over our utility poles and fences. We pickup trucks full of trash along the sides of our roadways and dispose of it at our personal expense. We can use all of the volunteers we can get to assist us in these endeavors. If you can help in any way please phone or email MPNA. Check out our website at maplepark.org for more information.

Larry Knudson, MPNA President

Help Connecting to the Sewer Line

If you live in Maple Park and have not connect to the KCMO sewer line, there may be some funding help for you. Northland Neighborhoods Inc (NNI) has applied for and expects to receive funding for a program that may help residents hook up to the sewer system at no cost or reduced cost depending upon household income. If interested, you may call NNI at 454-2000.

monthly meeting, and he is also a great baker, bringing cakes and things he has made. I can't begin to list all of his contributions to our community. I suppose you have already guessed who I am writing about. Ron Baldrige is a gem among us and the neighborhood wouldn't be the same without him. Thank you, Ron, for everything you do.

Leslie Knudson, MPNA Treasurer

MPNA Annual Chili Meeting

On Tuesday, February 21st MPNA held its annual "Chili Fest". Many of our members brought Chilies, Soups and many desserts. The event was very well attended and a great time was had by all. We took a slightly different approach to the "fundraising" aspect of this event this year. In the past we have always charged \$5.00 for "all you can eat". This year the Board decided not to charge a set amount. We chose to offer the meal free and ask folks to contribute to the "donation can" on their way out if they felt they wanted to do so. Well I am glad to report that that went very well as we raised \$158.00. Remember to look for this event next February. It has become a winter

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tradition and I am sure it will continue. It feels very satisfying to see so many Neighbors sitting together in one place visiting with each other. I feel it is safe to say that most of the people that I know that have lived in the houses they currently occupy for many years don't even know as many people in the whole community as we had at that event last night. Thank you all for coming. Next year each of you bring one other person.

"Spring Fishing in the city"



"Smile a little Smile"

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT??



This guy wins \$181 million in the lottery on Wednesday, and then finds the love of his life just 2 days later!
Talk about LUCK!!!