

MAPLE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

The next meeting - Tuesday, November 15 at 07:00PM will be in the Maple Park Middle School Computer Library.



WORKING FOR OTHERS

Did you know that your neighborhood association is in the process of forming several committees? If you do, then you probably are asking yourself several questions. Some of these questions might be: Committees for what? How do committees help the MPNA? What do I have to do if I am on a committee? Or even better yet - why would I even want to be on a committee? Interesting questions!

First - committees for what? Our neighborhood has over three thousand residents. As an organization, we need to help provide services and programs that help improve our neighborhood as well as help our neighbors when our help is needed. For this reason alone, we need committees to help with these tasks. Some examples are:

Neighbor Assistance Committee to help collect and haul brush to our clean up activities for those who cannot without our help. Welcome Committee. Maple Park has a significant turnover of residents. We need to communicate with new residents in our neighborhood so they will better understand our services, picnic events, clean up activities and Kansas City Code Enforcement policies.

Holiday Planning Committee. During the year, there are some meetings of the general membership that require special consideration. An example of this type of meeting would be the holiday season meeting that comes in December (December 20 this year). This committee plans both decorations and food for the meeting.

Scrapbooking Committee. The MPNA maintains a record of past events. It is the archived history of the MPNA. This committee will maintain and display the MPNA scrapbook. These are some examples of new committees. There are more.

Second, these committees help the MPNA by helping residents in our community.

What does a person have to do if he or she joins a committee? Well, the work can be very pleasant and a good way to do something in an interest area of your own, such as scrapbooking or event planning. Or for more work, you can help with the assistance committee. If you join a committee, you can do as much or as little as you like. The choice is yours.

And last, why would I even want to be on a committee. There are several reasons. It is a good thing to help others. Eventually, we all will need help. You will make new friends (another good thing). You will learn more about what "other people and other agencies" would like to plan for our community (and that may not always be a good thing). And you may serve on a committee that does a hobby of yours and you may teach us. Our residents all have skills and talents. Sharing what we can do with others is also a good thing.

When you can, I hope you will join the other residents on one of the committees. I am certain that you will find the experience enjoyable and the MPNA organization, other residents and you will all benefit from your participation.

Larry Houser, President MPNA

OCTOBER MEETING WAS A CELEBRATION

The focus of the meeting was the achievements of the officers and members of the MAPLE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION of the past. There were awards for achievement and gift certificates for those responsible for many of the achievements to date. We are looking forward to their input in the future as we go forward with the association

After the official meeting there were refreshments and fellowship for all. Many comments were heard on how nice it was to take time and visit with new, as well as old neighbors.

During the meeting we also had a chance to meet two of the new officers in our neighborhood. Officers Curtin and Osbahr introduced themselves. Unfortunately, they were called away on business before the party began.

Jay Peach of Tower View gave a report on the Neighborhood survey that the Church conducted. They found that the greatest concern of maple Park residents was the lack of KCMO police presence in the neighborhood.

The second greatest concern was lack of communication within the neighborhood. Due to the publishing of a monthly News Letter, Maple Park communication was rated better compared

Greetings Maple Park friends and neighbors!

It is with great excitement that the scrapbooking committee and I are looking forward to serving you. There are currently five other residents, who graciously volunteered, to help on the scrapbook committee.

By scrapbooking photos with archival quality products, we will be preserving Maple Park Association's history. In the future we hope to visit neighbors to glean information for our journaling. We hope to have some of our work displayed at our November meeting.

Until then, we will be scrapbooking on the days that end in "y".

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