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Dear friend and neighbor,

Effective September 1st large item trash collection services will change to an appointment only based system. In order to have bulky trash items picked up you must call 311 or 513-1313 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule an appointment. Collections will not be made without an appointment. Bags and boxes will not be accepted. Items must meet certain guidelines. Go to www.kcmo.org/trash for complete information.

In Maple Park appointments will be accepted for the third trash day of the month only. Place regular or bulky items at the curb by 7:00 am on collection day, or after 3:00 pm the day before. Having bulky or regular trash at the curb at any other time is a violation of city codes. A ticket may be issued to violators.

We need everyone's help to keep the Maple Park Neighborhood a wonderful place to live. Let's work together to insure that Maple Park continues to be a good, clean, safe place in which to make our homes. If you would like an opportunity to get to know your neighbors better ~ as well as learn about organized Neighborhood events ~ please contact the Maple Mark Neighborhood Association at the following website: www.maplepark.org. Everyone is encouraged to attend the monthly meetings which are held at Maplewood Elementary School on the third Tuesday of each month. Look forward to seeing you there! Thank you; Larry Knudson, MPNA

Kansas City Codes Officer serving Maple Park

Sherese Anderson, the codes enforcement officer, is back in our neighborhood after a three month absence. Apparently the powers that be in codes don't think we have any blight up north and assigned all of their officers to work in the intercity areas. Boy, are they wrong. She was at the picnic last Saturday with an update on her activities. Many of you will know by now that there will be no tolerance for bulky trash left at the curb to rot. Two day removal notices will have already been posted on several doors by the time this newsletter reaches your home. Sherese is also working on issuing some abatement orders that are long overdue because of her absence. We should see a marked improvement in the appearance of Maple Park right away.

Welcome back Sherese.

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WANTED – Articles for upcoming Neighborhood Newsletters

The Maple Park Neighborhood Association is excited to be able to provide the bi-monthly newsletter to every home via mail! If you have an upcoming event, an interesting piece of information to share with your neighbors, or even just an idea for an article please send them to webmaster@maplepark.org. This is "your" Neighborhood – and "your" Newsletter! Heidi Craft, MPNA Vice President

Improving Meeting Attendance

We are looking for ways to increase attendance at our monthly meetings. Starting in August we will have drawings for door prizes. There will be a coupon in this newsletter that you can tear out, put your name on and drop in the drawing box at the August meeting. There will be several prizes including a gift card for FREE GAS. How about that?

Starting in July we changed the menu from dessert only to snack trays. We had a vegetable tray, a fruit tray with dip, several meat and cheese trays among other things. We are going to continue providing more substantial food at the meetings. We have coffee and a soft drink as well.

If you have any ideas about increasing attendance we need to hear them. What would get YOU to come?

The MPNA Board of Directors

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The MPNA Holiday Dinner

It's only October, but it's time to start planning to attend the annual Christmas dinner. I know we are preparing to host it. This is our biggest annual event. We try to feed you well and provide you with a great evening of Christmas entertainment, and we always manage to do just that. Christy Harris is the chair for this event and she will need lots and lots of help as this is a huge undertaking. I know you will all come through for her. The Dinner will be held at the membership meeting at Maplewood Elementary School on December 16th. It will start at 6:00pm instead of the usual 7:00pm. Visit www.maplepark.org and click the tab for the calendar to keep track of this and all other MPNA events.

MPNA Neighborhood Signs

Ron Baldrige and his team placed another of our wooden Maple Park signs on Compton, just south of highway 69. It really looks good there. Ron tells me that they have chosen sites for the remaining three signs and are busy securing permission to place them. We are all excited to have these signs in place and show how much we value living in Maple Park. Good work as usual Ron. Ron is one of the true unsung heroes of this neighborhood. He always does everything anyone ever asks of him. He does it without complaint and with a smile, and he does better quality work than anyone has a right to expect. We can't ever thank him enough. He's a real treasure.

The MPNA Fall Picnic


The MPNA annual Fall picnic was held on Saturday, September 20. It was a huge success. We had great weather, good friends and lots of food. There were visits from KCPD and KCFD. There were kids and games, and even a live auction to offset the monies we spent. A great time was had by all and we look forward to doing it all again next Fall.

MPNA Sign on 48th Street

Have any of you noticed the little flags around our big Maple Park sign on 48th Street and Fremont Ave? They are "dig rite" signs. What do you suppose they mean? Could it be we are finally going to get the city to put a water outlet there? Only time will tell

Maple Park Neighborhood Walk Club

MPNA and Heidi Craft have started a "walk club". They walk every Monday and Thursday at 6:30pm. They start at Maplewood School and walk for about thirty minutes. They are a small but enthusiastic group and they hope to grow weekly. Please join them for fun and exercise. Good shape or poor all are welcome to join.



Please Print

Door Prize

Coupon

MPNA General Meeting
October 21 and November 18

NAME: _____


ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL (optional): _____

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Maple Park Middle School Pancake Breakfast

The Maple Park Middle School will be celebrating it's "Maple Park Goes Green" event on Saturday, October 4th. The day will begin with a "Chirs Cakes" All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast from 8 am-10 am. The tickets re \$5.00 (Adults) and \$3.00 (Ages 4-10) if purchased in advance. Teams will be doing some additional planting and landscaping around the Middle School that day - as we continue to make our Middle School more beautiful! There will also be information sessions on different ways to easily make you lifestyle more "eco-friendly." For more information please contact - Heidi Craft, Maple Park PTA President at 816-885-5123.



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CALENDAR

- October 7- MPNA Board of Directors Meeting
- October 10 - North Kansas City School Early Release K-12
- October 11 - MPNA Clean Up
- October 13 - Columbus Day
- October 21 - MPNA Membership Meeting
- October 23-24 - Early Release K-12, Parent Conferences
- November 4 - National Election Day
- November 4 - MPNA Board of Directors Meeting
- November 18 - MPNA Membership Meeting
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 26, 27, 28 - NKCS D Thanksgiving Break

MPNA Fall Clean-Up

MPNA will have a neighborhood cleanup this month. It is scheduled for October 11th from 8:00am until 12:00 noon. We will have three dumpsters this year (instead of the usual two) due to changes in the bulky trash pickup procedures you are all familiar with by now. We are trying to get a recycle dumpster for metal in addition as we did last year. That worked well for us. We will take your old tires, with or without rims for a \$3.00 donation per tire. This is a good opportunity for you to clean out the garage and clean up the yard. Any of you who would like to volunteer to help are welcome. Donuts and coffee will be provided in the morning. There will be a lunch for the workers to follow. Keep track of this and other MPNA events by visiting the calendar at www.maplepark.org.

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