

October 2005

NEWS From Maple Park

The next meeting - Tuesday, 18, 2005 at 07:00PM in the

Thank you again Tower View

Tower View Baptist Church.



OCTOBER 18 MEETING (Tower View)

The October meeting will be very short. This meeting will have short business discussions followed by an awards presentation. After the meeting there will be refreshments, coffee, cake, punch, vegetables and crackers with dip. Hope to see you there!

WORKING FOR YOU

It is a new day and change is inevitable. The membership of our organization has made several choices in the past few months, which will guide the MPNA into the next year. In June, the membership approved a new set of bylaws. Then, last month, new directors and officers were elected. The bylaws are important because they are the guidelines by which the membership chooses to be represented by its directors. The directors elected this year may also represent a significant change. We have a larger Board of Directors than there has been in recent years. The Board is now composed of ten members, five women and five men. While there are six new members who have never served as MPNA directors before, there remains the experience and wisdom of four members who have served the MNPA many years in the past.

While change is inevitable, change is not necessarily a "good thing." Our new board will be reviewing past experiences for improvement and trying new ideas, which may help our neighborhood. I am sure we will smile with some success, and frown when some ideas fail. However, whatever the outcome, the focus of this board will represent an attempt to communicate better with our neighbors. The MPNA has grown during the last six months. It has grown to the point of needing to look for a larger meeting facility (what a great problem to have). But our work has just begun.

If you do not know of the Organization or have not attended a meeting or activity, then you know there is work to be done. If you have attended, then you know of the great benefits and the many MPNA activities and informative meetings.

It is very easy to see your neighbor and forget to say hello. I encourage you to get to know your neighbor. As many have discovered, the best form of neighborhood security is not the police department, but the knowledge and watchful eyes of you and your neighbors

Come to an MPNA meeting, Invite a neighbor. *You are* the Maple Park Neighborhood Association. We'll keep a light on for you - hope to see you there!



Larry Houser, President MPNA

Fall Neighborhood Picnic

Saturday, September 10, 2005 was the Maple Park Neighborhood Association's neighborhood picnic. Pat Hosler and Christy Harris organized everything. Residents from the Maple Park Neighborhood were invited to join the activities at the N. Bennington and 52nd street shelter house. In addition to Maple Park residents, some members of the Tower View Baptist Church participated in the event. Barbecue grills were hot as our chief cooks (Ron Baldrige, and Garry Huntsucker) grilled hot dogs and deep fried "bloomin" onions in anticipation of feeding a hungry group. The menu included hotdogs and condiments, chips, deserts, and salads.

Pastor Dave Schanuel of Tower View Baptist Church provided a washer toss game. This "almost Olympic Event" provided entertainment for all who signed up to play. We smiled and laughed with enjoyment as the real athletes began to surface. The following comment was heard several times as we tossed and watched. "It looked so easy...Ha! That can was a lot smaller than I thought!" The event "Gold Medal" (gold washer, of course) winners were Jon Schanuel and Kyle Hogan.

There were many others who made the event possible. Mike Foiles entertained with banjo and guitar music. We always look forward to hearing Mike play, and he has been kind enough to play for us on other occasions. We are always thankful to have the support of the Kansas City Fire Department. Pete, Brett, Damon and Chris of the KCMO Fire Department provided a fire hose spray to entertain both kids and adults a like.



Door prizes were provided by several of our residents. Pat Hosler was able to get gift certificates from the Corner Café, and Ma & Pa's. Betty Latimer provided many handmade craft items. Someone even provided some Watkins Products. Richard Taylor mowed the grass around the shelter house just before the event. Face Painting was provided courtesy of Juli Houser. Pat Foiles brought the drinks for the group. About 65 people from the area attended the event.

Pat Hosler finalized the event by delivering the rest of the food to some victims of Katrina that are staying in our neighborhood.

Our Neighborhood clean-up

Saturday, October, 29, 8AM till noon or until the trash containers are full. Once again, we will be located in the parking lot of the Maple Park Middle School.

And again we could use volunteers manning the dumpsters, helping to unload, etc.

If you need assistance Loading or hauling Please calls one of these numbers.

816-454-2391, 816-452-0039 or 816-454-7534

NO TIRES or HAZARDOUS THIS TIME

THANK YOU'S

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Tower View Baptist Church for the past (4) months of hospitality and for allowing the MPNA to hold their monthly meetings in such a warm friendly environment.

To the sixteen members of MPNA who were nominated for office and were good enough to agree to serve in this capacity, congratulations to those that won and a sincere thank you to all who participated. We hope to see as good a turn out for the May election.

A special thank you goes to the general membership of MPNA for your participation in coming to the meetings, the voting process for electing the Board and the untiring efforts you have displayed and demonstrated to make your association a success.

The new Officers will be introduced to those attending the meeting. Watch for a sign on the building, as we will probably be meeting downstairs in their community room. We want to thank the Tower View Baptist Church for allowing us to have our neighborhood meetings at their facility.

NEW BOARD of DIRECTORS

The election was held to decide the Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Association. Sixteen people were good enough to agree to serve in this capacity. The board will now consist of ten members. The new members are Ron Baldrige, Pat Foile, Teresa Glynn, Christy Harris, Larry Harris, Larry Houser, Jo Houser, Richard Taylor, Garry Huntsucker, and Judy Huntsucker.

If you have suggestions or concerns that you would like addressed, contact one of the board members. I am sure that your concerns will be discussed at the Board Meetings.



September Special Award

The neighborhood beautification award committee decided to award a special recognition award to Larry and Christy Harris for being nominated every month for the monthly beautification award. If you look closely there is an inset top right of the fountain area in the back yard and the presentation in the top left

WEB SITE

WWW.MAPLEPARK.ORG

Check the web site for crime statistics for our area. Also, posted on the site will be the names of the newly elected Board of Directors.

If you have a problem with any part of the website, please notify the Webmaster. He will correct the problems.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new residents to the neighborhood and invite you to the next association meeting.

It will be at the tower view Church on the corner of Randolph road and 50th street. Just go to the Worlds of Fun water tower then east on 50th to the Church about 2 ½ blocks.

NEWSLETTER

If you would be willing to distribute some newsletters to your neighbors, please let Garry know. You can e-mail him via newsletter@maplepark.org, the web site or call 816-454-7534. We would like to be able to reach as many homes as possible. There are still people in our neighborhood that do not even know we exist!