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The MPNA meets the third Tuesday of every month. The October 20 and November 17 meetings are at Maplewood Elementary School and the Board of Directors meet first Tuesday of each month at the Tower View Baptist Church.

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THE MPNA GRAPEVINE

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The businesses you see advertising in our newsletter pay the postage to make mailing our publication possible. Support their business and mention you saw their ad in our Neighborhood Newsletter. Their support is important to us and our support is important to them. They provide excellent products and services. We encourage you to support these businesses near Maple Park. We want them to be successful and to stay with us. It really does make a difference where you spend your money.

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Festival Foods joins the MPNA Newsletter

Readers of our newsletter will notice a new advertisement this month. Festival Foods has joined us as an advertiser in our newsletter. The General Manager of Festival Foods, Larry Heng, has been a long time supporter of MPNA and has always been there so support our MPNA activities over the last couple of years. Festival Foods is a welcome addition to our advertising team and we are proud to present them to you in our newsletter. Remember, when times are a little difficult as they have been, we spend most of our family budget on the basics. If you can be a smart food shopper, you can save where you spend most of you family monthly income. Festival Foods is an excellence place to make wise decisions with your family food budget. Visit them soon. They have great products and excellent prices. Please support Festival Foods and let Larry know that you are there because you saw their advertisement in our newsletter.

Calendar:

- Oct 30— 1/2 day early release, NKCDs all grades
- Nov 1—Daylight Savings Ends (1st Sunday in Nov)
- Nov 3—Election Day
- Nov 7—NK class of 1999 reunion
- Nov 11—Veterans Day
- Nov 25—29 Thanksgiving
- Dec 7—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Dec 18—NKCS D 1/2 Day release all grades.
- Dec 18- Jan 5—Winter Vacation NKCS D

The MPNA Fall Cleanup

Maple Park Neighborhood Association will be holding our annual Fall cleanup on October, 17th. As usual we will hold this event in the Maple Park Middle School front parking lot. There will be one dumpster for trash and one for brush. We were unable to secure a "scrap metal" dumpster.

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We are looking for a neighbor who would like to be there and collect the metal to scrap for personal recycling. The cleanup starts at 0800am and ends sharply at 12:00 noon or whenever the dumpsters are full. Please come early to ensure ridding yourself of your waste. When the dumpsters are full the event is over. The City will not let us fill the dumpsters above the top of the dumpster. Come to visit neighbors and help unload if you wish. Hope to see you there.

The MPNA Fall Picnic

Maple Park Neighborhood Association annual picnic and auction was held in September and it was a huge success. We added a dog show this year. Attendees seemed to enjoy it. Le Petite Academy brought a bouncy house but we failed to provide them with electricity, so they couldn't set it up.



Pizza Prices:
 Vegetable.....\$8.99
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 Steward Sausage...\$9.99
 The Honorable Hamburger.....\$9.99
 The Canadian Duke Bacon.....\$9.99 Jester Cheese\$7.99
 The King Supreme.....\$11.99 Queen Margarite...\$8.99
 The Knight Pepperoni & Hamburger...\$10.99
 Extra Meat or Cheese only \$1.50 More
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LaTosha Green, from La Petite Academy, said she had fun and assured us she would be there next year and I assured her that I would take responsibility for her requirements.

Financially we did well. The Dog Show fundraiser made \$10.00. We sold soda pop and raised \$9.63. Somebody must have been short a little. The auction raised \$213.15. I had a little girl whose name I don't remember help me with the auctioneering and she was great. Total revenue was \$232.78

We are all looking forward to doing it again next year. Thanks to everybody who helped and generously donated their time and effort.

(816) 452-8226

Chinese Garden Restaurant

Dine In and Carry Out

**405 NE 69 Highway
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Kansas City Trash and Bulky Item Collection


The last few days, while driving around Maple Park, I noticed many houses with "Bulky Trash" piled near the curb. In October bulky trash pickup will happen on the 15th day of the month. Items will be picked up by appointment only. Appointments MUST be made 48 hours in advance. It is AGAINST THE LAW to put out bulky trash before 3:00pm on the day before pickup day. This same law applies to regular trash as well. It's AGAINST THE LAW to put out trash before 3:00 pm on Thursday if your pick up day is Friday. Residents should not be surprised when they receive a ticket from the City of Kansas City for leaving trash, bulky or not, sitting at the curb for over one day. Lets all help keep Maple Park as the kind of place where we want to live and raise our families.

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**Personal Safety and Halloween Tips
 From the Shoal Creek Patrol Division
 Kansas City Missouri Police Department
 "Creek Report"**

The Four "A's" of Personal Safety

1. **Be Aware (of your surroundings)** : Plan ahead for where you are going and what you will be doing. Carry a cell phone. Constantly assess situations as they develop. Look for points of escape. Avoid preoccupation. Look for someone paying too much attention to you or is conveniently following you. Acknowledge the presence of a suspicious person.
2. **Alert** : Predators will hunt in places where victims and opportunity regularly collide. Predators will find a casual looking surveillance point. Watch for someone testing potential victims to ascertain "how easy of a target" they are. Use the buddy system. Demonstrate an alert, strong persona, not that of a meek victim. Scan the environment. Head high, Confi-



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dent, Stand balanced on both feet, Keep hands out pockets. Be aware of cars that pull up to you or that pass you repeatedly.

3. **Avoid** : Potential problem areas, secluded places where you can be put in a vulnerable position. The "No, not me" Syndrome. Know you (anyone) could become a victim. Seniors are often targeted victims. Don't leave your soft drinks as well as alcohol unattended. Excessive alcohol consumption. Don't drink yourself into a loss of alertness.

4. **Action** : Understand your capabilities. Use common sense. Do NOT panic. Take responsibility for your own safety. Be your own bodyguard. Have a response ready prior to assailant contact. A challenging command may be enough

These preventative steps will prepare you and will also reduce the opportunity for an encounter.

- ▲ Trick-or-treat at your local mall or in your neighborhood.
 - ▲ Go with friends. Ask your parents, older sister or brother, or a neighbor to go along.
 - ▲ Carry a flashlight, glow-stick, or reflective bag.
 - ▲ Have parents check all treats before you eat them.
- We hope these tips will help keep you and your family members safe. It is important to be aware of what is happening around you when out. Be safe!

ANNOUNCEMENT

The MPNA General Membership Meetings are held in the cafeteria at Maplewood Elementary School, on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The MPNA Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Tower View Baptist Church at 7:00 pm. All meetings are public meeting and you are always welcome to attend.