

MPNA GRAPEVINE
 OCT/NOV, 2010 EDITION
 BI-MONTHLY
 MAPLE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
 4937 N. FREMONT
 KANSAS CITY, MO 64119
 VOLUME 16, ISSUE 5

*The MPNA meets the third Tuesday of every month.
 The October 19 and November 16 meetings are at
 Maplewood Elementary School and the Board of
 Directors meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at
 the Tower View Baptist Church.*

NONPROFIT ORG
 US POSTAGE PAID
 KANSAS CITY MO
 PERMIT NO. 2192

Visit www.maplepark.org

If you wish to subscribe or unsubscribe to this newsletter, you may do either on the MPNA Website, www.maplepark.org or you may call 452-6096. This newsletter is a free publication.



THE MPNA GRAPEVINE

Local Businesses

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.

Cooper Automotive Service, L.L.C.
 247 E. U.S. Hwy 69, Claycomo, MO. 64119
 816-453-1188 816-454-5839 (fax)

**Car Problems?
 We can help!**



**Present this Coupon
 for \$10 Off on \$50 or
 more in service.**

Open Monday-Saturday
 Kevin and Shelli Mills, Owners

**Expires Dec. 31, 2010
 One Coupon per Visit**

TACO TUESDAY



Open Tuesday-Saturday
 7am-9pm
 Breakfast Burritos Served
 7am-11am

452-9745
EL SOMBRERO RESTAURANT
 79 E. 69 Hwy, Claycomo, MO 64119
 Owned and Operated by the Barrera Family for 43 Years!

Best Mexican Food North of the River!
 Reservations and Call-in Orders Welcome

Be Careful Who you contract to repair your home!

Marcus Smith, KCPD's Community Interaction Officer, and a good friend of MPNA, visited us at our September membership meeting. He often does. Marcus keeps us up with crime in the neighborhood, which I am proud to say is low. One of the things he warned us about this visit was solicitors. With the recent storms especially there have been many people in the neighborhood pushing their various services. Generally we should avoid these people. Call your insurance company or a friend or neighbor you trust and ask them who they might have used that was good. Never let these people in your house. When you see someone going door to door in your neighborhood call your neighbors and have them all come out of their houses and tell these people we don't want them in the neighborhood. MPNA distributed hundreds of "no soliciting" stickers and I know that several of you have these posted at your home. For a person to violate this is a crime. If you have a sticker posted and someone does solicit, call 911. KCPD will write them a ticket. Solicit does not mean SELL. Even if this person tells you they just want you to consider their view, and you didn't ask them to come to your house, they are soliciting. There has been a big push for magazine subscriptions here in the last few days. These folks are soliciting. If any of you want "no soliciting" stickers for your house I will get some for you. Please contact MPNA information number 452-6096, or visit our website at maplepark.org.

Calendar:

October 8—NKCS D North Kansas City and Oak Park High Schools Homecoming
 October 29—NKCS D No School
 November 7—Daylight Savings time ends, 2:00 am.
 November 11 — Veteran's Day
 November 24, 25, 26—NKCS D, no school, Thanksgiving Vacation

Christmas Dinners and Angel Food Boxes

Let me add a gentle reminder that MPNA donates as many Angel Food Boxes as possible every Christmas to neighbors who are struggling to get by. Lots of folks fall into this category in these hard economic times. These boxes cost \$30.00 each and will feed a family of four for a few days. If you can't buy a whole box any donation will be accepted and appreciated. Our Treasurer, Leslie

***Want To Improve Academic or Sports Performance?
 *Do You Want to Stop Putting Things Off So You Can
 Get Something Done?
 *Are You Ready to Get Rid of BAD Habits Once and For All?**

I invite you to consider Clinical Hypnosis to address these issues and more. If you are interested, give me a call or visit my website. If you are not interested in hypnosis, but prefer traditional counseling, feel free to contact me for those services as well.

Choices & Changes
 Professional Counseling and Clinical Hypnosis
 Babbette M. Hiles, Psy.D.LPC, NBCC
 9 NE Munger Road, Claycomo, MO. 64119 (816)436-2630
www.choiceschanges.com
 25% Off Initial Consultation

Knudson, will combine monies to help as many people as MPNA is able to help. The list of recipients comes from Maplewood School so we know the need is real. Leslie is accepting donations right now. She can be reached at 816-516-0852. Please help your neighbors by


MPNA Fall Cleanup
October 9, 2010

The MPNA will host a Fall Cleanup on October 9th, 2010. This event will be held at Maple Park School, located at 5300 N Bennington Ave, KC, Mo. We will take our first customer at 8:00 am with absolutely no exceptions. At the last cleanup some folks showed up before 8:00 and left us a mess. We will take measures to assure that that will not happen this time. We close at 12:00 noon **OR WHEN OUR DUMPSTERS FILL UP** whichever comes first. Taking into consideration the recent storms my guess is we will have a lot of traffic so come early in order to be assured you won't have to haul your "stuff" back home. That would be a frustrating waste of time and energy. We will have three dumpsters available for our neighbors to use. We ask that you do not bring bulky items as they take up our limited space quickly. We are not allowed to mix trash and brush, so we plan to fill two dumpsters first, one each. When these are full we will assess our need and use the third as best suits that need.

I am working with a representative of a Recycle Company I met with last week to get a dumpster set at the site for metal. I am hoping MPNA can make a little money from this venture, but even if all we accomplish is to get

MPNA Meeting Signs

Over the past couple of months several of our members gathered at Larry and Jo Houser's house on two occasions to make some additional Maple Park Neighborhood Association Meeting signs. We purchased several used signs some years ago. Our crew used the wire and repainted and signboard white. They then lettered these signs to suit our purpose. We have more work to do on this ongoing project. You are welcome to join us for the next session at a time to be announced, or call 452-6096 to volunteer. You will be seeing many more signs around the community advertising MPNA Meetings starting this month. Our goal is to have several members of MPNA each take home one or two signs. On the Saturday or Sunday preceding each meeting date you will put the sign in your front yard, or in some strategic location near you, and pick it up after the meeting. Anyone willing to



HAPPY TIMES T-SHIRT CO.
OUR AVERTISING IS JUST TOPS
 400 N. E. Highway 69, Claycomo, Missouri
 T-SHIRT ART & DESIGN 816-455-2615
Richard Nigro, President

take one or two signs can also phone 452-6096. I know you are all anxious to do this, so please call early before we run out of signs.

MPNA Fall Picnic

The MPNA 2010 Fall Picnic and White Elephant Sale was held on September 11th at the Shelter House at 52nd and Bennington. Attendance was sparse possibly due to the date being the ninth anniversary of 9-11 and all of the activities the picnic was in competition with. We didn't even think of this while planning this event. Chairman Leslie Knudson assured me that a great time was had by all, or at least the few that came. Food was served and games were played. Mother Nature was cooperative. The real success was with the White Elephant Sale. Mike Sinclair excelled as the auctioneer. Almost all of the donated items were sold and MPNA raised \$243.00. The remaining items were given as donations to another charity. The food and drinks left over will be used to feed the volunteers that help with the MPNA Neighborhood Cleanup. It is scheduled for October 9th at Maple Park School, and looking around the neighborhood we really need one. See "MPNA Fall Cleanup" in this newsletter.

MPNA Fall Cleanup Continued

out you. The MPNA Board of Directors is in the process of reaching out to even more of our neighbors to get them involved with our activities. This is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors and knowing your neighbors makes Maple Park a better, safer place to live and raise your families. Growing up in Montana in the 1950's my family knew everybody for blocks around our house. Since then I have never lived anyplace where I knew as many neighbors as I do today. I know these really good people due to my involvement with MPNA. You can meet them too and we want to meet you.



Pizza Prices:
 Vegetable.....\$5.99
 Prince Pepperoni..\$5.99
 Steward Sausage...\$5.99
 Queen Margarite.....\$5.99
 The Honorable Hamburger....\$5.99 Jester Cheese.....\$4.99
 The Canadian Duke Bacon..\$5.99 The King Supreme..\$6.99
 The Knight Pepperoni & Hamburger....\$6.99
Extra Meat or Cheese only \$1.50 More
Extra Toppings only \$1.00 for each

To Place an Order Simply Call **816-452-6803** or Stop By Before You Shop and Have a Hot Pizza Ready to Take Home Tonight.

Located at I-35 and Chouteau Trfy.
www.festivalfoodsofkcmo.com

(816) 452-8226

Chinese Garden Restaurant

Dine In and Carry Out

405 NE 69 Highway
Claycomo, MO. 64119



MPNA Fall Cleanup Continued

the metal recycled and keep it out of our trash dumpster I feel it's worthwhile.

These cleanups are a tremendous service to our neighbors. MPNA spends it's very limited funds to rent these dumpsters and organizes a large team of volunteers to do the work. I hope you readers realize how difficult it is for residents of Kansas City to rid themselves of the unwanted accumulation of "stuff" we all have laying around. Trash removal is expensive and limited. This is a great opportunity and we urge you to take advantage of it. Volunteers will be fed and watered at the conclusion of this event. I can't tell you exactly where this feeding will be held, but I assure you it will. I want to thank all of our good friends who help with this and other events MPNA holds each year. You are the best and MPNA would be lost with