



Maplewood Civic Club, Inc.
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Dear Maplewood Members,

The Maplewood Civic Club held its regular Annual Meeting November 9th and the following Board and Architectural Committee members were elected for 2024:

Phil Kunetka, President

Randy Frapart, Treasurer

Elias Camhi, Secretary

Bob Baumgartner, VP Architectural Committee

Linda Carruth, VP Landscaping

Jerry Hebert, VP Security

Kevin Metter, Architectural Committee

Edward Sponberg, Architectural Committee

Once more MCC held a Special Assessment election for a Harris County Precinct 5 Constable Patrol contract with about 90% voting yes to renew the contract. The Special Assessment goes up to \$195.00 this year and the Regular Dues will be \$65.00 for the Maplewood Civic Club operating budget. The Harris County Commissioners Court increased the contract price and costs for club operations are also increasing.

In the past, Harris County has paid for 20-30% of the cost of a Constable Patrol Deputy. Most of today's Commissioners Court feel that the program is unfair. They say only rich neighborhoods can afford the patrols while they favor constituencies that say they can't afford them. They likewise think it unfair for the county to financially support the patrols. The Commissioners Court may want to end the program or, at least, end taxpayer support and have us pay up to 40-50% more.

On behalf of the Board, I wrote Commissioners Court and told them that areas like ours do not have Houston Police or any other regular police patrol. As our deputies respond to overall area crime, we have to pay for law enforcement they have failed to provide to our taxpaying area. Additionally, elimination of the Constable Patrols could unleash a massive and expensive increase in crime.

The issue has been taken off Commissioners Court agenda for now. When it comes back, we and our Constable will be asking you to let our Commissioners and County Judge hear from you!

Once more, I want to remind all Maplewood residents to put the Constable's phone number 281-463-6666 on your home speed dials and cell phones. You will get the fastest response to crime issues by calling 281-463-6666 first! Also, give that same number to your alarm company as the primary responder to any alarm! You can also help first responders by making sure all houses in Maplewood have clearly visible house numbers.

Enclosed is your bill for 2024 Dues and Special Assessment with additional information and instructions for paying online should you desire.

Have a great 2024!

Phil

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