

Attend the General Meeting on April 7.

Join your neighbors at the first MPNA meeting of 2014! Come and welcome guest speakers: Jack Stock (Director of External Relations at Kettering University), Professor Terrence Stewart (Sociologist in the Fine Arts & Social Sciences Division at Mott Community College) and Wil Hufton III (provides river tours of the Flint and Saginaw Rivers and featured on "Off the Radar Michigan") on Monday, April 7, 2014 at St. John Vianney, 2415 Bagley Street at 7:00 pm. Bring a neighbor and your favorite finger food dish to share (cheese/crackers, cookies, a veggie tray, etc.). We will provide beverages, napkins and plastic ware. If you have any questions please contact Christine at Christine.Robinson8@yahoo.com



Attached envelope is for 2014 neighborhood dues.
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"A Few Thoughts..."

by Nada Radakovich, MPNA President

Following in the footsteps of Chris Monk, Susan Burhans, Marta Wyngaard-Tavakoli, Steve Casey, John Cramer and Bob Giles is going to be a daunting task, but with the help of the terrific Executive/Steering Committee which is in place, I think that this just may turn out to be a good year! I would simply, in my very first "Open Letter from the President", like to thank all of you who put your trust in me---I will do my best to serve our wonderful Mott Park neighborhood. It is my observation, that the Mott Park Neighborhood Association already has many well-functioning services and "teams"

(that translates to: really motivated, caring, intelligent volunteers) moving things forward in an effort to keep Mott Park a viable, clean, safe place for us to live. In my first few weeks of trying to navigate my way through the necessary "meet & greet" sessions that go hand in hand with the responsibilities of being the president of a neighborhood association, I was very eager and excited about speaking one-on-one with several focused business people whose vision and commitment to our community have a direct impact on those of us living in Mott Park.

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Spring at a glance...

- **Neighborhood clean up day**
Mott Park tennis courts
9 am - noon
Saturday, May 10
- **Neighborhood garage sales**
9 am - 5 pm
Saturday, May 31
- **Kettering Service Saturdays**
Saturday, April 26
Saturday, May 10
- **MPNA Committee Meetings**
The Executive / Steering Committee meets the third Monday of every month.

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"A Few Thoughts..."

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The President of Kettering University, Dr. Robert McMahan, his director of external relations, Jack Stock, McLaren Hospital President & CEO, Don Kooy, and our Ward Six representative, Councilperson Sheldon Neeley-- all were most kind and generous with their time; they truly do care about what is happening here in Mott Park. If we all work together, we can get a lot done! I am so encouraged by everybody's commitment to our neighborhood. There are limitless things we can accomplish together for our community as a whole. We have a lot to offer in Mott Park. Although, (I know this sounds cliché), it is seemingly impossible to do alone, together, we can move mountains!! - **Nada**



Have a bright idea for Mott Park?

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"Greetings Mott Park family"

My hope this year and moving forward is to aid in rallying our community around the same vision of a safe, connected, strong and fun community. Also my desire is for more neighbors to get involved with the Neighborhood Association in order to achieve those ideas listed above. It will take committed, passionate people to not only show up to meetings but to lead out on projects, volunteer time and resources, suggest new ideas and take ownership in the community. So what does that look like? That looks like our crime watch page being used as a resource and people speaking up when wrong doing is being committed in our neighborhood. This looks like a hundred people calling/standing downtown when our neighborhood is being neglected or taken advantage of. This looks like neighborhood flag football and softball matches in the park. This looks like inviting a neighbor over for dinner and your kids playing with their kids. There was a time when these things were common practice and I hope we can recapture some more of that here in Mott Park. Where do we start? Start with getting to know the people on your street and coming to meetings so that you are informed. Let's talk about some of the great ideas you have for our community and grow together from there. - **Arther Mance, Community Outreach**

**Attend a meeting. Start a project.
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and volunteer today!**

Mott Park's 2014 Calendar of Events

April

Monday, 7th - General meeting 7 pm - 9 pm
@ St. John Vianney

Saturday, 26th - Kettering Service Saturday

May

Saturday, 10th - Neighborhood clean up day
9 am - noon. Meet at the tennis courts in Mott Park
and bring your own tools.

Kettering Service Saturday

Saturday, May 31st - Annual neighborhood
garage sales 9 am - 5 pm

June

Monday, 2nd - General meeting 7 pm - 9 pm
@ Calvary United Methodist Church

Saturday, 7th - Kettering Service Saturday

Tuesday, 17th - Annual neighborhood picnic
5:30 pm

July

Saturday, 12th - Kettering Service Saturday

August

Monday, 4th - General meeting 7 pm - 9 pm
@ St. John Vianney

Tuesday, 12th - Saturday, 16th
Back to the Bricks Cruise Weekend

Saturday, 16th or 23rd - Kettering Service Saturday

Saturday, 23rd - Crim Festival of Races

September

Saturday, 13th - Kettering Service Saturday

October

Saturday, 4th - Kettering Service Saturday

Monday, 6th - General meeting 7 pm - 9 pm
@ Calvary United Methodist Church

November

Saturday, 15th or 22nd - Kettering Service Saturday

December

Monday, 1st - General meeting 7 pm - 9 pm
@ St. John Vianney

The Flint 'Brush Up' project will coordinate with the nationwide "Paint What Matters" initiative that will focus on commercial properties. This project will focus on the University Avenue corridor--from Ballenger Hwy/McLaren Hospital to Saginaw Street/Downtown. Questions / or if you feel so moved to volunteer, please contact: Eric Griffith at grif4840@kettering.edu or Jack Stock at jstock@kettering.edu. If you would like to know more about this project, please go to: http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2014/02/renew_the_avenue_kettering_uni.html#incart_river_default

An existing Mott Park program that you may not be aware of or may have forgotten:

VG's receipts – There is a collection box at all Mott Park events for VG's receipts. Every dollar you spend is worth one point to us. When we get 5000 points, VG's will send us a check for \$50. Your neighborhood Association can do a lot with \$50.



We need two more phone callers who are willing to make phone calls to people in Mott Park about 6 - 8 times a year. They will get a list of approximately 25 people and can leave a message on the answering machine if no one is home. Contact Holly Shaker for more details!

“Were you curious about the envelope attached to the front of this newsletter? It was placed there by a volunteer carrier to make it easier for you to pay Mott Park dues.”

Did you know that everyone who lives or owns property in Mott Park is a member of the Mott Park Neighborhood Association? Did you know that every member, regardless of whether they pay dues, is welcome at all of our functions and events?

So why should you pay dues to the association?

The MPNA functions on money from dues, gifts, donations and grants. A substantial portion of that comes from the dues paid by members.

- This newsletter is printed with money from dues as well as income from advertising.
- The annual rummage sale permit and advertising brings people from all over to visit our sales and to see what a great place Mott Park is.
- The MPNA has purchased tools for residents and students to use to clean up the park and will purchase more as needed.
- 6 MPNA meetings will be held this year to provide neighbors vital information on a variety of topics and to express their views on proposed actions by the Association.
- An annual picnic with music and food is a great way to meet new neighbors and to reacquaint yourself with old friends.
- At least one “Meet and Greet” and very fun community revitalization event will be sponsored by the Association.

Dues-paying members (we call them participating members) get these additional benefits:

- Participating members have the satisfaction of knowing that they are supporting a neighborhood association that works for their benefit.
- Only participating members have the privilege of voting in an election. They have a voice in who is running the association.
- Participating members are entitled to run a 30 word ad in the Service Guide to promote their local business.

Although only a small percentage of the households in Mott Park paid dues to the Association and almost 60% of that number paid more than the \$15 requested. Everyone who lives in the Park shares in the benefits of those things that the Association accomplishes. Please pay your Mott Park dues. Just use the envelope attached to this newsletter and mail it to me, or just put your check in an envelope and put it through the slot in my door at 910 Frank Street. Thanks so much for your participation.

- Sandra McKellar, MPNA Treasurer

Become a participating member of the MPNA. Pay your \$15 dues today!

“Let’s give a hand”



"A huge thank you to the snow blowing angels of Mott Park! You guys are our heroes!! Thank you to Dave Wilson, Pete Perez and Kelly Manning"

MOTT PARK TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

Some Interesting Facts About Our Finances.

By Sandra McKellar,
MPNA Treasurer
sdmckellar@sbcglobal.net

Of the neighbors who paid dues in 2013 56% of those people paid more than the requested \$15.00. Thank you so much for your generosity and your commitment to Mott Park!

On a personal note - It is a pleasure to serve as your Mott Park treasurer and I thank you for your confidence.



Need more details?
Please ask for it at a MPNA meetings or contact Sandra McKellar at 810.232.4710 or sdmckellar@sbcglobal.net

With Spring and the first issue of the Mott Park newsletter it is time to pay our annual MPNA dues. **Dues are \$15 per year** – although if you wish to send an larger amount we will certainly accept it. Please use the envelope attached to the front of your newsletter to send your check. Please do not mail cash. The slip below will tell us how you would like to be notified of upcoming MPNA events. Your participation is genuinely appreciated.
- **Sandy McKellar, MPNA Treasurer**

Income			
Advertising		\$650	Total Income \$4696.32
Art in Mott Park			
Income	\$2548.94		
Expenses	\$1742.47	\$806.47	
Dues & gifts		\$2933.17	
Mott Park Chronicles		\$235.63	
Returnable bottles		\$21.57	
Recycling		\$49.48	
Expenses			
Activities & events		\$906.11	Total Expenses \$3360.85
Donations			
Music in the Parks	\$300		
Flowers for Mott Park	\$300		
Green space projects	\$1100		
Paid for by grant	\$1100	.00	
Newsletters & fliers		\$1594.92	
Park			
Supplies & fees		\$259.82	
Account balances			
Checking account 12/31/11			\$7525.48
Grant held to repair club house			\$4635.00



2014 MOTT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DUES

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Committee Updates

Our current Executive / Steering Committee includes: Christine Robinson (Vice-president), Sandy McKellar (Treasurer), Holly Shaker (Secretary), Ginny Braun (Gardening Coordinator), Chris Del Morone (Community Outreach), Nena Woodall (Mott Park Facebook Page manager / Playground Chair), Rob Jewell (Resource), Arther Mance (Community Outreach), John Simpson, (Chair, Neighborhood Watch Committee), Diana Phillips (Resource) & Kyle Root (Resource). As I read over these names, I can't help but stop and read again---all of these people, this terrific resource of brain power and experience---are ALL VOLUNTEERS! That in and of itself tells you how much we all care in Mott Park about one another and about our neighborhood.

But guess what? We have room for more! The current Executive Committee is focused upon breathing new life into the four existing (standing) committees that have, for a variety of reasons, lay dormant for a while now. These committees are: 1) The Neighborhood

Revitalization Committee, 2) the Neighborhood Parks and Playground Committee, 3) the Neighborhood Activities and Events Committee and 4) the Neighborhood Watch Committee. Christine Robinson has accepted the role as Chair of the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee and is just, in a phrase, a force with which to be reckoned! Wow! Watch her go folks! She is in the process of putting together a diverse and committed group, and will be addressing issues such as blight, street lamp concerns, code enforcement, etc.; Sandy McKellar is the Chair of the Neighborhood Activities Committee and has said to me, (pleaded, actually) that, because of family concerns right now, she needs a few good people to step forward and help with this committee. Any folks out there who do have time and are gifted in terms of organization and creativity, please contact Sandy. Her info is listed in the newsletter. Nena Woodall is the Chair of the Parks & Playground Committee / Facebook page manager. The Executive Committee has made a motion that we create a new committee that would lend itself to the creation/maintenance of a website for Mott Park. This would be called the 'Neighborhood Media Committee'. For now, we will just say that this committee is still in the planning stages. Any Kettering students out there who would like to offer their talents in this arena, would be a 'more than welcome' presence! Please contact me. My contact information is listed on page 2 of the newsletter. Lastly we come to the Neighborhood Watch Committee. John Simpson has gallantly stepped up to the plate and has accepted the position as Chair of this committee. He is putting together a team of other members to brainstorm and strategize the best way of maintaining a functional, effective neighborhood watch system in our Mott Park. If you might be interested in helping / volunteering on this committee, again, please contact me or John Simpson. - **Nada Radakovich, President**

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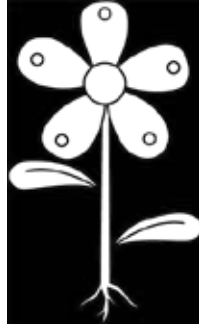
Spring is here I hope!! We made it through a really nasty winter! Hopefully our plants did too. Some of the more tender ones, like rhododendrons and azaleas might have bit the dust. If something didn't make it, maybe it's time to try a more hardy species like dwarf burning bushes, hydrangeas, sage, weigela, etc. Give me a call for more recommendations.

I'm trying a new thing this year, a "flower bomb". Mix 5 parts powdered clay, 2 parts compost, 1 part wildflower seeds, 1 part water and 1/4 part cayenne pepper. Shape into balls, dry and throw into tall grass and areas in need of wildflowers. I'm going to try it on the hill to the south of the clubhouse.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Mott Park neighbors that we have a recycling program in our neighborhood. I'm a little ashamed that so few people seem to be recycling. It's so easy to get the blue bins. Just call Republic Services at 800-438-0966 and give them your name and address and they will deliver the bin to your house. They take glass, metal, paper products, plastics, can. This is so much better than having it go in the dump! Every little thing helps our planet.

Happy Gardening! - **Ginny Braun,**
Gardening Coordinator

The garden contest is back on!!



The "Most Improved Exterior" and the "Prettiest Garden" are the two categories. If you see a worthy home take a picture and post it on Facebook. We'll vote on Facebook or by calling Ginny at 444-7566. The MPNA will award a \$100 gift certificate (to a store of your choice) to the winners.

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"The Mott Park Public Golf Course Association has been working to maintain the golf course and clubhouse in a way that will positively affect property values and the quality of the Mott Park and Glendale Hills neighborhoods."

Several options for the golf course are currently being explored. In the meantime we plan to provide consistent mowing and maintenance in cooperation with Kettering and McLaren. We hope to have the clubhouse ready this spring/summer. The roof has been repaired, the plumbing has been checked and the furnace and hot water heater have been serviced and are in good working order. New windows are scheduled to be installed as soon as the security of the clubhouse has

been upgraded. Our major message is:

- No action or agreements will be made that will adversely affect the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Progress is occurring and good things will happen soon.

All comments or ideas for the use of the clubhouse and golf course area should be emailed or phoned in to Ginny Braun (ginnybraun@bhhsmi.com; 810-444-7566). Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with maintenance or repair of the golf course should also contact Ginny.

**Respectfully submitted, Diana Phillips, Secretary/
Treasurer, Mott Park Public Golf Course Association**

"Thank you to Mott Park neighbors who have helped us with cleanups and especially Dave Wilson who has organized cutting down and removing dead trees!"



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"In March 2014 Keep Genesee County Beautiful is giving Mott Park a certificate of honorable mention due to our work with Neat Street!"

Thank you to all of our neighbors who have helped with this program not only when we piloted it in 2012 but also continued to take care of their block, their street, our neighborhood. For those of you new to the neighborhood, you have fellow neighbors that have adopted a block, street or area in Mott Park to pick up the trash. The local church and groups have also helped us to continue this on. We will continue on with this tradition and we are always looking for volunteers to adopt a block or street or other areas in our neighborhood. If you would like to participate all it takes is a commitment to take care of that street or area and we will help you with bags, grabbers and I do have a few t-shirts

available (mainly children's). You all have been a great asset to our neighborhood and I know your neighbors appreciate your hard work and the commitment to our home, neighborhood... Our community! Again thank you!
- **Nena Woodall, Playground Coordinator**

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"Every year I say I am not going to do "spring cleaning," and every year I do it anyway. It just feels right to clean out my attic, garage, closets and basement."

The weather is getting warmer and it's nice to be able to carry things outside to sort them out. I always find that I have several, several things that I really don't use any more. Are you finding that, too? Perhaps someone else could be using those things and you could get a couple of dollars for them. **Mott Park will be holding our annual rummage sales on Saturday, May 31st from 9 am to 5 pm.** Everyone in Mott Park is encouraged to have a sale, whether they are an active member of the Association or not. Neighbors, this is a great way for others to see what a great place our neighborhood is!

Julie Simmons will be entirely in charge of the sales this year (she did about 99% of it last year) and there will be a new format for some of the sales for those of you who have some things to sell and would prefer a more community atmosphere. The Association is renting the park that day and you can set up under the trees there. Maps will be handed out in the park directing people to those who prefer to have the sales at their homes. Don't want to haul home again what you were willing to get rid of? We are arranging for a truck to take unwanted items to be donated.

The MPNA will:

- Place an ad in the Flint Journal, both on-line and printed, for the sale.
- Purchase the permit for the sales (good for May 30th - June 2nd, although the sales are only on the 31st) for the entire neighborhood and get a copy to those households that let Julie Simmons know they are having a sale.
- Print a map to be handed out in the park so that visitors can see the borders of Mott Park.

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• Sign up with Julie to display merchandise in the park.


• Have their own sales.

• Place signs with balloons or flags on their corners and in front of their houses.

• Contact all your friends and families and tell them that this is going to be a great day to visit Mott Park.

• Contact Julie Simmons at simmons@kettering.edu or 762-7912 or 820-5731 to get your address on the list and a copy of the permit.

Let's all make this the best rummage sale Saturday that the Park has ever held! - **Sandy McKellar - MPNA Event Coordinator**




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Until next time...

The first day of Spring was March 20! As the snow melts we encourage you to take a look down your street to dispose/recycle of any trash you may see. Enjoy a walk around your block or in the park to enjoy the upcoming season... and your neighbors. The next issue of the Mott Park Neighborhood News will be out in June. Happy Spring!

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