



2017 General meetings at a glance:

April 3

June 5

August 7

October 2

December 4

## Attend the General Meeting on April 3.

Come and welcome guest speaker Councilman Herb Winfrey who will discuss city business and answer your questions on Monday, April 3, 2017 at Calvary United Methodist Church, 2111 Flushing Rd., at 7:00 p.m. The Flint Urban Safety Corps will also share about working in the Mott Park area and the MPNA will talk about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. **DON'T FORGET TO COME!**

## Your new committee

by Arther Mance, MPNA President



Good day Mott Park Neighbors! It is with great pleasure that I introduce you all to the steering committee of 2017. The Executive committee consists of Arther Mance as the President, Nena Woodall as Vice President, Beth Brown as Treasurer and Kerri Major as Secretary. Our Steering committee chairpersons are April Welch (Activities and Events), Ginny Braun (Neighborhood Revitalization), Alex Vaiopoulous (Neighborhood Watch) and we are currently seeking a chairperson for Parks and Playground. Nena Woodall was our previous chairperson for this committee so even though this position is vacant we have retained the knowledge base. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact Arther Mance at [mottpark@gmail.com](mailto:mottpark@gmail.com). We are pilot-

ing a Youth Liaison committee and will be looking to partner with other youth organizations to help address concerns we have had in previous years with some of our youth. This initiative will be lead by fellow Mott Parker Nicholas Hiet. In addition, Nada Radakovich who has served Mott Park faithful as president for the past 3 years will continue on as an advisor to the current president. Chris Del Monroe will continue to serve as a consultant bringing us the latest news from our local government.

### Accomplishments

Last year's accomplishments included setting up a small water distribution location within Mott Park. We were able to accommodate neighbors who had a need for water

delivery and contacted us directly. In May we partnered with Kettering University for our annual spring clean up which was very successful and we hope to have them on board again this year. Last year was also our 3rd year as recipients of the Clean and Green grant and we were able to maintain over 30 properties within the Mott Park area and we have applied again this year. If awarded a grant this year we will be looking to maintain another 30 plus properties this year as well. Our yearly garage sell had a lot of participation and there were a lot of great deals out there. We hope to have even more participation this year. Another major accomplishment was the installation of new playground equipment while maintaining the rocket ship.

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## Have a bright idea for Mott Park?

**Attend a meeting.**

**Start a project.**

**You'll be glad you did!**



### Executive committee board members

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**Special committees**  
**Youth Liaison** Nicholas Hiet  
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**Consultant** Chris Del Monroe



## Did you know?

As a resident of Mott Park you are a member of the Mott Park Neighborhood Association. Attend a meeting, help a neighbor, pick up litter. We are all neighbors building a stronger community. Make a difference and volunteer today!

## Mott Park Blight Squad: Update

With the change of season came a change in the blight squad. The blight squad was set to hibernate for the winter but member Bo Cummings came up with an idea to keep our group active through the winter fighting another problem. Snow! The blight squad has now morphed into a snow squad for the winter. With donations received from the community and MPNA we were able to purchase a new snowblower that will be used to clear the driveways and sidewalks for our elderly residents who cannot clear their own snow. We will do this after any major snow event.

2017 is shaping up to be another busy year for us. We estimate we are about half way through cleaning up blighted and abandoned property in the neighborhood. Here is a list of our plan for spring 2017!

1. Cover a rash of graffitied vacant businesses, and some vacant homes on Flushing Rd. and Chevrolet Ave.
2. We have been selected by Kettering University to test some solar powered LED security lights and will install them on a vacant home. If the lights work well, Kettering will purchase more for us to install them on vacant homes. This will help to reduce squatter and other criminal activity.
3. With the aid of Kettering volunteers, board up several vacant homes in the neighborhood identified as squatter occupied.
4. House painting on an abandoned home on Dickinson St. that severely needs it and is a huge eye sore.
5. Target Joliet St. that has several blighted homes on one block.
6. Focus on more interior neighborhood blighted homes on completion of Joliet St.

In addition, we will partner with Kettering volunteers on our blight clean ups so we can clean up more than one house at a time. We are also working with Kettering to get a stipend that can be paid to people that adopt our homes we have cleaned up. This will hopefully encourage more people to volunteer to adopt homes and keep those on board that we already have.

We will hit the ground running as soon as the weather warms. See you then!

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**Your new committee...****Continued from page 1**

The rocket ship has significant meaning to many of our long time neighbors so this was a win win for us all.

**Recognition Program**

The MPNA would like to thank all those who took time out of their busy schedules to make phone calls to remind neighbors about the neighborhood meetings. We also want to thank all the unsung heroes who like Mary Ellen Anderson or the Barkeys who have picked up litter in Mott Park for years. We have several neighbors like Bill Little, who snow blows several neighbors' yards while doing his own not looking for anything in return. Neighbors like Denny Gardner who has been instrumental in our park clean ups and I have heard of many more stories of neighbors looking out for one another. The heart behind these types of deeds is fundamental to maintaining the strong community that we have. We would like to celebrate these efforts and will be developing an Awesome Neighbor Award to recognize individuals who go above and beyond for our community. We will send out more information on this initiative as it develops.

**Neighborhood Revitalization**

The MPNA has always had a hand in the beautification efforts within our community and is committed to that

end. From planting flower beds, Neat Street program, park clean ups, Clean and Green initiatives, park upgrades, partnerships with organizations, and grass roots groups to fight blight. We will continue to seek out resources that will empower our community to live out the Mott Park Mission Statement. We could always use volunteers so if you are interested in helping with a project please contact the MPNA via email at [mottpark@gmail.com](mailto:mottpark@gmail.com) or call 810-771-5714. For updates about the Mott Park Recreation area visit them on the web at <https://mpraa.net>

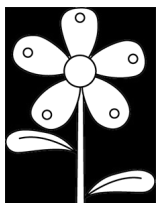
**Opportunities**

Please visit [www.MottPark.org](http://www.MottPark.org) and visit our News section. There are links and pages with information about home repair programs and homeownership programs available to Mott Park residents. The home ownership program is also available to residents interested in moving into Mott Park who qualify.

**Patrol Updates**

Officer Maria Reed will be our second Community Police Officer beginning February 24, 2017. Officer Reed's contact information will be available soon.

Officer Kim Urbina will remain the point of contact for the community. Officer Urbina is moving up to full time patrols of the corridor. Her email is [kurbina@cityofflnt.com](mailto:kurbina@cityofflnt.com). Additionally, a third part time officer is in progress.

**Hello Mott Park Residents!**

**I** am so happy to be your new Event Coordinator. I am so excited about this upcoming year and events. I have a lot of fun and exciting activities lined up. Such as our annual garage sales, movies in the park, picnics, and live entertainment just to

name a few. Many of the local business and organizations are eager to lend a helping hand. Make sure to check the event calendar monthly for updates. Also if you have any ideas please feel free to visit [www.MottPark.org](http://www.MottPark.org) under contacts and submit your idea's to April Welch.



*Read up on the history of the neighborhood and take in reflections from folks who have lived or who were raised in Mott Park. To order your copy contact Ginny Braun at 444-7566 or place an order online at [www.MottPark.org](http://www.MottPark.org)*

# MOTT PARK DUES

While everyone who lives or owns property in Mott Park is a member of the Mott Park Neighborhood Association and is welcome at all MPNA functions and events, members who give a federally, tax-deductible donation of at least \$15.00 are "dues-paying members", who help the neighborhood in the following ways:

1. The MPNA functions on money from dues, gifts, donations and grants. A substantial portion of that comes from dues paid by members like you.
2. The bi-annual newsletter is printed with money from dues, as well as from advertising.
3. Your dues help pay for the MPNA neighborhood garage sale permit and advertising costs. The neighborhood garage sale brings in people

from all over to visit our sale and see what a great place Mott Park is.

4. The MPNA uses dues to provide food and entertainment for the entire neighborhood at the annual neighborhood picnic. This is a great event to help get to know your neighbors and reacquaint yourself with old friends.
5. The MPNA uses dues to help feed the many volunteers who turn out every year for the annual Mott Park spring cleanup.
6. There are six MPNA neighborhood meetings per year that provide neighbors with vital information on issues pertaining to living in Mott Park and in the City of Flint. Your dues help with providing refreshments and office supplies for these meetings.

Dues-paying members also receive these additional benefits:

- Dues-paying members have the satisfaction of knowing that they are supporting a neighborhood association that works for their benefit.
- Only dues-paying members have the privilege of voting in the MPNA elections. As a dues-paying member, you have a voice in who is running the association.
- Dues-paying members are entitled to a 30 word ad in the Service Guide section hosted at [www.MottPark.org](http://www.MottPark.org). Dues-paying members certainly make difference in our neighborhood!

Note: Financial statements are still in the process of being prepared and will be hosted on [www.MottPark.org](http://www.MottPark.org) as soon as they are completed.



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## 2017 MOTT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DUES

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