

Attend the General Meeting on October 3.

Come and welcome guest speaker Herb Winfrey who will discuss city council information and area crime on Monday, October 3rd, 2016 at the St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 2415 Bagley St., at 7:00 p.m. **DON'T FORGET TO COME!**



“A Few Final Thoughts...”

by Nada Radakovich, MPNA President

"Dear All of Mott Park! --- It has been both an honor and a privilege serving as your president for these past three years. This is a wonderful area and I hope that the next MANY years that we share will be positive, happy and healthy. Thank you for allowing me access to this 'front seat' of activity! With fondest memories and hope for the future. Yours, Nada

Please consider serving the neighborhood as an elected officer on the Steering committee of the Mott Park Neighborhood Association. Take a moment and review the details of each office.

The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected at the meeting on December 5th for the term of one year. The President can not serve more that three consecutive terms. The election shall be by ballot. Participating members of the Mott Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) may nominate candidates for elected positions at the meeting.

The **President** shall preside at MPNA meetings, preserve order and resolve questions of procedure in accordance with these By-Laws and Robert's Rules of Order, Revised. The President shall appoint the Chairperson of each Standing Committee. The President shall call MPNA meetings.

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At a glance...

- **General meeting**
7 pm - Monday, October 3
- **Playscape build in the park**
8 am - Saturday, October 8
- **60th Annual Turkey Trot**
9 pm - Thursday, November 24
- **General meeting / elections**
7 pm - Monday, December 5
- **MPNA Committee Meetings**
The Executive / Steering Committee meets the third Monday of every month.

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"2016 has been a year for our neighborhood."

We have some great neighbors that have stepped forward to start some great initiatives. The Blight Squad and neighborhood patrols have started back up again. Great people - great neighborhood! The Park Tenders program has received money to actually install a playscape piece. The equipment has been ordered and we will be doing a community build potentially in October. This is a very exciting part of the great things that are happening and that are in the works for the neighborhood. The Trash Brigade has been doing a great job at keeping up with the trash. If you see your neighbor out changing the bags please stop and tell them

thank you. If you are interested in helping out with the playscape build please let me know. The more the merrier and the quicker things will come together. Thank you to everyone that helps with all the little and big things in our neighborhood - picking up litter, mowing lawns, taking care of trash cans, boarding and cleaning up empty houses, and patrolling the neighborhood. Everyone coming together to make positive changes in our neighborhood is what makes this neighborhood a great place to live. Contact me at norma32516@gmail.com - **Nena Woodall**
- **Neighborhood Park and Playground Chair**



Join us
for this
playscape
build on
Saturday,

**October 8, 2016 from 8:00 am
to 4:00 pm. See you there!**



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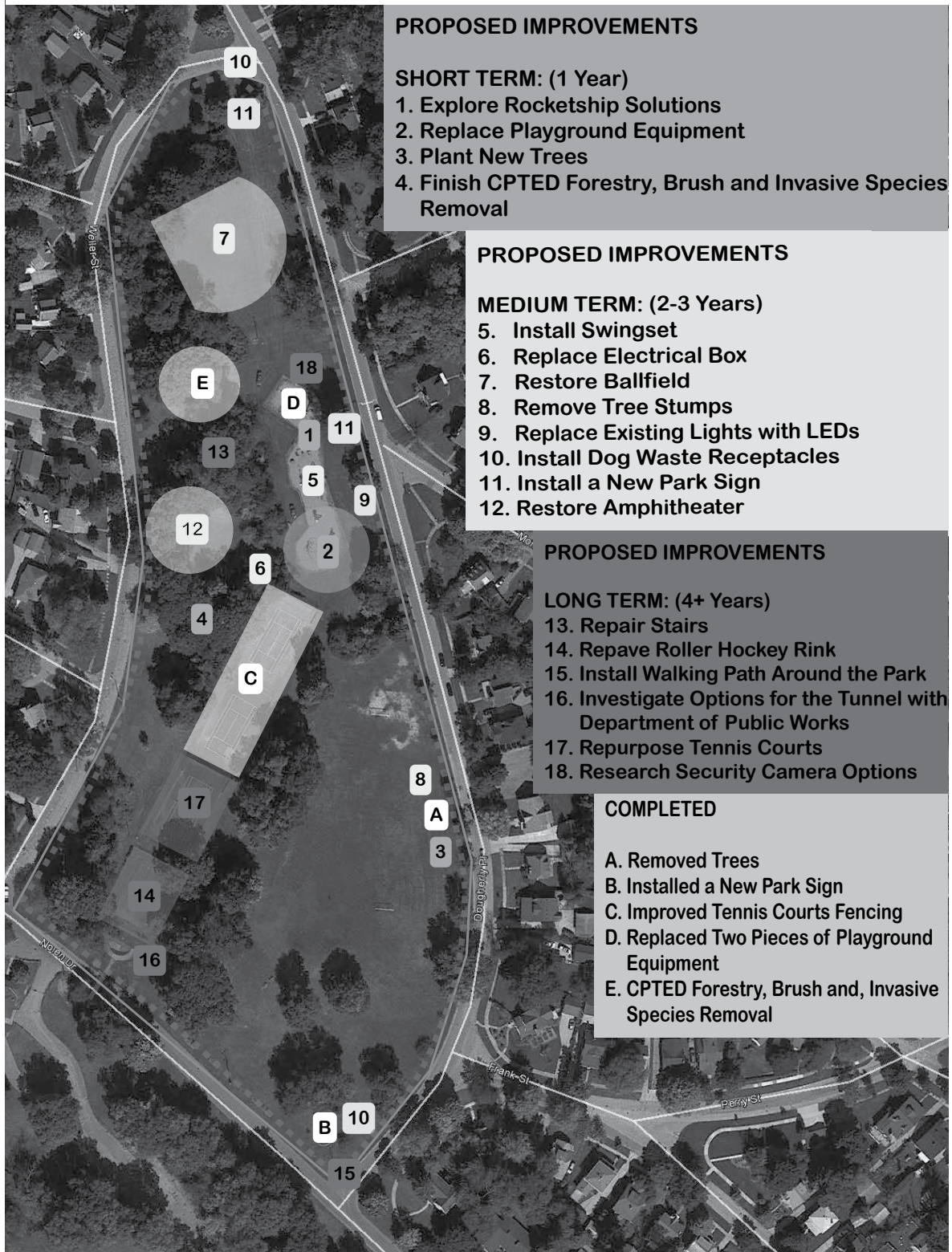
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**Attend a meeting. Start a project.
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MOTT PARK- FINAL SITE PROPOSAL 2015-2019



* Proposed Improvements Based on Availability of Funding.
 * Additional Information on Playground Design and Layout Available Soon.
 * Site Plans Developed by the City of Flint, Keep Genesee County Beautiful, and Mott Park Adopters.



MOTT PARK BLIGHT SQUAD



Preserving OUR Neighborhood ...
One Property At A Time.

To date, we have been involved in cleaning up 10 vacant properties, picked up trash from dumping in the road, got two vacant homes on the expedited demolition list, caused 6 abandoned cars to be removed from the neighborhood, turned one occupied home into Habitat for Humanity to help with structural repairs, and loaned tools to help neighbors of the vacant homes with their own repair/clean up projects. We also had success with having caretakers adopt all but two vacant properties to help with maintaining the yards after we completed a clean up.

Currently, we are working on two major clean up projects that involve painting an entire home and remodeling a vacant building front. In addition, we also had security lighting placed around a vacant building to ensure a safe area for school kids in the morning when it is dark. We are working on getting Safe Schools to ensure the electric bill gets paid to keep the lights on. We are currently looking at obtaining solar lighting for other locations to help prevent crime. We are receiving a donated decorative sign for the neighborhood from MBS Treasures of Lapeer. It is planned to be placed on a roadway flower garden. Our goal, until the snow starts to fly, is to focus on Joliet Street. Joliet is starting to become heavily blighted. We would like to see the area south and west of Chevrolet greatly reduced with blighted homes by next year. The blight squad has many more projects available and generally only works with two to five people on clean up days. So, we are in serious need of volunteers to help. The more helping hands we get the faster we can get our neighborhood cleaned up. **We can also use people willing to keep up with yard work at homes that had completed clean up. Those interested can contact us at mpblightsquad.com.**

Those interested in donating to our cause can do so through the Mott Park Neighborhood Association. Just mark the donations for the Blight Squad. - **Steve Major**



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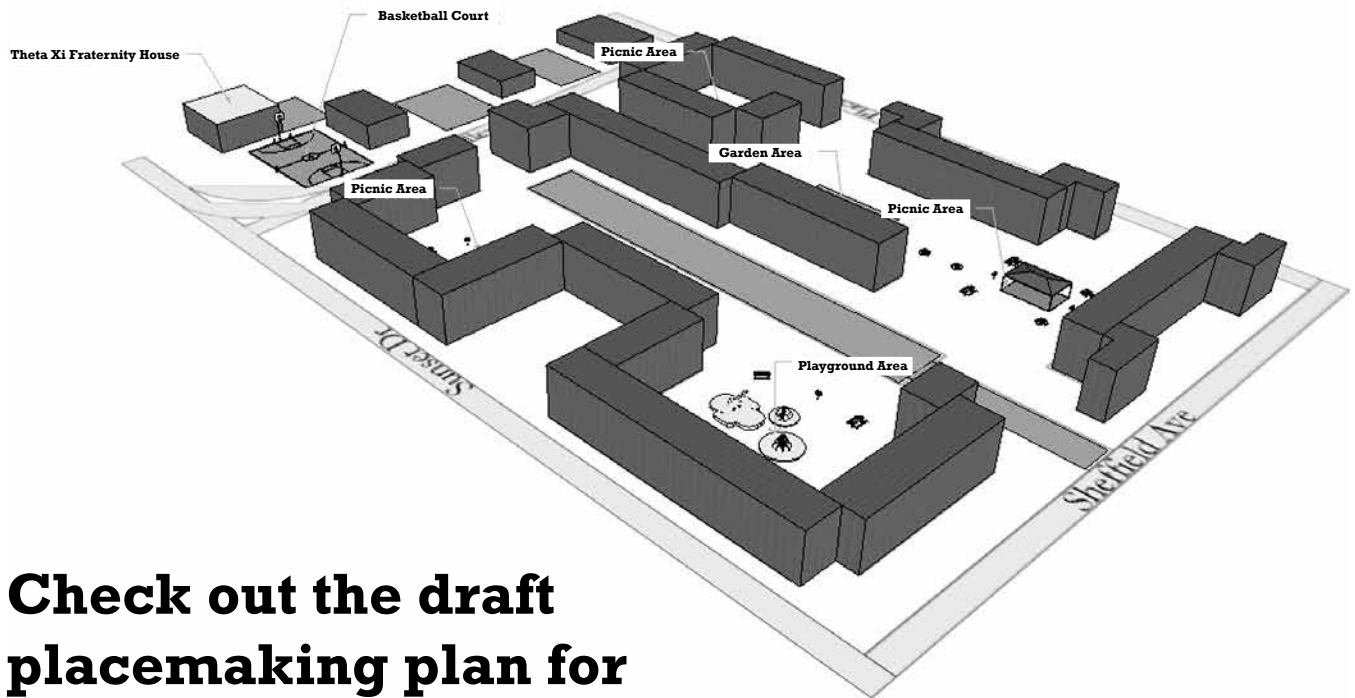
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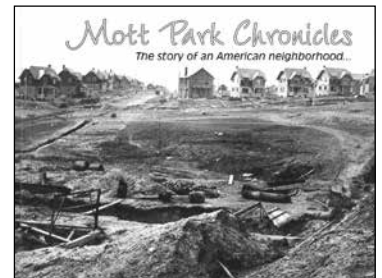


Check out the draft placemaking plan for Sunset Village Apartments!

The historical Sunset Village Apartment complex has been a landmark of the Mott Park and Glendale Hills communities for years. Its charming personality made it a demand place to live for many years. The listed enhancements for Sunset Village Apartments were determined by residents of the complex on July 28, 2016. Looks like the charm is making a comeback!

This plan is created through a collaborative effort by Sunset Village Apartments, Glendale Hills neighborhood residents, Kettering University, and the Diplomat Pharmacy summer Fellows program.

- Trash cans
- Basketball court
- Additional seating
- Improve bus stop areas
- Additional lighting
- (Tie) Landscaping, picnic areas, food gardens, playground
- Built in grills
- Laundry rooms
- (Tie) Pavilion, toddler area
- (Tie) Signage, painting, common space, bike racks



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

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Mott Park Recreation Area News by Rob Knox

August was a busy month for the Mott Park Recreation Area (MPRA). We had a flotilla of canoes, kayaks, rafts and tubes float down the Flint River from Tenacity Brewing to the recreation area. Over 200 people participated in the 3rd Annual Flotilla, sponsored by the Flint River Watershed Coalition. A couple weeks later, there was a bass fishing tournament on the river and a disc golf tournament in the recreation area. On the last weekend in August, both the 10K and the 8K Crim races passed the south-east portion of the recreation area. While these events were happening, we put up a website www.mpraa.net, where you can find out about what's happening at the recreation area. You can also contribute, either by

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mail or on-line, to our grounds maintenance program. Just go to the contributions page or mail your check to: MPRA, 1001 Dupont St., Flint, MI, 48504. We need all the help we can get because our mower has been out for repairs which will take most of the money in our bank account. Meanwhile, we have not been able to cut for almost a month and rains have returned to make the grass grow. The MPRA board is working to finalize our long-range plan and develop a fundraising campaign to allow us to bring projects like a disc golf course, canoe landing, fishing pier, trail improvements, and better security and signage to the area. We hope to have an announcement very soon - watch our website or Facebook page for more information.



Mark your calendars for Flint Fall fun.

Visit the venue's website or call for additional details and future events!



The Whiting
www.thewhiting.com/

Capitol Steps - October 2
Gearup2Lead - October 7
FSO October Classical concert - October 8
The Man who Planted Trees - October 9
Once - October 15, 16
Hal Holbrook - October 21
Country of Kings - October 25
Tapology concert - October 31
Judgment at Nuremberg - November 6
FSO November Classical concert - November 12
Dirty Dancing, November 15
Eisenhower Dance Company, November 18
An All American Christmas, November 19

Sloan Longway Planetarium

www.sloanlongway.org/

Back to the Moon for Good
Sea Monsters
Halloween
Accidental Astronauts
Asteroids
Skies over Michigan
(Days vary. Check sloanlongway.org for details)

Flint Youth Theater

www.thefim.org/fyt-homepage

The Jungle Book - October 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 23

Crossroads Village

www.geneseecountyparks.org/pages/crossroads

Ghost train departures - October 7 - 30
Genesee Belle cruises - October 7 - 30



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Wow, this was a hot, dry summer!! Many of my plants didn't like it at all. Time to reconnoiter. Time to start choosing drought resistant plants.

My favorite perennials for sunny spots are purple coneflowers, black eyed susans, sedums, coreopsis, yarrow, daisies; for shade hostas, hostas, and hostas. There are so many colors (from dark green to almost yellow) and sizes. Yuccas are really drought resistant too. By the way using drought resistant plants in your landscaping is called xeriscaping.

I definitely had problems with annuals. They pretty much bit the dust for me. They needed steady watering and I just got too busy to keep up a proper schedule. My best results were with geraniums. They really only needed watering every other day unless they were in pots and then I watered just about every day.

My poor rhododendrons and azaleas were really unhappy. I had to water them the most and they still look sad and lost some branches. A couple of them just died. I noticed that the big white old fashioned white hydrangeas looked pretty good this year. Also rose of sharons fared very well in this heat, as well as burning bushes, and my weigelias. Because of the drought conditions not many people had success in creating lush lovely gardens, a few looked lovely but the rest of us didn't fare too well and the garden contest fizzled, but the MPNA spent money on supporting the Blight Squads' wonderful work!!!

Steve Major is the HERO of Mott Park this year!! It amazes me how Mott Park neighbors just see something that needs to be done and "just do it". Thanks to his crew also. If you would like to help him (and he could use the help), his number is 248-953-9498. Again THANK YOU to the Mott Park neighbors who tended the gardens during this very hot, dry summer. They are (in no particular order) Denny Donlan, Dale Radford, Marta Tavakoli, the Eddy family, Pat Seals, the Barkeys, the Donnégans, Annette Maynor, the Whingers, Judy Alexander, Angela Schwartz and Judy Trombly (who took over the site at Nolen Dr. and Marquette St. from Mr. Owensby, who sadly for us is moving).



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Again the Kettering students have been a real asset in our efforts to keep Mott Park beautiful. They've weeded, trimmed, swept, etc. We're beginning our efforts to make a more accessible safe and attractive walking trail along the river, starting at Nolen Dr. and University Ave. We'll be trimming back the brush and limbing up trees.

Again, don't forget that fall is the time to plant bulbs for spring blooms. It's also a great time to plant trees, bushes and perennials - many of which will be on sale.

If you have any questions, give me a call - 810-444-7566.

- **Ginny Braun, Garden Coordinator**

www.MottPark.org

Neighbors building a stronger community

Hello neighbors, just in case you didn't know the Mott Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) has a website with a lot of useful information on it. Our neighbors are great at sharing useful information on Facebook, but one of the drawbacks to using Facebook is that the information is constantly being moved from the top to the bottom of the page. Like with anything else when you really need it, the information gets lost in the sea of post. On the Mott Park website you can find information for whom to contact for concerns or to make suggestions for the neighborhood. If you click on "Resources" from the page header, you will see links to previous newsletters, also a link to "Helpful Information" that displays contact numbers for city and community representatives. It has phone numbers for leaving anonymous tips, the dumping hotline, street maintenance, poison control and more. This same page has a FAQ section for the MPNA. On our "Dues and Donations" page you can order a Mott Park Chronicle, give dues online, or get our PO Box information if you need to mail something to the MPNA. On the site there is a photo gallery to view fun photos of past events in the neighborhood. Also under "Resources" we have a "Neighborhood News" link and a "Report Suspicious Activity" link. The neighborhood news link contains a post about the Flush for Flint initiative, the CPTED Assessment application, Kettering employee home purchase initiative, Metro Housing Counseling Programs and more. **Continue on page 10**

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The "Report Suspicious Activity" link can be used to do just that. If you see suspicious/nuisance activity going on in the neighborhood that may not warrant a 911 call, you can report it using this tool. This information will be shared with University Avenue Corridor Coalition and with our assigned local law enforcement. Note: UM-Flint Police officer Lt. Phil Smith is working in this area on drug related crime. UM-Flint officers can make arrests and have done a tremendous job in the University Avenue Corridor. If you have any info about drug houses, drug trafficking, etc in Mott Park please contact him at 810-762-0146 or smithpw@umflint.edu. As we redevelop our Neighborhood Watch, information will be posted on the site under the "About Us" link under Neighborhood Watch. I could go on and on about the site but I will just recommend that you visit www.mottpark.org - **Arther Mance, Vice-President**



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The **Secretary** shall record and maintain the minutes of the MPNA, preserve copies of all materials coming before the MPNA, and perform such other duties as are customary or may be assigned by the MPNA.

Mott Park Neighborhood Association, Inc. By-Laws Article IV - Officers:
Section 4.2 - Duties

The **Treasurer** shall collect and receive MPNA membership dues, establish and preserve MPNA financial records, provide an accounting of the receipts and expenditures of MPNA funds at general meetings and perform such other duties as the MPNA shall prescribe. The Treasurer shall preside at MPNA meetings in the absence of both the President and Vice-President. The Treasurer shall assume the office of the President in the event that both the President and Vice-President shall be unable to serve for any reason. The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay such expenses as approved by the MPNA.

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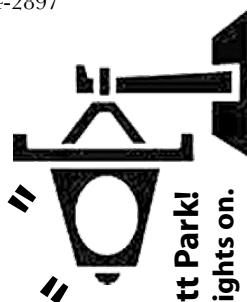
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Helpful Numbers

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