

## Attend the General Meeting on June 6.

**C**ome and welcome guest speakers: Lisa Cornell (will speak about utilities/cost savings), Adam Moore (City of Flint Parks and Recreation) and Tom Wyatt (Kettering University) on Monday, June 6th, 2016 at the St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 2415 Bagley St., at 7:00 p.m. **DON'T FORGET TO COME!**



**The attached envelope is for 2016 neighborhood dues or pay online! See page 5**

## “A Few Thoughts...”

by Nada Radakovich, MPNA President

**G**ood day to ALL who live, enjoy, run, walk and hang out in Mott Park! We have so many wonderful things happening in our gorgeous neighborhood and I think that it would good for us to list a few of these:

- A new sign for the park
- More pruning of the unruly brush
- New equipment for the play area in the park
- Revitalized baseball diamond
- Repair for the stairs in the park
- New mulch for play area
- A summer lunch / park activity program
- Music in the Parks
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Byrne Grant provided police patrol
- Clean and Green Grant mowing for 35 properties in MP

Your Mott Park steering committee has been very hard at work trying to bring to our area an improved / updated, healthy clean park area. We are also trying to get a handle on the blighted properties that are in MP and have been working together with Kettering University (the fiduciary agents of the Justice Department's Byrne Grant) to “take a bite out of crime” and implement programs / help that will greatly reduce crime in our neighborhood! Do not be surprised when you see U of M's security rolling down your street in the not-too-distant future! We will also continue to work with Tom Wyatt and the CPTED ideas that do help to deter crime. Also, please contact / talk with our 6th Ward Councilperson, Herb Winfrey. He is here for us. He cares about each one

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### Spring and summer at a glance...

- **Neighborhood garage sales**  
9 am - 5 pm  
Fri., June 17 - Sun., June 19
- **Music in the Parks**  
7 pm  
Thursday, July 7
- **Little Red Riding Hood**  
3 pm  
Saturday, July 16
- **MPNA Committee Meetings**  
The Executive / Steering Committee meets the third Monday of every month.

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## "This will be Mott Park's third year with Keep Genesee County Beautiful's Adopt a Park program."

This year will bring great things to our little park that sits in the middle of our neighborhood. Last year we received Park Tender status which gave us access to more money that went towards work in the playground. Last year a few broken pieces were removed and two new items were installed. They were also able to remove a large section of the brush that surrounded the playground. This year we are looking at even bigger changes to come! Per the City of Flint an assessment was done on all the parks in the city. The report stated that we have quite a few high priority issues with the playground equipment not meeting safety standards. A short version

of this 138 Report states that every piece of equipment either has to be removed or altered in order to meet safety standards. We are meeting together with some neighbors and also with Adam Moore (City of Flint) and Karen West (Keep Genesee County Beautiful) to finalize the details of what we will be able to do with the playground and how it will best meet the needs and wants of our neighbors. I will be posting the official details on our Facebook page and will have it posted on our website. I will just say that these are very exciting changes that I have been personally trying to make come to fruition for 8 plus years since I became a part of this neighborhood. We will need



neighbors to help when the final plans are ready. IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST in helping with this or if you have kids, grandkids, or neighbor kids that like to play in our park or would like to play there more, please contact me and become a part of this great endeavor. It will benefit our neighborhood 10 fold. Please contact me at nena@mottpark.org

**- Nena Woodall - Neighborhood Park and Playground Chair**



## Have a bright idea for Mott Park?

### Mott Park Neighborhood Association

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**Attend a meeting. Start a project.  
We'll be glad to help!**



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!

## Flush for Flint

Take These Steps to Flush Pipes and Aid in Flint Water System Recovery

[epa.gov/flint](http://epa.gov/flint)

Flushing pipes is very important to remove loose lead particles and to coat pipes. Lead line replacement is the long-term goal.

The state will cover this cost.

Residents will receive a credit on their water bill.

### Step 1

Run cold water at the highest flow in the bathtub\* for 5 minutes.



No showerhead  
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\*If you do not have a bathtub, run cold water at highest flow from a laundry tub or garden hose.

### Step 2

Run cold water at the highest flow from the kitchen faucet for 5 minutes.



Flip lever to bypass filter  
or remove filter first-  
then reinstall.



### Step 3

Do this every day for 14 days in May.



Watch the water draining to avoid overflow of sinks or tubs.

EPA continues to recommend Flint residents drink filtered water. Sensitive populations (pregnant women, breastfeeding women & children under 6) should continue to use bottled water until further notice.



## Mott Park's 2016 Calendar of Events

### June

**Monday, 6th** - General meeting 7 pm - 9 pm  
@ St. John Vianney

**Friday, 17th, Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th**  
Annual neighborhood rummage sales 9 am - 5 pm

### July

**Thursday, 7th** - Music in the Parks 7 pm

**Saturday, 16th** - Little Red Riding Hood  
(at the amphitheater) 3 pm

### August

**Monday, 1st** - General meeting 7 pm - 9 pm  
@ Calvary United Methodist Church

**Tuesday, 16th - Saturday, 20th**  
Back to the Bricks Cruise Weekend

**Saturday, 27th** - Crim Festival of Races

### October

**Monday, 3rd** - General meeting 7 pm - 9 pm  
@ St. John Vianney

### December

**Monday, 5th** - General meeting 7 pm - 9 pm  
@ Calvary United Methodist Church

**"It is not too early to prepare for the  
annual Mott Park rummage sale!"**



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?

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

## 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.
- 4 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.

### 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 MPNA, Attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 4187, Flint, MI 48504 or go to [www.MottPark.org](http://www.MottPark.org) to pay online. Thanks so much for your participation.

**- Ginny Braun, MPNA Interim Treasurer**

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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 a 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 on the next page will tell us how you would like to be notified of upcoming MPNA events. Your participation is genuinely appreciated.

**2016 MOTT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DUES**

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PARTICIPATING  
**MEMBER**How would you  
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Park events.☐ by phone☐ by email

The City of Flint's city hall operates on different hours on different days. Here is a handy chart to keep nearby. Contact the city's customer service center at 766-7015.

**City of Flint Hours of Operation**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Building					
Assessment	8 am-5 pm	Closed	8 am-5 pm	Closed	8 am-5 pm
City Clerk	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm
City Council	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm
Customer Service	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm (Open all day when taxes due)
Finance	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm
Human Relations	8 am-1 pm, 2-5 pm	8 am-1 pm, 2-5 pm	8 am-1 pm, 2-5 pm	8 am-1 pm, 2-5 pm	8 am-1 pm, 2-5 pm
Human Resources	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	Closed
Income Tax	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-12 pm	8 am-12 pm	8 am-5 pm
Legal	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm
Mayor's Office	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm (Or by appointment)
Purchasing	7 am-5 pm	7 am-5 pm	7 am-5 pm	7 am-5 pm	7 am-5 pm
Risk Management	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	8 am-12 pm, 1-5 pm	8 am-11 am
Inspection / Permits	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm
Infrastructure / Development Office	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm
Parks & Recreation	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm
Planning & Zoning	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm (Or by appointment)
DCED/Grants	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm (Appointments preferred)
Police Station	8 am-6 pm	8 am-6 pm	8 am-6 pm	8 am-6 pm	8 am-6 pm
Records-ID Bureau:					
(Payments & Reports)	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm
(Property Release)	Closed	Closed	Closed	12pm - 3pm	Closed
Fire Station #1	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm	8 am-5 pm (To obtain fire reports)
Traffic Engineering	9a m-3 pm	9a m-3 pm	9a m-3 pm	9a m-3 pm	9a m-3 pm (Appointments preferred)

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## “A Few Thoughts...”

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of us and can't make things better if we don't share with him "what is/isn't" going on! Herb's contact information is: 810-691-7463 and [hjwin521@aol.com](mailto:hjwin521@aol.com). Please keep the hope alive everyone - together we can make our neighborhood the vital, beautiful, SAFE place it had been and the potential to continue to be! We are so close to making this happen. Please attend the Mott Park Neighborhood Association's upcoming meetings (6/6, 8/3, 10/3, 12/5) and if you can't make it to a meeting, please check the website ([www.mottpark.org](http://www.mottpark.org)) for timely information! If you have a terrific idea about something you would like to see happen in our neighborhood, or if you would like to volunteer and just have not had time until now, please contact one of us on the steering committee (see list on page 2), or drop an email to [mottpark@gmail.com](mailto:mottpark@gmail.com)! This is OUR neighborhood, and it is up to us to care for it! Be well, stay healthy, stay safe!

Yours, Nada

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# Renew The Avenue

An update by Tom Wyatt of Kettering University

I am happy to report the following strategies and activities within Mott Park and the rest of the University Avenue Corridor.

- A feasibility study of a domestic violence initiative was conducted this month. Findings will be presented to the Renew The Avenue Steering Committee.
- Kettering student work-study employees are gathering data this month about supportive services for drug / substance abuse, domestic violence, and dispute resolution.
- A second Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment was conducted at Sunset Village Apts. A plan will be presented to the owners this month. Implementation will begin this Spring.
- Sunset Village Apts. will also be participating in a Placemaking Assessment (in addition to the CPTED / Safety assessment) to make the area more attractive and usable by families, children. Enhancements may include: playground, gardens, and other features.
- Starting this month, the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor will be coming through the area doing assessments of properties as well as focus groups and surveys about perceptions, quality of life, and other matters.
- The Flint Urban Safety Corps will begin work in late Spring/early Summer to start a tenant association at Sunset Village Apts.
- The CPTED Assessment application is now available digitally at: <http://goo.gl/forms/NsKUCgylxF> A mini grant of up to \$250 towards safety improvements is available on a first come first served basis.

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**W**ell I guess spring has sprung! We'll see... I still think we're not safe with our tender annuals until the traditional May 30th date.

There was no facebook interest in the Mott Park garden contest last year, so no one won the prettiest garden award of \$100. I'll try harder to promote it this year. The most improved home award went to Cynthia Lintz. The runners up were Courtney Schultz and Alexia Foster who each received \$50 gift cards.

Thanks again to the neighbors who tended our neighborhood gardens - the Eddy family (Nolen & University), Jean and Jim Whiting (Nolen, west side), Brian and Dorie Barkey (Nolen, 3 sites on the east side), James Owensby (Nolen, east side), Marta Tavakoli (Dougherty & Nolen), Mike & Chrissie (2 sites on Dougherty), Bobbie Lynch (4 sites on Dougherty), Pat Seals (3 sites on Weller and Dougherty), Gerry George (Weller & Thomas), Dale Radford (Marquette & Dougherty), Tammy and Denny Donlan & ladies from St. John Vianny (triangle at Marquette, Bagley & Chevrolet), Judy Alexander and Angela Schwartz (2 sites at either end of Dupont at Flushing Rd. & Chevrolet). There will be red geraniums on these sites again this year. Also Annette Mayner has taken care of the triangle at Perry and Joliet and the Kettering students were most helpful in clearing up the park and recreation area.

Now on to gardening tips for this year. Again it looks like it will be a hot, dry summer so watering may become an issue. As long as you don't eat the plants, it should be safe to water with city water if necessary. Planting drought tolerant plants is a good idea. If you have any questions regarding which plants those are you can call me 810-444-7566, Google them or refer to last year's June newsletter. My newest "duh" moment is about coffee grounds. They are a great fertilizer! You can toss them on your grass, on your flower garden, and especially under your evergreens, azaleas, and rhododendrons. Who knew?!

Don't forget as you walk through our neighborhood to pick up litter. It sure makes our neighborhood look nicer. We were given nice trash barrels by Keep Genesee County



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Beautiful and various neighbors volunteer to change them out I know that myself, Bill Heatley, Karla Frolich, and the Barkeys empty trash barrels around the park.

The neighborhood is looking nicer these days and thanks to all of you who plant flowers and have porch pots full of flowers!! To those neighbors who live near the northern side of the park I wish you would once in a while drive down Marquette to Dougherty or Nolen and drive by the gardens instead of quickly going onto Flushing Rd. to Ballenger Hwy. or to downtown. It's very pretty down by the park and it will make you like where you live even better.



Happy Gardening and if you have any gardening questions, give me a call and I'll try to help. And look on (or post a picture) the Mott Park site for garden pictures so we can give away that \$100 gift certificate for the prettiest garden this year!

## Neat Street

Spring finally arrived and hopefully our Michigan weather will decide to keep it that way! This is the best time to help start keeping our neighborhood clean. We started a program a few years ago, Neat Street, where neighbors adopt a street and pick up the trash weekly or biweekly. For some it is on a daily basis, "Thank you to the Barkey's!!" Some neighbors have adopted a street and others just go out and do what they can. Many neighbors take a bag with them when they go for their walks and pick trash up as they go or pick a day and just go out and pick up the trash along the street. If you are interested in doing this or are already doing this, please contact me at 241-1869 or at nena@mottpark.org. I have a few bags that were donated and we can supply grabbers to help pick up the trash. Thank you.

**- Nena Woodall - Neighborhood Park and Playground Chair**

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## Renew The Avenue

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- Flint Urban Safety Corps, Mott Park residents, and Kettering staff will be conducting those assessments through September 2017.
- CORE Security, a partnership of Federal, State, County, City law enforcement and private security in the Corridor are morphing into CORE Community CompStat (CCS) on June 14th. This group will meet monthly to look at crime trends and social network analysis (individuals repeatedly connected to crimes in the area).
- CCS will steer the efforts on drug market enforcement, property crimes, and other incidents.
- Two part-time officers from Flint PD have been hired and will begin working in the corridor in late May / early June through September 2017. They will be restricted to this geographic area.
- There is an interest in conducting a Placemaking Assessment at Mott Park (the actual park) this summer. More information on that at the June 6th MPNA meeting.
- The Flint Urban Safety Corps are working to start business associations at Flushing / Fifth, Court/ Beecher, and Grand Traverse/University. Clean ups, enhancements, and other types of support will be outcomes of this strategy.
- All homes that participate in the Habitat for Humanity Home Repair Program will be eligible for a CPTED assessment.
- We are in the middle of a Placemaking Assessment at Durant Tuuri Mott to transform the outdoor spaces into active and attractive spaces for the community. A final site-plan will be available for viewing in September.

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- A new neighborhood group has formed called the Stevenson Block Club. Their neighborhood boundaries are: Flushing / Fifth to the Flint River / Grand Traverse to Chevrolet.
- The 50/25/25 Sidewalk Replacement Program will soon be starting. We have been told by the City that work begins July 1. An application will be available online very soon.
- We will be replacing a few street lights with LED lights in late spring / early Summer. These lights are more efficient and aid in providing safer places.
- We are purchasing a mobile license plate reader with facial recognition technology in June. This will be installed on a UM-Flint DPS patrol car. The reader can identify thefts, warrants, known associates, etc. Facial recognition can be used when a individual does not have proof of ID.



**1** We always need newsletter carriers to deliver newsletters 2 times a year. Also needed are phone callers who are willing to make phone calls to people in Mott Park about 4 - 6 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 Chris Monk for more details!

**2** We have some great neighbors! Thank you to the Barkeys, Ginny Braun, Edith Campbell, Bill Heatley and Karla Froehlich for taking care of the trash cans around the park! They empty the trash cans and help keep our park clean. If you see them down in our park thank them, it is an amazing job they do and I am grateful that they volunteer every year. If you are interested in helping them to keep the park clean, contact me, Nena at 241-1869 or at [nena@morkpark.org](mailto:nena@morkpark.org)



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### Bed and Breakfast

Knob Hill Bed and Breakfast is a beautiful 1920s home located at 1105 South Drive in Flint. Call Diana Phillips at 810-424-3888, email knobhillbnb@gmail.com or visit www.knobhillbedandbreakfast.com

### Computer Repair and Service

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### Little Orchard Child Care

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## Until next time...

The annual rummage sale is right around the corner. We'll keep you posted on the neighborhood picnic. Don't forget to water your perennials and annuals and be safe while working on your home projects. Be sure to take a before and after to enter the annual contest, we'd even love for you to enter a picture or two of your garden or outdoor space. Continue watching out for your neighbors and enjoy everything Mott Park has to offer in the summertime. The next issue of the Mott Park Neighborhood News will be out in the Fall 2016. Happy Summer!



## Helpful Numbers

**Emergencies** 911

**Flint Police Department** 237-6801

**Community Policing** 237-6853

**Anonymous Tip Line** 237-6812

**Drug Hotline** 237-6957

**Flint Fire Department** 762-7336

**Poison Control** 1-800-222-1222

**Consumers Energy** 1-800-477-5050

**City of Flint** 766-7346

**Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce** 600-1404

**Genesee County Land Bank** 257-3088

**Dumping Hotline** 237-2432

**Street Maintenance** 766-7450

**Demolitions** 766-7284

**City Council** 766-7418

**Parks & Recreation** 766-7463

**Republic (Refuse/Recycling)**  
1-888-872-7455

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