



Reminder! General elections and neighborhood recognition • December 4, 2017 • Calvary United Methodist Church at 7 pm

Attend the General Meeting on October 2.

Come and discuss neighborhood safety on Monday, October 2, 2017 at Calvary United Methodist Church, 2111 Flushing Rd., at 7:00 p.m. We can all agree that there has been an increase in criminal activity within our neighborhood, but how can we deter it? From simple safety tips to establishing a robust neighborhood crime patrol. We will discuss it all! **DON'T FORGET TO COME!**

2017 has been an extremely busy year

by Arther Mance, MPNA President



One of the areas we had to really zero in on was the infrastructure of the Mott Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA). We want to make sure we position the association for greater funding opportunities so that we can be of better service to the community. This has entailed attending many hours of trainings and meetings geared towards leadership development and capacity building. Over the last 5 years the board has changed dramatically and suddenly so these development trainings were essential to the future of the organization. We have been fortunate to have a small but effective team, but to take the organization to the next phase and to handle the needs of today's Mott Park we need more people to get involved. One of the things I have noticed is that we

do a great job voicing our concerns on Facebook but this yields little actual results. With this in mind the Mott Park Voice committee was formed to take our concerns to our local government and hold them accountable for results. The Mott Park Voice launched with a forum for the candidates running for 6th Ward City Council and plans to host another forum this year. Also this group will be responsible for organizing neighbors to attend city council meetings and developing action plans for results. I would like to thank new Mott Park neighbors Megan and Greg Ahejew for leading this initiative. Another area where I see we have opportunity is in the area of communication. With over 1200 households in Mott Park and neighbors having various preferred methods of being notified, making

sure everyone receives the latest and greatest news can be a challenge. We find that having information in a stationary location gives the best opportunity for most to see updates. The MPNA website (www.mottpark.org) is one of our best communications resources. We were able to obtain a grant to update the website and to have a app developed that can be downloaded to a smart phone. This project should be completed by the next neighborhood meeting. My hope is that this tool will help increase the communications out to the neighborhood.

We would like to thank the Flint Urban Safety Corps for partnering with us on a few projects this year.

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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

The Mott Park Blight Squad continues to be busy since spring. Within the last few months we have got a lot of things accomplished in the neighborhood. Below is what has been done so far:

1. Joliet St. blight clean up: Over 13 homes cleaned with the assistance of Kettering University Volunteers, the Baha'i Community, and the Flint reserve police officers. Tools provided by the Neighborhood Engagement Hub.
2. Chevrolet Ave. clean up: Cleaned 3 massively blighted homes on Chevrolet Ave. near Flushing Rd., all next to each other with the help of Kettering volunteers.
3. Installed a decorative flower box with Mott Park lettering in the median of Chevrolet Ave. and Dupont St.
4. Painted a severely weathered vacant home at 2014 Cartier St. and installed solar security lighting. Paint was donated by Mott Park residents Casey and Mike Dodd who run the Benjamin Moore Paint Centers in Flint Twp. and Grand Blanc.
5. Removed fallen tree limbs on Cartier St. near Chevrolet Ave. and Perry St. near Chevrolet Ave.
6. Installed a water system at Mott Park gardens.
7. Installed and painted a fence on the foundation of a burned down home at 1920 Joliet St.
8. Assisted with a city wide blight clean up on Martin Luther King Blvd.

Now, we still have more planned until the fall. Here is what we plan to do:

- Build and install second flower box with Mott Park lettering to be installed in the median of Chevrolet near Flushing.
- Renovate the exterior of three homes, sites of previous heavy blight, by painting them and some structural enhancements to improve the area and entrance to the neighborhood. These projects will take us into fall.

The blight in the neighborhood continues to decline. We are please to learn that the city is stepping up enforcement services in the neighborhood. They have hired two additional Neighborhood Safety Officers (NSO) who will just handle the 6th Ward. The NSOs for our area previously handled other wards as well. The city will be assisting with handling blight matters on owned and owned vacant properties to get the owners to make sure they are maintained to code. To report blight you can visit the City of Flint web page or call (810) 237-2090. Enjoy the rest of your summer!!

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Some of the projects include the printing and distribution of our spring/summer edition of our newsletter, a community survey, park clean up, mowing vacant properties and hosting a community safety meeting. The FUSC will continue to work with the association for the remainder of the year. The MPNA once again was the recipient of the Clean and Green grant which allowed us to complete over 200 mows of vacant lots and homes in Mott Park area. Special thanks to the Mott Park Neighborhood Revitalization team for their hard work. If funding is available next year we will apply again as this grant has been instrumental in our efforts to fight against blight in our community. The MPNA was also selected by Community First to receive the Vibrant Places grant. We applied in order to bring back Art in the Park event so in 2018 we may be hosting our first Art in the Park event in years. Now in light of all this great news we do not want to ignore the rise in crime that we have all experienced in Mott Park. At our last neighborhood meeting we were able to take away some valuable insights. Due to the lack of reporting via 911 or filing police reports the offenses appear to be on the decline. It is very important that every incident is called in or a report is filed. The data plays a part in police presence and possible grants that could be available for the Mott Park. We are launching a campaign called Mott Park NOT ON OUR WATCH! More to come on how we as a community can

take back our neighborhood. Also we have been notified by our community officer that a number of homes do not have their porch light on at night. Criminals usually try and avoid well lit homes. Something as simple as turning on your lights can serve as a deterrent. This battle will need to be fought using all resources: reports, patrols, signage, partnership, and technology. We will need strategies and people to get involved in order to be successful. It's up to us at this point to take our community back.

2017 events

May 2017 Neighborhood Park Clean up
June 2017 Community Fun Day/Health Screening
June 2017 Neighborhood Garage sale
August 2017 6th Ward City Council Forum
August 2017 Safety event
August 2017 Community pot lock

Special recognition

Special thanks to Kettering University and McLaren Hospital for donations for our community fun day. We would also like to thank the Well of Hope Organization for partnering with us to provide additional food, games, music and prizes. Thanks to Calvary United Methodist Church for providing the grills and snacks. We received valuable feedback from the community and will implement some of those ideas for next year.

- Arther

Our Finances At A Glance.

By Beth Brown,
MPNA Treasurer

Current Balance
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MOTT PARK RECREATION AREA: UPDATE

The old golf course is soon to be a new Disc Golf course!! We are hoping to have it completed by this fall. You may have noticed the strange rectangular holes that appeared recently - those are where the tee pads will be located and in a couple of weeks they will be cemented in. Just like a regular golf course, there will be tees and greens (baskets). There will be classes for those who are unfamiliar with disc golf. It will be free. We will accept donations for course.

The project is being funded by the Flint Community Foundation, Flint Flyerz Disc Golf Club, Glendale Hills Neighborhood Association, Kettering University, Mott Park Neighborhood

Association, and the Mott Park Recreation Association. Our Mott Park neighbor Myles Nakamura was instrumental in this venture and Bo Cummins and a neighbor from Glendale Hills are helping with the cement installation. We could use volunteers with the installation which will be in a few weeks. If you are interested in helping, give me a call at 810-444-7566 or send me an email at ginnybraun@bhhsmi.com.

Additionally, the Flint River Corridor Alliance is proposing to install a paddlers landing on the south side of the river near the Ballenger Highway bridge. The Flotilla has been cancelled because of the dredging upriver near the Post office and the



donations they received have been diverted to fund this project!! These are exciting times for the old golf course!

We still need money to pay for signage and other disc golf course stuff so if you want to donate to the cause, let me know. Donations are tax deductible.

- Ginny Braun,

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." Please visit our dues and donations page at www.mottpark.org and donate via PayPal or mail your tax-deductible donation of at least \$15.00, payable to the Mott Park Neighborhood Association and drop it in the mail!

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