



2018 General meetings at a glance:

October 1

December 3

Mott Park needs you



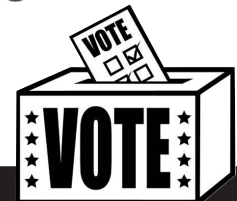
by Nena Woodall, MPNA Vice President

Hello to those that live in Mott Park, homeowners and renters all included. We have learned that in the last few years changes have been happening in our neighborhood and as we experience these changes I have learned that the heart and endurance of this COMMUNITY is very strong. The residents of Mott Park are what has drawn so many new neighbors to move here and has made it hard for others to leave. I just want to say as your neighbor, "Thank you for stepping up and inspiring people." Also, *thank you* to the ones that mow the empty lots, *thank you* to ones that pick up trash, *thank you* to the people that rescue the

animals and either help them get back home or find them a new home. Your efforts are what make us strong!

Mott Park is in need of people who are wanting to be a part of a great team that helps keep the neighborhood going. If you are interested or want to know what you can do to help please reach out to us at mottpark@gmail.com Elections are in December and we are looking for members to join the committee. It is not only a great experience to work with your neighbors, but also to help build a community.

Thanks for caring! Nena



**MOTT PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
ELECTIONS**

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 3**

Good day neighbors!

This year marks another successful year partnering with the Landbank's Clean and Green initiative. Through this initiative we were able to maintain a total of 35 vacant properties and/or empty lots in Mott Park. Even though there are far more than 35 properties that need attention, we will take all the help that we can get. We would also like to thank all of you that have taken it upon yourselves to maintain a vacant property while attending to your own. Only through a collective effort of neighbors and community partners, can we keep our neighborhood from going under. In addition to mowing lawns, we will also be boarding 5 properties with decorative boarding through another Landbank initiative. Once again, there are more than 5 properties that we would like to board up but we are limited on what we can do. We are always looking for few good men and women who would like to help with neighborhood revitalization. We know that everyone can't make it to all the meetings, events or clean up and that's okay. If we all do what we can and use our gifts and talents to improve Mott Park, our neighborhood will continue to be a place that people will want to move into. If all you have is one hour a month, we can use it. If you have ideas, we welcome them. If we all take ownership of our own neighborhood, then no one else can. My hope is to partner with more of you on future neighborhood revitalization projects. - **Art Mance**

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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!

The gardens and Recreation Area look pretty good considering the hot, dry summer we had!



Thanks to the following for taking care of their garden sites - the Eddy family (Nolen & University), Will and Calvin (Dougherty & Nolen), Judy Trombly (Nolen & Marquette), Dorie and Brian Barkey gardens on the east side of Nolen between Weller and Dougherty), Becky Leonard (Marquette triangle), Jean and Jim Whiting (Nolen between University and Dougherty), Pat Seals (Weller & Dougherty). The "Gateway" garden triangle at Marquette, Bagley, and Chevrolet is maintained by myself, Denny Gardner and Susan Alarie from Keep Genesee County Beautiful. I do the one in front of the clubhouse also (and could use some help if anyone is interested).

If you would like to help out with a garden, let me know! They add so much beauty to our neighborhood. Also I should not forget all the neighbors who have such beautiful gardens in front of their homes or those neighbors who pick up trash on their walks!

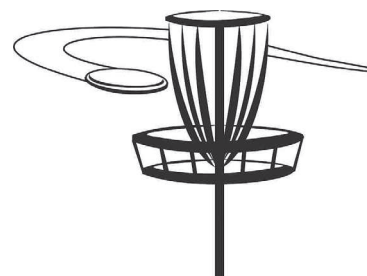
Other newsworthy items include the wedding at the Mott Park Recreation Area this past August. It was a lovely event! Also the Disc golf course is open for play. It is used every day, the parking lot is open, and the security cameras are working. The Flint Town Flyerz Disc Golf Club has events often. Their facebook page is Flint Town Flyerz. They have special events on how to learn to play disc golf and they often give away discs at these events.

If you have any "great ideas" for events or projects, let me know. I can be reached at 810-444-7566 or ginnybraun@bhhsmi.com - **Ginny Braun**

More about Flint Town Flyerz

The Flint Town Flyerz were established in 2007 to promote disc golf in the greater Flint area. The club runs weekly leagues at Goldenrod, Holly Woods, and Mott Park. In addition to weekly leagues the club runs PDGA sanctioned tournaments:

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- The Vehicle City Open
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Light up Mott Park!
Turn your porch lights on.



Won't you be my neighbor?

by Daniel Crawford,
MPNA member

My three year old son and two year old daughter have had so much fun outside this summer! But on rainy days (or really hot ones) we spend time inside, and sometimes watch TV. One of my kids' favorite shows is Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood. If you watched the program, you might recognize many of the characters from the longtime beloved show Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. We love the program, not just because it's music is catchy (or that the kids watch it long enough for us to catch up on the dishes) but also because it talks a lot about being friendly towards your neighbor. Many of you may have grown up with Mr. Rogers Neighborhood or raised children who watched it. Who can forget his iconic song each episode in which Mr. Rogers would always warmly ask, "won't you be my neighbor?"

Mott Park is a neighborhood with a rich history and many longtime residents who remain a pillar in the community. At the same time, it's also rapidly changing. One year after moving in wife and I are

already meeting new homeowners, new neighbors who are renting, as well as longtime residents. We've found so much value in getting to know our neighbors. I think there are a few reasons for that.

The first reason is that our neighbors are awesome! They range from young couples building their lives together just like my wife and I, hard working men and women raising their families, and retired folks living their golden years in our beautiful neighborhood. They are part of what makes Mott Park such a great place to live. What kinds of rich stories are waiting to be told by the people who live right next door? Another reason for getting to know them is for security reasons. One of the most effective ways you can deter crime in your neighborhood is knowing your neighbors and forming a network that keeps one another informed.

When we had a crime take place at the end of our street, I was able to quickly call my neighbors and find out critical information, even though I wasn't home. We were able to quickly assemble a 911 call-in campaign to make sure the limited resources of the city reached our street, and it worked! A police officer was eventually dispatched.

When getting to know your neighbors, I always suggest the "9 square method". Sometimes it helps to draw it on a piece of paper. Draw three rows of squares for a total of nine. Your house is the middle square. The squares on the left and right are the houses to the left and right of you. The other squares are the three houses across the street from you and the three houses behind you. Make it a point to know each of these neighbors. If you don't know them, it's never too late to introduce yourself.

My hope is that we can all take the time to get to know one another, welcome renters as a valued and diverse part of our community, and create a more safe and happy Mott Park for generations to come.

More about Flint Town FlyerZ *continue from page 2*

In 2010 the club started a course development fund to improve existing courses and explore the installation of new courses. In 2017 the club donated \$5,000.00 to the Mott Park Recreation Association for the Mott Park Disc Golf Course which was matched by Kettering and The Community Foundation of Greater Flint. This made the Mott Park Disc golf course a reality and it was installed in September of 2017.

To promote disc golf in the area the club has sponsored a kids day and learn to play disc golf event. Through these events we have gotten free discs into the hands of 100 plus non-disc golfers. We gave clinics, demos, and offered instruction during these events The FlyerZ host a yearly fundraiser event called The Frozen FlyerZ. The club has raise nearly \$10,000 to the following causes: The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, The YWCA, and *Flintkids.org*.