



# Mott Park

## Neighborhood Association

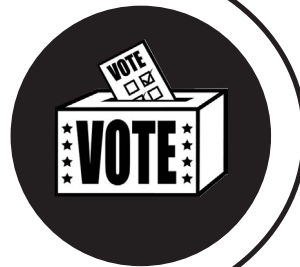
*"to promote the common good and general welfare of the neighborhood"*



*Read up on the history  
of the neighborhood*

and take in reflections from  
folks who have lived or who  
were raised in Mott Park.

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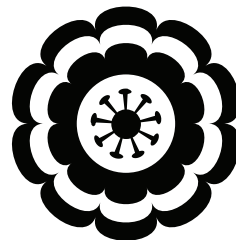
## Elections and December meeting

Monday, December 2, 2019

7:00 PM • United Calvary Methodist  
Church • See page 5 for details

## Hello neighbors!

by Nena Woodall, MPNA President



This has been an eventful year  
around our neighborhood. We  
had two park clean ups, thanks to  
all the neighbors and volunteers  
that helped. Without your time and  
dedication we would not have been  
able to accomplish what we did!  
We removed a lot of the brush along  
Weller Street and what an amazing  
view it is. When I drive by I swear the  
trees are breathing sighs! We have  
had the Paddlers Landing installed,  
built in the recreation area, and disc  
golf is still going strong.

We continue to accomplish our  
focus of maintaining what we can  
and working towards the future.

As we have seen a shift in  
participation from the neighbor-  
hood it becomes more and more  
difficult to make some of these  
ideas and visions come to fruition.  
My goal and vision is to get all our  
neighbors to want to become a  
part of something going on around  
them. Whether it is cleaning a street,  
maintaining one of the neighbor-  
hood gardens or planning some  
great events for the neighborhood  
kids. Our neighborhood needs  
everyone's support whether you  
are a homeowner, renter, student or  
just riding out on someone's couch.  
Please realize that all who are here is  
a part of what makes Mott Park.



## WE WANT YOU!

So as the old sign of Uncle Sam  
says, "We want you!" Please come  
to the meetings, reach out to us via  
Facebook or call the Neighborhood  
Association phone number. The  
vision for the tennis courts is going  
to take some great initiative from all  
of us. The vision and plan is a great  
addition. Looking forward to see  
what we all can accomplish in 2020!

## Have a bright idea for Mott Park?

Attend a meeting.

Start a project.

You'll be glad you did!



### Executive committee board members

**President** Nena Woodall  
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**Vice President** Vacant

**Treasurer** Arther Mance  
810-771-5714 | treasurer@mottpark.org

**Secretary** Lisa Treece  
810-771-5714 | secretary@mottpark.org

### Standing committees

**Neighborhood Revitalization**  
Ginny Braun 810-444-7566  
revitalization@mottpark.org

Chad Schlosser

**Neighborhood Watch** Vacant

**Parks and Playground** Vacant

**Activities and Events** Vacant

If interested in helping out on any committees please contact us at MottPark@gmail.com or 810-771-5714



## 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!

Are you a writer and would like to write an article or maybe share some of your work with the neighborhood? Contact us at MottPark@gmail.com or call 810-771-5714

# The future of the tennis courts

The Mott Park neighborhood was purposefully designed to include ample opportunities for leisure and exercise, with a golf course, soccer field, tennis courts, hockey rink, softball field, and playground. Those of us who live here now are blessed to inherit these treasures, but also have a responsibility to preserve them for future generations.

It has been exciting to see many positive changes at the park and recreation area over the last 5 years following decades of decline. We have a disc golf course and a brand new playground. With this momentum, Nena and I have wanted to start conversations about forming a vision for the tennis courts.

Over the last several years, we have used Kettering students to pull weeds in the tennis courts during our clean up days. This does not seem sustainable to us. The courts are badly in need of resurfacing and having new poles and nets installed, but this begs the question... do we want three tennis courts in Mott Park?

Nena started a poll in the Facebook page in the spring of this year, and there was a lot of support for resurfacing all three, keeping one as a tennis court, turning one into a basketball court, and creating a "traffic garden" on the third. This would be a space painted like streets for kids to learn how to ride bikes safely. Nena and I would like to pursue this vision as it seems to be what most neighbors want. We know there are exceptions and concerns, especially around basketball. Our hope is that with having three different types of activities will allow the space to be used by all kinds of people. In recent years it has been used very sparsely by anyone at all, but it seems to us that doing something that will allow the space to be used for recreation is a worthwhile pursuit.

We have begun conversations with the Community Foundation and with Keep Genesee County Beautiful about helping us with the costs of these projects. It's possible we will do some fundraising and get small grants from multiple organizations to piece together the costs of these projects. It will likely happen one at a time, starting with the traffic garden, and each one will cost in the range of \$12,000.00 - \$15,000.00.



Example of a children's traffic garden

We welcome your input and your help in these projects! Please feel free to reach out to Nena or I anytime. - Chad

# What can be collected?

## Acceptable Items

### Recycling

- Aerosol Spray Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- Cardboard
- Cereal Boxes
- Glass Bottles
- Household Plastic 1
- Household Plastic 2
- Household Plastic 3
- Household Plastic 4
- Household Plastic 5
- Household Plastic 6
- Household Plastic 7
- Magazines
- Mail
- Paper
- Paperboard
- Phonebooks
- Steel Cans

### Yard Waste

- Agricultural Waste
- Branches
- Garden Debris
- Grass Clippings
- Leaves
- Shrubbery
- Vegetables

### Bulk Waste

- Book Case
- Couch
- Desk
- Dresser
- Entertainment Center
- Household Furniture
- Kitchen Table
- Picnic Tables
- Ping Pong Tables
- Pools
- Sofa
- Swing Sets
- Toys

### Appliance

- Air Conditioner
- Barbecue Grill
- Box Fans
- Ceiling Fans
- Dehumidifier
- Dishwasher
- Dryer
- Freezer
- Humidifier
- Microwave
- Refrigerator
- Stove
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Washer
- Water Heaters
- Water Softners

### Landfill Transfer

- Barrels
- Tanks

## Unacceptable Items

### Recycling

- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic Bags
- Styrofoam Containers
- Tissue Paper
- Wax Coated Cardboard

### Yard Waste

- Dirt
- Flower Pots
- Stumps

### Appliance

- Propane Tanks

### Landfill Transfer

- Abrasives
- Animal Waste
- Batteries
- Corrosive Waste
- Flammable Waste
- Fluorescent light tubes (large quantities)
- Off Spec raw Materials
- PCB Materials
- Refinery Brick Materials
- Cars, Trucks, Motor Homes, Buses (No Vehicles)

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## MEET OUR NEIGHBORS

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST  
FEATURE IN OUR NEWSLETTER.  
MOTT PARK IS MADE UP OF  
SOME PRETTY WONDERFUL  
PEOPLE. EMAIL US ABOUT  
YOURSELF OR ABOUT A  
NEIGHBOR, OR TWO.  
WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU!  
MOTTPARK@GMAIL.COM

### MEET JANIE...



This story starts with a thicket of gorgeous magenta peonies that didn't belong to me. They didn't belong to anyone. Before the house next door was demolished, I "rescued" these peonies and transplanted them in our front yard. I didn't know what I was doing and hardly knew how

to use a shovel, but nature is generous and forgiving. That one peony clump divided into six baby plants. Little did I know that five years later, these six young peonies would become the inspiration for and backbone to our family flower farm.

**M**y name is Janie Case Beuthin and along with my husband and three kids, I created a small urban flower farm right here in Mott Park. When we moved

Please visit our dues and donations page at [www.MottPark.org](http://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!

Mott Park Neighborhood Association / Attn: Treasurer  
PO Box 4187 Flint, MI 48504



### 2019 MOTT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DUES

Please fill this out and enclose with your check (please do not mail cash)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

### PARTICIPATING MEMBER



How would you  
prefer to be  
notified of Mott  
Park events.

☐ by phone

☐ by email

back home to Flint and into this neighborhood in 2011, our house was surrounded by five empty and abandoned houses. Over time, each one was purchased and renovated. Sadly, the house just to the east of us was beyond hope. It had a tarp for a roof and was home to wild animals. In 2015, the Genesee County Land Bank came and took the house down.

We were fortunate to adopt the property through Flint's Adopt-a-Lot program, and later purchase the space. At first we put in a large vegetable garden and each year since, we've grown more and more flowers in addition to vegetables. As you probably know, Mott Park has a thriving groundhog population, and they aren't as likely to eat flowers as vegetables. We've enjoyed growing herbs and flowers here, both perennials and annuals. Now we grow more than enough flowers to share the beauty of local, seasonal blooms with friends, family

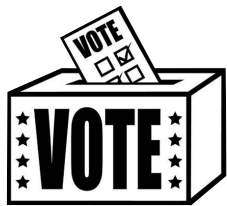
and neighbors (and strangers!) here in Flint.

Maybe you're wondering what's special about local, seasonal flowers. Here are a few perks that come from supporting a local flower farm. First, anyone who buys flowers that are grown locally gets to appreciate up-close the ever-changing Michigan seasons. They enjoy daffodils, tulips and peonies in the spring, welcome roses, cosmos and zinnias in the summer, and delight in dahlias and sunflowers in the fall. As well, buying flowers locally as opposed to flowers flown in from Central and South America directly supports your friendly neighborhood flower farmer (that's me!) and in turn supports the local economy, all while reducing carbon emissions. And when it comes to varieties, locally-grown flowers aren't the same as those you see in a grocery store or even at the florist shop. Because flower farmers don't ship their flowers over huge distances,

they can grow types that are more unique, delicate and even more fragrant. It's hard to find cosmos, dahlias or zinnias at a grocery store but on a flower farm, they are everywhere (depending, of course, on the season).

In 2018, Twig End Farm officially launched. Offering the magic of thoughtfully-grown local flowers is my mission and passion. It is a natural outpouring of my soul and of our soil. You can order fresh-from-the-garden blooms from Twig End Farm, May through September, by sending a message to Janie Case Beuthin at [twigendfarm@gmail.com](mailto:twigendfarm@gmail.com). Read more here: [twigendfarm.com](http://twigendfarm.com). Also, please follow us on Facebook (@twigendfarm) and Instagram (@twig.end.farm). With every seed I sow and every plant I divide, my roots in this city continue to grow deeper. - **Janie Case Beuthin**  
**Twig End Farm owner/farmer-florist/head gardener**

## Invitation to the Mott Park Neighborhood Association board



The next Mott Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA)

meeting is 7:00 pm on December 2, 2019 at Calvary United Methodist Church (2111 Flushing Road, Flint). There will be food! This is an important meeting because there will be elections for next year's MPNA board. Nena and I want to formally invite new people to consider serving on the board. We would love some new ideas and energy

from those who want to improve our neighborhood. No special skills are required! But here are a few things that, if you are interested in or gifted at, you may consider contributing (list not exhaustive):

- Planning community events or activities
- Applying for grants
- Beautification and blight reduction
- Journalism
- Managing finances
- Recruiting volunteers
- Welcoming neighbors

- Networking with outside organizations
- Planning interesting and relevant neighborhood meetings

Please consider joining us!

The board meets once a month and we work on things as we have time. We would love to make 2020 even better for Mott Park and invite your help! Feel free to reach out to Nena anytime, including at the December 2 meeting, if you're interested or have questions. - **Chad**

## 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 40 vacant properties and/or empty lots in Mott Park. Even though there are far more than 100 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. 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 gift and talents to improve Mott Park, our neighborhood will continue to be a place that people will want to move into. Our hope is to partner with more of you on future neighborhood revitalization projects.

- Art

## Tai Chi classes

Tai chi is an ancient physical exercise based on martial arts forms. Its practice offers gentle exercise that improves concentration and balance. Often termed "meditation in movement," tai chi promotes overall health. The Mayo Clinic recommends tai chi to reduce stress. Some even hope its practice will prove beneficial against Alzheimer's. Instructor Gloria Kramer offers morning tai chi classes on Thursdays and Saturdays 9:30 am to 12:30 am. Class levels are: Beginners (9:30 am), Intermediate (10:30 am), and Advanced (11:30 am). The fee per class for drop-ins is \$6.00 (full Fall session is \$105.00). The location is McLaren Hospitality House (west of Karmanos Cancer Center), G-3170 Beecher Rd., Flint. No appointment necessary. For more information or any questions about ongoing classes, contact Chi Force Tai Chi at 810-348-6530



## POLAR EXPRESS EXTRAVAGANZA

**Saturday, December 14, 2019**  
**Flint Public Library**  
**1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**



**1:00 pm** Conductor Handsome Harry reads the story

**1:15 - 2:00 pm** Decorating cookies, hot chocolate and crafts

**2:00 - 4:00 pm** Polar Express movie and Santa visits the library!

For more information contact the Flint Public Library at 810-232-7111.



Officials released 125 juvenile sturgeon into the Flint River in an effort to re-establish the species in the Saginaw watershed. The event was hosted by Michigan Department of Natural Resource local, state and federal partners on Saturday, September 21, 2019 in Mott Park's Paddlers' Landing. [www.mlive.com](http://www.mlive.com)

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### The Holiday Walk

is a FREE community event, however the Flint Cultural Center asks those who can to bring non-perishable food, clothing or personal care items to be donated to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

## Service guide

Mott Park residents who have paid the annual MPNA dues are eligible to place an ad in the service guide. Please limit your posting to about 20 words. Please note that the MPNA does not endorse any service/vendor listed.

### 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](mailto:knobhillbnb@gmail.com) or visit [www.knobhillbedandbreakfast.com](http://www.knobhillbedandbreakfast.com)

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Call Julie Simmons at 810-820-5731

### Realtors

Ginny Braun with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Michigan Real Estate at 810-444-7566 if no answer call 810-606-0102 or email [ginnybraun@bhhsmi.com](mailto:ginnybraun@bhhsmi.com)

Scott D. Shaker of Re/Max Grande Realty at 810-695-4111 or [www.isellhomesfast.com](http://www.isellhomesfast.com) with 15 years of short sale and foreclosure experience.

### Window & Gutter Cleaning

Quality Window Cleaning, 30 years experience, Mott Park resident for 25 years. Call Frank at 810-234-2897

Light up Mott Park!  
Turn your porch lights on.



What I like about my neighborhood in the winter!

Artist's name:

Address:

Phone:

Mott Park's junior residents ages 3 to 12 are encouraged to enter our 2nd MP Kids Art Contest. Draw and color your entry and mail to: MPNA, P.O. Box 4187, Flint, Michigan 48504 or scan and email to: MottPark@gmail.com

