

MPNO NEWS

Winter 2011

MPNO MEETS NOVEMBER 9, 2011

Shabazz Academy

6:30pm

TECHNOLOGY, MOORES PARK SCHOOL, CARNIVAL DATES AND MORE!

Please know that all residents in the Moores Park Neighborhood are encouraged to attend the meetings. It is only through communication with everyone that we can continue to make our neighborhood the best it can be.

This month we will have a **report from the technology committee** which is currently working on adding an interactive component to our web site mooresparkneighborhood.org. The original committee did such a great job getting this up and running. Now we are hoping to update it a little. We want to add a classified section and create a forum for online discussion of specific topics. We are also training our officers to enable them to make updates so the site will be more current. Please check it out and see if you have any suggestions for making it more useful to you.

Suggestions can be sent to the e-mail link on the web site, or to sqmurray@hotmail.com

Also on the agenda will be discussion about what **recommendations for the use of Moores Park School we would like to pass on to the developer- The Gillespie Group**. I know there are many of you interested in what becomes of the school building. We were hopeful that Reach Art Center would be able to acquire the space, but now we have a different developer to work with. The Gillespie Group has purchased the building and is interested in developing it for use similar to the Marshall Street Armory site. They reported that they had more non-profits interested in the Armory site than they had room to accommodate and are hoping Moores Park School will be used by more non-profits. The Gillespie Group has reached out to our neighborhood organization, and we will be

choosing possible meeting times for interested residents to meet with them. Unfortunately Mr. Gillespie was not available to come to the November 9th regular meeting.

Guest speaker Tony Daly will be at the meeting to talk about **senior companions**, and we will be deciding on a date for the carnival –summer 2012. (New procedures for reserving the park make this early decision necessary.)

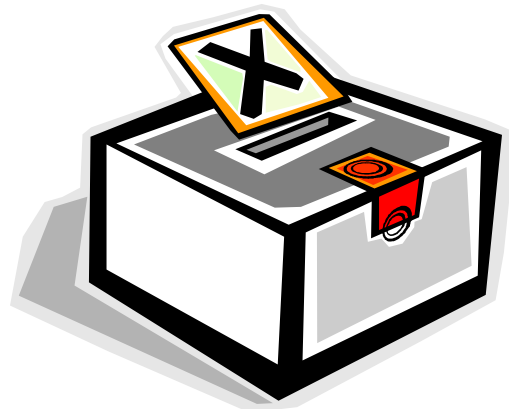
Please remember to

VOTE

Tuesday, November 8th

Local elections have the most direct impact on your life. Our city council and school board make decisions that affect you everyday, and they are much more accessible than state and national politicians.

A representative from both the police department and the fire department were at our last meeting reporting the loss to their departments following the rejection of the last millage, and unfortunately the city's finances are getting worse. They are now reporting that they need the current millage proposal to pass to keep their staff at the current much reduced levels. Two fire stations are closed, and over 40 officers have been laid off.



MPNO MEETING DATES

November 9, 6:30PM Shabazz Academy

December 15th, 7:00pm

Social Gathering for the Holidays

Hosted by the Murrays

1720 Bradley Ave.

(this event is for you if you are not a meeting person, but want to reach out to your neighbors!)



JANUARY 11, 6:30PM Shabazz Academy

FEBRUARY 8, 6:30PM Shabazz Academy

CURRENT OFFICERS

Shirley Murray – President 372-5765

Paul Johns – Vice President 374-7525

Sarah Whitaker – Secretary leonalootoo22@gmail.com

(Welcome to Sarah! and Thanks)

David Potts – Treasurer 372-8154

Update on the reported body in the pavilion.

Yes, there was a body found in the Moores Park Pavilion this week. It was a man in his late 30s who apparently died from natural causes. Neighbors say there was a homeless person staying there frequently, and it seems to be he who died.

NOISE ALERT FROM B of W&L

Due to regulations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Lansing Board of Water & Light must periodically remove fly ash from its power plants.

At our Eckert Power Plant from November 5 through November 14, the BWL will use several vehicles equipped with high-powered vacuums to remove the fly ash. The material will be transported to a landfill or to a company for recycling.

When operated, the vacuum trucks create a loud noise. Residents in the vicinity will be able to hear the trucks from some distance.

Initially, the vacuum trucks will operate around the clock – for up to four days. After that time period, the trucks will mainly operate during daylight hours.

We apologize in advance for the noise. Please know that we will work as promptly as possible to complete the work in compliance with EPA regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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