

Flint Neighborhoods United

May 5, 2018

9:31am Call to Order

- Introductions

9:40am Resident Comments, Concerns & Announcements

- Davison Rd & Dexter St: Cars and busses speeding through neighborhood. Currently, there is no speed limit sign. Causes extra threat for community members who choose to walk in street due to condition of sidewalks. Any suggestions on how to help calm traffic?
 - Engage Flint Police Department for patrols
 - Establish a traffic calming task force to explore options such as temporary speed bumps
 - Kettering University's Tom Wyatt may have some strategies that can be shared. twyatt@kettering.edu, (810) 762-9882
 - Request a speed limit sign; City of Flint Department of Public Works (810) 766-7135
 - Install cameras
 - Educate community members about traffic laws
- Dangers to bicyclists – motorists, sidewalk conditions
 - We can set an example of being mindful of others who share the road
- Reminder to practice basic home safety—check locks on homes and vehicles
- King Ave PLUS will be selling garden materials and supplies. Get in your application by May 8. For more information, call (810) 348-5332
- Eastside Improvement Association will be hosting a cleanup May 12, 9am-12pm at Potter School
- West Flint Community Watch will be hosting a cleanup at Manhall Park (Beecher and Court) on May 12, 9am-12pm.
- Saturday, May 5 is Free Comic Book day at three local comic shops. Stop by and reconnect with your favorite characters!
- Please be responsible this Cinco de Mayo as you support local restaurants! Lots of specials throughout the city!
 - Additionally, take this opportunity to learn about the culture and heritage of diverse populations
- Uplifting Spirits Benefit Concert for Musical Mission to Puerto Rico will be held Saturday, May 12, 6pm at Unitarian Universalist Church, benefitting the UM-Flint Jazz Combo's mission to Puerto Rico. Admission is \$15.
- Please remember to pitch in and help beautify your neighborhood. Picking up trash in a vacant lot can make a huge difference!

9:54am Community Partner Updates

- City of Flint Department of Planning & Development shared the 2019 Parks Plan Executive Summary. Summary can be found at imagineflint.com. Contact Adam Moore for more information at amoore@cityofflint.com or (810) 766-7426 ext 3029
 - There is a survey re: favorite parks. Each person who completes a survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$500 mini-grant for your park. Take the survey at <https://goo.gl/YPBkJN>

- City of Flint Dept. of Planning & Development also shared that Flint is a finalist for a HUD Choice Neighborhoods grant. HUD will be visiting Flint later this month for a site visit. Please use the hashtag **#mychoiceisflint** to share how great this community is!
 - For more information about the Choice Neighborhoods grant, contact Kristin Stevenson at kstevenson@cityofflint.com or (810) 766-7426 ext
- Community Toolshed is now open! Contact Hurb Pitts at Neighborhood Engagement Hub at (810) 620-1299 ext 5
 - A free zero-turn lawn mower training class will be offered Tuesday, May 8 at 9:00am
 - Generators may be rented
- Edible Flint Garden Starter Kits will be delivered on May 16. Kits are still available. For more information, visit www.edibleflint.org or call (810) 244-8530
- Hispanic Tech Center will be hosting a Free taco event on Saturday, May 5! They will also be hosting a Spanish-language immersion class this summer. For more information, contact (810) 424-3760.
- Neighborhood Engagement Hub will benefit from a car show hosted by Burton Eagles #3814 on Saturday, May 5 from 12-3pm at Bristol & Center
- This summer, Michigan State Police will be hosting Light Up the City on the fourth Thursday of each month, 5-8.
 - May 31- Flint Development Center
 - Later dates include: June 28, July 26 and Sept 27
 - The Wednesday before, volunteers will walk the neighborhoods to share information about safety. To volunteer, or have your organization's information shared, contact kramers1@michigan.gov. (Plan on providing about 125 copies of brochures/fliers per month.)
- Later this summer, Michigan State Police will be hosting a mini youth academy for teenager 13-16 years old at the Corruna Rd. Police Post. Themes include leadership skills, exercise & nutrition, first aid skills, team building activities, and have the chance to interact with local law enforcement. Contact Tpr. Steve Kramer at kramers1@michigan.gov for more information or an application.
 - No particular residency requirement, but targeting City of Flint, Genesee County residents
- Michigan State Police is hiring. For more information about the hiring process, contact kramers1@michigan.gov
- Flint Public Library will be hosting a summer reading challenge event this summer
 - FPL is interested in bringing the program out into the community for youth who are unable to travel to the library.
 - If your organization is interested in hosting a librarian for story time and a craft once a week for six weeks, contact FPL staff at (810) 232-7111
- Genesee County Habitat for Humanity has free showerhead filters available for Flint residents. Visit the ReStore at 101 Burton St. to pick yours up. Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-5pm.
- Genesee County Habitat for Humanity is partnering with Lowe's (Corunna Rd location) on Monday, May 7 at 6:00pm to host a free clinic to make a small project. Past projects include bookshelves and birdhouses.
- Community Foundation of Greater Flint has released the application for the Neighborhood Small Grants Program. Applications are due May 14.
 - Technical assistance sessions will be held:
 - Monday, May 7, 6-7:30pm at Neighborhood Engagement Hub
 - Thursday, May 10, 4-5:30pm at Habitat for Humanity

- Friday, May 11, 1-3pm at Community Foundation of Greater Flint
- May is Love Your City Month. City of Flint Blight Elimination Division is coordinating various efforts to clean up your community. Contact (810) 237-2090 for more information
- Genesee County Recycle Day will be held May 12, 10am-2pm at Grand Blanc High School and Flint Water Service Center (3310 E Court St). For more information, visit www.gcmopc.org/environmental or contact recycle@co.genesee.mi.us or (810) 762-7744

10:21am Speaker Presentations

- Arcadis-- Darcy McConnell & Chris Hill
 - (317) 236-2841
 - Arcadis was hired by the City of Flint to inventory and analyze the water distribution system and develop an optimization plan
 - Corrosion control optimization, storage analysis, asset management and pipe replacement program, system modeling and operations evaluation, standard operating procedures, staffing and training practices
 - Interested in working for the water department? Visit www.cityofflint.com/human-resourceslabor-relations/ to see what positions are available
 - What was learned:
 - Most water main breaks correlate more closely with changes in weather (colder temps) than switching the water source to the Flint River
 - All sampled sites meet national guidelines for chlorine residual. 24/25 meet the City of Flint's higher standard
 - Of over 80 homes sampled, 90% have 7 ppb lead or less, this is 92.7% less than the previous 90th percentile of 96 ppb or less
 - Filters can significantly reduce exposure to particulate lead. Use them if you have a lead line. Household flushing may also help remove particulate lead.
- Mary ZumBrunnen, small business owner and author of Transcendent Partnership
 - One-Community Consulting (www.one-communityconsulting.com, (810) 553-7389)
 - Transcendent Partnership presents strategies and case studies for collaborative action and building partnerships to meet goals. www.transcendentpartnership.com

11:25am 50/50 drawing

11:27am Adjournment