

Flint Neighborhoods United

June 2, 2018

9:39am Call to Order

9:40am Resident Comments, Concerns & Announcements

- Kearsley Park is now participating in the Keep Genesee County Beautiful adopt-a-park program. Enthusiastic about this new opportunity to improve their park!
- Heritage & Harmony is a music festival in Civic Park neighborhood, July 2-4. All are welcome to attend
- Civic Park will be hosting a cleanup at Haskell Center on Saturday, June 9, 9-12pm. Please volunteer
- Shady Acres will be hosting a cleanup, June 24 at 8am. On Facebook, search for event “Shady Acres Clean Up” to
- Eastside Franklin Park will be turning vacant lots (Ohio & Franklin) into a pocket park this month! If you have time to volunteer, reach out to Edna Sabucco to learn how you can help out with clearing brush and planting fruit trees and other plants
- Fireworks may not be launched in public parks at night. Please be courteous to your neighbors and safe when using fireworks
- Drag racing has become an issue in many neighborhoods—how can we be proactive in responding to this concern?
- King PLUS hosted a cleanup in May, bringing in volunteers from the community and surrounding areas. Very appreciative to the volunteers who helped out.
- King PLUS will be planting a fourth garden at the MLK Peace Garden (MLK & Pasadena) this month. Excited to continue beautifying our community!
- Flint Neighborhoods United President, Carma Lewis, was recognized with the Unsung Hero award, granted by the Evon Price Foundation
- Glendale Hills is proud to announce that they will continue beautification efforts in their neighborhood, with support from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. They will be hosting a planting day for the flower barrels on Saturday, June 16.
- FNU Traffic Calming Taskforce will be meeting July 19th 5:30 at Flint Public Library. All are welcome to attend and provide input.

10:03am Community Partner Updates

- Edible Flint has funding for 150 soil tests for community gardens. Reach out to info@edibleflint.org or (810) 244-8530 for more information.
- 10th annual Food Garden tour will be July 25. If you would like your garden included, please fill out a nomination form by June 15. www.edibleflint.org.
- Keep Genesee County Beautiful will be hosting a summer playground program throughout the county. Kids can drop in for snacks, food and fun, 5 days a week, 11am-3pm, free. Contact (810) 767-9696 for more information about this opportunity.
- 6 new playgrounds will be built in Flint between July 28 and August 11. To learn how you can help out, visit www.geneseeserves.org/need.
- Report streetlight outages to City of Flint Department of Planning and Development by calling (810) 766-7426 or visiting <https://www.cityofflint.com/streetlight-outage-reporting/>
 - Also tall grass, and other sources of blight: <https://www.cityofflint.com/planning-and-development/blight-elimination-and-neighborhood-stabilization/>
- Neighborhood Engagement Hub – Flint Property Portal workshop in June. Stay tuned for details!

- Michigan State Police is hiring! Contact Tpr. Steve Kramer kramers1@michigan.gov for more information
- Light Up the City continues this month on June 28 at Kearsley Park pavilion, starting at 5:00. Come out for free food and fun!
- Genesee County Habitat for Humanity has a limited quantity of showerhead filters & replacement cartridges, and replacement cartridges for Brita and Pur faucet filters available for free to Flint residents. Stop by the ReStore to pick yours up, Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-5pm at 101 Burton St., Flint, MI 48503.
- Flint Our Community Our Voice publishes a calendar of events in each edition. To make sure your event is included, contact (810) 348-5332 or jrmjrichardson@sbcglobal.net
- Flint Public Library is hosting summer activities for youth and adults of all ages throughout the summer. Get involved by visiting www.fpl.org or contacting (810) 232-7111.
- Republic Waste Services will not collect mattresses or box springs with evidence of bed bugs. Rather than collecting the items immediately, they will provide you with a bag for disposal. Contact Heather Griffin, Waste Services Coordinator at City of Flint, if you would like a bag to use or for more information— hgriffin@cityofflint.com, (810) 766-7135 x2605
- Healthy Flint Community Health Research Coordinating Center will be hosting community dialogue series with community members Thursdays in June 5-7:30 at GCCARD. Food provided. Please attend to help identify concerns and create an action plan for the community.
- WOW Outreach Community Unity March & Expo will be held Saturday, June 23 at Sylvester Broome Empowerment Village with march beginning at 10:30, expo 1:30-4:00.
- Genesee Football Club has a game Sunday, June 3, at 4pm at Atwood Stadium, \$7 to attend and watch a women's soccer game
- MSU Extension- Flint is supported through a Genesee County Millage, up for renewal on the primary ballot this August. This funding supports outreach initiatives related to healthy lifestyles, urban agriculture and master gardener program.
- Applewood Estate will be hosting A Night Out at Applewood for residents to network with one another and share about the work they do in their neighborhoods. Join them Friday, July 13, 5:30pm at Applewood Estate for this free event. Food will be provided. Please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/rfOyMJTxoNHpow7A2> or (810) 396-3113 or jcohoon@ruthmott.org
- Oasis will pump water to fill rain barrels in areas without water access on a weekly basis. Contact Jane Richardson at jrmjrichardson@sbcglobal.net or (810) 348-5332 for more information and to be connected to program coordinators.
- Emanuel Taylor, Crime Analyst at Wayne State University in partnership with City of Flint Police Department, hosts regular CompStat meetings and is able to help communicate crime hotspots with the City of Flint Police Department. To learn about meeting times and locations, contact etwayne@state@gmail.com to join the mailing list.
- City of Flint hosting discussions about public health communications strategy, Flint Water Crisis recovery efforts, and economic development will be held Thursdays, 6-7:30pm. June 7 at Berston Field House, June 14 at Calvary UMC,; June 21 at Brennan Senior Center
- Stink bugs overwhelming your home? While they do not pose a public health risk, but they will invade homes and feed on fruits and vegetables. Remove them as you prefer (vacuum, flush, swat them outside, etc...). Home remedies may be effective and can be identified through an internet search. Information about the species may be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/managing_brown_marmorated_stink_bugs_in_homes

10:21am Speaker Presentations—Beautification and Cleanup Resources

- City of Flint—Raul Garcia, Blight Elimination Coordinator
 - Tire buy-back day will be Saturday, June 9, 9am-2pm at Environmental Rubber Recycling (Dort Hwy, just south of Carpenter Rd). Earn \$1/tire, up to 25 tire (no limit on how many tires you can turn in). Tractor or semi tires not accepted.
 - Need a dumpster for your cleanup? Reserve one at least a week in advance. Form available at www.cityofflint.com or call Lindsay Crawford, Blight Elimination Analyst, at (810) 237-2090
- Keep Genesee County Beautiful—Nancy Edwards, Director
 - Cleanup supplies, including bags, leaf bags, gloves, rakes, litter grabbers/pickers, weed whip, and some small power tools, may be loaned to resident organizations. Contact KGCB at (810) 767-9696
 - Adopt-a-Park program may also be available to resident organizations active in their community park. To learn about different ways to be involved, contact KGCB at (810) 767-9696
- Ruth Mott Foundation/Applewood Estate—John Cohoon, Horticulture Technical Assistant
 - Able to provide consultancy about landscaping, site design, planting, soil quality, and any other horticulture concerns to Flint residents working to beautify their neighborhood. To schedule a site visit, please contact (810) 396-3100 or jcohoon@ruthmott.org
- Neighborhood Engagement Hub—Raul Vargas, Neighborhood Project Assistant
 - Neighborhood Toolshed has equipment available for blight elimination, community gardens, etc. available to organizations and residents seeking to beautify their neighborhoods. Tools available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Tools available for free to most areas of the City of Flint. Residents of some areas or residents of Genesee County may be charged a small service fee. Be sure to reserve yours in advance by contacting Hurb Pitts, Toolshed Manager, at (810) 620-1299. To learn what resources are available, visit <http://www.neighborhoodengagementhub.org/tool-shed.html>. Training available for heavy-duty equipment (ie. Zero-turn lawnmowers).
 - Toolshed is open Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm and Saturdays 9am-2pm
 - Community support services also available at Neighborhood Engagement Hub for community action planning and project design.
- City of Flint- Betty Wideman, Interim Director of Public Works
 - 50/50 sidewalk funding is available in areas where lead service lines have already been replaced. Resident share of cost is currently \$106/sidewalk square, rate subject to change. Application available at www.cityofflint.com.
 - FAST Start service line replacement continued through winter 2017-2018. Currently 2-3 months behind on restoration efforts due to weather delays. If your lines were replaced and you are experiencing challenges due to the lag in restoration, contact Betty Wideman at (810) 766-7343 x2801 or bwideman@cityofflint.com

11:20am Determine Date of Next Meeting

- No July meeting. Next meeting will be Saturday, August 4, 9:30am at Flint Public Library

11:25am 50/50 drawing

11:27am Adjournment