

Flint Neighborhoods United

September 8, 2018

9:33am Call to Order & Introductions

9:38am Resident Comments, Concerns & Announcements

- **Next Month's FNU Meeting will be held at Applewood Estate**
- **FNU elections are coming up on December for president and secretary. A nomination committee will be appointed in October, Election in December, Term starting in January**
- Concerns were shared regarding poor police response times to 911 calls as well as reports made in person at the Flint Police Department; residents are frustrated about receiving excuses rather than solutions and would like to see police staffing concerns addressed.
- King Avenue Plus will be hosting a rummage sale September 22 10am-6pm at Neighborhood Engagement Hub. table rentals are \$15,
- An issue was raised regarding how to board houses currently going through the foreclosure process (not yet owned by the Land Bank)
- Ballenger Square is working with Flint Board of Education regarding dumping at Longfellow school, which has become a great nuisance for the neighborhood. They are hoping to implement some CPTED techniques to restrict access and discourage this behavior.
- Who provides chipping support to the City of Flint? Genesee County Land Bank will provide chipping support to Land Bank-owned properties. City of Flint also works with contractors to support chipping needs following neighborhood cleanups.
- Brownell Holmes shared that commercial properties have a lot of dumping, where dumpsters overflow
 - Contact Health Department?
- Recognition given to Michigan State Police for increased patrols in neighborhoods.
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10:08am Community Partner Updates

- City of Flint's Blight Elimination Division asks that requests for brush pickup or dumpsters are made in advance of your cleanup. (810) 237-2090
 - Raul will be retiring this November
- International Student Organization is looking to support neighborhood groups in cleaning up their neighborhoods or helping with community events. Interested in developing leadership skills and learning about grassroots community development. If you're interested in getting some volunteers, contact Dipesh at deepace012@gmail.com
 - Carriage town... Resources for Cleanup
- Neighborhood Engagement Hub is putting together a booklet about their activities in the community. If you would like to share a paragraph and pictures about how you have worked with Neighborhood Engagement Hub, contact director@neighborhoodengagementhub.org or (810) 620-1299 x2
- Edible Flint will be hosting a Fried Green Tomato cookoff on September 28th at Brownell Blvd Coalition's Garden, 3618 Brownell Blvd.
- Flint Our Community Our Voice is looking to share your stories! Articles must be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in the next edition.
- Cocina Mio restaurant on Davison Rd has reopened full time
- Neighborhood Engagement Hub toolshed will be closed for the season after November 3. Please plan any fall cleanups accordingly. If you have any special projects that you are working on, call Hurb at (810) 620-1299 x5.
- Heather Griffin, Waste Services Coordinator at City of Flint, shares that there is a bed bug problem in Flint; When you find that you have bedbugs, please wrap the furniture immediately, before moving furniture, to contain the problem and keep bedbugs from spreading. Lowe's and Home Depot sell large bags specifically for different types of furniture affected by bed bugs. Now that school is back in session, please be careful that your students do not share or pick up bed bugs from their classmates. Questions? Call (810) 410-1134

- Concern was raised about how many residents do not know to wrap mattresses/furniture, causing a heightened risk for their neighbors and, especially, those who are conducting cleanups
- Concern raised about information not shared with renters (e.g. ordinance violations, dumping). How do you approach them?
 - Contact the landlord
 - Let them know what information is available (sometimes they just don't know)
 - Create a welcome packet for new neighbors which includes the information you want to make sure they know
 - Share yard waste bags or trash bags with your neighbors to encourage them to use
 - Be sure to introduce yourself and your neighborhood association
 - Be as friendly and welcoming as possible
- FNU Traffic Taming Taskforce shared that they have already received about 50 responses to their survey. They still have to hear from neighborhoods in North Flint. Take the survey at : <https://goo.gl/forms/FuUiHFVmlrsGwfkA3>
 - Next meeting will be Monday, September 11, 4:00pm at Crim Foundation
- Final Light Up the City of the year will be held Thursday, September 27 at 5:00 at University Square Park (corner of Grand Traverse and University). Lots of fun, giveaways, food, art parade.
- Michigan State Police is hiring. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and be 21 years old by the time of graduation from the Academy. Good pay, benefits. If you have any questions, contact Tpr. Steve Kramer at kramers1@michigan.gov.
- Any human trafficking questions may be directed to Tpr. Amy Bellenger, 3rd District Coordinator for Human Trafficking taskforce
- October 13- First Responder Appreciation Night at Flint Firebirds. Portion of proceeds benefit Flint Youth Hockey League. Police and Fire Departments will have a game beginning at 3:30, followed by a public safety Expo. Firebirds game begins at 7:00.
- Genesee County Habitat for Humanity shared that the new Premise Plumbing Investigation programming seeks to help homes still experiencing high lead levels. For more information, contact (810) 766-9089 ext. 213.
- Flint Public Library has a lot of exciting events coming up this month, including:
 - Book for Lunch Michigan fourth Wednesday of the month, hosting Michigan authors
 - Flint Literary Festival, October 26-27: talks, workshops and open mic sessions for writers and inspiring writers.
 - Dr. David Blight, Yale Professor and former teacher at Northern, Civil War (Frederick Douglas) Expert will be talking about his new book at Flint Public Library Friday, October 5,
 - September is library card sign up month/Be sure to see which businesses are providing discounts at <https://fpl.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2018-Discount-Handout-by-City.pdf>
 - Visit <https://fpl.info/calendar/> for more happenings!
- Saturday, September 29 is Day of Racial Healing, hosted by Community Foundation of Greater Flint. Healing Circles will be held at MCC Tech Center (morning and afternoon sessions, lunch provided) Free training for healing circles provided by WKKellogg Foundation. See p.2 of Flint Our Community Our Voice for more information
- City of Flint shares that they are hiring for several positions for Department of Planning and Development, including Neighborhood Planner, Graphic Designer (will be posted soon), and two positions related to Choice Neighborhoods Grant
 - MCC Workforce Development → hiring of Project Liaison and Four case managers working with Atherton East residents
- Third Annual Community Baby Shower Health Fair will be held Thursday, October 18, 3:00-6:00 at the Flint Farmer's Market
- Convoy of Hope will be September 15, 2018 at Basset Park, 10am-2pm
- Prenatal Oral Health Lunch & Learn session will be held September 14 at Genesee Health Plan on Linden Rd., 11:30a-1:30p
- Saturday, September 15 at Capitol Theater: Presentation of garments created from recycled water bottles. Free. 6pm. (810) 237-7333
 - Garments may be made at St. Luke's NEW Life Center, allowing for job creation here in Flint

- Home Depot Safety Day until 1pm Saturday, October 6. Family Friendly. Visit Tpr. Steve Kramer at Flint Township Location.
- Community Foundation of Greater Flint is providing free admission to Sloan Museum for the newest exhibit, Race: Are We So Different?, running now through December 9.

10:41am Speaker Presentations—Community Foundation of Greater Flint

- Deja Torrence, JFM Consulting
 - Evaluation Consultant working with CFGF
 - Sign up for a focus group to talk about CFGF water crisis response
 - Open to all residents, 18+, childcare options may be provided, Participants will receive \$20 stipend and a catered meal for their time.
 - Particularly interested in input from mothers of kids affected by water crisis

10:55am 50/50 drawing

10:59am Adjournment