

FNU Meeting
October 3 2020, 9:30-11:00am
Conducted remotely via Zoom
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Flint Neighborhoods United (FNU) is a coalition of neighborhood groups and residents who come together on the first Saturday of each month to share information and leverage their resources to create positive change in the Greater Flint community.

Call to order:

How are YOU doing during this current environment?

- Personal challenging time; 24/7 caregiver for family member; coping by painting over graffiti and calling in about dumping
- Read quite a few books; number of health issues but released by all doctors; still been working in Metawanenee Hills neighborhood
- Taking care of mental health, being own child's teacher with virtual school happening, also trying to stay active together; getting involved in outdoor activities
- Personally, doing really well; library is open at Courtland Center, trying to keep people using reading as a distraction in their reading materials, trying to stay safe
- Personally, doing well, read and garden, but don't know very much about how neighbors are doing...learn some through Mott Park neighborhood association but want to know more
- Pleased with how library precautions have protected staff and patrons, sewing masks, staying home, zooming with siblings every other week
- Work, neighborhood, family keeping busy, reading, knitting, watching birds
- Reading, playing fantasy football
- New challenges, new ways to reach people
- Professionally doing really well, busy making things happen, feeling proud of small and mighty staff and support for neighborhoods and residents; personal level - angry, sad, struggling to figure out how to navigate what's going on nationally, locally, county-level; signed up for fall fitness challenge; signed up for United Way 21 days of Racial Equity challenge
- Working more; keeping distracted by staying in touch with children
- Focusing on family and relationships with each individual person in living situation; communicating more, laughing more, spending more time outside; working a lot
- Work in medical field, household with many people (6 kids), doing pretty good as far as maintaining sanity; lots of optimism; posting positive things for neighbors to hear
- Busy working with family and friends, doing chores for neighbors, picking up trash in park across the street, regular text session with 7 siblings on Fridays; watch a lot of YouTube documentaries, all is good overall
- Very thankful to have the job that I have, have learned about extroverted, and how much I need to help others
- Keeping busy, seeing two nephews born this year; back in office; cleaned house, productive time

Resident Comments, Concerns, Announcements & Community Partner Updates

Share your successes, upcoming events and programs, ask questions, etc.

Michigan Cleanup Manager for Racer Trust, Grant Trigger

- Lear Corp on south end of Buick site, previously maintained public outreach opportunities through in-person meetings, so we're learning new communication techniques
- Virtual meeting on October 22nd at 5:30PM
- Done recent investigative work; PFAS discovered on site in 2018
- An update for the Buick City site has been posted to our website yesterday <https://www.racertrust.org/buickcity18>

West Flint Community Watch

- Joy from walking scarecrow project in Glendale Hills, thanks to Keep Genesee County Beautiful

Kearsley Park Neighborhood Association

- Nice clean up; rehab of the park ramp; community garden going nicely, new resident

100K Ideas

- Monthly workshops; food and beverages workshop, October 14 and 15; both begin at 6PM; event brite information on Instagram and Facebook
- Recently joined Flint City litter killers, cleaned up Longway Park

Glenn Wilson, Community's First

- For last several years, Community's First has had a Step Up, Pick Up program to combine fitness and litter pick up; partnering to have a friendly competition
- Sign Up for step up pick here! Link: <https://tinyurl.com/stepuppickup>
- Groups can go out between October 19-25th to address litter in their areas
- 3 prizes for neighborhood groups: \$1000, \$500, \$250
- Not about making it political, trying to keep it about community and people...
- Litter Champion Award
 - The Litter Champion award will recognize individuals who go above and beyond to take care of litter on a regular basis. They will be nominated by the community, acknowledged on social media, and given a \$25 gift card.
 - Nomination form will be available soon. nedwards@gcpcparks.org or 810-209-6011

Keep Genesee County Beautiful

- For neighborhood clean-ups, we'll provide trash bags and gloves
- We acknowledge that there are people who do this daily, behind the scenes, and we appreciate them and the work they do

Torchio Feaster

- Organized a few cleanups in different wards; currently City of Flint has approximately 6 Neighborhood Safety Officers; only way for blight court to work is if NSOs can write tickets
- Making plans to hire more NSOs, ideally 2 per ward, ideally 18 in total; to hold people accountable for their littering and blight
- Blight Office: 810-410-1205

Tabitha Marsh

- Practicing law for nearly 16 years; endorsed by various unions

Theresa Roach, Crim

- Been feeling lonely, spending a lot of time with family and pets, knitting and crocheting
- Neighbors Changing Flint is working on a 6-week leadership series

Carma Lewis, FNU

- Residents coming to us, asking us what they can do, how they can make a connection with neighborhood groups
- If you are not a part of a neighborhood association, please connect to one!

Mona Monroe-Younis, Environmental Transformation Movement

- Conversation from last month's meeting opened up opportunities to have properties through Flint Property Portal get their lead lines replaced
- According to NRDC, the pipe replacement deadline has been extended to November 18th
- <https://www.cityofflint.com/gettheleadout/>
- Not clear how much money is left, but NRDC seems to think there's about \$15M left, which can address a lot of properties
- Want to push the city to have a proactive strategy for replacing pipes in vacant lots
- Will be connecting with neighborhood groups to ensure that the word gets out

Presentation: Distracted Driving

Kip Darcy, MSU PhD Candidate, Urban and Regional Planning

- Focus on automated driving and disruptive technologies
- Distracted driving is dangerous, claimed 2841 lives in 2018 alone
- Pandemic has opened opportunities for automotive industry and smart mobility in our communities
- Research focuses on safe levels at highest level of automation
- Focus on access and equity issues
- Michiganders pay 2nd highest automotive insurance rates in the country
- "Disinvestment leaves Flint landscape open to new experimental uses"
- Charging stations springing up everywhere!
- **Q:** Are these vehicles that people own or rent?
 - **A:** full continuum!

Traffic Taming Task Force

- Please download pledge stating you will not drive distracted.
- https://www.flintneighborhoodsunited.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Traffic-Taming-Task-Force-Pledge_Fillable.pdf