

FNU Meeting
March 6, 2021, 9:30-11:30
Facilitator: Carma Lewis

Theresa Roach, Crim

Mindful moment focused on “**compassion**”:

- “There’s a lot going on in the world so it’s important to be attentive to other people”

Genesee Conservation District, Angela Warren.

- Received CS Mott Grant to address one need in community, “dead and diseased street trees” - we will be removing over 330 dead and dangerous street trees
- Geneseecd.org

Community foundation, Lynn Williams

- 2021 Virtual Connect the Blocks Neighborhood Summit next Saturday, 10am-12
- www.cfgef.org
- Current app for 2021 Neighborhood Small Grants projects; deadline is March 31st

Home repair assistance, Metro Community Development

- Contact person: Brian Glowiak, CEO, Metro for more follow-up information - bglowiak@metroflint.org
- 810 767 4622, ext. 360
- Clear out those lines, get that money, let them know you need more
- Steps, entry areas, door handles
- Metro Neighborhood Impact Program. Up to \$7.5k for home improvement repairs - <https://metrocommunitydevelopment.com/personal-services/neighborhood-impact-program/>

Neighbors Changing Flint

- Goes through until the end of March!

City Council

- All seats are up for re-election
- “We need good hardworking, caring people from the neighborhoods to participate!”

Flint Police Department

- Interested in working with neighborhood groups
- Sgt. Booth

Michigan State Police

- Reach out to Jeffrey Short; Trooper Kramer
- Lt Liz Rich
- New initiative similar to Light up the City initiative in Saginaw in 2012;

Flint Public Library, Kay Schwartz

- On March 16, our temporary library at Courtland Center is going to be relaxing some browse and go rules and going up to a 2 hour session/stay; which will make a difference for people coming in to use the computer

- The building on Kearsley is coming along, upgrades to HVAC system, etc.
- Goal is to have ribbon cutting at the end of February 2022; if we can cut the ribbon before the end of that month, we'll have done it in under 2 years :)

Edible Flint

- Garden Kits will go on sale March 31 and will include traditional kits, garden kits and a pepper pack,
- 810-348-5332 for info
- <http://www.edibleflint.org/join-our-mailing-list>

100K Ideas

- Pitch for K competition on March 11
- Free tickets through eventbrite
- E-commerce workshop coming up March 18th, 5:30, can register on Facebook
- Summer fellowship, currently interviewing for — email Vivian Williams resumes
- Paid program: 8 week program, May-July

Neighborhood Engagement Hub

- Flint Home Improvement Fun is rolling out
- Neighborhood Engagement Hub is helping to promote and engage people in the Flint Home Improvement Program.
- Contact Ashley Everhart: director@neighborhoodengagementhub.org
- Flint Home Improvement Fund — <https://www.flint-hif.org/>

Habitat for Humanity's Flint BRAND

- applications are due by March 31. - <https://www.geneseehabitat.org/flintbrand.html>

Dr. Ladel Lewis

- IGNITE program
- Opportunity to change the trajectory of your family, your life.

Claudnyse D. Holloman, Voices for Children

- Voices for Children provides services for every kid in Genesee County who has experienced abuse, neglect, trafficking, etc.
- When a kid witnesses violence, they can come to Voices for Children center instead of going to police station (less traumatizing)
- Restored house that's been turned into an office but looks like a house, "Big blue house"
- 515 East Street, Flint, MI 48503
- Family room where kids can play while Child Protective Services and law enforcement, etc. are upstairs
- Forensic interview: "kid-friendly way to talk about trauma"
- Trauma-informed and victim-empowered
- Pandemic effects: We are seeing more rampant abuse; seeing 16-20 families in a week; abuse is more severe and more egregious and happening more frequently
- Have a program for kids in the foster care program; an adult goes to visit the kids ever 7-10 days

- Prevention and Education curriculum for community, for kids in schools, daycares, churches, etc; including mandatory reporting training
- We have opportunities to Volunteer (and we need them) candace@voicesforcac.org is our Volunteer Coordinator and we have board opportunities too.
- Claudnyse D. Holloman
- claudnyse@voicesforcac.org, 8102383333
- voicesforcac.org

Chief Green, Jeffrey Short, Lizzy Rich, Tyrone Booth: Safe Neighborhood Initiative

- Who do we call to give feedback on bad 911 experiences?
- 810-237-6810 - Chief Green's desk

Q: Nuisance reporting? Business, [people not taking care of their properties?]

- A: Working on ordinances to alleviate those issues
- How do we educate the community to feel safe enough to share information vital to investigations?
- Offer people avenues to share information with police...so none of the neighbors know you're meeting with them
- Or, here's how you can submit information to Crime Stoppers
- Neighborhood Safety Teams going into communities with reflective vests, will email neighborhood groups ahead of time to let people know they'll be coming in, partnering, etc.

Q: What does opening up mini-stations entail?

- We are evaluating opening up these stations

Suggestion: Have a presence in the community before there's a problem...have officers drive through neighborhoods once or twice a day

Suggestion: Valuable assets not being utilized....e.g Neighborhood Security Officers (NSOs) Security cameras being used?

Thanks to the community, we need eyes, ears, comments, feedback

Police can't share the tactics utilized daily to make things better

Officers assigned to mini-stations will be armed; volunteers will not be

Comment: if you give out your number, people will use it! So please respond to people who call you/follow-up after you give out numbers

Comment: Flint has a no loitering policy...should be posted outside of liquor stores; gives law enforcement ability to enforce...underutilized.

Part of the liquor license fee comes back to the City to help manage issues that take place - revenue source

Point of information: Property crimes are not down, residents call 911 to report them but are told that FPD will not respond to property crimes and they will not send them out. Renee' would be happy to share the crimes that are reported at the GCLBA if there was an email address to forward them to.

Q: Partnership with Flint Parks?

- Yes, patrolling 5 parks inside City of Flint

Liquor control has questionnaires they want law enforcement to go through and answer, report activity that the State of Michigan is looking for