

Flint Neighborhoods United Meeting

June 1, 2024

Gloria Coles Flint Public Library

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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.

Intros and Announcements

- **City of Flint**

- Faith Groesbeck, Flint's Public Health Manager, has been working with End Gun Violence Michigan on new laws:
 - Safe Storage - gun locks provided through City of Flint partnership with County
 - Locks available at the Clio Road Service Center on June 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Locks also available at State Police Post during normal business hours
 - Extreme Risk Protection Orders
 - Domestic Violence Protection law
 - Universal Background Checks
 - There are weekly trainings on Thursdays and 8 a.m. through [End Gun Violence Michigan's website](#)
 - City will also be hosting a "Train the Trainer" Session at the Gloria Coles Flint Public Library on June 28, from 10 a.m. - noon in the Flint Central AB Room
- Mayor Neeley updates:
 - Safe and Clean Summer Initiative is in full force
 - Testifying on Messiah's Law: harsher punishment for gun violence against "true innocents" – young people killed in such crimes
 - Report crimes through 911
 - Youth Job Initiative also starting: City will be hiring about 50-60 kids between the ages of 15 to 19 to work with city departments and community organizations through the summer to learn skills and earn money
 - Kids need to be Flint residents, and registration will likely be happening through Clio Road Service Center
 - City of Flint ambulance coming online in July; planning to expand fleet to 4 ambulances
 - Clio Road Service Center is now open Tuesdays-Saturdays
 - Rodeo coming to Genesee County Fairgrounds June 7 and June 8
 - Sold out of presale tickets already
 - Newest ARPA Report is out, to be mailed out to residents soon but also available at City Hall

- **Flint River Watershed Coalition**

- Recently moved! Grand opening was on May 9.

- New location at 630 W Kearsley Street, and Nancy Edwards, formerly of Keep Genesee County Beautiful, is serving as interim executive director.
- **Flint Residents for Stronger Neighborhoods**
 - City is launching the next review of its [Comprehensive Plan](#) (which covers land use across Flint) which they hope to have a full update of by 2025, and there are events in each ward this month to receive feedback:
 - Ward 1: Monday, June 3 at Hasselbring Senior Center
 - Ward 2: Monday, June 10 at Berston Field House
 - Ward 3: Monday, June 24 at Kearsley Lake Golf Course Clubhouse
 - Ward 4: Tuesday, June 4 at Latinx Technology and Community Center
 - Ward 5: Wednesday, June 26 at Community Enrichment Center (322 E. Hamilton Ave.)
 - Ward 6: Wednesday, June 12 at Mott Park Clubhouse
 - Ward 7: Tuesday, June 11 at Gloria Coles Flint Public Library
 - Ward 8: Monday, June 17 at Swartz Creek Golf Course
 - Ward 9: Tuesday, June 25 at McKinley Community Center
 - **** ALL OF THE ABOVE TAKE PLACE FROM 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM ****
 - Next FRSN meeting is on June 6 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- **Crim Fitness Foundation**
 - Crim has monthly newsletter if you're interested in more information on events/things going on at Crim
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Atwood Stadium Race in July
 - Kids Classic is today (June 1)
 - Family Yoga at the Library starts on June 20 (free, Thursdays @ 1 pm)
 - Community Yoga at Ballenger Park starts on June 22 (Saturdays @ 10:30 am)
 - Crim Festival of Races is coming up too, register before July 1 when registration prices go up
 - Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute (Oct. 1)
 - AmeriCorps members are hosting a clean up at Doyle-Ryder Elementary
 - Received grant to plant flowers, but clean-up and digging/weeding needs to happen first
 - Actual clean-up event is on June 4 on 10-4, and they are asking for volunteers on Monday, June 3 from 9:30 am on to support necessary clean-up first
 - Doyle-Ryder is located at 1040 Saginaw St.
- **St. John Vianney School**
 - Setting up first Mission Garden today (June 1) from 12 pm - 3 pm to provide free, fresh produce for shelters and soup kitchens around Flint
- **North Flint Action Council**
 - Hosting a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design training on June 14 from 9 am - 1 pm at Sylvester Broome Empowerment Village
- **Sloan/Longway**

- Juneteenth events in Flint have begun. A listing of events from June 1 to 19 can be found here: <https://sloanlongway.org/Juneteenth/>
- Even more special this year because of Ms. E. Hill De Loney's passing
- **Communities First, Inc.**
 - Kickoff for Movies Under the Stars is coming up. Event series takes place on the lawn behind Flint City Hall and is completely free and scheduled for:
 - July 5
 - July 26
 - Aug 23
 - Next Community Candor event is June 28 at Factory One from 8 am - 9:30 am; topic will be "The Future of Education Policy" and the event includes free breakfast
 - Foodie Commons food truck park is now open Wednesdays & Fridays from 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. through the summer
 - Work continues on Patterson Building and Orchard Manor and Orchard Grove Apartments and CFI is currently soliciting proposals for restaurant space in Masonic Temple

Electrification of Flint Neighborhoods

- Presenting on: What does it mean for our homes and commercial buildings to be completely reliant on electric energy?
 - Presenters: Maggie Striz Calnin, Nick Thomas, Lauren Mixon, Jeffrey Hoang
 - Presentation shared via email to FNU members with meeting notes
- Residential Electrification
 - Michigan Public Service Commission to date has approved nearly \$50 million for low-carbon energy infrastructure enhancement and development projects – current grant covers Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Highland Park, Flint, Lansing, Benton Harbor, Traverse City
 - This project ends in June
 - Hope to address energy burden, reduce carbon emissions, and more
 - Benefits to residents: cost savings, healthier & safer homes (air quality), environmental justice/equity
 - Benefits to community: job creation, environmental health, modern/resilient infrastructure
 - What does an electrified home look like?
 - Solar panels, battery storage system, heat pump HVAC, induction cooktops, LED lighting, electric vehicles, high-efficiency appliances
- Local Examples – MI NextCities Initiative
 - Have so partnered with 6 homes across Flint to learn and support wider adoption
 - Shell of home matters in what works best; for instance, adding battery back-ups or ensuring roof structure allows for solar panels to sit on southern edge where they'll receive most light
 - Smart panels are also available to help determine energy usage throughout home

- Should always ask for a “Manual J” Calculation regarding HVAC
- What about renters?
 - The current program is currently for single family homes, but looking to grow scope
 - Aware that many landlords are not incentivized to make electrification improvements as renters are usually the ones just paying for utilities that would otherwise be more efficient and less costly, anyway
- There is a “Michigan Energy Efficiency and Building Electrification Cost-Benefit Analysis Toolkit” which should be live any day
 - NextEnergy is available to help walk people through this
- NextEnergy’s team also hosted a Workshop & Discussion with FNU members in the room and on Zoom during the meeting

Next Meeting: Gloria Coles Flint Public Library, Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.