

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.

Announcements/Community Conversation

- Eisenhower Elementary is seeking speakers for Career Day on May 4
- Parent 2 Parent Flint Support Group
 - Support group for parents for children with special needs
 - Next meeting April 15 at Eisenhower
 - If interested in more information/attending contact Forleasadon Harper: parent2parentflint@gmail.com or call 973-687-8838
- 11th Annual Flint Water Crisis Commemoration Event: Town Hall
 - Friday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m.
 - UAW Local 659: 4549 Van Slyke Rd
 - For more information, call: 810-813-1852 or 810-336-4102 or 810-625-2089
- Flint Our Community Our Voice (FOCOV)
 - Send any event details to Cfrye31@comcast.net or fnucommunications@gmail.com
- Gloria Coles Flint Public Library
 - Ms. Eileen Button has taken a new position, but will be coming back to visit FNU periodically
 - The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), only federal funding source for libraries, is currently under attack; please write to your congressperson
 - Director Abdullah will share template letter with FNU members if you're able to
 - National Endowment for Humanities is in the same boat, and the library has had to cancel some programs based on lack of funds now
 - Event on how to use your voice to advocate:
 - Friday, May 9 at 4 pm
 - Little Miss Flint, Christopher Paul Curtis, Mychal Threets will share their perspectives on this topic
- City of Flint
 - Clio Road Service Center is open for resident support and payments
 - Encouraging everyone to apply for programs, including homeowner assistance, as requirements are changing

- Please report any downed trees in your neighborhood; there is also a 50/50 payment program matching up to \$1k for dangerous tree removal on personal property
 - Call the city at: 810-766-7346
- Judge Beagle
 - Vehicle City Sports Committee is introducing a soccer classic alongside its usual gridiron classic
 - Working on a short documentary about mentors Tom Yeotis and Norm Bryant
 - Keep an eye on the computer chip center that stands to bring 10k jobs to the Flint and Genesee County area
- Councilwoman Judy Priestley
 - April 26 and 27 there will be a Fourth Ward clean up event; looking for help
- Multiple FNU members noted the need for more advocacy, especially around:
 - Accessibility for those with disabilities in our community
 - Climate change mitigation strategies
 - Clean up efforts
- Genesee County Land Bank Authority
 - More information on vacant lot leasing or purchasing programs, available on flyers
- Nurse T, Community Advocate for Hurley Medical Center: 810-579-6550; pmartin@hurleymc.com
 - Happy to support prevention efforts, patient advocacy efforts, and more
- League of Women Voters
 - Reminder to Third Ward residents: vote for your city council representative on May 6
 - 4 candidates, the top 2 vote-getters go on to an August election. The winner will fill the seat (ending November 18, 2026).
 - As we have seen with what is happening nationally, elections have consequences and the best way to fight is to be informed and VOTE
 - We encourage everyone to contact their state and local legislators to oppose the SAVE Act (federal) and HJR B (state). These proposed laws would require proof of citizenship to register to vote.
- Uma Strong Marshall Outreach
 - Offers free Chromebooks/laptop rental for all Genesee county families year round
 - Summer reading program will kick off June 5
- FLINT Housing Commission

- Offering low-income housing opportunity
- Accepting applications for 2-bedroom waiting list for River Park Townhomes on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 9 am - 2 pm
 - Paper applications or online at flinthc.org
 - Not Section 8 or Housing Choice Voucher
- Communities First, Inc.
 - Celebrating 15 Years!
 - Fundraiser: Good for the Soul Comedy Show on April 24
 - Blackstone's Smokehouse: 531 S. Saginaw St.
 - Doors open 6 pm, shows at 7 pm
 - Comedians: Jecory Hawkins, Just Janet, Kesha "No I," Marv Barnett
 - Tickets available: <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/communitiesfirst/comedy-show>
 - Looking for families to join the 2025 Movies Under the Stars Family Activities Board
 - Help plan events and programming
 - Support selection of family-friendly films for movie series
 - Asking for attendance at three virtual meetings:
 - April 8, 15, and 22 at 6 pm

Ruth Mott Foundation

- Current priority areas: youth (out of school development), public safety (blight elimination), economic opportunity (small business supports, job training, returning citizen supports), neighborhoods (engagement, housing)
- Sending gift cards to participants who fill out this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FC27L8B>
- Will include ideas that came from this session in strategic planning, with more information to come over the summer and early fall

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 3, 2025

Flint Neighborhoods United Meeting

April 5, 2025

Gloria Coles Flint Public Library

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