

# Flint Diaspora

“SPREADING THE NEWS ABOUT FLINT”



## Mission

*“To connect people across boundaries and create channels of action to make Flint, MI a truly great community!”*

### Thank you for celebrating Flint Club’s 5th Annual Homecoming!

Over 60 people turned out to help make the weekend a success on Sept 14 & 15. A special thank-you goes out to all the volunteers who braved the chilly weather! Flint Club relies on your support and generosity.

We began the weekend with the 2nd Friday ArtWalk Downtown Flint, then headed out to Galaxy Lanes for a night of Cosmic Bowling, pizza, and a lot of laughs!

We had a great group turn out to cook up some fun at the North End Soup Kitchen Saturday morning. They appreciated your help and the new faces!

The Saturday afternoon Block Party capped off the weekend with carnival games, moon-walk, an exciting walking tour and ending with a nostalgic visit to the Capitol Theatre.

### Member Meeting

The September member meeting is slated for Thursday, September 27 at 6:00pm. Tony Dearing, Flint Journal Editor will be our guest. He will hear Flint Club member concerns about positive news in Flint! Bring a friend - new members welcome!

### HOMETOWN HEADLINES

**Coalition marks 10 years of Flint River improvements.** “...the Flint River is one of the state's premier walleye fisheries...”

<http://www.mlive.com/news/flintjournal/index.ssf?/base/news-46/119012700415000.xml&coll=5>

### A Little Taste of Flint Comes to Chicago

August 25<sup>th</sup> was truly a day to celebrate Flint traditions, both in and out of the city. While many in Flint were toughing out the hills and miles of the Bobby Crim road race, a group of Flint natives in Chicago were celebrating the heritage of Flint’s finest native food: the Coney. On the shore of Lake Michigan in north Chicago, a group of 15 loyal Flint expatriates came together for the first annual *Taste of Flint*, to enjoy a day at Foster Beach, complete with beach games, Vernor’s ginger ale, grilled Kogel Viennas, and Coney sauce from Angelo’s. While the day of the *Taste* was chosen to honor the Crim, the most vigorous activity on the beach was a game of bocce, played with a ball in one hand, and a beverage in the other.

“This is just fantastic, I haven’t had a Coney in ten years,” said one attendee.

For most Flint natives, the Coney’s distinctive smell is enough to conjure memories of late nights and fun times at the neighborhood Coney Island. For the former Flint natives who came together in Chicago that day, talk

first centered around Coneys and then expanded to other shared experiences in the city.

“I’ve run the Crim twice before, but after having three Coneys today, I think I’ll wait to go running until tomorrow,” said a satisfied Andrew Younger (Southwestern ’95).

Throughout the day, prizes were raffled off, and several people walked away with treasures available only from Flint. Many thanks to the sponsors of these prizes: Good Beans Café, The Lunch Studio, and Flint City Shirts.

The event went off without a hitch, thanks to Melissa Arthur, Chair of Flint Club’s Non-Local Networks Committee, who planned the event. If you are interested in hosting a similar type of Flint-themed party in your town, please contact the Flint Club at [info@flintclub.org](mailto:info@flintclub.org) for some organizing tips. People came to the Taste of Flint hungry and left full and happy. At the end of the day, the only thing missing was the unmistakable smell of a Coney Island restaurant in everybody’s clothes.

## New Ways To Give Back!

Do you intend to donate to FC but always forget?

Our NEW online donation system is the solution. You can set up a regular donation schedule and never have to think about it again!

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Flint Club wants to feature YOU in the next issue of the Diaspora!

Share your Flint connection and memories. E-mail [support@flintclub.org](mailto:support@flintclub.org) to complete your member profile questionnaire.

## Did You Know?

Flint has a great, underused resource online [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com). Look to the right and click on Michigan, then on Flint to read, respond to, and post FREE classifieds in categories such as Jobs, Events, Community, For Sale, Personals, Gigs, Housing, Barter, Services and more!

## **Community Corner**

### Community Challenge Update

Flint Club continues its role as a core partner in Community Challenge initiatives by reaching out to communities in Genesee County to help them go from visioning to action on important issues in their community.

The Clio community continues its community discussions and planning on Tuesday, September 25. This will be the third community meeting and will focus on plans to begin commercial beautification events throughout the greater Clio area.

Continue to check [www.TheCommunityChallenge.org](http://www.TheCommunityChallenge.org) for more information on these and other activities or call 810-233-5468, ext. 3 for more information.

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Flint Club is a virtual, community-based network for Flint, Michigan. The Club is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization with more than 600 members that aims to link people to the life of the city no matter where they live. Contact Rhoda Matthews, Executive Director, Flint Club at (810) 233-5468 and or [rhoda@flintclub.org](mailto:rhoda@flintclub.org) for more information.

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