



FLINT RIVER WATERSHED COALITION

Watershed

REPORTER

PARTNERING TO PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

APRIL 2014

SPRING HAS COME TO THE WATERSHED!

Mark your calendars for these dates on the river.

Flint River and Community Cleanup

Saturday, April 26

9 am to noon

See our website for cleanup locations in Genesee and Lapeer county www.flintriver.org

Lunch and an insulated bag provided to all volunteers.

No advance registration required. Call our offices for more information,
810-767-6490, or snummer@flintriver.org

Benthic Monitoring

Two spring lab days:

Saturday, May 10 12:00 to 5:00 & Thursday, May 15 1:00 to 6:00

Contact Jaime Welch to learn about training and testing. 810-767-7140, jwelch@flintriver.org

Friends of the Flint River Trail

The trail cleanup is on Saturday, April 26 from 9 am to noon.

Meet at Vietnam Veterans' Park.

The Sunday rides of the FFRT start the first Sunday in May, and run through the month of October.

For more information, see the FFRT Facebook page,
or contact jacksonmin@aol.com, or bnbaton@gmail.com.

Flint River GREEN

Student testing is the week of April 21

Student Summit – May 16 at Kettering University

Paddles

The June paddles are on Saturday, June 7 – Irish Road to Mott Lake, and Saturday, June 21 from Birch Run

Paddles start in June and run all summer long. Contact us for the summer schedule.

Jaime Welch at 810-767-7140, jwelch@flintriver.org. Please pre-register.

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Voice of the River Annual Celebration Success Marking 25 Years of Flint River GREEN

Fun Times in the Cold Annual Celebration, January 28, 2014 Flint Institute of Arts

The Flint River Watershed kicked off 2014 with a celebration marking the start of '25 Years of Flint River GREEN.' For the first time, the Flint Institute of Arts served as the venue for the evening of networking, learning about the FRWC, and fundraising for watershed programs.

Through the generosity of our sponsors and silent auction donors, we raised over \$19,000.

Over 125 supporters braved the cold to join us. After a dinner of hearty hors d'oeuvres, our guests got a chance to peruse our program booths, bid on our silent auction items, and meet our



staff and board. The FIA very generously opened their exhibit halls, so an evening of art was a treat for our environmental friends. Most importantly, everyone learned about Flint River GREEN, and the importance of this program in the schools in Genesee and Lapeer counties.

A short program included a presentation to our 2013 award recipients, John Maksimchuk, the *Volunteer of the Year*, Olof Karlstrom, the *Joe Leonardi Leadership* award recipient, and Michael Freeman, the '*Golden Gloves*' Flint River and Community Cleanup winner. In conclusion, departing board members, Brent Nickola, David Churchill, and Jim Ananich were thanked for their service to the FRWC.

Thank you to all who attended. The Annual Celebration is our way of showcasing the great work of the FRWC. We plan to return to the FIA next year.

Join us in January 2015 and find out what we have in store for our 26th year of GREEN!



Award Winners

Volunteer of the Year Award
John Maksimchuk, III (pictured at left)

Joe Leonardi Leadership
Olof Karlstrom (pictured below)



"Golden Gloves" - Michael Freeman

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Jim Ananich - State Senator, Linda Berker, Ellen Brothers, Cabela's, David Churchill, Dale's Natural Foods, Laurie Elbing, Duane Elling, Pam Faris, Essential Balance Massage of Fenton, Denise Penwell, Flint Institute of Arts, Flint River Watershed Council, Greater Flint Arts Council, Lotus Dragon Bodywork & Massage, Tammie Heazlit - Lotus H2O, Steve Hester, Hoffman's Deco Deli, Kearsley Park, Kay Kelly, King Par Superstore, Amy McMillan, Marr Chiropractic, Ortonville, Mexico at the Market, Jack Minore, John Mrozik and Heather Sisto, Peg Myers - Mary Kay Consultant, Greg Palinsky, Wade Pyles - Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Luis Rivera, Rowe Professional Services Company - John Matonich, Arlene Schmitzer, Doug Schultz, Suski Automotive - Birch Run, University of Michigan - Flint, Rec Center, Yoga Loft of Flint and SHARP Fitness - Lois Schneider, Gabe Zawadzki

Through the generous support of our sponsors, silent auction donors, and members, we are able to carry out our important programs, such as Flint River GREEN!



See our GREEN kids in action

Voice of the River

Annual Celebration Sponsors

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Celebrating 25 Years of Flint River GREEN



Lots to do in the Watershed

Join us on Saturday, April 26, 2014 for our first activity on the River!

2014 FLINT RIVER AND COMMUNITY CLEANUP

9:00 am to noon

Lunch and an insulated bag provided to all volunteers

Meet at any of our sites in Genesee and Lapeer counties.

- Downtown Flint by Café Rhema • Atwood Stadium • Flushing Riverview Park • Gilkey Creek by Pierce Park • Vietnam Veterans' Park • Riverbank Park in Flint
- Holloway Dam Canoe Access • Kearsley Park • Thread Lake in McKinley Park • Mott Park • Happy Hollow • Thread Creek • Carriage Town by Durant Hotel in Flint & our new site at Carriage Town Ministries (NEW)
- All Lapeer volunteers report to Cramton Park in Lapeer •

FROM THIS IN APRIL:



TO THIS ALL SUMMER:



Make a Difference!