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Greater Flint Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame 32nd Announcement Reception

The Flint Public Library's lower level meeting room is the home of the Greater Flint Afro-American [Sports] Hall of Fame (GFAAHF), a collection of over 100 plaques honoring Flint athletes, celebrating its 31st year dedicated to its motto, "To preserve, not compete."

Join members of the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame at the Flint Public Library, 1026 E. Kearsley St., Flint, from **6-7:30 PM on Tuesday, February 2,** for the official announcement of its 2016 inductees: Carlos Benton (1981, Flint Central High School, multiple sports; football, track and field and coaching), Chris Byrd (1989, Flint Northwestern, boxing), Terrence "Terry" Edwards, (1979, Flint Northwestern High School, multiple sports; football, basketball, baseball), Ron Peak (1975, Flint Central High School, basketball), Terry Thames (1975, Flint Northwestern, multiple sports; football, wrestling and track and field), Paulette (Backstrom) Wallace (1985, Flint Northwestern, basketball), Eddie Watkins (1968, Flint Southwestern, Track and Field) and the Flint Bud Light U.S. Flag Football National Championship Teams, 1986-88. Admission to the Announcement Reception is FREE.

You can also take a virtual tour of the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame online by visiting www.fpl.info/hallfame. The Hall of Fame Web site includes downloadable nomination and criteria forms, history of the Hall of Fame, and information about each inductee since the first class in 1985 through 2015. The 2016 inductee class will be added in March 2016.

The 32nd annual ceremony dinner will be held on Sunday, March 20, 4PM at Riverfront Banquet Center, Flint, honoring this year's inductees. For tickets (\$35) or for more information on the dinner call Mancine Broome, ticket chair, 744-2108. Michael Harris is the president of The Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame. The founder is Norman Bryant.

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