Frustration on Boarman Ave.

AFRO Clean Block office received a phone call Tuesday from a very frustrated neighbor in the 3700 block Boarman Ave. who had been trying to get a problem in her block resolved. This lady did what we are asking all Clean Blockers to do — document who you are talking to when you call city agencies.

This is the story Mrs. Ruth Brewton told the AFRO!

One neighbor behind her house, 3700 W. Coldspring Lane had a tree cut down but instead of having it taken away, put their trash on the front.

He also had a picket fence taken down to make way for a new one. That, too, is in the alley.

In the meanwhile, the neighbor next door to the Coldspring Lane resident, put out some plastic bags of trash the sanitation department never took away. A neighbor on one side of the Brewton home put a pile of small limbs in the alley along with some other junk and that has not been removed.

It should be noted the alley dead ends at this point in the block even though it is in the middle of the block. Trash trucks back in here and pull out but the rest of the block puts their trash on the front.

Mrs. Brewton said she has been trying for over three months to have this mess removed, but with only partial success.

She first called the police who came out and told her she should call the Health Department and they told her to call Department of Sanitation. She then called this department who told her this not their line. She then called Self Help Housing or Bulk Trash.

After calling Self Help Housing who said they couldn't take it, she then called Bulk Trash who came out and said they couldn't take it. They said it would take three trucks to remove the junk and they don't take tree limbs unless tied in bundles.

Following this she called Housing Community Development where she was referred to a Mr. Scriber who referred her to a Mr. Alexander who in turn referred her to Mr. McHugh and he in turn to Mr. Boone.

Mr. Boone and another man went out to see the problem. They said something about having notices sent out in 10 days.

About one month ago, a city machine and crew went out and ground up the smaller limbs but left the large limbs and the rest of the trash.

Last Monday, in exasperation, Mrs. Brewton called Mr. Boone asking him to see what he could do about clearing this junk. Each time she called, he was not in but she left her phone number and he never returned her call.

This past Monday and Tuesday she called and was told he was not there. In fact, on Tuesday, she believes he was speaking and after he found out who she was, said he was not there.

This was too much so she called Bulk Trash again and told them of her plight and they told her to call the Mayor's office.

She called there and spoke to Mr. Dean who had her hold on while he called Mr. Boone. Funny, he got Mr. Boone when Mrs. Brewton had just called him.

Anyway, Mr. Boone told Mr. Dean he had been out there looking for rat holes in yards and he hadn't seen any old limbs and junk behind her house. Mr. Dean said he would have Mr. Boone return there.

Mrs. Brewton, in utter disgust at being called a liar, called the AFRO Clean Block office for help.

After hearing the story, we visited Mrs. Brewton that same day to see the situation. Everything was exactly as she said it was.

This is the same type of hassle AFRO Clean Blockers have in trying to get problems in their blocks solved. This is why city officials act as consultants to Clean Blockers.

Clean Blockers are urged to get the kind of information Mrs. Brewton got so it can be investigated when you call the AFRO.

Tree branches and other yard debris in the alley behind 3700 Boarman Ave. has neighbor upset because city agencies have not followed through on having it removed. There are two more piles similar that also haven't been removed. (See story this page).

Clean Block Fund

$6,009.00

$2,500.00
Urban Services

$1,019.50
Thanks God It's Friday Movie Premiere

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Leon N. Thompson, Sr.

$1.00
Mrs. Maggie Peay

Murphy Homes joins

Twenty - two high rise floors and garden courts of the George B. Murphy Homes joined the AFRO Clean Block Campaign this week.

A few years back this project had some of the most beautiful halls in a high rise complex. The floors were spotless and shined so bright you could see your face.

They had beautiful drawings on the walls done by the residents. We're looking forward to seeing what they do this year under the leadership of Mrs. Hattie Turner, program director and her staff. Joel Newton is manager of the project.

1038 Argyle Ave 10th floor — Captain, Mary Jones; Co - captain, Clinton Gooden.

Workers: Mary Jones, Lorraine Gaither, Christine Gooden, Marjarie Glenn, Ophelia Jackson, Mary Barnes, Rubie Smith, Rosa Gray, Linda Jordan, Jacqueline Dunnock, Angelia Brown, Martha Wilkins.

851 Argyle Ave. 13th floor — Captain, Rosie Givens.

Workers: Thelma Edwards, Geraldine Hampton, Charles Shell, Linda Dennis, Gertrude Kelly, Elaine McDaniels, A Carey, Paula Barfield, Rosie Givens, Delores Edwards, Annette Williams, Catherine Downs, Joseph Williams.

851 George St. 11th floor — Captain, Rachel Taylor.

Workers: Gloria Timmons, Dorothy Coleman, Gloria Herrington, Bessie Timmons, Rosemarie DeGrace, Deborah Sims, Gladys Hale, Louise Bush, Sandra Grantley, Lorraine Daye, Brenda Craig, Theresa Knox, Andrea Scott, William Parker.

851 George St., 12th floor — Captain, Octavia Adams.

Workers: Renee Travers, Lynell Chatman, Betty Spriggs, Melvin Brown, Louise Bland, Ethel Duppins, Octavia Adams, Lester Brown, Madge Taylor, Joyce Brown, Marie Langley, Joanne Davis.

1058 Argyle Ave. 6th floor — Captain, Doris Hicks.

Workers: Doris Hicks, Martha McDoughal, Camella Decator, Mary Stephey, Evon West, Beverly Hill, Alpha Brown, Sheila Madison, Grover Perry, Augustine Burrell, Lee Johnson, Vivica Chase.

1040 Argyle Ave. — Captain, Delores Robinson.

Workers: James Matthews, Mary Lee, Mamie Richmond.

1058 Argyle Ave. 7th floor — Captain, Jacqueline Taylor; Co - captain, Carolyn McCoy.

Workers: Lorraine Witherspoon, Maggie Lambert, Jacqueline Taylor, Betty Floyd, Charmaine Richardson, Theresa Spence, Annie Knight, Elisenia Dabney, Saphronia Williams, Vermita Cotton, Carolyn McCoy, Linda Davis.

Addie Benlow. Call George Parrish 396 - 3166.

900 N. Carey St. is decorated with red and white tire urns abetween the houses, and tireurns along the sidewalk. White marble steps glisten on each side of the block. Trees are planted in front of the houses, bordered with white fences. Several houses are boarded up in the neighborhood.

The neighbors express concern about the fact that trash has piled up in the alley, and the trash men refuse to take it, saying they can only take a certain amount.

The neighbors say they are making an all out effort to keep the alleys clean, but they need the city's cooperation. The alleys in the neighborhood pose a lot of the problems and the trash men complain that because of the size of the alleys it's difficult for the trucks to get in to collect the trash.

On the hopeful side, the neighbors are attempting to stage a Clean Block party on August 3.

Captain is Kevin Sye; Co - captain, Ms. Christopher Smith; Advisor, Mrs. Ruth Sye.

300 N. Carey St. has brightly colored orange and black tire urns, flower boxes, and white marble steps. Several houses have shutters. Aquacash house in the neighborhood has a painted front.

Captain is Brian Garnett; Co-captain, Ms. Karen Kirk; Advisor, Mrs. Ora Weathers.

900 Argyle Ave., 11th floor — Captain, Effie Ricks; Co - captain, Audelia Smith.

Workers: Dwaynne Wright, Paulette Lewis, Delcene Tyson, Iris Boots, Marlea Hooks, Lela Holmes, Effie Ricks, Abraham White, Alma Hurris, Brenda Fulford, Dorothy Steele, Aurelia Smith.

900 Argyle Ave., 9th floor — Captain, Winifred Bingsiey; Co - captain, Irene Pinckney.

Workers: Christine Jones, Karen Evans, Marie Hairston, Rebecca Martin, Bingley Winfred, Irene Pinckney, Delores Simmons, Johnny Cox, Rose Floyd, Rosa Lassiter, Shirley Bush, Margaret Lee.

725 George St., 9th floor — Captain, Barbara Washington.

Workers: Elizabeth Parker, Tanya Scott.

Contestants for the Miss Inner City Pageant are shown here as they appeared before the Clean Blockers at last meeting. These are from (L): Misses Anna M. Waters, 15, 11th grade Western High; representing Teen Center Cherry Hill Cultural Arts; Maria Simmons, 17, June graduate Douglass Senior High School; Teen Center E; Marlene Baker, 16, 12th grade, Eastern High, Teen Center D; Renee Dunaway, 16, 12th grade, Douglass High, Teen Center F.

Walking the blocks

By Sheila D. Scott

A walking tour of several AFRO Clean Blocks reveals that there is much digging and sowing going on and the harvest promises to be a plentiful one.

300 Scott St. appears to be off to a good start. The newly adopted trees and white marble steps make for a pretty picture.

The neighbors complain however, that the sewer needs to be cleaned and in spite of their pleas since winter, nothing has been done concerning the broken sidewalk and the clogged sewer. Captain is Ms. Sharon Long; Co - captain, Ms. Pamela Carter; Advisor, Ms.

Next AFRO Clean Block Meeting

Friday, July 21 - 11 a.m.

Dunbar Community Center

Orleans and Caroline Sts.

Join today- Call 728-8200

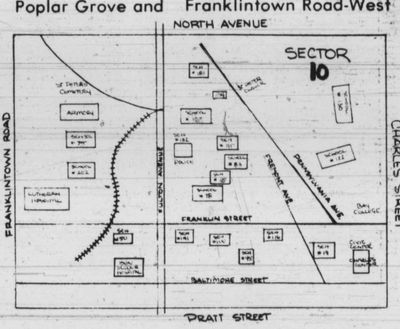
Mayor's Trash Bash

Sector 10

North Avenue-North Pratt Street-South

Charles Street-East

Poplar Grove and Franklintown Road-West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