Clean Block Inspection Week Aug. 14-19

Inspection Sun. Aug. 20 - Win cash for top blocks

O'Donnell Heights projects Clean Blockers win awards

Some of the winners of trophies for acting as AFRO Clean Block Captains and organizing their blocks in O'Donnell Heights Project are shown here proudly displaying them. Included are Mesdames Ruth Mays, Fannie Hemphill, Helen Donnigan and Carole Sajka.

By Arnetta Lottier

Last week 15 AFRO Clean Block Captains of O'Donnell Heights received trophies for organizing their blocks as AFRO Clean Blocks.

This project is located in southeast Baltimore off Dundalk Ave. Ms Margaret K. Keen is manager; John P. Matoneck, assistant manager.

Gramley Buehler, president, O'Donnell Heights Tenant Council and Resident Advisory Board Delegate, presented the trophies to the captains.

Attending were residents from the project, Joseph Bonvegna, State Senator, 46th district and John Lienz, House of Delegates, 46th district.

Those receiving awards were:

Mesdames Fannie Hemphill, Alma Antonini, Mildred Rossi, Michael Nichols, Carole Monks, Betty Pfarr, Madeline Gallop, Sarah Sealer, Randy Jones, Harry Wilson and Mark Gallop.

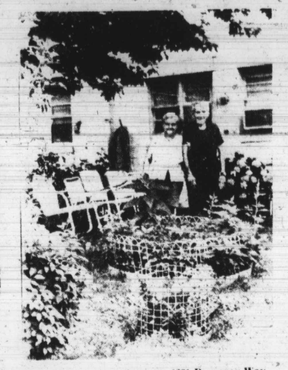
After the ceremony, many of the winners said how thrilled they were to receive the trophies. Some said they felt like crying it made them so happy.

A brief tour of some of the streets in the project followed and we were able to see some blocks where nothing has been done and those where the Clean Block Captains are working. The difference was amazing. Two of the blocks we visted were 1200 Gusryan and 1200 Cavendish Way, both blocks being in the Campaign.

1200 Demarcy Wayi, is not the Campaign but we stoped by there to see the beautiful yard of Mr. and Mrs. George Greason. They have flowers of every description and color. Mr. Greason is 84 and takes care of yard. This yard has won first place for the past four years as the most beautiful yard in O'Donnell Heights.

His next door neighbor, Phyllis, said Mr. Greason not only takes care of his yard but also cuts the lawns of many neighbors.

Mrs. Maggie Quille, president Druid Heights and Mrs. Pattie Boyd, Advisor, 1700 Holbrook St. attended the program and made the walking tour led by Mrs. Fannie Hemphill, supervisor of the captains.



Mr. and Mrs. George Greason, 1231 Demarcy Way, O'Donnel Heights, are shown here in their beautiful garden which Mr. Greason, 84, plants and take care of each year. They have won first prize for four years as the prettiest yard in O'Donnell Heights.

1945 — The late Miss Frances Murphy, Clean Block founder and director, tours clean blocks with the late Mayor Theodore McKeldin. She was teacher for 45 years before the founded clean-up drive.

Blocks on the move

By Arnetta Lottier

Druid Heights tour

Mrs. Maggie Quille, president was very proud of most of the blocks in Druid Heights as we toured last week to see how much progress had been made.

The first blocks we saw were those on Baker St. (500 - 557) from Druid Hill Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue.

The 500 Baker St. block was clean except for a pile of trash in front of the grages on one side of the street. It seems one neighbor who lives on the corner of the alley, waits until the trash men leave the block and then puts trash in plastic bags in front of the garages.

This has discouraged neighbors so they feel it is hopeless to try and stay a Clean Block with this incident happening weekly. We told neighbors we would have the Health Department visit them to try and get these folks to stop littering the street.

This block also needs sewers cleaned out and the gras around them cut.

557 Baker St. block was sparkling with bright paint of red and white. Their steps had just been painted white, their tire urns red and the chairs between the houses bright blue. They did a fantastic job of painting overnight when they found out we'd be visiting Druid Heights.

220 Druid Hill Ave. is still decorated in red and white again this year. This block was one of the top award winners last year. Don't know what happened this year, they just don't seem to have the enthusiasm they had last year. It was a joy to see this block every morning last year. They still keep it fairly clean.

Mrs. Estelle Timmons is Captain; Johnny Norris, Co-captain; Mrs. Madie Mitchell, Advisor.

2000 Etting St. is really attractive with its black and white decorations. They have white steps trimmed in black, tire urns of black and white and window boxes to match with residents' addresses printed on them. These Clean Blockers have worked very hard.

Lynette Voss is Captain; Johnnie Lattimore, Co-captain; Joseph Coates, Advisor. Folks who have worked daily to keep this block looking good along with the rest of the neighbors are Mesdames Foot, Ms. Virginia Rollins, Marian Rolling and Jerry Joseph. Keep up the good work, neighbors

2100 McCulloh St. changed their colors this year. They are using orange and white, except for a few neighbors who held on the blue trim. This block has done a good job despite the huge amount of traffic they get daily.

Ms. Imogene Moore is Captain; Olivia Thomas, Co-captain; Ms. Joanne Craver, Advisor.

Masil brown did a great job painting the tire urns aqua and white in the 2?? block Pressman St. This is a short block but it really looks nice.

1800 Druid Hill Ave., a new block this year, has bright orange tire urns filled with flowers between most of the houses. Understand some of the neighbors refused to have them in front of their houses. The block is still attractive and has tired very hard to have a good looking block.

Julia Daly is Co-Captain; Mrs. Emma Jones is Advisor.

Summer Corps and Youth Entitlement youngsters who were working on a block long vegetable garden behind Fayette St. when the AFRO visited there. Shown here with rakes and hoes are: Brenda Carter, Brenda Franklin, George Kirk, James Lacy, Tyrone Silver, Anthony Weathers, Aline Kirk, Shawn Williams, Barbara Cruiser and Theodore Keller.

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New Clean Blocks

521 Prestman St. — Druid Heights Captain; Karon Morris; Co-captain, Juanita Morris; Advisor, Ms. Maggie Quille.

Workers: Keith Morris, Kenneth Morris, Glen Hawkins, Richard Morris, Tyrone Hawkins.

570 W. Preston St. — McCulloh Homes Captain, Charles Preston; Co-captain, Charles Christian.

Workers: Mrs. Viola Christian, Mrs. M. Newsome, Mrs. Mary Jackson, Josephine Howard, Ms. Marie Weems, Mrs. Doretha Baglis, Mrs. Martha Whiting.

300 N. Gilmor St. — Captain, Beatrice Speaks; Co-captain, Mary Might; Advisor, Ms. Dorothy Herbert.

Workers: William James, Rufus Inez, Annie Sales, Lonnie Johnson, Melvin Johnson, G. Roberts, Annettee Young, Clara Grier, Joseph Davis, Annie Gales, Rosalie Makel, Virginia Thomas.

1537 Argyle Ave. — Captain, Vincent Crawford; Co-captain, Robin Gilliam; Advisor, Juanita Munny.

319 Hearring Ct. Perkins Homes — Mary Wake; Co-captain, Daisy Jackson; Advisor, Cornelius Greene.

3528 Dallas Ct. Perkins Homes — Captain, La Verne Moore; Co-captain, Pauline Strokes; Advisor, Pauline Strokes.

Workers: Jonny Ware, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Epps, Micloe Carter, Tammy Brown, Angie Brown, Pamela Brown.

More Murphy Homes

851 George St. — 4th — 4th fl. Captain, Dominique Schofield; Co-captain, Charolette Roy; Advisor, J. Moore.

Workers: Beverly Hughes, James Williams, Lamp Brown.

851 George St — 9th fl. Captain, Beatrice Wiggins; Advisor, T. Moore.

Workers: Jonetta Johnson, Lavaria Wiggins, Rose Jenkins, Barbara Meggnison

851 George St 6th fl. — Captain, Pamela Brunson; Co-captain, Gwendolyn Jenkins; Advisor, J. Moore.

Workers: Priscilla Davis, Sheree Chapman, Elaine Neal, Kimberly Eaddy.

851 George St. 11th fl. — Captain, Carol Jordan; Co-captain, J. Moore.

Workers: Jeanette Smith, Clestine Cook, Wyomia Baker, June Glover, Lula Zubea.

851 George St. 12th fl. — Captain Oddavia Adams; Co-captain, Thomas Langely; Advisor, T. Moore.

900 Argyle Ave. 2nd fl. — Captain, Marion Robinson; Advisor, Sara Livingston.

Workers: Mabel Gray, Mrs. L. powell, Annie Davis, G. Thomas, Belinda Fraling, D. Heath, JoAnn Squirril, S. Davis, Grace Harris.

1058 Argyle Ave 8th fl. — Captain, Mary Thornton; Advisor, Sara Livingston.

Workers: Bernice Goode, Rose Dorsey, D. Cook, Dorothy Childs, Willie Williams, Vernola Bullock.

900 Argyle Ave. 7th fl. — Captin, Pauline Martin.

Workers: Pearl Carter, Josephine Frazier, Inez Melton, Shelia Foreman, Cornelia Jackson, Bernice Waddy, Claude Waddy, Joyce Hill, Ruth Bridges.

1058 Argyle Ave. 5th fl. — Captain, Mrs. Geraldine Robeson.

Workers: Wanda Craig, Barbara Bishop, Gertude Williams, Joyce Shorter, Violet High.

851 George St. 3rd fl. — Captain, Stella Amake; Co-captain, Cynthia Jones.

Workers: Dorothy Warsaw, Emma Williams, Elizabeth Betts, Zelman Grandison, Clementine Woods, Stella Amaker, Joyce Smith, Cynthia Jones, Carrie Whitfield, Margaret Holmes, Brenda Watkins.

851 George St. 8th fl. — Captain, L. Browney; Co-captain, S. Duncan.

Workers: Marsha Whye, Senecca Jones, Thomasins Lawson, Rosalee Jones, L. Roberts, Georgia Dvis, Mary Dye, Annie Brownlee, Caroline Anderson, Benny White, Sherry Green, Shirley Ducan.

1058 Argyle Ave. 2nd fl. — Captain, Annie McMillian; Co-captain, Margaret Jackson.

Workers: Yvonne Banks, Colleen Satterfield, Wright Moore, Celestine Void, Sharon Bailey.

900 Argyle Ave. 12th fl. 8 Captain, Toby Boots; Co-captain, Doris McFadden.

Workers: Pamela Wally, Cludia Nelson, Clara Triplett, Vernoica Ferguson, Edith Brown, Sarah Rainey.

Schedule of meetings

Friday, August 11 — Awarding of Falgs War Memorial Plaza

86th Anniversary — AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers

August 13-19 — Inspection Week

August 20 — Inspection Sunday

August 27 — Closing — Mondawmin Shopping Center

Walking the blocks

By Sheila D. Scott

When visitng the AFRO Clean Blocks, one cannot help but marvel at the progress some blocks have made in beautifying their nighborhoods.

Most of the blocks are brightly accented with window bowes, hanging plants, trees encased in white picket fences and coloful tire urns displaying beautiful flowers.

200 Etting St. has chosen the black and white color scheme again this year. This is a gorgeous little block with black and white chairs, black window boxes bearing live and artifical flowers.

Neighbors were seen painting and sweeping during tour of the block. "Happiness is Cleaning", are the words painted on a vacant house.

The alleys and gutters are spotless. laura Scott is co-captain; Lynette Vass, Captain; Joseph Conles advisor.

1500 N. Stricker St. is brightly hued in blue and white. The neighbors have selected live and artifical flowers.

Ms. JoAnn McRay, a neighbor, made the flower boxes and painted addresses on them. Red, white, and blue flags proudly fly from the tire urns between the houses. Alleys were fairly clean. The neighbors were busy painting and sweeping. Mrs. Peola Howell is Captain. Ms. Shirley Johnson is Co-captain, and Mrs. Romaine Brown is Advisor.

2400 Brentwood Ave is very pretty with white picket fences and white tire urns. The window boxes have live and artifical flowers. The gutters and alleys are very clean. The AFRO Clean Block banner is proudly displayed in the neighborhood.

Captain is Ms. Catherine Booker; Advisor is Ms. Josie M. Burns.

900 N. Arlington Ave. is green trimmed in white. The chairs are painted green and white.

There are green flower boxes in windows and on steps Gutters are clean, however alleys did not look too clean due to 1100 Lafayette Ave neighbors.

Captain is Norma Brooks; Co-captain is Ms. Florence Spencer; Advisor, Mrs. Norma Rogers.

Clean Blockers are to be commended for the progress made thus far.

At this point, AFRO Clean Blockers should should be busily engaged in final beautification measures for the final inspection.

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BG and E wants to make bill adjustments quarterly

Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. said the state should allow it to adjust electric bills quarterly to help it deal with the effects of fluctuating fuel prices.

But Gary Alexander, the people's ounsel representing utility customers, urged the Public Service Commission to permit fuel adjustments only once a year.

The commission, which is hearing similar arguments from other electric utilities, is expected to make a tentative ruling on the fuel adjustment question by Aug. 31 and a final ruling by Oct. 1.

Alexander proposed that BG and E's fuel adjustment rates be set in October, based on the most recent actual fuel costs.

But Edward A. Crooke, a BG and E vice president, said that would mean at least a three-month lag in recovering increased fuel costs. He suggested another plan whereby the costs would be estimated in advance and adjusted quarterly.

BG and E adjusts its bills monthly to reflect the changes in the cost of fuel used in its generating plants, but beginning Oct. 1 the current procedures will be abolished.

Alexander said, "BG and E customers are luckier than most in the state because BG and E generates a substantial amount of nuclear power." After the initial plant outlay, fuel for nuclear power plants is less expensive than fuel for coal or oil-fired units.

Alexander said the 1978 General Assembly's intent in requiring hearings for fuel adjustment increases of 5 percent or more was "to get the utilities to bargain harder for their fuel until they have recovered their losses."

Merry Jo Kerekes, director of Maryland Action, said in prepared testimony that the citizens group believes utility companies are not using competitive purchasing practices, partly because of cross-directorships and stock ownerships within the coal and oil industry, major banks and the power companies.

"The companies have been refusing to disclose their purchasing practices and citizens groups have been unable to obtain the information they want on stock ownership," she said.

Wednesday's hearing was the second of four scheduled by the PSC on fuel adjustment clauses.

The commission went to Salisbury to hear from Delmarva Power Co. officials, and plans hearings Aug. 14 in Rockville with the Potomac Electric and Power Co., and Aug. 16 in Hagerstown with Potomac Edison.

Filed malpractice cases increase

Most of the 30 medical malpractice claims pending before the state Health Claims Arbitration Office were filed within the last three months and more are beinf filed every day, officials said.

Lynn S. Deutschmann, administrative assistant, said the number of malpractice claims has increased dramatically since a Court of Appeals decision affirming the constitutionality of the office, created two years ago.

The office was created by the 1976 General Assembly because insurance companies threatened to withdraw their medical malpractice coverage in Maryland because of soaring costs.

The office has jurisdiction over all medical malpractice claims of more than $5,000. Those under $5,000 go to civil courts.

A claimant is allowed to seek a specific amount over $5,000. The final amount awarded is determined by the office after hearings.

The office operation had been jeopardized when a Baltimore city court judge ruled the office unconstitutional, but the Court of Appeals has reversed that decision.

"Once things settled down, we hope to handle about 75 cases a year," said Ronald L. Schreiber, head of the agency.

Electricity prices rose in June

Electricity prices in the Baltimore area climbed 8.9 percent in June, while gas prices rose only .7 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

The monthly Consumer Price Index said home energy prices climbed 2.4 percent in June, after a .1 percent drop in May. The increase included an 8.9 percent rise in electric prices and a .7 percent jump in gas.

Alvin Margulis, the bureau's regional commissioner, said electricity prices had risen 28.3 percent from last year's prices.

A Baltimore area consumer paid an average of $31.71 for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity, $5 to $9 more than residents in Philadelphia and Washington.

Residential gas cost area customers $37.58 per 100 therms, a $12.76 increase over the national average.

Automobile gas prices climbed from .4 to .9 percent for regular and premium grades. Premium gas cost 70.2 cents per gallon locally, the bureau said.

Meteors expected

The Maryland Academy of Arts and Sciences says the Baltimore area can expect brilliant meteor showers on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Academy said the showers, from the Perseid Meteors, should peak just before dawn each day.

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Garvey Day set at Harlem Park

The seventh annual Marcus Garvey Day will be held on Saturday, Aug. 19, 1978, from noon to 6 p.m. in Harlem Park. Harlem Park is located on Gilmor Street at Edmonson Avenue.

Sponsored by the Marcus Garvey Day Committee, the event will have music, art, poetry, games, speakers and positive vibrations.

Marcus Mosiah Garvey was born on Aug. 17, 1887, in St. Ann, Jamaica. He died in London, England, in 1941.

In 1941 in Jaica, Garvey organized the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) to rehabilitate, unite and uplift the black race.

He came to the United States in 1916 and established UNIA here. In one year he visited more than 38 states.

To U.S. blacks victimized by lynchings, deceived by the promises of improved conditons after World War I, and disfranchised from voting, Marcus Garvey provided hope and instilled pride and respect.

Garvey empahsized Pan-Africanism and said no matter where black people lived in the world, they should come together.

Garvey purchased ships for trade and travel, known as the Black Star Line. He established the first independent black printing company in the United States.

He organized a world-wide black people's army, organized some black professionals (i.e. the Black Cross nurses), established a factory and restaurants, and published "The Negro World."

He encouraged black people to return to Africa. He advised blacks who did not go to Africa to live always according to African principles and traditions, never forgetting African culture.

Marcus Garvey was arrested and later imprisoned in 1925 for mail fraud by the U.S. government. He was deported to Jamaica in 1927.

Marcus Garvey's Universal Negro Improvement Association has been the largest mass movement of black people in the world. He given credit for the saying, "Black is beautiful."

He created the black liberation flag and used its colors of red, black, and green as his banner of unity.

On Marcus Garvey Day on Sat., Aug. 19, 1978 in Harlem Park, please do not bring any drugs or alcoholic beverages into the park.

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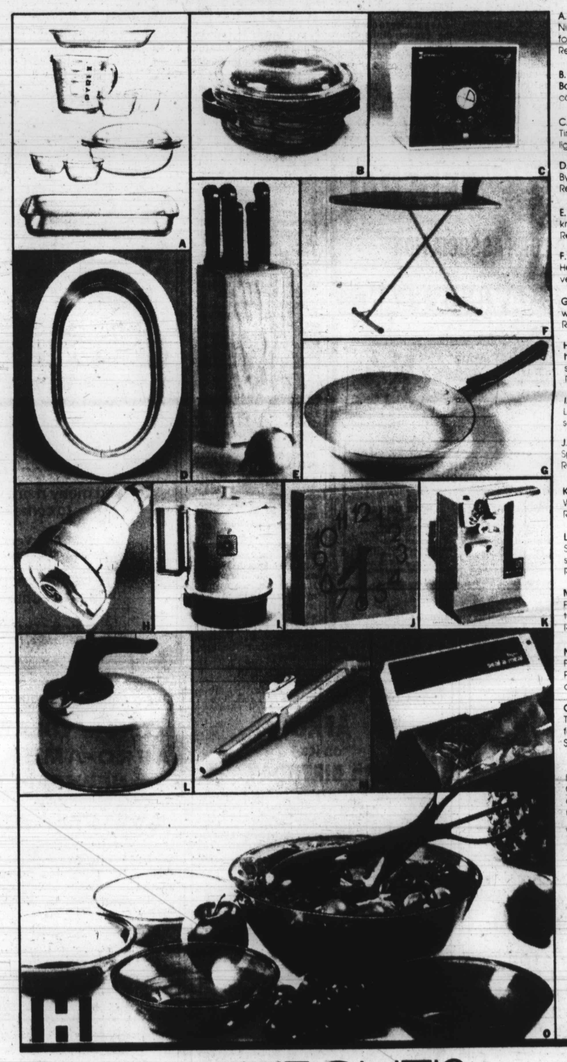

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