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Final Inspection of Murphy Homes

By Kathy O. Parrott

The final inspection of the high-rise and low-rise units of the George B. Murphy Homes took place last week. Many of this years participants were eagerly anticipating the arrival of the Inspection Judges; however, an equal number of campaign registrants seemed to have lost their zest somewhere along the way.

Mrs. Gloria Burton, TMT worker, in charge of Special Projects accompanied the judges on the tour.

The tour started in the high-rise unit, 725 George St. Judges were impressed with the cleanliness of the second floor. It was painted a bright and cheery shade of blue, trimmed with black. The floor was shining and spotless. Captain, John B. Conway; Co-Captain, Mrs. Winifred Bingley; Advisor, Ms Jannie Robinson. (Judges also saw Mr. Conway outside the building helping maintenance workers with their cleaning).

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The seventh floor was also painted blue and black. Each door was framed in black, while walls were a cool shade of blue. Very pretty murals were hand painted on the walls to brighten the hallway. Captain on the floor is Ms Mable Lindy; Co-Captain, Ms Josephine Freeland; Advisor, Ms G. Burton.

The 12th floor also was very impressive. It was an airy green and white. It was immaculate, and its AFRO-KOOL Honor Flag was proudly displayed. They too had a hand painted mural, showing a dog, on the wall. The floor captain is Mrs. Lelia Daughterty; Co-Captain, Ms Denise Easley; Advisor, Mrs. G. Burton.

Floors six, nine, ten, 11, and 14 were among those whose zest had been lost.

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The low-rise units working with the captain at 753 George St. had painted their block red and gray. They were very clean, and had a lot of pretty flowers. The court captain is Mrs. Menthy Johnson; Advisor, Ms Jannie Robinson.

The court at 761 George St. was painted red and gray. Their captain is Ms Lillie Robinson; Advisor, Mrs. G. Burton.

The beautiful 777 George St. was painted gray and green. They have the most gorgeous flowers. Their court was spotless, as well as the area around their dumpster. The Captain, James Kirby; Advisor, Mrs. G. Burton.

806 George St. is painted gray and white. They too were very clean. Oddly enough, there were no flowers displayed in this block. We found that odd because on previous spot checks, there were very lovely flowers displayed on the porches of the various houses. Have they too been hit by vandals? Block captain is Mrs. Louise Goodman; Advisor, Mrs. G. Burton.

839 George St. is painted black and white. They too were lacking flowers, but they were fairly clean. Captain, Ms Shirley Howell; Advisor, Allen Whitehead.

When the judges went into the high-rise unit at 851 George St. they were shocked by the disarray and filth in the lobby. An inspection of the floors showed things to be no better. Floors six, nine and 13 were disgusting. The judges had to check their sheets several times to be certain that these floors had actually registered for the Clean Block Campaign for this year. Onions, onions, onions!

The high-rise unit at 1058 Argyle Ave. was also a disappointment. Seven floors registered in that building, but only the third floor had done any work. They were a clean, cheerful yellow. There too the AFRO-KOOL Honor Flag was on display. Floor captain is Ms Mary Holmes; Co-Captain, Ms Elaine Maker; Advisor Ms Doris McCray.

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902-912 Argyle Ave.- low-rise unit, was a pretty red and white court. They had painted their urns red and trimmed them in white. They had painted the bricks around their sidewalks red also. The flowers on the court were very lovely. Their court was also very clean, with lots of pretty flowers. Captain, Ms Brenda Jennings. Co-Captain, and Advisor Ms Daisy McFadden.

Another red and white court was 1022 Argyle Ave. All were impressed with how clean this and the other low rise units on Argyle Ave had been kept. Captain, Mrs. Emma Rice had her AFRO-KOOL Honor Flag on display. Her Co-Captain was Ronald Hope; Advisor, Ms Jannie Robinson.

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1040 Argyle Ave. had used the AFRO Clean Block colors to brighten their two and a half courts. They had painted the bricks red and white, and had planted their flowers in green urns. Keeping the area around a total of eight houses clean was most certainly an awesome task. The captain for those courts was Mrs. Delores Robinson; Co-Captain, Ms Monica Robinson; Advisor, Mrs. G. Burton.

★Beautiful AFRO Clean Block★

$250.00 Winner — 2700 Berea Rd. was simply beautiful. The Captain, Ms. Beverly Ragler; Co-captain, Ms. Carol Hawkins; and Advisor, Ms. Barbara Ben and their workers have done a fantastic job in their green and yellow block. They have green and yellow flowers sitting in green planters on well manicured lawns. There are yellow plant hangers with green flower pots. Each house has been freshly painted green and has green address plates with yellow numbers.

Photo by Vanessa Johnson

$200.00 Winner — 1700 W. Franklin St. is a beautiful purple and white block; with the block colors being picked up in the large sidewalk urns, window boxes, and planters on the top steps.

Photo by Kathy Parrott

Hard-working Captain, Ms. Renee' Campbell; Co-captain, Ms. Bessie Littlejohn; Advisor, Elmer Diggs.

$150.00 Winner — 2800 Woodbrook Ave. is a tree-lined street where residents have further enhanced nature's beauty with a splendid array of live plants and flowers. The entire block was spotless. Captain, Mrs. Helen Chase; Co-captain, Mrs. Hattie Pompey; Advisor, Mrs. Henrietta Mosley.

Photo by Roman Hankewycz

Not only do Mrs. Flood and Mrs. Gilbert, primary workers in the 500 blk of N. Gilmor St. have to worry about outside residents vandalizing their block: they also have to contend with ornery block residents. One lady always waits until after the trash collectorsa have left to come out and put her bags of garbage. What's wrong with her? Doesn't she know her block's trach days, or is she just one of those people who can't stand to see things looking good? A hag of onions to her!

Profiles of leaders in AFRO-Kool blocks

By Ida Peters

1800 N. Collington won the top prize of $350 in the AFRO's 47th Annual Clean Block Campaign. They will hold a party in their block on Thursday, Sept. 17.

The Captain, Mgs. Annie Lee Johnston is serving her first year. She reports that 59 families in the block helped and she signed up 44 workers. She and her Co-Captain, Antoinette Thurman, 16 and the Advisor Ms Elaine White, attended all the meetings, movie parties, parade and awards ceremony.

They worked on trash on the vacant lots, cleared their vacant lots, clean back alleys, sprayed their trees, and fought rats at North and Collington, Chester, Duncan and Patterson Park.

Their red and white block is sparkling with white window boxes, and white picket fences around their trees.

Mrs. Annie Lee Johnston, was born in Laurens, S.C. and moved to Baltimore in 1947. She attends Christ Temple Church on Pennsylania Avenue. She has four children and enjoys playing Bingo and going to park outings. Now retired, she was employed for 16 years at Baltimore Uniform Company.

Mrs. Elaine White, Advisor was born in Baltimore and started working in the AFRO Clean Block under Miss Frances Murphy 33 years ago when she lived in the 900 blk N. Chapel St. For 20 years, she has been a Clean Blocker on Collington Avenue. She is a graduate of Dunbar High School and is a day-care parent. She is a member of the Superior Community Organization; South Clifton Park Organization; Nazarene Temple Church on Harford Road. She has two children and is married to Arthur White.

Miss Antoinette Thurman, co-captain is 16 and attends Mergenthaler Senior High School. She is majoring in Cosmetology and would like to be a cheer leader when school opens. She enjoys crocheting, reading and her favorite subject in school is Math. She is the daughter of Jerry and Rose Thurman and has one brother and three sisters.

The assistant Co-Captain, Elijah Washington painted and made all fo the picket fences in the block. He was born in South Carolina. He is 45 and has been part of the AFRO Clean Block for 21 years. He drives for the Royal Cab Company, enjoys carpentry and working with kids.

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1300 Etting Street 24 pt.

1300 Etting Street won $300. The block will hold a Splash Party on Fern Park Ave. at the home of Mrs. Mildred Jones on Saturday. Then all the children and grown ups will go to Disco Skateland for another party.

On Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. the block will hold a Gong Show.

Mrs. Gloria Cooper, Captain is serving her second year as Captain on Etting Street. She is a former Clean Blocker in the 500 blk W. Lafayette Ave. and is the sister of Mrs. Esther Middleton, long-time worker. She is a Carver High School graduate and is employed in the Housekeeping Department at Maryland General Hospital. She is a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church; has served as their evening secretary. She enjoys sewing and makes all of her own clothing.

Advisor, Mrs. Paulinee Nelson was born in Baltimore and has lived on Etting Street for 40 years. For 20 years she has worked in the Clean Block. She attends Douglas Memorial Church and is a former member of the choir. She was formerly a doctor's receptionist but is retired. She likes to play Pinocle and work with children.

Co-Captain, Mrs. Maggie Johnson was born in South Carolina but has been in Baltimore 35 years. She is a member of Union Baptist Church; has two daughers, one son and four grandchildren. She has lived on Etting Street two years and enjoys cooking. She occasionally cooks for events at her church.

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3500 Round Road, Cherry Hill 18 pt

The 3500 Round Road in Cherry Hill fought rats, cleaned off their vacant lot, cleaned off ther railroad tracks; cleaned the area around their dumpsters.

They won $300 by planting flowers; resodded their grass and painted all their houses red and gray and painted their aluminum screen doors. They roped off their lawn areas with white picket fences. The have 16 houses and 32 families helping.

They will be holding their block party this Saturday at 2 p.m. in their block with special guests Joel Newton, manager; Mrs. Dorothy Harris from Housing Authority.

Wanda Grimes is Captain and a hard worker. She is a homemaker and plans to attend Morgan State to study to be a Probation Officer. She attended Douglass High School and a Valedictorium from Pacquin High School.

This has been her first Clean Block experince. She attends Cherry Hill Methodist Church.

Denise Warren, Co-Advisor is 25 with a daughter 5. She graduated from Edmondson High School and graduated from CCB in 1979 where she studied to be a legal secretary. She attends First Baptist Church of Cherry Hill where she is a member of the Senior Choir. She is also a member of the Young Adult Choir at Mt. Pilgrim.

Co-Captain, Carolyn Tabron was born in Portsmouth, Va. and came to Baltimore in 1968 with her family and lived in the Park Heights Area. She moved to Cherry Hill in 1969, attended Cherry Hill Junior High, Southern High. She has two children, a boy and girl. She likes to keep the yard clean; likes gardening, sports, park outings and interior decorating.

Advisor, Debbie Johnson was born in Baltimore and alway lived in Cherry Hill. She attended Cherry Hill Junior High, Forest Park High School. She is self-employed on a truck from which groceries are sold. She attends Southern Friendship Baptist Church where she belongs to the Family Club. She likes outdoor sports, interior designing, cosmetology, sewing, single, has two children both girls and lived in current residence since 1969.

$150.00 Winner — 1300 N. Milton Ave. shows the signs of hard work and dedication. The pretty red and white block has hanging baskets, sidewalk furniture, urns, and window boxes that pick up the block colors. Workers were under the guidance of Captain, Mrs. Lillie Mae Hunter; Co-captain, Mrs. Josephine Eggleston; Advisor, Ms. Sarah Reed.

Winners 1981 AFRO-KOOL Awards

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1800 N. Collington Avenue

$300.00

3500 Round Road
1300 Etting Street
500 N. Gilmor

$250.00

2700 Berea Round
319 Herring Court
2200 Ashland Avenue
900 Bennett Place
1900 Druid Hill Avenue
500 Fulton Avenue
300 N. Gilmor Street
1500 E. 28th Street
1100 Whatcoat Street
1400 E. Lafayette Avenue

$200.00

1700 Holbrook Street
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1800 N. Dallas
2000 Etting Street
1600 W. Fayette Street
2800 Harlem Avenue
1700 W. Franklin Street
600 Appleton Street
1600 Edmondson Avenue

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1300 N. Milton Avenue
2500 Madison Avenue
2500 Garrett Avenue
400 E. 21st Street
2800 Woodbrook Avenue
2700-2800 Parkwood Avenue
2900 Parkwood Avenue
3100 Sumter Avenue
1500 Edmondson Avenue
2000 Sinclair Lane
1900 Mosher Street
1800 Braddish Avenue

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1800 Bethel Street
902 Argyle Avenue
3000 Grayson Street
1200 E. Lafayette Avenue

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600 Payson Street
600 Brice Street
2600 W. North Avenue
1500 Barclay Street

$50.00

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1400 McCulloh Street
1400 Druid Hill Avenue
900 Appleton Street
900 Gilmor Street
700 E. 21st Street
2400 Lakeview

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1700 N. Monroe Street
1500 W. Mulberry Street
1700 Braddish Avenue
500 Baker Street
5000 Beaufort Avenue
5100 Chalgrove
1500 W. Lanvale Street
1032 Argyle Avenue
777 George Street

1040 Argyle Avenue
1022 Argyle Avenue
2000 Harlem Avenue
500 Sanford Place
600 N. Pulaski Street
248 S. Dallas Court
725 George Street (12th Floor)
2700 W. North Avenue

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1800 N. Castle Street
1900 W. Lexington
1800 W. Lexington
500 W. Lafayette Avenue
400 E. Federal Street
1500 Brentwood
400 E. Oliver Street
700 E. 21st Street
300 E. Federal Street
1400 Ashland Avenue
725 George Street (2nd Floor)
753 George Street (Menthy Johnson)
761 George Street (Lillie Robinson)
806 George Street - (Louise Goodman)
839 George Street - (Shirley Howell)
208 Dallas Court - (John Handy)
211 S. Mason Court - (Selma Gill)
220 S. Spring Court - (Mary Chrisp)
238 S. Spring Court - (John Reggan)
3900 Towanda Avenue
1800 E. Fayette Street
1058 Argyle Avenue - (Mary Holmes)
700 Lennox
1300 E. Lafayette Avenue
2700 Harlem Avenue
1900 Harlem Avenue
1500 N. Gilmor Street

1900 N. Fulton Avenue
725 George Street - (John Deminds)
1800 Regester
1800 Rutland Avenue
2700 W. North Avenue
571 Baker Street
910 Argyle Avenue (Brenda Jennings)
1300 Slater Road
2700 Classen Avenue
2600 Aisquith Avenue
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Winners 1981 AFRO-KOOL Clean Block Awards

$150.00 Winner — 2800 Sinclair Lane - a beautiful porch - front block of houses that really had gorgeous displays of flowers. Porch urns and sidewalk urns were basically white, but they had blue, yellow, green, and red painted in the designs on the urns. Captain, Eric Smith; Co-captain, Towanda Carter; Advisor, Mrs. Mary James.

$150.00 Winner — 2900 Parkwood Ave. has all white picket fences and plant urns. They also have lots of pretty flowers. Captain, Curtis Wright; Co-captain, Thomas Tucker; Advisor, Ms. Barbara Cooper.

Photo by Roman Hankewycz

$150.00 Winner — 1800 Braddish Ave. is a pretty sight, with its red and white color scheme. The block boasts red steps accented by the white walls surrounding each lawn front. Captain and Advisor, Mrs. Mary Sawyer; Co-captain, Ms. Mable Hamilton.

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$150.00 Winner — 2500 Madison Ave. is where the AFRO Clean Block was originally started in 1934 by Ms. Frances Murphy. Carrying on in her fine tradition, the block is painted red and white, with re-sodded pretty green lawns. Each house has a lovely display of live flowers and plants. Block Captain is Ms. Cheryle Forrest; Co-captain, Ms. Shannon Johnson; Advisor, Mrs. Roberta Davis.

$200.00 Winner — 2800 Harlem Ave. is a clean, clean, clean green and white block. Each house had the same kind of window box with pretty flowers. There were also large sidewalk urns with flowers displayed. AFRO Parade float display of trash can and broom sits on the corner. Block Captain was Ms. Francine Lambirth; Co-captain, Charles Vandiver; Advisor, Ms. Marie Jennings.

Photo by Roman Hankewycz

$1500.00 Winner — 2700 Parkwood Ave. has green and white as its predominate color. Many houses in the two blocks have green indoor-outdoor carpeting going up their steps. Others have large white sidewalk trimmed with green paint. All of the houses have beautiful plants surrounding them. Block Captain is Neal Gaines; Co-captain, Ahmed Rucker; Advisor, Mrs. Bernice Dutton.

Photo by Roman Hankewycz

$200.00 Winner — 2000 Etting St. is a sparkling block and white block that is spotless. Homes on the block have black and white flower boxes, white chairs, trimmed in black, black and white steps, and pretty flowers. Captain of the block is Mrs. Christine Rice; Co-captain, Ms. Mamie Turner; Advisor, Ms. Laura Scott.

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The 600 blk Payson St. had a lovely display of flowers planted in white planters. The workers had cleaned everything spic and span. Captain, Ms. Angela M. Carter; Co-captain, Vincent E. Carter. Advisor, M.

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