Clean Block goes to City Fair

City Fair This Weekend

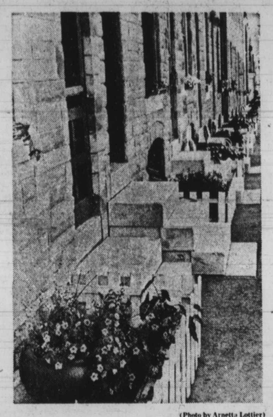
The Baltimore City Fair starts today in the downtown harbor area. Over a million people are expected to attend this great Fair. Many of these people will be AFRO Clean Blockers, AFRO Newsboys and AFRO employees who have received free tickets.

This year the AFRO invites you to attend their booth, No. 1 at Hanover and Conway Ss., southwest corner. All week, the AFRO has been constructing this lovely booth for AFRO visitors. The booth is a bright blue and will be decorated with color pictures of the 1976 AFRO Clean Blocks, pictures of AFRO newsboys and AFRO youngsters who visited the plant as part of our Newspaper in the Classroom program.

There will be free copies of the AFRO's Dawn magazine, Career editions and Newspaper in the Classroom kits. On sale will be the today's AFRO, Black History Series and the AFRO Bicentennial edition.

You will meet many AFRO Clean Blocks who have neighborhood booths near us. They include the Ashburton - Presbury (booth No. 69); Bentalou St. (No. 44); Cherry Hill (No. 8); Dorchester (No. 56); Druid Action (No. 63); For-Win-Ash Garden Club (No. 51); Harlem Park (No. 4); Park Heights (No. 39).

Come on down to the Fair this weekend and don't forget to visit the AFRO AMERICAN Newspaper booth. We'll be looking for you!



(Photo by Arnetta Lottier)

1700 N. Montford Ave., top AFRO Clean Block for 1976, celebrated last Friday with a block party. See this beautiful block in color pictures at the AFRO booth at City Fair this weekend.

Dear AFRO

Mrs. Mary S. Johnson
430 East 27th Street
Baltimore, Maryland
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Dear AFRO:

We the members of the 400 block of East 21st Street wish to thank you for all the things you have done for us. We would especially like to thank you for the tickets to the Oriole vs. New York baseball game. Everyone really enjoyed it. The game was great and the day was beautiful. We would appreciate it if we ever get more tickets to the games, if more adults could go. It is a little difficult to look after so many children in the manner we think necessary.

We also want to tell you how we have enjoyed working in the AFRO Clean Block. This is our fifth year and we are looking toward another successful year.

Sincerely Yours,
(Mrs.) Mary S. Johnson

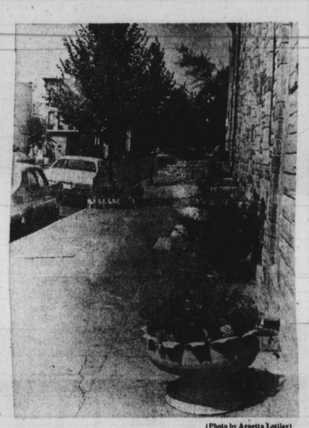
Fall AFRO Clean Block begins today!

Clean Blockers have called to find out when the Fall and Winter AFRO Clean Block Campaign will begin. Isn't that great? Thought maybe you were still resting after the long hot summer work.

The first to register this time is the 500 blk. N. Gilmor St. Mrs. Lelia Flood is Captain; Dennis Green, Co-Captain.

The first meeting of the AFRO Clean Block Steering Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 1976 at the AFRO Clean Block office. At this meeting, the committee will discuss plans for the Fall and Winter Campaign.

If you are interested in becoming a year round Clean Block please fill out the coupon on this page and return to the Clean Block office.



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1600 E. Lanvale St., 175. winner, stays pretty and clean. This year they used the Bicentennial colors for theirflower urns and bricks around the trees they adopted. They have some of the prettiest flowers in their block seen anywhere in the city. Judy Brown is Captain; Candice Paylor, Co-Captain; Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, Advisor.

Save used bottles

Mrs. Lelia Flood, 500 blk. N. Gilmor tells us how she is getting rid of some of the glass bottles in her block. Instead of kids throwing bottles and breaking them they are now collecting them and selling them.

The Maryland Glass Company will take all kinds of glass bottles and recycle them. They will also pay you $10. per ton which is about one or two barrels. The bottles must be separated according to colors.

Mrs. Flood says by having the youngsters collect the bottles she doesn't have to sweep up so much glass in the streets and alleys. The children also can make a little spending change as well as having something to do in their spare time.

Sounds like a good idea you may want to try this in your block.

(Photo by Arnetta Lottier)

900 N. Chapel St., started late this year but really got their block together. Shown here are some of the workers in the block. From left are: front row: Darren Gilliam, Devere Lester, Kim Ransome, Sedric Dixon, Lasharlo Gilliam, Wanda Ransome. 2nd row: Mary Cleark, captain; Little Ransome, Paula Ransome, Phyllis Smith. 3rd row; Darnell Ransome and Tanya Mitchell. Not shown are Wanda Smith, co-captain and Mary Ransome, advisor.

Clean Blocks in School?

One of our AFRO Clean Blockers has come up with an idea for the cleaning and beautification in the schools.

Mrs. Lelia Flood, Parent Advisory Council chairperson and delegate to the Citywide Parent Advisory Council (PAC) as well as captain of the 500 blk. N. Gilmor St. AFRO Clean Block, has come up with the idea of beautifying school No. 48 at Hollins St. and Fulton Ave. She got the idea from the beautification of blocks in the summer. She has discussed her plans of having hanging flowers in the halls and murals painted on the walls, with principal, William Noellert. Mrs. Flood says by doing these things it might help build up the desire of the children to care for the plants and also keep a beautiful building. She said it would be nice if we could have AFRO Clean Blocks in the schools. How about that?

Let's All Go To The Fair!

Blocks on the move

By Arnette Lottier

Top AFRO Clean Block Has Party

Last Friday, 1700 Montford Ave., top AFRO Clean Block Award winner of $150, had a most successful block party. Neighbors had been busy all week preparing goodies for the party.

The AFRO visited this block party and it was a real treat. Neighbors cooperated with each other; they worked arduously to keep the hot dogs going on the grill, filling plates and handing out sodas and punch. The youngsters were so orderly you had to look twice. When the music started, you could hear it all over the block; everybody got to dancing and really had a grand time. This is the type of activity and cooperation the AFRO likes to see among the Clean Blockers. Sure wish other blocks would take a page out of this block's book. Shows what can be done when people try love. Thanks to 1700 N. Montford Ave. for a beautiful time.

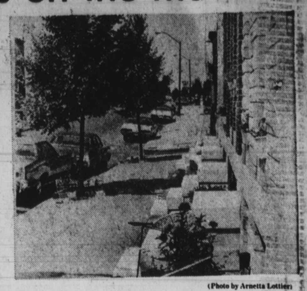
Mrs. Delores Fields, captain, and good neighbor, Mrs. Mary Powell, took her to the various stores to buy the party things. Mrs. Fields says she doesn't know what she would have done during the campaign when she became discouraged if it hadn't been for Mrs. Powell. She also took Mrs. Fields to each AFRO Clean Block meeting. Orchids to Mrs. Mary Powell.

A great deal of credit should also be given to the advisor, Calvin Gross who did a big job in making 1700 Montford Ave. the top block in the AFRO Clean Block. A pretty carnation to him for his efforts.

Mrs. Fields would like to thank Calvin Gross, Mary Powell and Sadie Curtis, co-captain for the trophy they presented to her for her outstanding service to the 1700 blk. N. Montford Ave. She would like to thank the 12 children from the Baltimore Summer Corps for their part in keeping the block clean.

To the Sanitation Department who cooperated so beautifully in keeping their alleys clean, residents wish to thank you. They hope you enjoyed the cake.

People who helped make the party a success by their donations of money or goodies were: Ms. Christine Lason, David Lawrence, Mrs. Mary Pipkins, Mrs. Lucinda Chisley, Ms. Sadie Curtis, Junius Smith, Mrs. Maggie Overton, Mrs. Alice Gross, James C. Gross, Mrs. Donna Watson, Mrs. Shirley Reese, Ms. Debbie Reese, Mrs. Barbara Ingram, Mrs. Oliver Johnson, Ms. Ojetta McCray, James Boone, Mrs. Martha Book, Miss Brenda Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Wilson, Mrs. Georgia Bland, Mrs. Kazell Harris, Mrs. Margaret Scott, Mrs. Mary Powell, Mrs. Agnes Ellis, Mrs. Dollie Giles, the Kite family, Mrs. Quetta Banks, Mrs. Ann Olson, Mrs. Marie Curtis, Mrs. Merle Jeffers, Mrs. Maxine Brown, Mrs. Bernice Walker, Mrs. Brenda Hamilette.



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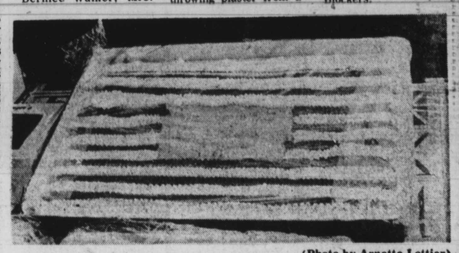
1300 E. Lafayette Ave., $75. winner, is a new commer to the AFRO Clean Block It is beautiful in bright blue and white flower urns between each house, window boxes and bricks around the trees they adopted. Shrirley Redd is Captain; Mrs. Frances Macer, Co-Captain; Lizzie Aaron, Advisor.

Onions to:

The family in the 1600 blk. Edmondson Ave., one of the top AFRO Clean Blocks, who let their children destroy the tot lot and vegetable garden behind the 500 blk. N. Gilmor St. They further made a wreck of the alleys and streets by breaking bottles and throwing plaster from a house that is being renovated. The block is a mess.

The Clean Blockers who make neighboring blocks feel bad when they are top award winners but go in other blocks who were not and brag about getting a higher award. This is not the right attitude for Clean Blockers to take. More is expected from them as AFRO Clean Blockers.



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This is the huge cake 1700 N. Montford Ave. served to neighbors from eight blocks. It was decorated to look like the AFRO Clean Block flag, done in red and white with green in the middle. On the cake was written "We are No. 1 — AFRO Clean Block 1975-1976."

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Parents in the 1700 blk. N. Montford Ave. are shown serving the food at the party. Youngsters are lined up waiting to get their plates.

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