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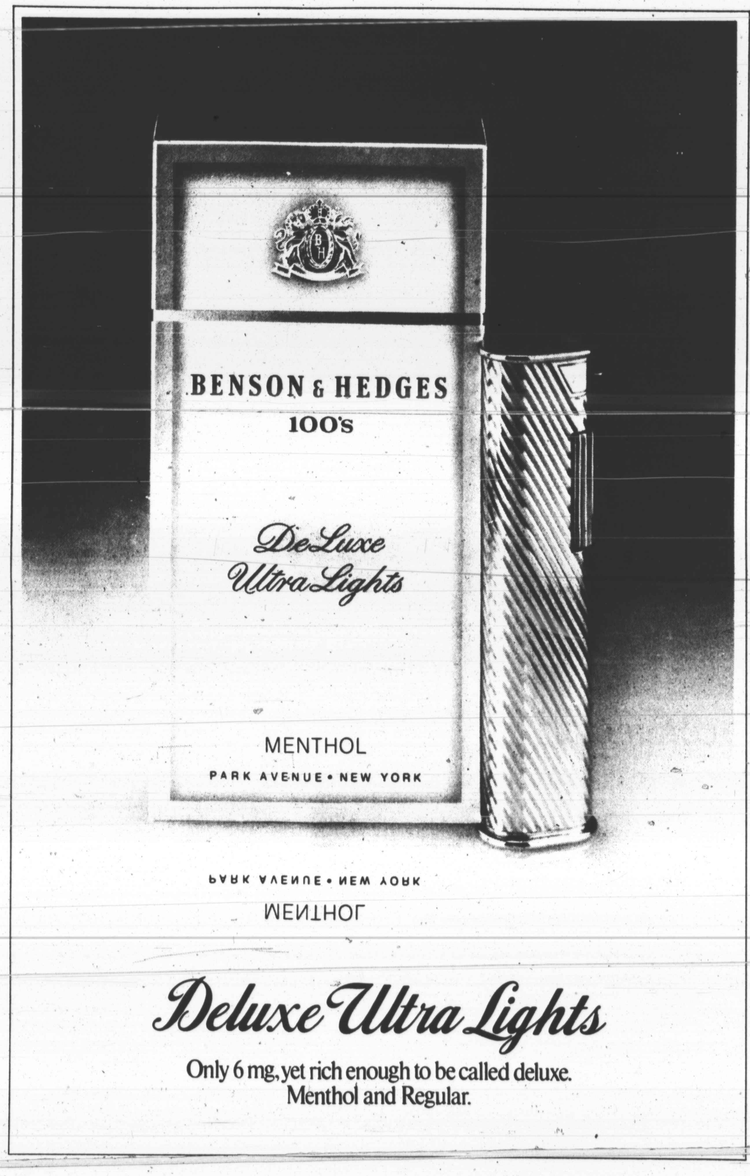

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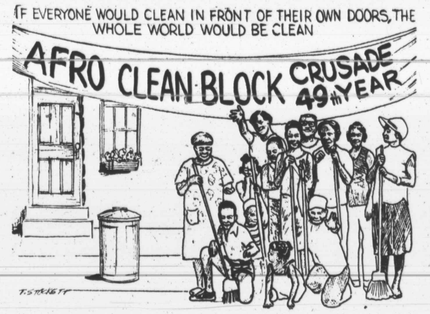
AFRO Clean Block Awards Sunday

Aug. 28, 2 p.m. Lawn - Hiram Grand Lodge Masonic Temple

1205 Eutaw Place

★ $6,000 Cash Awards to top blocks in AFRO's 1983 Campaign



Mrs. Ida Peters, Director — Mrs. Vanessa Johnson, Assistant

Mrs. Kathy Parrott, Recruiter — Miss Sharon Jordan, Assistant

Green and white cake served judges by George Dozier's 500 blk. Fulton.

1300 blk. of Mosher St., Sheena Worsley's created this sign to keep their block clean.

JUDGES included from (L) Mrs. Kathy Parrott, William Scott, Fred L. Hopson, James Garrett, Ms. Ronna Stokes, Officer Michael Dunn, Mrs. Ida Peters, John J. Oliver Jr., Ms. Mereida Stokes, and George W. Larkins Jr. Not shown is Sgt. Marion Crawford.

(Photos by Vanessa Johnson)

Clean Block fund $8,679.00

Housing Authority of Baltimore City	$2,500.00
Urban Services	2,000.00
The City of Baltimore	1,000.00
M. Goldseker Co.	375.00
C & P Telephone Co.	350.00
Walter Thomas	200.00
Franklin Laundromatic	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. John B. Myers	125.00
The V.A.G.'s	100.00
Michael Bowen Mitchell	100.00
Prince Hall Masons-Grand Lodge	100.00
Everyman's Son-Carl Stokes	100.00
McCormick & Company, Inc.	100.00
Avalon Club, Inc.	100.00
S.A.T. Foods, Inc.	100.00
Nathaniel McFadden	50.00
Mrs. Paula D. Johnson	50.00
Herbert Alston Jr.	50.00
Mrs. Patricia Morris	50.00
Mrs. Dorothy Wood	50.00
Big Sisters of Baltimore	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. Avon Rawlings	50.00
Mount Moriah Lodge No. 56	50.00
Miss Mary A. Harris	50.00
National Alliance of Postal Employees	50.00
Advance Federal Savings & Loan	50.00
Curtis L. Chapman	25.00
Ms Louise Bulluck	25.00
Dr. & Mrs. Roger K. Williams	25.00
Mrs. Bernice H. Shorter	25.00
Ms Blanche Northern	25.00
New Jockey Club	25.00
Mrs. Jer e C. Wells	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. McDaniels	25.00
Mrs. Mae E. Dyson	25.00
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority-Kappa Chapter	25.00
Mrs. Marie E. Murphy	25.00
Flair Studio	25.00
Pauline Brooks Boutique	25.00
Mrs. Sarah Rayne	20.00
William & Phyllis McNeal	16.00
Del. Mary B. Adams	15.00
Ms Jeanette L. Johnson	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Davis	15.00
Mrs. Vivian W. Young	15.00
Mrs. Claudine Harden	10.00
Mrs. Blanche Bell	10.00
A. Harrison Vessells	10.00
Field Missionaries	10.00
Rev. Kelly L. Jackson	10.00
Carl J. Case	10.00
Mrs. Fannie B. Poulson	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Arvel E. Owens	10.00
Mrs. Bernice Johnson	10.00
Paul W. Moore Sr.	10.00
Mrs. Violetta Jones	10.00
Jessie Ross	10.00
Ellsworth Wilson	5.00
Earl Koger	5.00
Herman R. Phillips	5.00
James Payne	5.00

49th AFRO Clean Block Inspection Tour

By Ida Peters

The 49th, 1983 AFRO Clean Block program started March 25, 1983 with a leadership meeting held at the Arena Playhouse.

This Sunday, Aug. 28, after a hard, hot summer of meetings, cleaning and planning, 340 blocks will split up a prize fund of $6,000. so that victory block parties may be given to reward workers. AFRO Clean Block Awards Ceremony will be on the lawn of Hiram Grand Lodge, 1205 Eutaw Place.

Sunday, Aug. 21 AFRO Clean Block Judges toured 120 miles within the inner city starting in East Baltimore. The day was hot and muggy and while in previous years we have traveled in an air - conditioned limousine, this year we opted for a school bus. We had hoped to get the Urban Services' air-conditioned van but according to "Murphy's Law" what we got was an non-air conditioned school bus.

Orchids must go to the volunteers... concerned citizens who spent an uncomfortable eight hours viewing and judging blocks. It was hot, hot and hotter riding the bus but it was a joy when we hit an AFRO Clean Block.

The Judges' caravan was led by a Baltimore City Police car and driven by Officer Michael P. Dunn. Riding with him were Sgt. Marian Crawford of Police Community Relations and Ms. Kathy Parrott, of the Clean Block staff.

On the school bus, driven by William Scott of Urban Services Neighborhood Transportation Services were John J. Oliver, AFRO Board Chairman; Ms Rona Stokes, of Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.; George W. Larkins Jr., Marriott Corp.; Ms. Mereida Goodman, Housing and Community Development; Mrs. Vanessa Johnson, AFRO Clean Block and Fred Hopson and James Garrett of the Bureau of Solid Waste.

If you have never, ever lived in an AFRO Clean Block...and most blocks, at one time or another... have joined in the campaign over the last 49 years... you cannot understand the joy and happiness expressed by block residents when AFRO judges inspect the blocks with police siren blaring.

Everywhere we went, captains, and advisors brought out punch bowls and homemade cakes from our first stop in Perkins Homes at Mrs. Mary Wake's in 300 S. Herring Court to Mrs. Louise Ruffin's in the 1200 blk Washington St. Hers was a homemade chocolate cake.

Pressed for time, the judges welcomed the stops and cold drinks. The group stopped at Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer's in the 1800 blk of Montford Ave.; then homemade rum-walnut cake, hot out-of-the-oven at Mrs. Bernice Allen's in the 1400 E. Lafayette.

Thanks to Osborne Payne, the group stopped for a meal and air-conditioning at Broadway-Payne McDonald's where his staff treated us royally and we caught Mr. Payne and his basketball group just in from ceremonies at Clifton Park.

Coming on the Westside, Mrs. Alice Parham and her workers, captains for 2400-2500 blk of Madison Avenue had grapes, health punch and cookies.

It was late in the afternoon by the time we got to George Dozier's, 500 blk of Fulton. There his team had prepared salmon cakes, cole slaw, assorted cheeses, green punch, fruit, and homemade sheet cake in the block colors, green and white.

Many blocks had workers ready to perform for the judges including, Mrs. Mary James dancing group in the 200 blk of Sinclair Lane.

In the 1600 blk of Edmondson Ave. Mrs. Annie Thomas had a AFRO Birthday cake and her red T-shirted workers sang Happy Birthday AFRO.

Sorry to say that the Unit blk of S. Payson Street under Ruby Samuels had refreshments ready, but the weary judges had to press on.

In previous years, we have tried to cover Housing Projects such as Cherry Hill, Murphy Homes and McCulloh Projects in one day. It took Ms. Kathy Parrott three days to cover and photograph the projects this year.

Congratulations to all AFRO Clean Blockers. You have moved thousands of pounds of trash and you have learned to articulate your problems to city officials.

Our hope is that you will continue to work on your problems and keep your blocks in shape over the winter.

How to have a block party

AFRO Clean Blocks planning to have block parties should start making arrangements now. Here's what to do:

1. Call the Police Department Public Relations Office in your district to have your street blocked off.

2. Go to the Bureau of Permits, 222 E. Saratoga St., Room 100 for an application to have a party in your block. Cost is $4.00.

3. After filling out permit, go to 111 N. Calvert St. (The Old Post Office) for a food permit. Cost is $10.00.

(Photo by Kathy O. Parrott)

1800 Braddish Ave. is a beautiful red and white block in Northwest Baltimore. Residents have plenty of pretty flowers in their block, and everything was sparkling.

(Photo by Kathy O. Parrott)

1300 Montford Ave. was a beautiful green and white block with lovely summer flowers spilling forth from large green and white sidewalk urns. Many residents also had flowers in window boxes, which helped to make this a pleasant-looking block.

Housing Projects Tour

By Kathy O. Parrott

The 49th Annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign had four housing projects competing this year.

As judges toured the housing complexes, it was evident that they too had suffered from lack of participation and cooperation from their neighbors.

As we toured **Murphy Homes**, low-rise we heard repeatedly from captains that they had tried hard, but their neighbors had not done their share.

Judges agreed, however, that the low-rise blocks still looked beautiful, despite the problems.

While in the Murphy Homes community, we learned just how hard it is for the captains to organize and clean their blocks. Drugs, evil neighbors and homicide are so bad that captains must protect each other as they clean. One captain will clean her block, while the other captains act as look-outs. Then the captains rotate.

As the judges were inspecting, a shooting incident was brewing. Thank goodness, we were on the last leg of our tour, because things were beginning to shape up like a western shoot-out. As soon as the last notes were written, and the last pictures taken, judges rushed away.

The saddest part of it all was that we could not take with us the residents who may be harmed just because they are in the neighborhood.

Another sad incident related to us by a captain in the Murphy Homes is one that we've heard many times this year.

The captain stated that one of her neighbors spotted her outside sweeping early one morning. The neighbor stopped her and asked her if she had a nervous condition. The shocked captain responded, "No. Why?" The neighbor's reply was, "You're always out here sweeping and cleaning, and you don't even live in this low-rise building. You must be nervous or something." The captain's reply was, "I may not live in this particular building, but I do live in the community, and when my mother or sister come to visit, they have to walk by your house. I'd like to see it clean. Does it bother you that I clean here?" The neighbor replied, Yes, sometimes, it does".

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Despite the frightening events and the sad tales, the low-rise housing units in the Murphy Homes were beautiful.

Inspection judges went to **809 George St.**, where **Ms Derrin Dye** is the captain. The block was beautifully decorated with flowers of all kinds and colors. The yards were clean, and the grass was green and well manicured.

1040 Argyle Ave., where **Mrs. Delores Robinson** is the captain, is all silver. Her block also had many beautiful flowers. Her block was immaculate, but she too told us that she did not have the cooperation of her neighbors, which she has had in the past.

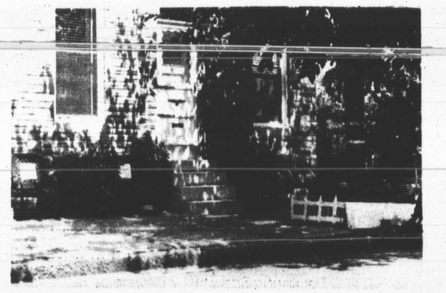
Mrs. Geraldine Moore at **1032 Argyle Ave.** has red and white as her block colors, and quite beautiful the block is too! There were beautiful flowers in abundance in urns, pots and growing in a little garden.

Also red and white is the **1022 blk Argyle Ave.**, where **Mrs. Emma Rice** is the captain. Mrs. Rice had planted beautiful flowers all over her court, is sparkling.

Another beautiful low-rise unit was the **910 blk Argyle Ave. Mrs. Brenda Jennings** has painted her court mostly white, with yellow and blue as contrasting colors. On the lawns of her court, pretty flower were in bloom, and little lawn ornaments added to the attractive area.

900 Port St. chose yellow, green, and white as their block colors. They were very clean, and had placed waste cans between every two houses to make certain that it stayed that way.

(Photo by Sharon R. Jordan)



1500 Eden St. painted sidewalk furniture, urns, trees and curbs blue and white this year. The block was very clean, and an urban garden in the block was most impressive.

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