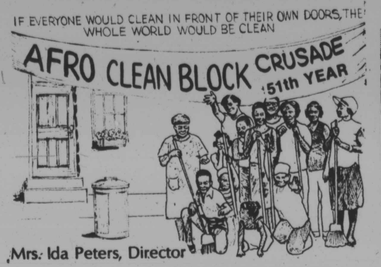
Free seeds-Free Paint



Mrs. Ida Peters, Director

Mrs. Vanessa Johnson, Assistant

51st Annual AFRO Clean Block meeting
Friday, May 24, 1985 12 Noon
Arena Playhouse-801 McCulloh St.
For Application Call 728-8205

Rules and Regulations

PURPOSE

The purpose of this campaign is to get all residents in your block to keep a clean home this summer and beautify the block.

A clean block is one in which steps and sidewalks are washed once a day and the street kept free from trash.

Woodwork is kept free from fingerprints and vestibules are scrubbed.

Windows are kept clean and curtains hung evenly.

Garbage and trash cans are removed as soon as emptied.

Window boxes have flowers in them as well as on the porch.

No one sits at the front window or on the front steps, unless his clothing is neat and clean.

A beautiful block must have flowers in it, and must be clean, both back and front.

EXPLANATION

A block is a row of houses between two cross streets. For the purpose of this campaign, a block includes the houses on both sides of the street.

There must be three or more houses before there is a block.

JUDGES

Judges appointed by the director will choose the best block on these counts. 1. Appearance of block at time of inspection. 2. Improvment of block over what it was when contest began. 3. The beauty of the flowers.

Judges may make as many inspections as they see fit in case of delay, dispute or contest, the director's decision will be final in all cases.

PRIZES

Special certificates of merit will be given to all persons recommended by the captain.

There will be a cash prize and other gifts.

In many blocks a party is given for all those who worked.

BLOCK ORGANIZATION

1. The Captain must try to get all persons in the block to sign up and send their names to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper.

2. He or she must call a meeting of all adults and children and elect a president who will act as advisor.

3. Have a secretary, who will write down what is done at each meeting and send reports to the AFRO.

4. Elect a block inspector, who will see that no trash accumulates anywhere in the block.

5. Elect a marshal, who will call out the clean-up brigade at a definite time each day, so that by all working together at the same time, the block will soon improve in appearance.

6. Do not whitewash trees or curbs; only the back yards and fences may be whitewashed.

WINDOW SIGNS

One hundred per cent cooperation of the block residents will be attested by the window signs as well as by the improved appearance of the block itself.

VICTORY REPORT MUST BE FILED

All Captains in the AFRO's Clean Block Campaign are urged to fill in The Victory Report and return it to the AFRO.

FRIDAY MORNING MEETINGS

1. The Captain must attend the Friday Morning meetins. He or she must sign the attendance sheet upon entry.

2. It is suggested that at least three from the block attend weekly meetings.

(Photo by Vanessa Johnson)

Gold and Druid Hill in Druid Heights has been cleaned after being cited in last Friday's AFRO. Osborne Dixon, Jr. and a crew hope turn this spot into a flower garden.

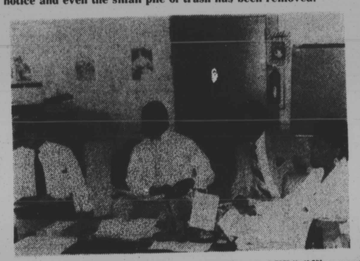
War declared in Park Heights

4035-43 Reisterstown Road was cleaned of tires which filled these fenced lots and was an eyesore to the community.

(Photo by Paul Greene)

4128 Park Heights Ave. corner of Quantico was issued a 24 hour notice and even the small pile of trash has been removed.

In the Park Heights area where the Commander is Dr. Lenwood Ivey and Brigadier General is Mrs. Elva Edwards, field troops have made 1,328 educational contacts; 104 property owners have been cited for violations and 98 tons of trash has been removed.



Planning Assault on Trash at recent meeting at AFRO Office were from (L) Col. Dr. Lenwood Ivey, head of Urban Services; Brigadier General Elva Edwards (not shown), Reginald Schrieber, NPA, Clayton Tucker, and Mrs. Rosemary Atkinson, Park Heights Mayor's Station.

98 tons of trash removed

By Ida Peters

The AFRO met with Commander Lenwood Ivey and Brigadier General Elva Edwards to hear a very impressive report on the Mayor's Assault on Trash in the Park Heights area.

Personnel from City agencies, NPA - Housing Inspection Services, Police Department, Urban Srrvices, Department of Public Works, Lower Park Heights Multi - Purpose Center, Mayor's Stadion and from the Department of Social Services were deployed over the area for a massive clean - up. The area boundaries are Druid Park Drive north to Dupont Avenue; Wabash Avenue, east to Jones Falls.

Since the beginning of the project in April 15, educational teams have circulated over 1,328 pieces of material and contacted 2,166 residents.

Educators are passing out copies of City ordinaces 902-1966 explaining responsibilities of occupants (902) and Ordinance 910 which says that occupants are responsible for their sidewalks, gutters and alleys.

In every building with three or more dwelling units the owners must provide metal cans.

Inspectors have cited 219 abandoned cars. They have also requested Property Management to clean and board vacant buildings. Police Department personnel have issued 87 citations and abandoned cars on streets and have had 13 derelict cars towed away.

Sanitations crews from Urban Services - Self Help Program, Clayton Tucker, aided by the Department of Social Services community services workers from City Hall and the Bureau of Solid Waste of the Department of Public Works have picked up 163 tons of trash, debris and bulk items.

Mrs. Edwards says the project has been effective in the initial clean - up. It is their intention to monitor the situation and enlist the general public in and around the area to maintain their properties.

A CLEAN HOME, STREET, SIDEWALK, ALLEYS STARTS WITH YOU!

Where to get help

AFRO Clean Blockers are happy and to know that the Mayor's Assault On Trash is going to make difference in their neighborhoods.

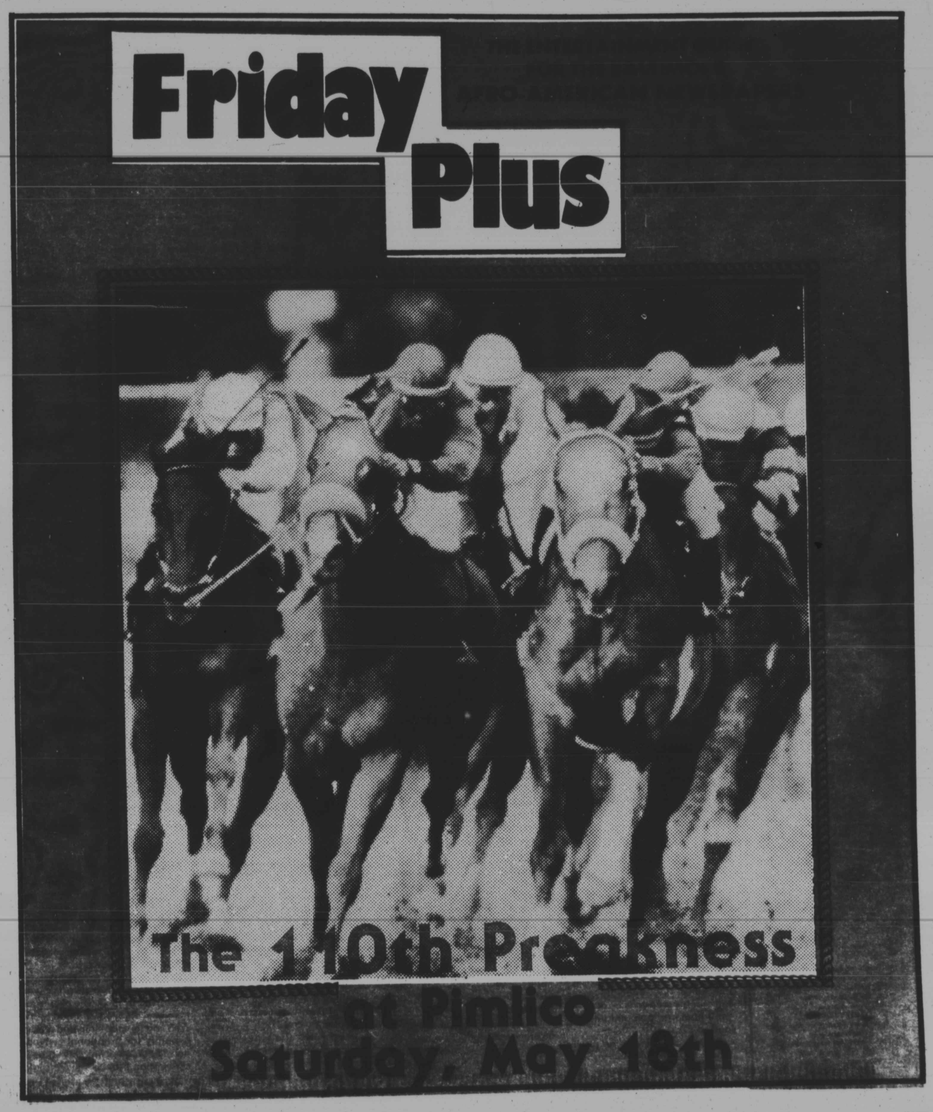
Call the Parks Heights Community Center, 578-0208 for grass seeds, 25 cents a pound; trash cans, $6.50 each and trash bags and tools.

Also in Park Heights call Mayor's Office, 396-0416 or Neighborhood Progress Administration 396-7736 for help.

In other areas if you have swept your alley or cleaned up a vacant lot call the Bureau of Solid Waste:

Northwestern—396-6070
Eastern—396-8183
Western—396-3367
Northeastern—396-8181
Central 396-8215

Trash still remains on lot in Pimlico area even though it was cleaned in April.

Park Heights in many areas are clean and beautiful after being cleaned by sanitation crews. Alleys are clean on both sides at 2600 Park Heights Terrace.

3800 Towanda at Springhill was cleaned and tons of trash removed. Residents have had to fight but ghosts were right back with an old mattress.