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WHN Plan Block Units

In order to recruit more block leaders the Washington Heights Neighbors Board held a meeting in January at Horace Busch's home to discuss neighborhood problems and the effectiveness of active block units.

The 27 people attending expressed an interest in going back to their blocks and organizing block units. They heard Nancy Waggoner and Doris Pickett describe their successful block unit on the 5900 block of Kingsbury and Clarice Haynes and Georgia Barnett, their unit on the 5700 DeGiverville. A film on working with people was shown by Dale Portner from the DesPeres Library.

Those attending were asked to list what they thought were the two major concerns of the people on their blocks. High on their lists were loose dogs, alley trash, crime, Operation Ident, housing, youth activities, exit of business, etc. Participants were given a list of possible topics for block meetings and the names and numbers of community leaders. The WHN Board will have a follow-up to this meeting.

In a letter to the participants Mike Magrath, president of WHN, stated: "Without active block units working on the problems we can together solve, these problems will get worse instead of better. We want to welcome all people interested in the improvement of our community. If you are interested in doing something on your block, call any of the WHN Board members or the Council Office.. 862-5122."

Thirteen blocks were represented. Those attending were: Nancy Waggoner, 5935 Kingsbury, 2E; William McReynolds, 5930 DeGiverville; Joseph Herron, 5858 DeGiverville; Lily Holland, 5835 Waterman; Janet Stokes, 5768 Westminster, 2nd E; Dorothy Goldsby,

5779 Pershing; Daisy Wilhite, 5742 McPherson; Leila Mae Harrah, 5938 Waterman; Bernard Gray, 5919 Pershing; Barbara Geisman and Cathy Murphy, 5795 Pershing 2E; John Madros, 5795 Pershing 3W; Doris B. Pickett, 5930 Kingsbury 1E; Dianne Johnson, 5956 Kingsbury; Olivia Williams, 6011 Kingsbury; Geuevex Hieley, 5822 Pershing; Doris Farwell, 5768 Pershing; William Bolden, 5861 DeGiverville; Eddie Sanders, 5911 DeGiverville; Joyce Warren, 5824 Waterman; Anna and Horace Busch, 5765 Pershing; Clarice Haynes, 5745 DeGiverville; Blanch Reel, 5745 Waterman.

Anyone interested in helping with the block units on these blocks, please contact the person mentioned on their block.

Foot Patrol

For several months police officers have been patrolling on foot as part of a pilot program. The program has been successful and as a result, said Captain Walsh, in charge of the "Overtime Foot Patrol," the department expects that federal funds will be granted to expand the program. The expected one million dollars will allow the department to triple the number of foot patrols for an 8-month period. Presently in the 7th District four patrols operate on week nights between 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. and six patrols work on weekends during those hours.

Additional officers patrol on foot in the 7th District, some on regular beats and others on varying assignments. Regular walking patrols are maintained on DeBaliviere and Delmar. Two scooters and six tri-cars operate daily within the district. According to the department the response from business people to these patrols has been very enthusiastic.

Free Firewood

The Municipal Parks Department has announced that firewood will be available in Forest Park for individuals willing to load their own vehicles. No trucks or commercial vehicles are allowed in the park, so firewood will be given only to those in private vehicles.

The firewood will be stacked on the Lower Opera Parking Lot, just east of the Opera. It is being made available to eliminate the need of hauling it to disposal sites, as the Park Department removes dead trees from Forest Park during the winter months.



CRUSADE

A Four-Month Forum, "The People vs. Crime," will be launched February 2 by the Women's Crusade Against Crime. Gov. Christopher S. Bond will make the keynote address at 11:00 a.m. at Stouffer's Riverfront Inn. This will precede a reception honoring new members of the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners and a civic luncheon.

The luncheon conference will officially kick-off a month of Police-oriented events and seminars. Subsequent month-long events will cover the Courts (March), Corrections (April) and Youth (May).

"The Case for the Police in Our Cities" is the subject of the opening panel discussion. Stating the case before turning the topic over to panel participants will be William L. Culver, Jefferson City, executive director of the Missouri Law Enforcement Assistance Council. Mrs. James S. McClellan, Crusade co-chairman, will serve as moderator.

Police chiefs and members of the Missouri General Assembly will discuss problems facing police in fighting city crime and possible legislative remedies for them. Speakers will be: Col. Eugene Camp, Metropolitan St. Louis Police; Col. Clarence M. Kelley, Kansas City Police Department; Sen. Lawrence Lee, Senate Majority Floor Leader; Rep. Richard Rabbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and Rep. Kenneth Rothman, House Majority Floor Leader.

For additional information contact: Mrs. Geraldine Epp Smith, Women's Crusade Against Crime: 231-0425.

March has been designated Courts month by the WCC. Citizens will be urged to participate in court watching sessions and to familiarize themselves with the workings of the judicial system.

In April, emphasis will be on Corrections, with seminars and sessions of the correction system and the needs for reform and increased citizen participation.

May will be Juvenile month. The WCC hopes to focus citizen attention on juvenile crime, juvenile problems and the institutions that deal with young people.

Information on these programs can be obtained from the Women's Crusade Against Crime.

RR Fences Right of Way



A chain link fence is being built along the Norfolk and Western Railroad right-of-way from DeBaliviere to Delmar, in response to frequent complaints by concerned local citizens. Washington Heights Neighbors have complained for years that the right-of-way was used as a dump and as an escape route for purse snatcher and burglars.

Almost a year ago Mrs. Joyce Warren, then president of WHN and the WHN board authorized Mrs. Anna Busch to meet with railroad and municipal officials. Mr. Norman Byrne, chief of engineers of the railroad, Mayor Cervantes and his assistant Mr. Larry Stone, Major Atkins Warren and Capt. William Brown of the 7th District Police Headquarters met to hear the WHN request for an adequate fence to prevent dumping and crime, and also to protect the children who climbed down to play on the railroad tracks.

Representing the Washington Heights Neighbors, Mrs. Busch expressed her thanks to the officials concerned and to the WHN residents who cooperated in bringing about this neighborhood improvement.

EVENTS

FEBRUARY EVENTS . . .

4th -St. Roch's Card Party, 12:30 p.m. in the gym.

19th-No school at St. Roch's, Hamilton #1 and #3.

24) -Women For City Living

25) Paper Drive at Kroger Store at Lindell & Sarah Streets, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Papers must be tied or bagged.

Feb. 15: Washington Heights Board meeting Council offices - 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 8: WHN general meeting. Speaker and place to be announced.



Letters to the Editors

One of the big differences I've noticed between living in the suburbs and living in the exciting and vibrant West End is the matter of garbage. It would seem, by looking up and down the alleys, that many residents do not know how to handle their garbage. This is most disconcerting when, while many residents are promoting the idea of people moving to this neighborhood, they let the alley behind their home fill with garbage from overturned cans, rotting leaves and branches, broken fences, etc., etc., etc. The most offensive sight to prospective homeowners is looking into the alley behind the home they are viewing, and seeing a lot of trash and garbage. This happened to a family visiting us, and, needless to say, they were not impressed with the neighborhood no matter how many names we dropped!

In defense of our West End it has to be stated that the suburbs do have fewer alleys but maybe we could handle our garbage in much the same way as they. Does our garbage have to stand in the alley for 3 or 4 days waiting for children, dogs, the garbage truck, or rats? (Whoever gets there first.) Why can't we bring our garbage to the alley at night before or the morning the truck arrives? Or at least have tight fitting lids on the cans, and cans positioned or fenced in so they can't be tipped over? It would at least cut down on the chances of the children, the dogs, or the rats getting to it first.

I am finding myself becoming rather militant about the matter when picking up after my neighbors who are promoting our West End with the front of their homes, but promoting nothing but rats in the alley in back of their homes.

-- Paul Brammeier

To the Editor:

Many - maybe most - of the alleys in our neighborhood remain in a disgracefully filthy condition, despite continued exhortations and pleas for improvement. Why the temerity in dealing with the few offenders, maybe 5 percent or less of the households, who permit their trash and garbage to foul an entire stretch of alley? Even worse than being unsightly and disgusting, the likelihood of rat infestation is ever present, a condition horrible to contemplate.

We have ordinances to cover the problem - all we need is some intelligent enforcement. For the greater part of this year there have been city inspectors, under a neighborhood improvement program, combing the area two or three times a week, but blithely ignoring the litter and garbage situation - as they drove their cars thru the muck in the alleys! The same can be said for the police patrols who regularly observe these infractions of the law. I believe if we are really serious about maintaining our neighborhood, some of the rhetoric must be replaced by insistence that the law be enforced.

-- Larry Kotthoff
5925 Pershing



Seen & Noted



hamilton News

Where there's smoke there's fire -----

This saying held true for the Hamilton school as it was vandalized and one of the rooms was damaged by fire. The situation was such that we were able to continue our regular program. As of this paper's printing the damage has been repaired and all is in good order.

In addition authorities have since apprehended the persons responsible, and we are pleased to report that the offenders were not members of our general school population.

calendar of events

- Feb.19 - Observance of George Washington's Birthday. School will be closed.
- Feb.21 - P.T.A. will be offering "T" Shirts for sale with the school's name and a picture of a Panther on the front of the "T" Shirt.
- Feb.26 - Ms Abbey Snay, our upper grade counselor in addition to individual counseling will begin a series of informational programs for our eighth graders who will be promoted to high school in June.

RECYCLE!

The monthly newspaper recycling drive sponsored by Women for City Living will be held on February 24 and 25 at the rear parking lot of the Kroger Store on Lindell at Sarah street. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. members of Women for City Living will be at the collection trailer to load the papers. Bundles should be tied or bagged.

Since the recycling project began in August, 1972, more than 50,000 pounds of newspapers have been collected. Not only has the recycling saved over 425 trees from the axe (17 trees per ton), but proceeds from the sale of the papers are being used for new trees. The Forestry Department has been planting trees along the streets of the West End since October.



Calvin Stuart, executive director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, has asked HUD to let the Council or another party sponsor seven parcels of foreclosed property so that they can be rehabilitated.

HUD has agreed to negotiate with the owners of neighboring property on three lots HUD owns so that the neighbors may buy the adjoining lots. In the case of the residences on which HUD holds foreclosures HUD must get approval from the Washington office.

REDEVELOPMENT

The Kingsbury Redevelopment Project has all but \$5000. of the \$40,000. seed money needed to start the project.

The following organizations have loaned the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council the following amounts of money: Bishop Cadigan's Housing Fund, \$15,000; First National Bk. of St. Louis, \$7,500; St. Peter's Church in Ladue, \$5,000. No interest will be paid on these loans.

OPERATION IDENT

Chris Thomas, a graduate student at St. Louis University, is working on a program designed to increase the use of the Operation Ident engraving tools in this neighborhood. Under the sponsorship of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, he will be contacting block leaders, church groups, etc. to encourage 100% block by block, use of the Ident engravers in marking personal property as a theft preventive measure.

BOARD ELECTION

Rosedale-Skinker and Washington Heights will elect five new Council members in February representing specific areas. Council members up for re-election are Dan Schesch, Cherie McKee, Virgil Wright, Eddie Sanders, Georgia Barnett.

BUYERS GUIDE

A guide for prospective home buyers in our area is available at the Council office. The informative guide was put together by Ken Cohen, John Roach, Cal Stuart, Dick Hart and Steve Vossmeier.

the paper

The Paper, a non-profit monthly newspaper published by residents living in the area bounded by Delmar, Lindell, DeBaliviere, and the city limits.

EDITORS: Jody Creighton, Jean Eberle
Mail news and letters to the editor to THE PAPER, 6008 Kingsbury.
63112 Letters to the Editor must be signed

Roach Seeks Fiscal Office

John Roach, Alderman of the 28th Ward, has begun active campaigning for the office of Comptroller. His campaign has emphasized the concern for neighborhood improvements and viability which he has often stressed as alderman. "The west end of our city is a great source of pride for me. The improvement of the area's prospects which has taken place and should take place in the future is a shining example to neighborhoods throughout the city." He added that "while serving as alderman has its frustrations, the sense of satisfaction I have had in seeing the area stabilize and attract new residents through the efforts of so many people has been the greatest reward." He continued, "I seek the office of Comptroller in order to bring to city-wide government the concern for neighborhood improvements that I think is necessary if the city is to survive and prosper."

APOLLO REOPENS, RECLOSES, - REOPENS, RECLOSES.

The Apollo Theatre at 327 DeBaliviere was reopened by the National Cinema Corporation and was almost immediately closed by 7th District police on Friday, January 12. On Saturday, the 13th, the Apollo management tried again to open, but was again closed. The theatre billed itself as an exhibitor of "adult" movies in its newspaper advertising; the police judged the movies being shown to be pornographic.

St. Rochs

Sister Leo Ann, principal of St. Roch's school, would like to have the names of children who will be entering St. Roch's kindergarten in the fall. If your child will be five years old by September 30, 1973, and you wish to enroll him in this program, please contact her at 721-2595

Non-catholics and non-residents of the parish may be interested to know that the yearly tuition at St. Roch's is \$350. For the first child and \$200. for each additional child.

WANT ADS

WANT ADS ARE FREE! to all residents of the area served by The Paper. Ads can be placed by calling Pa. 1-2124 or Vo. 2-2351 before the 15th of the month.

WANTED: Steinway Grand piano - call 725-6697

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WANTED: Political buttons, any year, any party. Will pay good prices. Call Howard, 721-7754 after 4:00 p.m.

clinic

Free Tests for Sickle Cell Anemia, an hereditary blood disease that affects mostly black people, will be given on Wednesday nights, starting January 31st, at the Loop Westend Peoples' Clinic, 6010 Kingsbury. Testing hours will be between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Volunteers to help with the program will be welcome.

Movies at Library

In observance of Negro History Week, Feb. 12 -6, the DesPeres Library will present a series of films on Negro history beginning every day at 3:45 p.m.

Films such as one on Harriet Tubman and one entitled "Body and Soul" on the history of soul music will be shown. On Tuesday, Feb. 13, a video tape of Julia Davis discussing Negro history will be played.

COMING UP

St. Mark's High School will present Frank Loesser's "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" on Feb. 7-9-10- and 11. The school is located at Minerva and Academy.

Contact Kitty and/or Julie Flynn at 725-3076 for information and tickets.



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