

NEW NEIGHBORS ARE COMING TO WEST LAS VEGAS; LETS CLEAN UP

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Help is coming to our community from all angles, to upgrade and provide jobs for us, so lets get busy and clean up our properties and areas. We can't

expect someone else to do everything for us. I live here too.

The City of Las Vegas' Multijurisdictional Empowerment Commission, headed by Las Vegas Mayor Jan Jones and

City Councilman Frank Hawkins Jr., is the umbrella Agency for such Sub Groups as the West Side Neighborhood Advisory Board, West Las Vegas Neighborhood Planning Committee, and many more community-based groups that are making changes in the area. But the Groups, Agencies, Organizations and Businesses can not do the job alone. They must have our help. And what we can do does not take money. Lets clean up our own property first, especially the main thorough fares leading into and out of West Las Vegas.

North Martin Luther King Boulevard, North D,F, and "H" Streets, West Washington and Owens Avenues, are entry-ways to West Las Vegas, and should be free of litter, trash and debris, with well-manicured lawns, trimmed trees and shrubbery surrounding freshly-painted homes.

Below are some home clean up tips we used with the Westside Community Development Commission in an area clean up campaign between 1977 and 1985. Working with the City of Las Vegas Block Grant Program, we refurbished more than 1,000 structures, and the Silver State Disposal Service hauled away all collected trash and debris.

CLEAN UP TIPS:

Loose Trash - Box and/or bag in containers weighing not more than 40-pounds. Stack neatly.

Tree Limbs - Tie in bundles not more than four feet long, and weighing no more than 40 pounds.

Old furniture - Stand upright in collection area - stack neatly.

Refrigerators and stoves - Seal Refrigerator doors - stack neatly.

Discarded evaporative cool-

ers - stack neatly.

Old automobiles - Call wrecking yard and state the old vehicle is a nuisance on your property or street, and it will be removed free of charge.

Old lumber - Stack neatly.

Trash cans do not fill to weigh more than 40 pounds.

Old carpet - cut and tie in bundles of 40 pounds or less.

City Councilman Hawkins has had a clean up crew working in West Las Vegas for more than a month, cleaning up city owned property, and his Adopt-A-Block Program to clean-up and improve the area is being implemented.

PAINTING TIPS:

Exterior Trim - One gallon of good grade latex paint will do the average exterior trim job.

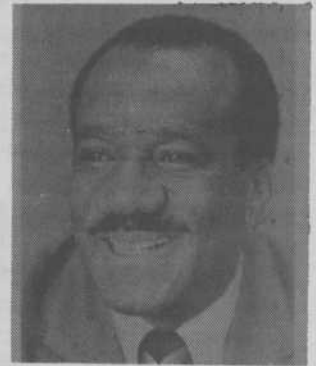
Exterior Body Paint - Four gallons of good grade latex paint, computer-mixed, if painting over same color.

Painting temperature - Latex paint works better when applied when temperature on the outside is between 58 and 80 degrees (F).

We cannot, expect Ms. Patri-

cia Davis, the manager of the new Bank of America Nevada, opening at Martin L. King Blvd. and West Washington Ave. in February next year, to attract and retain good employees and steady customers, if they have to travel along dirty streets to reach her facility.

Shirley Barber, one of the best principles in Clark County, will have difficulty recruiting and retraining good staff members if our community is run-down, with delineated structures lining the streets of the H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary School located in the 2700 Block of Revere (North "H" Street), set to open in September, 1993.



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Community leaders and groups from all over the Las Vegas valley can get our West Las Vegas Community Improvement ship off the ground, but only those of us who live here can make it fly.

THE NAACP AND YOU!



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
President
Las Vegas, NAACP



NAACP IS READY WHEN YOU ARE

The NAACP is an idea whose time has come - once again. I say once again because we keep on renewing ourselves, and they last forever, but men die!

The NAACP is one of the World's greatest organizations whose business it is to serve the humanity of man. The Bible says he that would be the greatest among you must be a servant of all. Jesus Christ leads the list of servants followed by Dr. Martin L. King Jr., Sister Theresa and Mahatma Gandhi and others.

Greyhound Bus Line has a motto that says, in reference to the travel business, "We are ready when you are."

The Las Vegas branch NAACP operates under a charter that was granted by the National NAACP, which Permits the branch to engage in any kind of Civil Rights cause the local community wants to engage in. The time has now come for the community to stop pointing fingers of blame, and instead roll up its sleeves and go to work. After a consensus has been reached based upon need and problem prioritizing, we should go to work.

No action plan is ready until the resources have been fully identified and committed. In other words, lay your energy, time, talents and money on the line. We should sincerely consider taking a page out of the book of sociology for humanitarian needs as does the Catholic, Jewish and Mormon faiths, which amounts to 10% of their gross salaries. That's commitment! Las Vegas are you ready? If you are not, then stop crying and belly aching about how bad things are and what the NAACP is not doing - without your help I might add.

A challenge is now laid at the feet of over 100,000 Black people who live in Clark County to add the NAACP in their budget for 1993. We need a budget of \$100,000 to underwrite the cost of a part time Executive Secretary to coordinate the work of NAACP volunteers. Needed just as badly is an attorney on retainer to more expeditiously consider and validate cases of racial discrimination into court just as the ACLU does. All we need is for 100 people to donate or pledge \$1,000 during 1993 or for 100,000 people to give \$1.00 each.

Your donations should be sent in care of the NAACP, to P.O. Box 4887 Las Vegas, Nevada 89127.

The NAACP is ready when you are. If you are ready then you should go to the Heritage Lounge, 1012 West Owens Avenue Sunday, December 20, 1992 and cast your ballot for the offices and Executive Committee Members of your choice for the insuing years of 1993-94.

Then, and only then, will you prove that you are ready to start working for the NAACP.

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