

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

I. Sanitation Department

- A. Motorized Street Sweepers - The City's Sanitation Department, has assigned four motorized street sweepers to the Sum-Mec area. These machines are used on all paved streets with some degree of regularity.
- B. Garbage Collections - Garbage collection increased from no pick-up or one pick-up a week to two or more times a week.
- C. Trash Pick-Up - Trash pick-ups increased from forty-five loads a week to one hundred or more loads a week.
- D. Abandoned Automobiles - Tickets are placed on automobiles that have been abandoned on vacant lots, streets, and occupied areas. These cars are to be moved as soon as storage space is available.

At present, approximately ninety cars have been moved from the area.

- E. Litter Baskets - Litter baskets were requested for some areas. Eight litter baskets have been placed to date.
- F. City Work Crews - City work crews were sent to some areas to cut grass from sidewalks and vacant lots, and to remove trees and roots from walking areas.
- G. Sanitation Inspectors are now giving tickets and notices to citizens in the area who continue to neglect and litter their premises.

II. Housing Code Enforcement and Inspection

- A. Building inspectors are working in the area on a limited basis and in response to calls from area citizens. A great number of tickets have not been given perhaps due to the lack of adequate housing to accomodate the displaced families.

- B. Approximately forty unfit dwellings which received tickets from the Coding Inspector have been demolished.

III. School Improvements

- A. Peter James Bryant is adding portables to accommodate its overflowing student body.
- B. The Community School Program is underway and is doing a very fine job in its adult programs.

IV. Recreation

- A. Capitol Avenue School has added a full program in recreation to its playground facility for the young people in the area.
- B. Sum-Mec Center's Recreation Room is a much enjoyed facility for some of the area's teen-agers and adolescence.
- C. The Connally Play lot carried a capacity crowd until school opened and is still doing big business after school hours.

V. Street and Traffic Improvements

- A. The area citizens are very proud of the following streets which were paved: Terry Street from Georgia Avenue to Bass; Bass Street from Martin to Capitol Avenue; Glenn Street from Reed to Connally; Terry Street from Glenn to Crumley; Little Street, Crumley Street from Fraser to Martin.
- B. Partially paved streets are Rawson, Formwalt, Windsor, Cooper, Eugenia and Fulton.

Side walks are being repaired and replaced in Census tracts 45 and 46.

Crosswalks and school zone control lights placed on the corner of Martin Street and Memorial Drive, Census Tract 48.

This effort was a real achievement on which area citizens had been working for ten or more years. They had had meetings with City officials, had written letters with signatures of organizations attached, had protested to the Board of Education. Finally, one of the area groups, "The Friendly Citizens", protested on the corner of busy Memorial Drive with radio, television, and some City officials present. After the demonstration, these much needed items were installed.

A group of citizens in Census Tract 46 registered a complaint about the poor lighting on Bass Street between Pryor and Formwalt. The group wrote a protesting letter concerning these conditions, stating that people leaving the trolley at Bass and Cooper Streets had great fear of this unlit area, particularly in both directions on Bass Street. The City responded with lights in both directions on Bass Street.