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re: 3831 N. Willis Place.

I have lived next door to the 3831 Willis property for 47 years. From 1963 until 1999 the people that owned 3831 Willis took good care of the home; they had a beautiful yard, well kept house and were friendly and courteous neighbors. When the previous owner died the home was purchased by Danny Laabs, the present owner, and everything went downhill. The yard has become an overgrown jungle of brush and weeds. Only with a call to the alderman does the grass get cut, the city has to be called for EVERYTHING. Hedges hung so far over the sidewalk that you couldn't use the sidewalk until the city forced Danny to trim the hedges back; junk cluttered the yard until the city forced a clean up; cars sat idle in the street not moving until the city was called; the junker cars were then illegally parked between the garages. Again the city stepped in. A malfunctioning downspout created huge, dangerous rut in lawn; once again the city had to force the repair. Presently Danny's gutters are hanging off the house and water runs off the roof and pounds the ground between our homes.

I must keep DeCon in my garage at all times as I try to keep the mice out. I buy weed killer at least once a month to spray his weeds that continuously creep into my yard. All I need to do is tell people I live next to the jungle.....they know where I live.

Friends and relatives come to visit and can't believe what that place looks like and that the city would allow such a mess.

His garage is stuffed to the point that he cannot walk through it....what can the inside of his house be like? There is never anything in his garbage cans...where is his garbage?

He was digging around a large tree and chopping at the roots. I phoned the alderman for fear that tree might come down over the wires. The city again had to be notified.

My home value has plummeted, who would want to buy next door to the monstrosity of

bushes, weeds, and disarray? I have faithfully paid my property taxes on time and kept my yard in an orderly fashion. Please do not allow the mess next door to continue.

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