Old North Davis Chat

On this blog, I -- John Lofland, jlofland@dcn.org -- focus on resident civic action and inaction in the Old North area of Davis, California.

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Old North Upkeep 4: Variations by Face Block (233)

In addition to further comparing ON to other areas, I think it of use to contemplate how it varies within itself by "face block" in upkeep terms.

up·keep
/ˈəpˌkēp/
noun
1. the process of keeping something in good condition.

FOURTH OF SIX

By "face block" I mean the area along a street between two intersecting streets. For example, the 600 numbered residences on C Street between Sixth and Seventh streets form a "face block."

ON has eleven face blocks, six in the 600s tier and five in the 500s tier.

Having coded 163 street visible residences by viewing one residence after another block-by-block, I had developed the data making face block calculations possible.

In Table 5, we see the percent positive upkeep for each of the 11 face blocks arrayed from lowest to highest. (As explained in the first post in this series, I am not indicating the identities of specific face blocks. This is done by reporting percentages and not numbers of residences and assigning an alphabet letter to each block in place of its letter/hundreds name.)

The average level of positive upkeep for ON overall is 76%. The spread from a low of 60%, shown on the left in the table, to 100% on the right is of some interest. It represents, that is, a significant swing of 40%.

Table 6 provides a more refined depiction of this face block variation. It reveals, indeed, some quite striking inconsistencies and anomalies from face block to face block. For example, one of the most slum-like face blocks--face block B--also has a concentration of the highest-level upkeep residences combined with a concentration of blight! Similar although less dramatic contrasts are seen in face blocks C and D.

Looking at Tables 5 and 6 overall, they suggest to me a marked degree of visible inequality in ON. Some face blocks are near slums but yet others have quite handsome appearances, overall. A couple of face blocks are almost Dickensesque in their juxtaposition of upkeep levels.

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Year 1: '02-03
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ONDNA Year 12: Disarray, Year One

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Year 13: '14-'15 - Disarray, Year Two
Up one level
Under construction.

Current ONDNA Website Attempt

Old North Davis Neighborhood Association
For residents of the Old North Davis neighborhood in Davis, California

(fourth attempt)

Nextdoor ON website

Table 5 (of 8)
Positive & Negative Upkeep In Eleven ON Face Blocks

Face Blocks are rank ordered from the lowest to the highest percent of positive care.

In order to encourage focus on the patterns rather than on specific face blocks, each is identified by letter rather than by name and only percentages are reported.

		Eleven ON Face Blocks (Percents)											
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	ON-wide
Positive & Negative Upkeep	Positive (Martha Stewart, Ordinary & Eccentric combined)	60	62	65	68	76	80	83	87	88	91	100	76
	Negative (Scruffy & Blighted combined)	40	38	35	32	24	20	17	13	12	9	0	24
	Totals	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 6 (of 8)
Five Upkeep Levels in Eleven ON Face Blocks

Faceblocks are rank-ordered from the lowest to the highest percent of care levels.

In order to encourage focus on patterns rather than on face blocks, each is identified by letter and not by name and only percentages are reported.

		Eleven ON Face Blocks (Percents)											
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	ON-wide
Five Upkeep Levels	Martha Stewart	0	15	0	10	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	4
	Ordinary	55	38	55	53	71	80	70	62	80	83	100	66
	Eccentric	5	8	10	5	5	0	9	25	0	4	0	7
	Scruffy	35	31	35	32	24	20	17	0	20	4	0	22
	Blighted	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	4	0	2
	Totals	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	101

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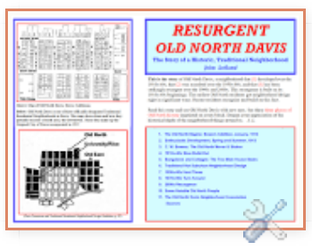

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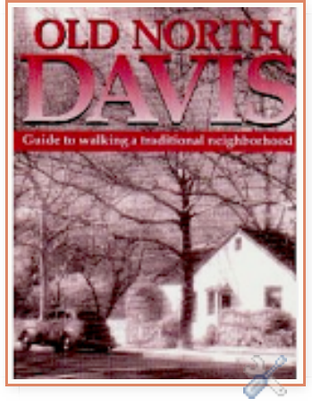

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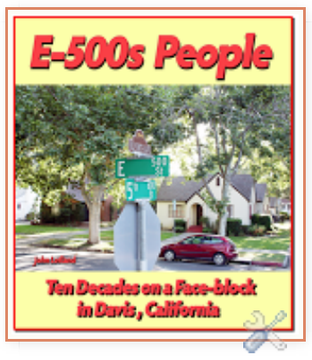

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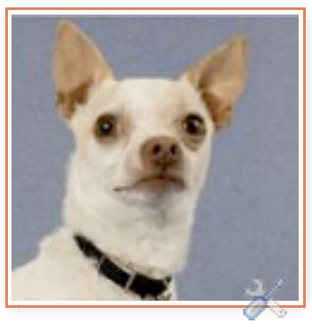

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