

Grant Township
Blight Enforcement

Blight Report for the Month of October, 2023

This month was mostly follow ups to previous complaints and problems that I have been working on. I received no new complaints this month and one renewed complaint.

In regards to the Castongury house. After receiving the registered I sent, Mrs. Castongury-Kendall contacted me and I went to her current home and discussed the problem with her and her husband Vic Kendall. She stated that her daughter lives in the home now and they are in the process of giving the home to her daughter. The daughter's husband has been unwilling to clean the property because he said my letter only stated there needed to be improvement. Vic tried to get involved and offered a trailer to collect and remove a lot of the debris and help remove the unlicensed automobiles that are on the property. The husband was all set to do this and then backed off. He told Vic to stop trying to help and Vic called me to say he was sorry, but he could not do any more. The husband was informed that Mrs. Castongury would be receiving a ticket and possibly summons to appear in court because she owns the property. Since that conversation, there has been some movement at the property. Some of the cars are removed and some of the debris along the side of the house has been removed. I have not gone to the property to speak to the husband because he told Vic he would call the cops or worse if I "trespassed" on his property. My contact is Vic for follow up on this issue.

The house at 1344 N. Sand Lake Rd has been cleaned up and the excess debris has been removed from the front yard. I sent registered letters to the owner and resident of the property and did not get a response from either. But, shortly after they were sent the yard was cleaned and the unregistered vehicle is gone.

The letter I sent to Mr. Andrew Dicman about an abandoned boat on his property on Cherokee was not answered, but the boat is gone.

I did get in touch with Randy Gingrich about his property on Ash St. He said he covered some of the debris, but I told him it still shows and needs to be removed. When I looked at the yard I noticed that a truck in the yard has expired tabs and appears to have been sitting for a while. I spoke to Randy and he assured me that the trucks runs, he has new tabs, and the vehicle is insured. I told him he needs to get the tabs on ASAP. I told him I would check back at the end of the month for compliance.

In regards to Shawn Sanney's properties, the fill dirt was delivered just before the complaint and had not been there "for years" as the original complainant had stated. It has since been leveled, the appliances have been removed from the porch, the things by the garage have been covered, and there are no longer any issues with the properties.

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Blight Control Officer

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