

A COMMONSENSE REMINDER FROM OUR CPD

Know your neighbor; know your neighborhood!

By COLUMBUS DIVISION OF POLICE,
Strategic Response Bureau, Community
Liaison Section

Report suspicious persons and activities

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES requires raising your awareness level; that is, knowing what is normal or what is out of place—or having a suspicion or a gut feeling that something is wrong. The goal is to reduce criminal opportunities by reporting your suspicions.

This requires that you be both *observant* and *aware* of persons and events in your neighborhoods, work locations—and as you travel through Columbus. You must also overcome any reluctance you might have in reporting these observations to the police.

Following is a comprehensive list of activities which should be reported.

- Anyone engaged in forced entry into a house, garage or vehicle.
- Anyone running from a house.
- Anyone around a house checking doors or windows, or anyone who appears to be attempting to hide from view.
- Anyone loitering in the neighborhood, appears out of place or are unknown to you.
- Anyone with a weapon.
- Any unusual noise, regardless of the time of day; for example, a scream, breaking glass, loud crashing sound, prying or any audible alarm.
- Anyone carrying what might be loot; for example: radios, TVs, stereo equipment, large sacks, bags or pillowcases which appear to be full might be indicative of criminal activity.
- Any suspicious vehicles parked on the street or in your neighbor's driveway.
- A solicitor who does not appear to have a valid reason for coming to your door, seems overly aggressive or forceful, appears hesitant, does a lot of unnecessary looking around, or asks unusual questions concerning you or your neighbors' daily schedule or habits.

When reporting information remember the following...

- **GET AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION** of the individuals and vehicles involved, including license plate numbers.
- Remain as calm as possible and give the dispatcher the details of your observations; the dispatcher relays the information to patrol cars that are *en route* to investigate.
- Relay the exact location where the activity is occurring. It would be helpful if you provided your name, address and phone number in case

some of the information needs later clarification. However, this is not absolutely required.

• You can remain anonymous but be advised that this will limit the actions an officer can take. The important factor is to call anytime—day or night. You may be preventing a crime in progress or helping in the apprehension of a criminal.

Personal crime safety prevention tips

BE STREET WISE AND SAFE. Stand tall and walk confidently. Watch where you are going and what is happening around you.

Stick to well-lighted and busy streets. Walk with friends. Avoid shortcuts through a dark alley or a deserted street.

If harassed from a vehicle, walk quickly or run in the opposite direction to safety. If you are really scared, scream!

Never hitchhike; accept rides only from people you know and trust.

Do not 'flash' your cash; carry only money you need for the day. Always have emergency change for a telephone call; plan on your cell phone not working when you really need it.

Know your neighborhood! What hours are stores and restaurants open? Where are police and fire stations, libraries and schools? You will need them in an emergency.

If you go out for a late snack or a midnight movie, take a friend. Do not go alone. Most assaults happen to a lone victim.

Let someone know where you are going and when you will come back. Call if you are going to be late.

If you are driving, park your vehicle in a well-lighted location and lock it when you leave. Check for uninvited passengers in the back seat or on the floor before you get inside the vehicle.

Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Do not wait until you get to the vehicle to look for your keys.

Alter your routine. Change daily patterns and if possible, take different routes to work or to school. Park in different locations that are well lit.

When jogging or bicycling:

- Go with a friend and take a familiar and well-traveled route.
- Do not jog or bike at night.
- Refrain from using your stereo head-phones.

It is safer to remain alert to what is around and behind you.

If you are a victim of crime...

OF COURSE IT WILL BE HARD, but try not to panic if someone attacks you. Remember the attacker carefully so you can give a description. Remember key things as best as you can like approximate age, gender, race, complexion, body build, clothing, approximate height and weight, hair, eyes, or unusual features.

If a gang harasses you, go to an open store, gas station, firehouse or any place where people are present; then call 911. If the attacker has a weapon and only wants your money or possessions, **do not fight**. Your life is more important!

Reminder... Report all crime to law enforcement. For life-threatening emergencies call 911. For non-emergencies call 645-4545.

HWS November 19 meeting agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT Dick Montgomery

GIANT EAGLE Columbus City Council approved expenditure of Arena District TIF money to pay for the Giant Eagle on Neil Avenue to move to the Arena District. We'll discuss the future of the current Giant Eagle lease on Neil Avenue and neighborhood ramifications.

SOCIAL We'll discuss the HWS Holiday Party scheduled for December 17.

PARKS

- **Harrison Park** Demolition of the Compton parcel has been approved. New construction documents and engineering plans have begun.
- **Wheeler Park** Construction has begun with a late fall completion; to be finished by early summer.

ART COMMITTEE Approval will be sought for funding an art competition for Harrison Park.

NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE HWN editor, Dwight Phelps, will discuss bringing the newsletter and website current.

CRIME REPORT Community Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith will bring HWS up to date on neighborhood crime issues.

FLYTOWN MARKER RELOCATION We will discuss FGP's proposed relocation of the Flytown historical marker.

HWS DECEMBER CALENDAR

30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

12/03 HWS Executive Committee meeting

12/09 *Harrison West News* publication deadline

12/17 HWS member meeting

12/19 HWS holiday party [Final date to be announced]

Meeting minutes

July 16, 2008

By TIM BLEDSOE, HWS Secretary

Following are unofficial Harrison West Society meeting minutes for July 2008. Official minutes are available on our website.

Call to order at 7:05 p.m.

- ♦ Quorum present: 18
- ♦ Membership: 300

Treasurer's report

- ♦ \$2,520.00 Checking
- ♦ \$6,074.00 Savings
- ♦ \$2,621.00 CDs

Parks

Bob Mangia reported the demolition of old buildings to make way for Harrison Park will take place soon. He has ordered the bollards for Side by Side park from Fortins and contracted Fortins to install them and reinstall benches in Harrison West and Side by Side parks. Park committee will meet at end of month. Bob also needs some volunteers to help with the other benches in Harrison West Park to be taken apart and delivered to be refinished. The construction of our dog park will soon start at Wheeler Park.

Newsletter

Volunteers needed: layout person, proof readers, writers and reporters. Nonprofit organizations are going to be featured in the upcoming months.

Historic preservation

Randy Black was on hand from the city of Columbus historic preservation office to talk about Harrison West having a conservation district, and some of the benefits of becoming a conservation district. We need to fill out an application if we are interested. This is a pilot program and just a few areas will be given the opportunity to become a conservation district. 60% of residents in the proposed area would need to sign.

Social

Tim Bledsoe asked the society to pay for a caterer for the block party. Chris Ruder motioned to pay the caterer and Eric Martineau seconded. Passed with one opposed.

Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes

August 20, 2008

By TIM BLEDSOE, HWS Secretary

Following are unofficial Harrison West Society meeting minutes for August 2008. Official minutes are available on our website.

Call to order at 7:05 p.m.

- ♦ Quorum present: 12

Treasurer's report

- ♦ \$2,365.07 Checking
- ♦ \$6,080.06 Savings
- ♦ \$2,689.61 CDs
- ♦ \$250.00 check cut to Fortins for ballards and bench replacement.

General business

July minutes to be approved: Bob Mangia made motion. Seconded. Passed. Liquor license objection letter for Zeno's will be sent to City Council. Gowdy Field is seeking a variance for their sign and sculpture. Mary Funk made a motion to support it and Pastor Morris seconded. Passed. Jacob Suskosd will send letter to the Graphics Commission from HWS to support the variance.

A meeting was held for all Community leaders on the Bond Package proposed for the city of Columbus for \$1.6 billion. it was held at the Harrison Park Community Center. The bond package is needed for city projects. A motion was made to send a letter to the city in the support of the bond package. Pastor Morris made the motion; Jacob Suskosd seconded. Passed.

Parks

Columbus has signed off on the demo of buildings and passed the info to the Harrison Park developer. Bob talked to Fortins about making our new signs. They do not have capability for plaques. Frame for signs would be \$1,000.00 The slats on the Harrison West park benches need to be taken to the volunteer that working on them.

Newsletter

The *Harrison West News* was not published during August. No layout person has volunteered. Pastor Morris is contacting advertisers about the newsletter. We will try to get it back on line as soon as possible.

Crime report

The crime that is occurring in Harrison West is citywide. Some arrests have been made. Speed limit on Neil is not legal.

Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

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Monthly meeting

The Harrison West Society meets the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at Harrison Park Community Center, 575 West 1st Avenue.

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The *Harrison West News* is produced by an all volunteer staff, and while accuracy is paramount, the reader is advised that the Harrison West Society, Inc. is not responsible for errors.

Newsletter volunteers

HWN is looking for volunteers to contribute articles. Email newsletter@harrisonwest.org.



Meeting minutes

September 17, 2008

By TIM BLEDSOE, HWS Secretary

Following are unofficial Harrison West Society meeting minutes for September 2008. Official minutes are available on our website.

Call to order at 7:05 p.m.

- Quorum present: 15
- Membership: 315

Treasurer's report

- \$1,560.40 Checking
- \$6,084.86 Savings
- \$2,689.61 CDs

General business

The support letter for the city of Columbus bond issues has been sent.

The liquor objection letter was also sent to Columbus City Council.

Letter of support for the variance for signs and sculpture at Gowdy Field was sent. OSU medical facilities is taking the second building at Gowdy Field.

Parks

Wheeler Park is fully funded and will be under construction soon. The dog park at Wheeler will be open in spring of 2009. All the amenities sought by Harrison West Society were included in the park. Goodale Park will remain open to dogs. Some new rules will be applied.

Park benches on Neil Avenue were in bad shape Victorian Village is having them repaired and had asked if the Harrison West Society wanted to make a donation towards the restoration. Pastor Morris made a motion that the HWS give a donation of \$250.00 towards the repairs. Matthew Williams seconded. Passed unanimously.

Clean Ohio Recovery Fund

The Clean Ohio Recovery Fund had to cancel its kick-off rally because of the power outage. The fund has been used for many of the projects in and around our neighborhood.

Newsletter

Dwight Phelps was introduced to the meeting. Dwight is interested in coming back and being our layout person and editor of the newsletter. He was the newsletter editor for HWN a few years back. A meeting with the

rest of the members of the communications committee was planned to work out the details of getting the newsletter back in production.

Signs

Short North Foundation grant to be given to help pay for the signs. Price for double sided plaque is \$4,164.25, Single is \$3467.50 Price break is given on three or mores signs.

Harrison West will ask Battelle and Time Warner for donations towards the signs. Placement of the signs will be discussed.

Crime report

Officer Steve Smith was unavailable due to a death in his family.

Theft from garages and cars is still happening. Some graffiti on garages. Lock your cars and garages up at night. Attempted break in reported on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Open forum

Pastor Morris brought up that he had heard the city was cutting out exterminating the rats. Mary Funk said that the city is going to stop exterminating for rats but the special improvement districts would continue taking care of it.

Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

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Meeting minutes

October 15, 2008

By TIM BLEDSOE, HWS Secretary

Following are unofficial Harrison West Society meeting minutes for October 2008. Official minutes are available on our website.

Call to order 7:05 p.m.

- ♦ Quorum present: 15
- ♦ Membership: 321

Meeting minutes

♦ August and September minutes were presented. Motion to accept by Pastor Morris; seconded. Passed.

Treasurer's report

- ♦ \$2,740.40 Checking
- ♦ \$4,589.82 Savings
- ♦ \$2,689.61 CDs

Giant Eagle plans new store

A new Giant Eagle is being planned for the Arena District in about a year-and-a-half. The new store will be very difficult for our neighborhoods to get to by walking.

The current Giant Eagle is a big part of our tax increment financing (TIF) and the society needs to study the impact from the move.

- ♦ With other events going on in the area will it make it difficult to get in and park?
- ♦ Thurber Village and the other retail in the center will be hurt by an empty store front.
- ♦ If the property is valued at a lower rate that will impact our TIF.

There is a public meeting being held October 16 at City Hall. Some of the neighborhood representatives will be going. An update will be given as we receive information.

Grant for signs announced

The Heifner Fund announced that a grant has been awarded to the Harrison West Society for \$2,500.00 which is to go towards our new welcome signs.

Gowdy Field

A letter was sent to the Graphics Commission in support of a variance for the sculptor and signage.

OSU Medical is moving in to the new building that is being completed.

New office building is planned for the heliport site. More details to follow.

Bond issues

Harrison West Society sent a support letter to the Bond committee. We encourage a yes vote on all the issues.

Parks

♦ **Side by Side Park** Bob has placed reflective tape on the bollards Side by Side Park. The city is cleaning up debris from the storm in the park.

♦ **Harrison Park** The buildings should be torn down by the first of November. The gazebo is going to be designed with the help of an engineer who has volunteered.

♦ **Rails to Trails** is moving along.

Art project for Harrison Park

The Columbus College of Art and Design (CCAD) and the city's Art Commission are on board with the vision of art in Harrison Park.

There is a goal of five pieces of art in five years to be placed in Harrison Park. A competition for CCAD students is planned.

Monetary awards given to the winners will have to come from fund raising. It cannot come from the TIF.

Art has to be insured by the Harrison West Society.

Code enforcement

Sam Harachis, who is the officer in charge of code enforcement in our area, was in attendance. He said that Harrison West was the easiest part of his territory.

He gives notices of code violations and then tries to work with the property owner to bring them into compliance. An article will be placed in the new newsletter when it is back in circulation.

If a tree limb fell from your property during the storm, then the property owner is responsible for having it taken away.

Call 311 for any code violations or questions you have.

Crime report

Stats for the area rose sharply. There were nine burglaries that included garages. A lot of the crime is connected. Harrison Park had a good share of the crime wave.

Most of theft included laptops, MP3 players, GPS, and change out of ashtrays.

Homeless on the river bank are still a big problem.

Membership

There will be our annual letter sent out to remind members to renew their Harrison West Society membership. New home owners will also be getting the letter. Pastor Morris made the motion Bob Mangia seconded. Passed.

Adjournment 8:45 p.m.

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Public invited to Statehouse lighting ceremony, Holiday Festival

Released by GREGG DODD, Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board

DOWNTOWN—Governor and First Lady Strickland will officially kick off the holiday season on Capitol Square with the lighting of two Ohio Statehouse Holiday Trees on December 1, 2008.

The lighting is the culmination of a short ceremony which begins at 5:30 p.m. on the West steps (High Street) of the Ohio Statehouse.

This is the 93rd annual Ohio Statehouse Holiday Tree Lighting event held on Capitol Square.

The short tree lighting ceremony will include music provided by the Con Brio Children's Choir from Westerville and the Salvation Army Band. Governor and Mrs. Strickland will welcome visitors and usher

in the holiday season by flipping the switch to light the two official Statehouse holiday trees. Both live trees are planted on the West Plaza.

Governor Strickland will then command the firing of a civil war era cannon which will signal special holiday lighting of the Capitol Square complex and surrounding buildings. The cannon will be fired by members of the 1st Ohio Statehouse Light Artillery, Battery A.

The ceremony will be followed by a free holiday festival in the Rotunda and Atrium. The festival will include refreshments and performances by community choirs and the Chapel Brass of the Salvation Army.

Other program elements will include a Lego Club model train display, a Garden Railroad Club model train display, a Santa

and Mrs. Claus photo station, a finger printing I.D. station, live animals, Civil War re-enactors, various community mascots and much more.

The event is free and open to the public. The entire program will be held inside the Statehouse if the weather is inclement.

In-kind event sponsors include Kroger, Starbucks and Costco.

The Trees

The trees are both living 28 foot Blue Spruces planted on the Northwest and Southwest corners of the Ohio Statehouse West Plaza in 1996. Each tree is decorated with more than 15,000 white mini and C7 lights and 285 ornaments consisting of 10-inch finials and 8-1/2 inch stars in red, gold, and silver and 5-1/2 inch and 8-inch ball ornaments in red, gold, blue and silver. Each tree is topped with a star.

Mascots and Characters

- Nutcracker and Clara (BalletMet) characters
- Stinger mascot (Columbus Blue Jackets)
- Ratio mascot (COSI)
- Teddy the Trooper mascot (Ohio Highway Patrol)
- Santa and Mrs. Claus

Performances

- Con Brio Children's Choir
- Eastmoor High School
- Chapel Brass of the Salvation Army
- Bexley High School

Activities

- Reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* by Governor Salmon P. Chase (Re-enactor)
- Fingerprinting ID station courtesy of Ohio's Attorney General
- Live reindeer station
- Lego Club model train display
- Garden Railroad model train display
- Columbus Zoo live animal display
- Mr. Etch-A-Sketch display and demonstration
- Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus photo station
- Strolling Victorian period dressed individuals

The **Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board** is responsible for maintaining the historic character of the Statehouse and Capitol Square while providing for the health, safety and convenience of those who work in or visit the complex. For more information visit www.ohiostatehouse.org on the web.



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Clearing the 'tree-way'

By MATTHEW WILLIAMS, HWS Member

One of the great things about Harrison West is how many neighbors you can meet just sitting on your front porch. It seems as if everyone in our neighborhood goes for nightly or weekly walks along our tree-lined streets.

The other really nice benefit to having so many amblers in Harrison West is that they serve as an informal neighborhood watch, noticing when something is amiss at Mary's place, corralling Terry's stray pooch who slipped under the fence, and just generally keeping an eye on each other.

I walk my dog, Maus, at least once a day, and I love to see what my friends and neighbors are doing with their lawns and gardens—when I'm not whacked in the face by low-hanging branches, that is. I tend not to watch where I'm going.

I've got three trees in my tree lawn and have just added three more trees to my yard. When they mature, I plan to keep them pruned up; I want to see more neighbors passing by my house, not avoiding my corner and a poke in the eye.

I wasn't sure, though, that I was allowed to prune street trees — the trees the city has planted between the sidewalks and streets — so I called Jack Low in Columbus' Department of Recreation and Parks, Forestry Section and got some good advice, and the city's rules, on trimming my trees.

Jack told me that trees overhanging sidewalks should be pruned up to eight feet — and up to 13.5 feet over streets.

Residents should prune trees that are on their property, but the Forestry Section is responsible for trimming street trees.

If you have street trees that you'd like pruned or that are impeding your sidewalk, and the sharp eyes of your neighbors, Jack advises you to call his office at 645-6640 and put in a request to have them trimmed. You can even request that your entire street be pruned if you know there are a number of street trees that need attention.

The Forestry Section is small, though, and the demands on it are large; it could take six months or a year before the department can respond to your request. Jack offers an alternative, though.

If you would like a permit to prune your own street trees, you can call his office and request a permit. The Forestry Section will send out an arborist to look at the tree you want to prune, give you advice on where and

how to prune, and issue you a free permit on the spot.

If you've got a tree that appears to be heaving or destroying your sidewalk, you should call Jack's office, too. An arborist will come out to determine what to do about the adjacent tree. Unfortunately, the repair to the sidewalk is up to you.

Jack also recommends that you prune after a tree has dropped its leaves. It's easier to see what you need to do without the foliage in the way. He recommends pruning low branches and branches that cross.

More information on trimming your trees, and on Columbus' Forestry Section, can be found at www.recparcs.columbus.gov.

Maus and I will be seeing you around the neighborhood.

OLENTANGY TRAIL 'TREE-WAY'

This tree does not need pruned. Photo taken on the east bank of the Olentangy between Harrison West and Ohio State. The Olentangy Bike Trail is a neighborhood — and metro Columbus — jewel.



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IT'S TIME TO RENEW! YOUR 2008 HWS MEMBERSHIP ENDS ON 12/31

Harrison West Society annual membership renewal

By ROB HARRIS, HWS President

It's that time again. As the year ends, so do memberships to the Harrison West Society. Thank you for your support this past year.

We have a lot of exciting things planned for 2009, and we hope we can count on your support again.

Your membership fees help our Society pursue the goals of our neighborhood and allow us to hold neighborhood events that bring us together, strengthen our voice, and make ours a safe, welcoming place to live.

Plans for Harrison Park, our newest neighborhood park, are well under way and

include a gazebo, public art and a playground as well as an extension of the Olentangy River recreation path. We'll be overseeing the park's development.

We're also discussing with the city a plan to designate Harrison West as a conservation district and are weighing the benefits of becoming an area commission, a move that will help protect our neighborhood. Development of Goudy Field continues with our Society's input. (Did you know that Harrison West crosses Olentangy River Road?)

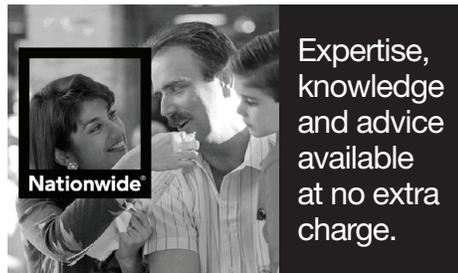
The Harrison Park Condo Community will continue to grow next year. So will our work with the city on curbing crime and calming traffic. The success of our initiatives can only be enhanced by a large, diverse, paid membership.

We are currently planning to hold our annual holiday party on December 19 at the Harrison Park Community Center.

Our community parties are always great fun; join us to meet new neighbors, rekindle friendships with old neighbors, and catch up with former neighbors who have moved away.

HWS volunteer opportunities

- Budget Help** Help with setting up Society budget
- Membership Help** recruit new members
- Newsletter Advertising** Work with HWN advertisers
- Newsletter Distribution Help** distribute HWN to area businesses
- Newsletter Reporting** Write and help proof articles
- Parks Help** oversee our local parks
- Planning and Development** Keep track of local zoning issues
- Policy Review** Review changes to Constitution, By-Laws and Policies
- Social** Set up monthly programs and special events
- TIF Task Force** Monitor and report on Tax Incremental Financing events
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- Clinton Township** www.clintontwp-columbus.org
- Columbus** www.cityofcolumbus.org
- DRAC** www.dracolumbus.com
- Franklinton** www.franklinton.org
- German Village** www.germanvillage.org

- Grandview Heights** www.grandviewheights.org
- Italian Village** www.italianvillage.org
- Ohio State** www.osu.edu
- Olde Towne East** oldetowneeast.org
- Short North Arts District** www.shorthnorth.org
- Upper Arlington** www.ua-ohio.net
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'HighBall Halloween: Masquerade on High' exceeds expectations; repeat performance anticipated

SHORT NORTH—From Carl Lagerfeld to the Pope, from a troupe of gay cereal box cartoon characters to a host of cartoon super heroes, the "HighBall Halloween: Masquerade on High" more than met expectations as more than 10,000 party-goers packed into the Short North Arts District.

"It was a first year event," explained John Angelo, Director of the Short North Business Association, producers of the event.

"We had no idea what to expect. Based upon website hits, Facebook registrations and street buzz, we optimistically hoped for 5,000–7,500. We were stunned by the response."

When Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman took to the runway stage in the middle of High Street he shouted to a jubilant crowd:

"So do we want to have HighBall every year?"

The roar was deafening.

Highlights included a couture costume runway show with *Project Runway* contestants Kelli Martin and Terri Stevens; a spectacular drag performance including five costume changes by the incomparable Nina West; and an all-out costume contest that had the crowd shouting and cheering.

"We knew Columbus was ready for a masquerade of this caliber," commented Charly Bauer, co-chair of the event's development committee and co-owner of Jeni's Ice Creams.

"We had seen phenomenal successes in other cities such as Key West and San Francisco. We knew Columbus could compete.

"The creative community was strong enough to really make a splash and set the bar high immediately off the mark."

Racelle Deavers, dressed as a punk rock nurse, was in from Dayton. "Wow!" she exclaimed.

"I hope you do it again, because I want to work a lot harder on my costume next time."

"We wanted to create an event that celebrated art, diversity and even fashion," summarized Carmen Owens, event co-chair and co-owner of Surly Girl Saloon.

"We didn't want a mindless beerfest. We wanted to inspire, challenge and celebrate the creative class.

"We did that in spades."

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- There is concern over Battelle storing hazardous waste on-site near the Olentangy River

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- Olentangy Trail dedicated
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