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VOTERS KNOW WHEN TO SAY WHEN!

By Dwight K. Phelps
Harrison West News

Da' Cota's, 453 West 3rd Avenue, and Zeno's Victorian Village, 384 West 3rd Avenue, will no longer be allowed to serve beer, wine and liquor on-premises effective at the end of December 1994. It is possible the bars may remain open during the anticipated appeal process.

The Franklin County Board of Elections at 9 a.m. Wednesday, 9 November 1994 confirmed that the two local liquor options for precinct 33-I have failed. According to a spokesperson from the Board of Elections the unofficial count was:

- Option 46B — Beer on premises and carryout
 - Yes 110
 - No 144
- Option 47C — Liquor by the glass
 - Yes 115
 - No 142

The results do not include the military absentee vote and those who voted under the new "walk-in" House Bill 237. About 2,000 citizens countywide voted under HB 237. Final official results are expected in ten days.

According to the Wednesday, 9 November 1994 *Columbus Dispatch*, "Chris Miller, a co-owner of Zeno's, said the bar will 'exhaust every appeal'

in trying to overturn the vote and will remain open in the meantime. He said he and co-owner Dick Allen worked hard to respond to neighborhood complaints.

"Miller blamed the results on 'a one-woman mission' by Mary Funk, who lives four doors from Zeno's and filed petitions to put the liquor options on the ballot. "But Funk said the vote represented a grass-roots effort. 'Every campaign needs to have a leader, but it wasn't one person in the end. If it was just me, why did we have all those other votes?'"

Countywide there were 21 liquor options on the November ballot of which 14 passed and seven failed. ▲

**VOTE
YES!**

**ON ISSUES 46B & 47C
FOR A FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD**

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FOR A
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Yards Sign Options — Voters had a choice between a "Friendly Neighborhood" or a "Better Neighborhood."

HWS minutes for 13 October

By Dwight K. Phelps
Substituting for Kevin Rouch
HWS Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Craig Copeland at Columbus First Brethren Church, 473 West 3rd Avenue. A motion was made and passed to accept the 8 September 1994 meeting minutes as printed in the October 1994 issue of the *Harrison West News*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was \$797.58 in the treasury. \$190 was collected from the Great Harrison West Garage Sale. Expenses allocated for the garage sale included \$53.78 for printing and balloons and 35.65 for advertising. A motion was made and passed to pay \$230 to Cyrus Printing for the September and October 1994 issues of the *Harrison West News*.

DISCUSSION

- A tree planting committee needs to be formed to plant street trees next April. More information will be provided in the November newsletter and at the November HWS meeting.

- A discussion was held about amending the HWS constitution regarding membership types, responsibilities and possible dues. In the past the Society has charged for membership.

- It was noted that there has been much increased traffic. The possibility of speed bumps was brought up.

It was suggested that the Society contact Bill Palmer, Victorian Village, to coordinate traffic concerns.

- Morretti's has moved its trailer.

GUEST SPEAKERS

There were three guest speakers at the meeting. Leslie Deaderick, of the City of Columbus Refuse Division, and Lauren Hoffman, representing Rumpke, spoke about the City's new recycling program. Jay Moore, Troopmaster of Boy Scout Troop 29, spoke about the leaf composting project.

Recycling. Handouts were available describing the recycling program in detail. Leslie explained that the current program is a result of a study begun in 1988. In addition to curbside pickup there are eight corporate drop off sites (Kroger) and 18 fire station drop off sites for recyclables. Drop off sites do not accept newspapers or magazines. Lauren Hoffman explained that Rumpke had signed the contract with the City only a few months before the start of the contract date, 1 September. Problems with curbside pickup are being worked out as quickly as possible. The reason why pickup is curbside in front of subscriber's homes is due to easy access and for marketing purposes.

Jay Moore brought us up-to-date about the status of the leaf composting. They will be working in conjunction with Battelle engineers. Concerns were raised about health department issues. Department turned out to be in favor of the project.

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From the president CRAIG COPELAND

Harrison West Society receives \$8,000 grant for planting street trees

The Columbus Foundation's Neighborhood Partnership Program has awarded the Harrison West Society \$8,000 for planting street trees in the neighborhood. The partnership includes Community Mutual Insurance, National City Bank, the Columbus Foundation, the United Way of Franklin County, the City of Columbus and our labor to plant the trees. The Neighborhood Partnership Program awarded \$317,300 to 29 organizations this year. The Godman Guild will administer the funds, because of their IRS 501(C)(3) charitable organization status, saving us \$460 in sales tax.

The funds will provide for at least 60 good sized trees of approximately 2" caliber or 12-14 feet tall, for planting in April of 1995. This works out to an average cost per tree of \$133 each. The project as it is now proposed will

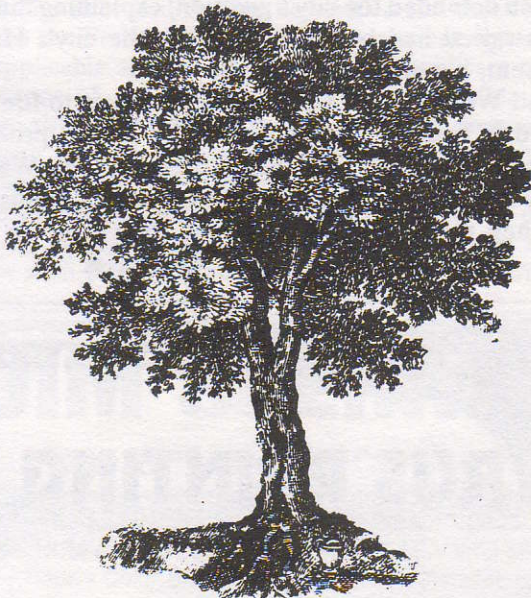
initially call for replanting part of Third Avenue, replacing the missing Aristocratic pears that Sandy Woolard organized planting five years ago, which were lost to car wrecks. Sandy's original idea was that Third Avenue serves as a gateway to Harrison West and is an opportunity to create a favorable impression for those passing by. These pear trees will eventually get 30-40 feet tall.

The other 50+ trees are slated for south of Third Avenue, where quite a few of the old street trees gracing the neighborhood are gone. Mike Crosby has agreed to organize volunteers for plantings on Bradley Street. The three blocks of Second Avenue from Perry to Harrison Avenue were also targeted in the proposal submitted to the NPP. Volunteers on those blocks and on the cross streets — Michigan, Pennsylvania and Harrison Avenues — with an

interest in having trees on the street are needed. Whether you participate in the planning or planting, you can make a difference on your street.

The general plan calls for renting a Bobcat with a 30" auger to drill the holes at planting sites that have been identified in conjunction with the City Forestry Department and cleared by the utility companies. Next the balled and burlaped trees will be placed and backfilled, then dressed with mulch, watered and the excess dirt cleaned up. Sixty people, sixty shovels, sixty trees could be planted in no time.

Additional trees are likely to be available if the funds can be stretched and/or additional monies can be raised, both of which seem quite possible. If you would like to organize additional plantings, or have a tree to plant in front of your home, come to the next Harrison West meeting. ▲



Harrison West Releaf

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is next spring.

Now is the time for amateur arborists, foresters and tree huggers to step forward and help organize and plan for next April's tree planting in Harrison West.

How many street trees are there in Harrison West? Census takers are needed for project to document the proud old trees of Harrison West and to plan for future plantings.

If you're unable to attend the HWS meetings, call 299-3737 to sign on.

"The person who fails to plant a tree shall go coffinless to their grave." CHINESE PROVERB

The City of Columbus and Mayor Greg Lashutka have formally announced their issues of concern to Battelle Memorial Institute's permit application regarding hazardous waste storage expansion plans. The City amended its statement to the Ohio Hazardous Waste Facility Board to include concerns raised by the Battelle Permit Opposition Committee that were omitted from the City's initial submission. The *Dispatch* article describes how this came to pass and the City's "Amended Statement" to the Hazardous Waste Facility Board follows.

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City adds to list of worries about Battelle facility

By Kevin Mayhood
Dispatch Staff Reporter

At the request of city officials and citizens, the Columbus city attorney will intensify his challenge to Battelle's plans to store more chemical and radioactive waste at the company's King Avenue complex.

The state's Hazardous Waste Facility Board, which will decide on Battelle's storage permit, also will decide whether to allow City Attorney Ron O'Brien to add to Columbus' list of concerns.

O'Brien said the deadline is past but the board can accept more information if it wants to. The city has already submitted nine concerns.

The board is considering Battelle's application to renew a storage permit.

At the same time, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is considering Battelle's application to add to the kinds and amount of toxic waste it can accumulate before disposing of it.

Battelle wants to enlarge its waste storage capacity and is seeking a permit to increase the amount of waste allowed from 500 gallons to 9,625 gallons. The research facility at 505 King Ave. also wants to store 306 kinds of chemicals instead of the 114 it is currently permitted to keep. In addition, Battelle wants a license to store waste for up to a year, instead of 90 days.

During a meeting yesterday [Thursday, 1 October 1994] at City Hall, neighbors opposed to the plans traded shots with O'Brien over the handling of the concerns submitted.

But Councilwoman Les Wright was able to get both sides to agree to work together.

Concerns that O'Brien will attempt to add were discussed this summer but omitted from the city's filing in August. They include questions about whether Battelle's plans properly address security procedures and equipment needed, on-site fire protection equipment, and protection of ground water and surface water.

Opponents also question whether the storage of toxic waste near the Olentangy River in a mostly residential neighborhood, and increasing the kinds, amounts and length of time the waste will be stored, poses an unacceptable risk.

Neighbors also want the board to consider whether moving the waste closer to the river in an expanded facility, and storing flammable and explosive materials with toxins, compromises safety.

During yesterday's meeting, Thomas Myers of the Battelle Permit Opposition Committee accused the city attorney's office of selling short the community's effort against waste storage.

O'Brien defended the city's position, explaining that the concerns raised had been reviewed by the city's Health Department, his office and Wright.

He and Wright urged the opposition group to file with the board to become interveners in the permit proceedings. Myers and fellow opposition member Tim Wagner said they would discuss filing for intervener's status, but said if they received it, they would then have to hire lawyers — at the neighborhood's expense. ▲

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**AMENDED STATEMENT OF STATUTORY PARTY
GREGORY S. LASHUTKA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS'
ISSUES OF CONCERN**

On August 11, 1994 the City of Columbus filed herein a Statement of Issues of Concern related to the Battelle Hazardous Waste Facility Part B Permit Application which is pending before the Board. Since the time of filing of the City's Statement of Issues of Concern, considerable additional inquiry and discussion has been conducted by representatives of the neighborhood and community in the vicinity of applicant's proposed facility with the Columbus City Council and other public officials. As a result of such discussions, and at the specific request of Columbus City Council Member Les Wright at the further request of the community interest group known as the Battelle Permit Opposition Committee, through its representatives Tom Meyer and Tim Wagner, and through the additional request of an entity known as the Ohio Environmental Council by its Executive Director Richard C. Sahili, the Mayor of the City of Columbus and the City of Columbus hereby set forth an Amended Statement of Issues of Concern and asked the Board to consider this filing, if necessary, as a motion for leave to file disputed issues for determination by the Board in this proceeding. The Mayor and City's Amended State of Issues of Concern and/or Disputed Issues are as follows:

I. Flood Plain Location. It is the position of the Mayor and the City of Columbus that moving the location of the proposed facility closer to the Olentangy River at an elevation which may be deemed to be within the flood plain and in proximity to densely populated neighborhoods exceeds the minimum risk to the environment and to the public health. The City proposes that the permit not be granted to the applicant for such modification in light of the risks presented by this issue.

II. Flood Plain — Battelle Levee. It is the position of the Mayor and the City that in the event the Board grants a permit for the modification requested that the levee system between the river and the site be verified and that certification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other applicable agencies, be obtained by applicant prior to the issuance of any such permit in order to minimize the potential risk of flooding to the site. The City proposes that the permit contain specific provisions requiring Battelle to obtain and maintain such certification of the levee as well as to undertake permanent responsibility for the future maintenance and upkeep of the levee so long as the site may be used for such purposes, and that any subsequent owner

intending to use the site in such manner be required to do the same.

III. Amounts of Specific Wastes Present. It is the position of the Mayor and the City that significant increases in the quantity and types of extremely hazardous chemicals proposed by the applicant to be stored on the site exceed the minimum risk to the environment and the public health and that the permit not be granted on the basis of the amounts and types of wastes to be stored in addition to those already permitted. It is also the position of the Mayor and the City that there is an increased risk presented to the environment and the public health by permitting applicant to aggregate flammable and explosive materials with other toxic substances, and that such aggregation would exceed the minimum risk to the environment and the public health if the permit were granted. It is the further position of the Mayor and the City that in the event Board grants the application, that the permit contain limitations on the actual amount of any particular hazardous waste which may be on site at any time. The Mayor and the City recognize that the actual amount of any material may vary from time to time, but it is necessary that more specific quantification of the materials stored be required for purposes performing risk assessments and emergency preparedness in connection with this facility.

IV. Security Procedures and Equipment. It is the position of the Mayor and the City that the permit application does not contain sufficient information or indicate sufficient procedures or equipment which would adequately meet security concerns of the community either for the integrity of the site itself or with respect to the potential release of hazardous wastes to be stated thereon. It is the position of the Mayor and the City that in the event the Board grants the application for modification that the permit contain specific conditions setting forth additional security procedures and equipment which are sufficient to adequately protect the community against unauthorized entry to the site, vandalism, access to stored materials, or other criminal activity which would impair the security of the site and/or the materials stored therein, or otherwise increase the risk of danger to the environment and or the public health and the community from the generation, storage and/or transportation of such materials. Such security measures should include not only the prohibition of unauthorized access, but additional security measures for the containment of materials and the safe and secure handling during movement on the site and transportation from the site. Such measures may also include the posting of additional staff or other personnel at the site,

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the additional training and staffing and equipment necessary to prohibit any release of materials to the environment and to the community.

V. Local Health and Fire Inspections. It is the position of the Mayor and the City that the permit should specifically authorize the Columbus Health Department and Fire Department to perform inspections under the same parameters as the Ohio EPA as presently outlined in the draft permit.

VI. Physical State of Wastes. There is concern that the permit does not clearly indicate what is the physical state of each waste present (i.e. solid, liquid, gas). The City requests that this information be clarified and maintained in order to assist local fire department in evaluation of the proper response to possible incidents at this facility.

VII. Contingency Plan — On Site Fire Protection Equipment. In addition to the contingency plan submitted to the Columbus Fire and other City agencies in 1986 as updated, it is the position of the Mayor and the City that the applicant address fire and other casualty contingencies by the addition of on-site fire protection equipment and personnel. In the event the Board grants applicant's modification request, it is the Major and City's position that the permit contain conditions requiring the Applicant to maintain 24-hour on-site fire protection equipment and personnel sufficient to contain and eliminate any potential fire event resulting from any release or otherwise at the site, and that inspection of such equipment and personnel be permitted by representatives of the Columbus Fire Department upon demand. A copy of the current contingency plan must be provided to the Columbus Fire Department and to the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency for review prior to issuance of the final permit and the plan be updated at least annually. A permit condition must require that such contingency plan provide for notification in cases of air releases to the Columbus Division of Water, the Ohio State University, and the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency.

VIII. Transportation Routing. The City would request that routing and alternative routing changes for transport of hazardous wastes to and from the facility be submitted to Columbus Fire for review and approval before any change in routing.


IX. Preparedness and Prevention Plan — Ground Water and Surface Water Protection. In addition to the written preparedness and prevention plan requirements being maintained as conditions in the final permit, it is the position of the Mayor and the City of Columbus that the permit if

granted by the Board contain additional conditions for groundwater and surface water protection. Such conditions to include, but not be limited to, measures to protect against overland flooding and infiltration of the City's storm and sanitary sewer system as well as the prompt collection, treatment and disposal of any water contaminated by any release or stored materials. In addition such measures should include periodic wash-downs of material storage areas in a manner so as to collect, treat and dispose of such wash-down water to prevent their infiltration into the City's sanitary and storm water sewer systems as well as to prevent any such water from contaminating the Olentangy River or leeching into the soil on site or the surrounding area.

X. Treatment Processes. The treatment processes have been set forth in the documents supporting the draft permit. It is the Mayor and the City's position that the final permit include provisions specifically identifying and limiting treatment at this facility to the specified processes and methods.

While the Mayor and the City of Columbus have informally addressed issues with the applicant which were set forth in the original statement of Issues of Concern, and applicant has made additional assurances to the satisfaction of the City and the parties with respect to some of those issues, it is the position of the Mayor and the City that the remaining issues set forth in this Amended Statement of Issues of Concern and/or disputed issues be timely discussed with the applicant and other parties at the earliest convenience of the Board. In the event such issues are not resolved to the Mayor and City's satisfaction, the Mayor and the City hereby indicate their intent to submit such issues to the Board for adjudication in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted, City of Columbus, Department of Law, Ronald J. O'Brien, City Attorney



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Petruziello represents HWS on "Sounding Board"

Each month during the school year Superintendent Larry Mixon meets with representatives of civic associations and area commissions in a forum called the *Sounding Board*. The Harrison West Society has been asked to send a representative to the Board. Gina Petruziello

has volunteered to represent the interests of HW and participated in the September meeting.

These meetings provide an opportunity for the views and opinions of Harrison West residents to be voiced on various concerns regarding school sys-

tem issues such as proficiency testing, alternative school enrollment and other programs. The Sounding Board is specifically created to facilitate a two-way information flow between Columbus Public School officials and community representatives.

Among the issues discussed at the last meeting was the announcement of a \$15 million grant proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation to overhaul the math and science programs for students in the elementary grades through high school. A portion of the funding would be used to incorporate new electronic technology into science, math and engineering courses. A commitment from the Foundation is anticipated by next May.

Gina has two boys, Milo, 10 years old and Ian, 7, who attend Fifth Avenue Alternative School. Additionally, she is actively involved with the PTA, including two years as Treasurer of the organization.

If you have a position or persuasive argument that the Superintendent should hear in regard to issues affecting our children's public education experience, please contact Gina Petruziello at 421-7649. ▲

700 TONS EXPECTED CITYWIDE . . .

HW 1994 leaf pickup schedule

This fall, Columbus' leaf and yard waste collection will be headed for a gigantic leaf pile. The awesome mountain of leaves will be composted and distributed at a future date. Progressive as this program appears, it is now against the law to put yard waste in landfills — which are typically composed of about 20% yard materials. The City saves about \$45 per ton in tipping fees at the dump.

Leaves left on the grass over the winter often create bare spots the following spring. The lack of sunlight combined with excess moisture favor fatal fungus infestations.

The leaf pickup dates for this unique program are **Saturday, 19 November** and **Saturday, 10 December**, starting at 6 a.m. Leaves must be placed in paper bags that will break down along with the leaves, available either from the grocery store or special bulk bags purchased at the hardware store. Containers such as trash cans or cardboard boxes will be returned to the curb. Since this is headed for the compost pile, to be used at a later date, plastic bags will not be accepted. The City cannot accept biodegradable plastic bags either because they leave petrochemical residues. Leslie Deaderick, of the City Refuse Division, cautions to watch for rain when putting paper bags or cardboard cartons out at the curb for pickup. ▲



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SALERNO STUNS STINZIANO IN 23RD HOUSE DISTRICT

By Dwight K. Phelps
Harrison West News

In what some may consider to be a surprise upset, Amy Salerno (R) beat long-time incumbent Mike Stinziano (D) to represent the voters of the 23rd District in the Ohio House of Representatives by a vote of 8,748 (51%) to 8,350 (49%).

During a phone interview with representative-elect Salerno, she indicated that *she* did not consider her win to be a "surprise."

"I'm very excited and very happy to win. I especially want to thank all the hard-working volunteers. We worked hard to get the issues out and did an excellent job — and the polls showed it worked!"

Even though Harrison West is adjacent to, but not part of the 23rd district, several volunteers of the

nearly 200 who worked on the successful Salerno campaign were from the Harrison West neighborhood. She said she considers Harrison West to be part of her neighborhood and intends to do all she can to help Harrison West as well as all neighborhoods.

During her campaign she especially emphasized improved education and reduced crime. She's looking forward to being in the Statehouse and working on these and other concerns.

Salerno concluded the interview by stating, "I'll always be there for neighborhoods as I have been in the past. You can rely on me always. Thank you, everyone, for your support."

STINZIANO CONCEDES DEFEAT

Mike Stinziano, in conceding defeat, said, "I've enjoyed working with the community from the Statehouse. I'm surprised the vote was as close as it was given the overwhelming Republican landslide. You may have to go back to 1946 for something like this."

MEAD RETAINS SEAT

Incumbent Priscilla Mead (R) retained her seat in the 28th House District over challenger John Shea (D) by a margin of 23,686 to 9,305. ▲

COMMENTARY

Working together to eliminate turmoil

By Rob Harris
For Harrison West News

Yes or no . . . one thing that is certain is that our neighborhood will never be the same. Signs dot our streets in a reflection of neighborhood turmoil, further wedging damage to our community.

For as sure as tomorrow comes, we must all work together to mend our neighborhood. For adjacency alone is not what makes a great neighborhood, it is people living and working together in peace and harmony. In the future we must all strive to work together in rebuilding our community, so that such turmoil will never have to happen again.

HWS meeting minutes

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The Phase I trial will be kept small with the boy scouts acquiring the leaves for control purposes. Initially, it will be more of a science project than a full-fledged, neighborhood-wide leaf composting facility.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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