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It was another busy and eventful year for members of the Harrison West Society.

Several members reaped the rewards of a lot of work. The Third Avenue Bridge, redesigned to keep with the historic character of the neighborhood, opened in April. Morretti's Poultry moved away in the Fall after years of HWS' meetings with countless officials. Relationships with City Council and others were strengthened. More street trees were planted.

Traffic problems were confronted head on in 1998, with the HWS joining with other civic associations to form the Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky. HWS members have attacked the root causes of the truck and commuter cut-through traffic, building legal challenges to the City, Ohio Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

Community-building efforts were undertaken. The HWS supported two river cleanups, the Harrison West Garden Tour, a candidates night and the Godman Guild's 100th Anniversary. Potlucks were held in May and December. The HW News announced local events, ranging from pancake breakfasts to art exhibitions, from school programs to church mum sales. The HWS supported local businesses and watershed groups. We've shared restaurant and book reviews, sponsored a holiday lights contest and promoted public art projects. The Harrison West Park at Fourth and Oregon was well-polished.

HWS members were active in 1998 with the Urban Oasis Coalition. Local businesses and government representatives were engaged on sewer overflow, liquor license, parkland, odor, bike path, noise and riverfront planning issues. A positive relationship was built with Battelle on landscaping plans. Harrison West participated in the City's Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund.

Monthly meetings were lively and informative, featuring speakers on local history, pest control, gardening, old home repair and natural gas choices. Crime prevention efforts were supported through two presentations by police liaison officers and through the newsletter's crime tips and statistics.

And so this open-to-all, fiscally responsible, civic-minded, historic neighborhood society enters 1999 with momentum. Thanks to all Harrison West residents for all they do, large and small, privately or with the HWS. Together, we've made Harrison West a strong community.

Get Fit at Next Harrison West Meeting

Just in time for your New Year's Resolutions, the January 14 meeting is featuring Mark Mayes, the owner of the new Fitness Resources Personal Training studio at the corner of Harrison and First Avenues.

The Fitness Resources Private Personal Training studio is a fully equipped fitness center with the latest exercise equipment. Certified personal trainers work one-on-one with clients on health and fitness programs. Mark Mayes, a resident of Harrison West for more than 5 years, opened his new studio in Harrison West because he "loves the diversity and the sense of community" in the area.

The mission of Fitness Resources is to educate, motivate and provide direction to individuals of all ages to help them achieve their health and fitness goals. This should be an excellent presentation, so be sure to attend.

Spring-Sandusky Traffic Fix Pressed

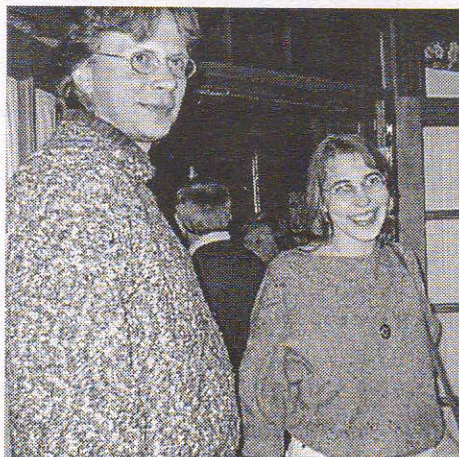
The attorney working for the Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky (CBSS) recently sent a tough letter to local, state and federal highway officials. The letter requested that no more funds be spent on the North Innerbelt until they address the project's permanent routing of unprecedented volumes of traffic through local historic neighborhoods. In the 8-page letter, CBSS's Washington, D.C. attorney noted the legal defects in the SSI project.

CBSS is a coalition of neighborhood civic associations, including the Harrison West Society, Victorian Village Society, Dennison Place Association, Italian Village Society and Friends of Goodale Park.

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY Holiday Remembrance Potluck

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Editor

What You Missed at the Last Meeting: succulent roast turkey, a truly unique cranberry-horseradish relish, homemade pies and brownies, stories about the neighborhood, and some really fun times. It was the December 13 Harrison West Holiday meeting held for the first time at the Harrison House bed and Breakfast on Fifth and Harrison. The lovely B&B was decorated beautifully, with flowers, candles and a huge tree. Owners Sandy and Don Davis welcomed Harrison West neighbors for a potluck, and the nearly 50 people shared favorite foods and their memories of Harrison West. It was delightful, and everyone there decided we should do it again next year.



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Most Exuberant The unanimous winner of this category, **Irvin Anderson** outdid everyone else with sheer wattage at 365 W. Second. He outlined his house with lights, hung a big wreath at the window on the third floor, set up a nativity scene inside the fence, even decorated the curb trees with lights and balls. You had to feel cheerful when you saw this house.



Most Exuberant 365 W. Second

Elegantly Victorian **Richard North and Pat Foust** decorated 351 W. Fourth with well-researched Victoriana, including homemade wreathes dressed with dried flowers from the cutting garden, handmade tin stars, window candles and red and white lights to create a modern, yet Victorian Holiday mood.

Traditional **John Venner** created a holiday display at 1029 Michigan that was lovely day and night. Using decorated wreathes, lights dripping from the roofline and porch, and an inviting entry ar-



Elegantly Victorian 351 W. Fourth

bor wrapped with lights, he captured the best in round-the-clock holiday looks.

The winners will be presented with certificates and prizes at the Harrison West meeting on January 14, 7:30 PM at the Godman Guild at 321 Second Avenue.

Prizes were supplied by Manhattan Bagel, Enlightenment Candle Shop, Urban Gardener, JR Body Shop, Aniera Hair Salon, Mama Mia Pizza, and Rent-A-Flick. Thanks to all these merchants who support our neighborhood.

Thanks to our judges, John Cowin, Lauren Creighton, Jenny and John Gable, Molly Mcracken, Maddy Weisz and Sandy Woolard for their conscientious efforts. Special thanks to everyone in the neighborhood who decorated outdoors so we all could share the pleasures of Holiday Lights.



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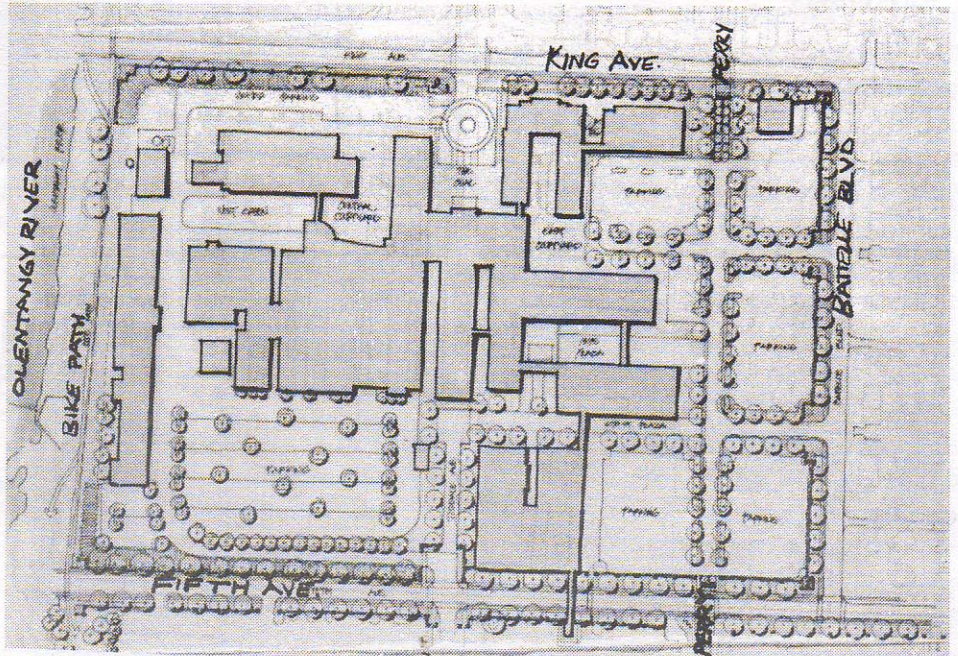
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Battelle Shares Intentions for Vacant Land

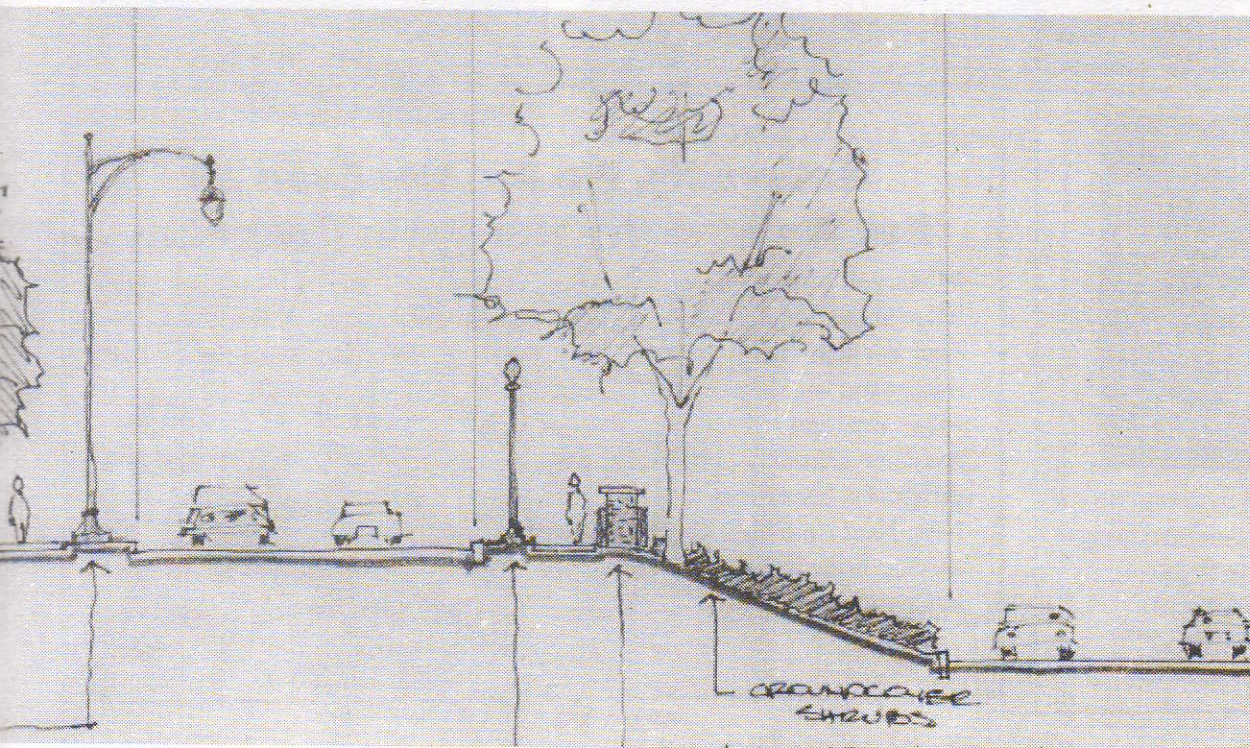
Battelle recently responded to questions about the vacant land to the north of Third Avenue and west of Perry Street. Although they have been approached by developers every four to five months, "We have no plans to sell this land to developers, or anyone else, but rather to hold the land for our long-term needs as our business changes," said Jerome R. Bahlmann, Senior Vice President for Administration and General Counsel.

In related news, Battelle says of the vacant land south of Fifth Avenue and east of Perry Street, that they have not been approached by developers and "We have no plans to sell that land," said Bahlmann.

Also, Battelle's Building 15, known to the neighborhood as the former Ranco Inc. factory building, has been demolished. The land, just east of Battelle's warehouse on the south side of Fifth Avenue near the Fifth Avenue bridge, is slated to eventually become a parking lot, but probably not in 1999.



Battelle's main facility, is located between Fifth and King Avenues (above). Battelle also owns the parcels (not pictured) between Third and Fifth Avenues and on the southeast corner of Fifth and Perry.



Come Celebrate!

A Worship Service Celebrating the Life of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held Sunday, January 10, 1999, 2 PM, at the King Avenue United Methodist Church, corner Neil and King. Praise and Music by the King's Way Singers.

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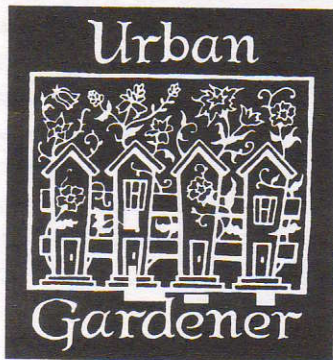


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Public Art for Harrison West

The Art in Public Places Grant Committee is meeting Monday, January 11 at 7:30 PM at the home of Maddy Weisz, 1219 Harrison. The meeting will focus on ideas and prepare an informal proposal to bring to the Society at the January 14 meeting. Get involved; call Maddy at 291-2285.



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Restaurant Review Buckeye Sports Café

by Veda Gilp

Ambiance is all at the Buckeye Sports Café on Olentangy River Road. It's a lot like a football stadium – bright, noisy, crowded. Ohio State sports memorabilia crowds the walls, the lobby and the bar. You can stock up on Ohio State Athletic wear and items in the gift shop. It would be great on a football Saturday for a meeting with some football minded friends. Crowded together with other football fans in the big room, snacks and drinks at hand, you could have a good time watching several games at a time on the big televisions that are everywhere.

But don't go for the food or the service. I lunched there just before Christmas, and was not impressed. The wait for a table was about standard for the area, but the service was terrible. It took more than 20 minutes for a wait person to stop by the table. She didn't notice that we did not have menus, and took another five minutes to bring some back for us. She got part of our order wrong, and returned to the table only to bring the check.

My lunch companion ordered a Reuben and fries and pronounced it satisfactory, though the fries could have been delivered when they were warmer.

My pasta with vegetables had been indifferently prepared. Some of the vegetables were nearly raw while others were overcooked to mushiness. The pasta was overcooked, also. There was very little flavor in the dish, and it did not benefit from something the menu called a rich "broth." This tasted like canned beef broth with too much salt.

The bread for the Reuben was a standard restaurant rye, but the bread service seemed to be brown-and-serve rolls, which hadn't been browned quite enough.

I wouldn't go back to eat, but the Buckeye Sports Café would be my choice if I wanted a football stadium experience without the temperature extremes.

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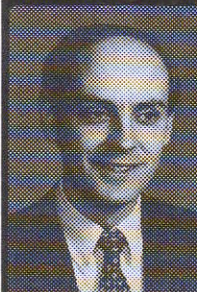
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