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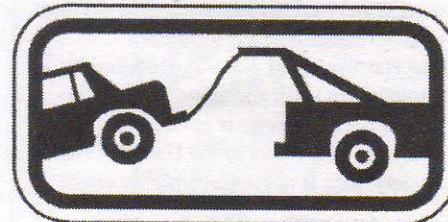
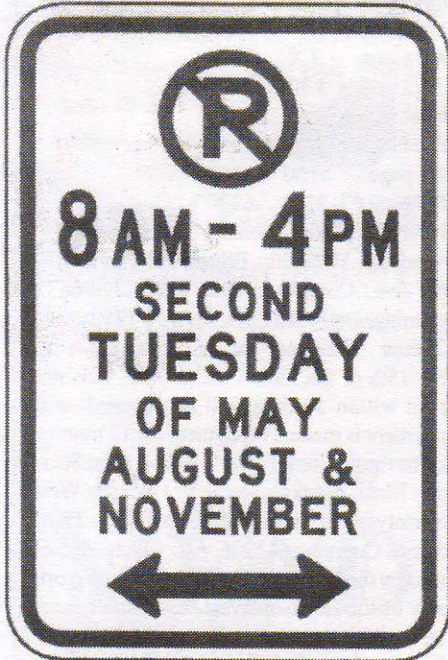
The Harrison West Society will meet
Thursday, August 12, 7:30 PM, Godman Guild,
321 W. Second Avenue
Police Liaison Speaker
Short Business Meeting
Please, someone bring brownies!

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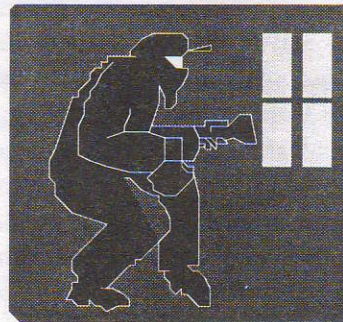


North and east sides of streets will be swept on Tuesday; south and west sides on Wednesday. **Parked cars WILL BE TICKETED AND TOWED** by the City.

August 12 Meeting

Speakers to Attack Local Crime

Coming on the heels of reports of increased crime in the neighborhood,



the Harrison West Society is pleased that Columbus Police Officer Steve Smith and Victorian Village Society President Gavin Armstrong will attend the HWS's monthly meeting on Thursday, August 12.

Officer Smith, the One Precinct Community Liaison Officer, will be on hand to answer questions and provide crime fighting tips.

Gavin will attend to promote the upcoming neighborhood crime meeting (see related article to the right).

A short HWS business meeting will include updates on the riverfront lot at 579 West Third Avenue, public art, the bike path next to Battelle, local traffic projections, Michigan Market, the October Harrison West Yard Sale, and the City's Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund. We hope to see you there!

Eat, drink, and take a bite out of crime for the neighborhood

Hear crime-busting success stories

Learn what you can do to fight crime on your block

Multi-Neighborhood Crime Summit

by Gavin Armstrong, President – Victorian Village Society

Wednesday, August 18th 6:00 pm
Goodale Park Shelter House

Ever heard the phrase, "Trust in God, ... but lock your car!" – it's one of life's little reminders we should all take to heart. Recently, crime in our neighborhoods has been on the rise.

It's time we all fought back for the betterment of our collective neighborhoods. We've all heard of the stolen gas grills, ripped-off cell phones, missing bicycles, and stolen lawn mowers.

Even more alarming are the stories of forced entry into a house; stolen cars – not one, but two from the same neighbor; entire blocks of vehicles being broken into; attempted rape, and the general feeling of not being safe while walking our streets.

THIS MUST STOP – AND WE ALL MUST TAKE A STAND TO ELIMINATE CRIME WHERE WE LIVE!

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

July 8, 1999

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40 P.M. at the Godman Guild by President Weisz. Julie Ballinger of the "Eco-Team Project" spoke on the program sponsored by the Columbus Health Department to reduce consumption of water, electricity and other resources.

The business meeting commenced at 8:00 P.M. Introductions were made around the table. A motion was made to approve the June meeting's minutes as printed in the Harrison West News; Dimoff motioned; Funk seconded; passed.

Treasurer Cowin presented the Treasurer's report. Cash-in-hand is approximately \$3963. A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; Cowin motioned; Dimoff seconded; passed.

For the Newsletter Committee, Secretary Dimoff noted that the deadline is the third Friday of the month. In response to an article on trash dumpsters in the July HW News, Sandy Woolard reported that phone calls to the editor ran heavily in favor of the current 300 gallon containers, as opposed to the 90 gallon containers.

Discussion followed. It was noted that the City does allow specific blocks to choose, so residents who want 90 gallon containers could approach the City. However, many people spoke in favor of the larger dumpsters. Vice President Funk was designated as the contact.

For the Planning & Development Committee, Secretary Dimoff reported that the owners of the Michigan Avenue Market have not submitted new information to the city regarding their application for a parking variance. The application remains tabled but could be heard at an upcoming hearing of the city's Board of Zoning Adjustment

(BZA). The owners were not in attendance. The City reportedly has issued a letter of violation and a "Stop Order" to the owners for unpermitted activity on the building. Also, the owners, Victorian Community Developers, have recently purchased 436 West Second Avenue for \$55,000; they own several other lots nearby. After discussion, it was decided that the HWS will maintain contact with the BZA and will continue to publicize developments in the HW News.

Also as part of the P&D Committee report, Dimoff reported that the bike path between Third and King is likely to be built later this year, based on a meeting he and former President Copeland had with the City several months ago. At that meeting, Alan McKnight of the Recreation and Parks Department stated that Battelle had raised the possibility that the current access path near Fourth Avenue would not link with the bike path. McKnight also said that Battelle might want a fence built between the bike path and the open space just north of Third Avenue. Many attendees expressed great alarm at these possibilities. A motion was made to oppose such fencing and to oppose any effort to restrict linkage of the Fourth Avenue neighborhood access path to the bike path; Dimoff motioned; Copeland seconded; passed unanimously.

Secretary Dimoff will check into the status of the bike path.

In other P&D business, one attendee reported that the small building on the southwest corner of Third and Pennsylvania is expected to become retail space.

Vice President Funk noted the need for a long-term strategic plan for city capital investment in HW.

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Harrison West Society meets 2nd Thursday of each month at Godman Guild, 321 Second Avenue, 7:30 P.M.**

Harrison West Society Minutes

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For the Public Art Committee, President Weisz reported that the Ohio Arts Council will meet soon on the HWS grant application. T-shirt sales were poor, but the HWS booth at Comfest was a success in many other ways. Discussion followed the quality of the T-shirt design and on giving or selling the T-shirts to realtors, City Council and other groups.

For the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund Committee, Treasurer Cowin reported that the deadline may be earlier than December and that the City may revise the types of projects to be funded. An article will appear in the next HW News.

For the Traffic Committee, former President Copeland reported on a recent meeting with the City regarding the draft Memorandum of Agreement. The City is not addressing many traffic problems, including cut-through traffic. A lawsuit is likely and necessary. Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky have hired consultants and attorneys. Traffic is projected to double on Neil Avenue.

The new business portion of the meeting commenced. Regarding a possible river cleanup in the Fall, President Weisz will check with Battelle.

Copeland reported that ongoing cleanup and mulching is needed at the park at Fourth and Oregon. Copeland is the contact 299-3737. Copeland motioned; Woolard seconded to allocate \$50 to replace shrubs in the park; passed.

City street sweeping will occur in August. Last year, HWS members distributed reminder flyers, supplied by the City; Sandy Woolard will try to get more flyers. Volunteers are needed to distribute flyers.

A HW Yard sale will be scheduled for the Fall. President Weisz is the contact.

Woolard motioned to adjourn the business meeting; Cowin seconded; passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

What You Missed at the Last Meeting

Julie Ballinger of the "Eco-Team Project" spoke on the program sponsored by the Columbus Health Department to reduce consumption of water, electricity and other resources.

She told us that Eco Teams work this way: Five or six households form an EcoTeam. With the help of a step-by-step workbook and a trained volunteer coach, each household chooses from a menu of practical actions. Team members then support one another to reduce waste, use less water and energy, learn Earth-friendly shopping habits, improve transportation efficiency, and share their experience with others.

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More UIRF Money on Table for Neighborhood

by John Cowin, HWS Treasurer

The Society intends to participate in the UIRF program again this year. We need your help with any of the following:

- 1) suggestions for projects,
- 2) ranking of proposed ideas, and/or
- 3) final grant application processing.

If you have suggestions please bring them to the next Harrison West meeting on August 12 or contact John Cowin at 291-7063.

Harrison West is a qualifying neighborhood for this program and has successfully applied for funds in 1999 (Third Avenue pocket park - \$90,000) and in 1998 (lighting - \$85,000).

The Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) was created in 1993. Designated neighborhoods can petition the City for funds to support community reinvestment projects, housing initiatives, local job creation, and infrastructure improvements.

Successful proposals for 1999 funding included: Franklinton Street trees, Baritone Hills entrances, West Broad Street trash receptacles, an Alum Crest park shelter, and the Christopher Columbus Square park renovation. So share your great ideas with your neighbors and get the City to spend some additional dollars in your neighborhood.

Michigan Market Zoning Status

The application for a parking zoning variance for the property at Third and Michigan has been postponed indefinitely, although it could be heard at any BZA meeting. We need to keep on top of this issue. The BZA meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call Dave Reis, 645-7973, to determine if the case has been placed on the agenda again.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out At El Vaquero

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For those of you who aren't watching your fat intake, go for the chicken or beef flautas as Maddy Weisz did at a recent lunch. These are shredded, seasoned chicken or beef tightly rolled into 4 corn tortillas, deep fried, and served with guacamole salad and sour cream.

Their tamales are the genuine article, masa, corn husks and all, made on the premises several times a week, so they're always fresh.

The El Vaquero chile relleno is a departure from most in that it's a large poblano chile stuffed with mashed potatoes, onions, cheese, and tomato, dipped in batter and deep fried. We're talking seriously heavy here.

Overall, the food is good, the portions are large, the service is friendly and considerate, if not particularly efficient, and the number of Mexicans dining indicates a certain authenticity.

Oh, about those Margaritas.... Designate a driver and order a Large Pitcher either frozen or on the rocks. Everyone else does. They use a pretty good mix and just enough booze that you get a buzz without sliding under the table. Six of us ordered a pitcher of strawberry margaritas one night and found them so good, we ordered a second pitcher! All of us remained sober, if not totally dignified.

This is a fun, casual place that also does a good carry out business. Open from 11 to 10 weekdays, but only to 10:30 Friday and Saturday, and 12 to 9:30 Sunday; 3230 Olentangy River Road, 261-0900.

Welcome New Neighbors

Here's a hearty Harrison West Welcome to Alexandra Adkins, 444 Vermont. Alexandra, who earned her Masters in Music from the University of Michigan in 1998, is a violinist with Columbus Symphony

John Olsen and Suzanne Kennedy, also of 444 Vermont, both have PhDs in microbiology and immunology from the Medical College of Virginia. John has taken a post

doctoral position at the OSU Plant and Biotechnology Center; Suzanne has an OSU Post Doc position in molecular genetics.

Get Well Soon, Rose

Rose Milligan, from Vermont Avenue, is in Doctors North after emergency surgery. Rose is a long time resident of HW. Let's all wish her a speedy recovery.

Harrison West Society Membership

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Crime Summit

Wednesday, August 18th 6:00 P.M.
Goodale Park Shelter House

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Please plan to join your neighbors from Harrison West, Victorian Village, Dennison Place, and Italian Village at the Goodale Park Shelter House on Wednesday, August 18th beginning at 6 P.M. for a Neighborhood Crime Summit.

Officer Smith, our Community Liaison Officer from Precinct 1, will be speaking to us about establishing neighborhood block watch programs, recent crime statistics, and other suggestions to mitigate crime in our neighborhoods.

Brantley Smith, President of the Old Towne East Association and Crime Prevention Chairperson for their neighborhood, will describe successful efforts they have taken to reduce crime in Old Towne East.

We also will hear about crime-fighting successes and disappointments from representatives of North Linden, an area that continues to battle some of the worst crime activity in Columbus.

All of us should plan to attend this important multi-neighborhood event. Crime has no boundaries.

In an attempt to get to know one another and begin to recognize each other as neighbors, the Victorian Village Society will be sponsoring a cookout and potluck dinner beginning at 6 P.M. Crime burgers and crime hot-dogs will be served compliments of the VVS – yes, plan to take a “bite out of crime”.

Please plan to bring a side dish, bag-o-chips, or some beverage to this “get to know you” multi-neighborhood event. Your attendance is requested and desired for this important evening – hope to see you there!



Meet Your Harrison West Officers

by President Maddy Weisz

As the new Harrison West President, I would like to introduce myself, my goals, and the Executive Board.

I am a 24-year neighborhood resident. For the past two years, I have served as Harrison West Society Vice-President. I am interested in strengthening the Harrison West community and developing connections between neighbors.

My day job is at Ohio State in Human Resources where I train and consult with staff aiming to continuously improve their performance on the job.

I have also spent years cooking and teaching cooking, so I am always looking for good new recipes. If you have any favorites, send them my way.

My goals for the Harrison West Society for the coming year are:

- ◆ Involving members on present committees and at meetings.
- ◆ Developing new committees based on interests.
- ◆ Make monthly meetings welcoming.
- ◆ Pursue projects with immediate impact such as Urban Infrastructure, Public Arts, yard sale, etc.
- ◆ Manage Crises

I am lucky to have an Executive Board that brings strong skills to the Society.

Vice-President Mary Funk grew up in the neighborhood on Pennsylvania Ave. She is a tireless advocate with City Council for Harrison West. She has two grown sons; a grandbaby, Shelby; and “a wonderfully tolerant husband.”

Secretary Keith Dimoff is a Civil Engineer who consults with environmental groups on water pollution laws. He has lived in the neighborhood for nine years. He is a neighborhood activist in many areas. He positively impacts a variety of issues in Harrison West.

Keith, with his wife, Shirley Tobias, plays in the local band, “Log.”

Treasurer John Cowin is a man who attends to the details. He works at PUCO. He has been an officer in the Harrison West Society for many years and brings a strong sense of business practices to our group.

Please Water Your Street Trees

The Street Trees in Harrison West need your help. The City can't water all the new street trees on its own. Street trees need watering for the first 2 or 3 years, and most of the street trees in Harrison West have been planted within that time.

You can help by watering your street tree. The suggested amount is 15 gallons a week. An easy way to ensure you put the right amount of water on the tree so that it doesn't run off is to punch a small hole in the bottom of a 5 gallon bucket. Fill the bucket three times as the water runs out. Do it every week. Save your street tree so Harrison West will have beautiful street trees to enjoy in the years to come.





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Crime Crook Out

Wednesday, August 18th 6:00 P.M.

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Public Arts Committee Awarded \$2,468

We did it! The Public Arts Committee of the Harrison West Society was awarded \$2,468 by the Ohio Arts Council.

The award was based on our application for a grant to develop public art in the neighborhood.

The committee developed a plan and timeline of merit that received funding from OAC.

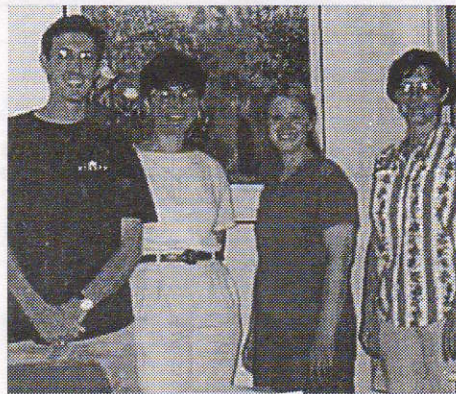
We will be implementing the plan starting this month. It will start with an open call for artists to submit ideas. These will be narrowed down to three finalists by a panel of Harrison West residents. The entire community will then help select the final artist who will do the work.

There is also an educational piece, so we can learn more about public art.

The Public Arts Committee will make a presentation on the process at the September meeting. Please join us. Also stay tuned for more details in the newsletter.

We need to expand this committee. If you are interested in art, working together to implement this year's grant, or helping write the grant for the next phase of the project, please call Maddy Weisz, 291-2285.

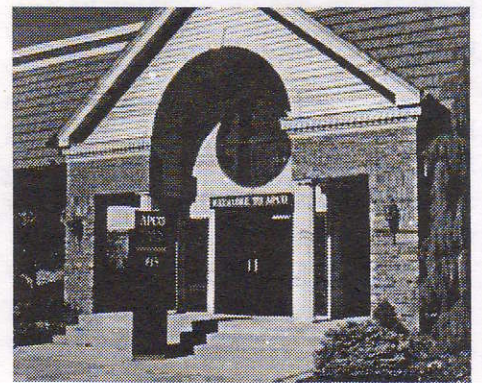
As an incentive, every meeting of the Arts Committee seems to have great food.



Kudos to a hard-working committee: (L-R) Merrill and Denise Aldrich, Mandy Butler, Pat Seiber, and Maddy Weisz (not shown).

Thanks Culpeppers and Apco

When the Public Arts Committee began its work last Spring, we contacted neighborhood businesses to ask for financial support. Culpeppers General Store was the first to respond. Their generous contribution of \$250 got us started. Later, Apco matched Culpepper's contribution. The Public Arts Committee and the Harrison West Society thank these generous and supportive businesses who have such interest and faith in our neighborhood.



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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out At El Vaquero

by Veda Gilp

This restaurant at 3230 Olentangy River Road near a hotel is noisy, crowded, colorful, and fun. The food is good, too. (Yes, I'll get to the Margaritas!)

Understand, this is neighborhood Mexican, not haute cuisine. Burritos, enchiladas, refried beans, Mexican rice, tacos, and guacamole fill the largish menu. The only "fusion" El Vaquero recognizes is chilies, tomatoes, onions, and cilantro chopped together in a satisfying and mildly spicy salsa.

On the other hand, you can have a nacho meat burrito and a strawberry margarita for \$8 plus tax and tip.

If you want to explore past the customary, but quite good, beef or chicken enchiladas and burritos, try their relatively authentic carne asada dinner. This is small strips of marinated and grilled flank steak served with warm flour tortillas, guacamole salad, pico de gallo, jalapenos, rice and beans. I was introduced to this in a small combination butcher shop-restaurant just north of the Mexican border in California. I thought it was delicious, and have been delighted to find El Vaquero does an equally good job.

If you're watching your fat, cholesterol, calories and meat intake, try the vegetarian burrito grande -- grilled vegetables (usually onions, green peppers, and mushrooms) wrapped in a flour tortilla; served with Mexican rice and a salad. Ask them not to grease up the grill too much and to leave the veggies crispy. Then drench the whole thing with salsa. Bueno! Healthy, authentic, tasty Mexican.

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Thirsty Street Trees
 Police Liaison Speaker
 Public Arts & UIRF Money
 Crime Crook Out



St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

(in Victorian Village)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4 p.m. (Tridentine (Latin) Mass)

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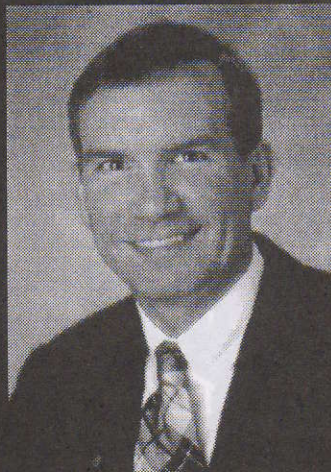
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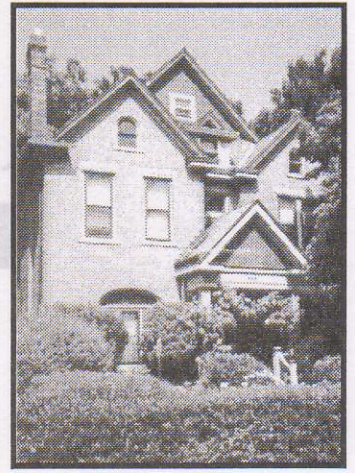


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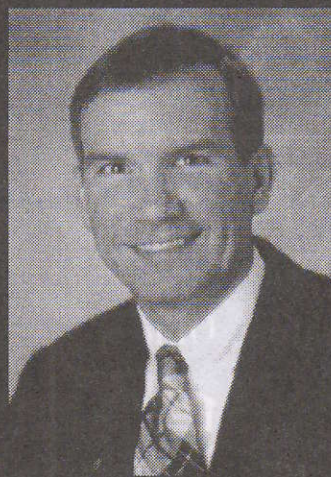
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