

Happy Holidays

HARRISON WEST NEWS

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Potluck Serves Up Rezoning Info

Get your rezoning info at the Potluck. The City's Planning Office is sending a staff person to answer your questions and provide additional info about the zoning changes.

The Society is seeking through the rezoning to preserve opportunities for home ownership and to strengthen the existing low-density residential character of the neighborhood. It's a win-win situation for all of us who live and own homes here in Harrison West.

So ... after you fill your plate with all the great food your neighbors have brought in, wander over to the City person to ask any questions you have about rezoning and your property.

The City contact person is David Hall 645-6556 or you may email him at jdhall@cmhmetro.net.

See you at the Potluck.

Reasons to Join Harrison West Society #112

Our members know how to party!

Holiday Potluck at Harrison House Dec. 14, 6:30

Bring a covered dish and an appetite to the December potluck. You'll find lots of conversation, a beautifully restored home, and some great food. Call Veda Gilp at 299-6877 to RSVP. Last year more than 70 Harrison West-ers turned out for an enjoyable evening.



Holiday Lights Judging December 16 & 17

The Harrison West Holiday Lights Contest makes the neighborhood sparkle. Maybe your house will win. All it takes is a few miles of lights and several tons of bulbs. Winners receive a relatively fancy certificate and the thanks of the neighborhood.

Judges will select winners for Traditional, Most Exuberant and Elegantly Victorian. The Traditional category is lights and decorations. The Most Exuberant category is lights and more lights! The Elegantly Victorian category involves a strong sense of Victorian design and decoration.

Just to give everyone a chance, previous winners are not eligible for the competition, though we'll all still admire your decorations.



Next Meeting: Holiday Potluck

The December 14 meeting will be the Holiday Potluck at the Harrison House Bed and Breakfast, corner Harrison and Fifth at 6:30. **NO BUSINESS WILL BE DISCUSSED.** Nothing but good food and good conversation.



NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Thursday, January 11
at 7:30 PM
Godman Guild
321 W. Second

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Riverside Park
Possible at Humko?
Goodale Park
Fundraiser
Membership Drive

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

November 9, 2000

Submitted by Karla Eldridge, Secretary

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

President Keith Dimoff called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Godman Guild. A quorum was present. An agenda and a sign in sheet were circulated. As it was near Veterans Day, when attendees introduced themselves, they told us if they had a relative who served in the armed forces.

Old Business Minutes

President Dimoff offered a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as printed in the past newsletter. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Cowin reported we have \$4,593 and motioned that we pay routine newsletter bills and remaining Yard Sale expenses. It passed.

Planning & Development Battelle

Keith and four other members from HW met with the VP of Facilities and Corporate Communications on October 27th. Battelle told HW'ers about their Fiscal Year plans, including improvements on Fifth Ave.

The group discussed the commercial zoning overlay plans that include Battelle's property on Third Avenue. Battelle was receptive to being included in the overlay zone, though were the land sold or used for a purpose other than its current parking purpose, the property would be subject to the provisions of the Commercial Overlay zoning. Battelle was interested in hearing about the A.C. Humko changes, but were noncommittal in their comments.

AC Humko

On October 25th, President Dimoff and eight other HW'ers met with the Humko Manger in charge of disposing of

the site. The HW'ers presented him with excerpts from the City Riverfront Plan, specifically showing him the long-term, recommended plans for the 13 acres that AC Humko owns. We let the representative know that, as a Society, we can be supportive, or we can oppose their plans and whoever purchases the property.

The Manager had already met with the City; knew about the Riverfront Plan, and was aware of potential partnerships available with the city of Columbus. Humko had hired consultants to analyze potential brown-field problems. He expected to list the property with a Realtor by the end of November. Operations will phase out within the next six months. We left him with two clear messages: We are not supportive of piecemeal sales of riverfront property or new manufacturing.

Zoning

We discussed the November 15 public meeting of the Commercial Zoning Overlay presenters. We learned what specifications are included in the overlay, and the upcoming process. We agreed to include all of Third Avenue - but again, it will only apply to substantial changes in current properties and new builds.

Fifth & Perry Greenspace

Brian and Mike presented price estimates for the benches, sidewalk surface materials, and other components of the Perry and Fifth Greenspace. We discussed how best to use limited funds and how to make changes, or complete the project in phases. We determined that having one good pathway, four benches, and possibly some interlocking-pavers in the center of the park area would be the best use of resources. Pastor Morris motioned; passed.

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Public Art Activities

Though no one from the Public Art committee was present, Keith reported that the Kids Art Day was a success. John Cowin reported that they received \$20,000 from the Columbus Foundation this month, and the Side by Side structure is in the final creation phase.

Constitution Committee

The Committee presented a draft of the revised Constitution. The group discussed the major clarifications that have been proposed. It was motioned and passed to post the proposal on the web page, with a final draft for voting at the January meeting. The Committee will continue to add a few changes that relate to officers having to leave their posts, mid year replacements, etc. The main clarifications relate to membership terms, payment times, and voting rights.

Traffic

Dave Butler and Keith are the main contacts for the traffic issues. Next month the City's hired consultant will present a traffic plan to the city. There have been delays and much negotiating for a good Traffic Man-

agement plan. Progress had been made in the area of the Design Task Force. One of the key issues is making the bridges over Neil Avenue and near Goodale Park more physically appealing (historical) from I-670.

Membership

There were only 14 in attendance, and a quorum of members. We have begun, according to the HW constitution, to take verbal or written votes on motions during the meeting only from actual members. We will be encouraging and accepting dues for 2001 members at the December potluck - so bring your checkbooks! We currently have 116 paid members.

Urban Infra-Structure Recovery Funds

John Cowin met in September with the City's Dept. of Trade and Development. The dates of submission and deadlines have been moved back to early 2001. There are changes expected in the projects that can be funded with UIRF. This gives us more time to decide the best use of funds in our neighborhood. There is a possibility that sidewalks will be considered as a project category for this years UIRF. It was discussed that the new, or allowed uses will reflect the mission of the new city administration, therefore we will devote

planning and discussion time to this in January.

Godman Guild Building

The Godman Guild will be holding an open meeting to discuss uses for the building on Oct. 26th. It was agreed that the loss of the Godman Guild building use will have a negative effect on the area. Contact Keith Dimoff or the Godman Guild with your ideas for potential uses of the building.

Holiday Potluck

The Holiday Potluck will be December 14 at 6:30 PM at the Harrison House, corner of Fifth and Harrison. Bring a side dish and BYOB if you care to. Bring your checkbook to get those 2001 dues paid on time! A motion was made and passed to allocate \$150.00 to meat/turkey/ham and service items for the dinner. You may drop off items before hand, if you need to.

Holiday Lights

Veda Gilp is Chair of the annual Holiday Lights contest. Interested parties may put out Luminarias, but there will not be a formal, HW organized event.

New Business

We discussed the possibility of sending a letter to Park and Recreation asking that Harrison West be included in their "Master Plan" currently under development. There was a lively discussion about having lost parkland years ago when the Gowdy Park area was no longer viable. We voted to include a mention of the loss of Gowdy Park, and the years of promises that it would be replaced. In addition, we would like to have the riverfront in our neighborhood considered for a park area, as outlined in the City Riverfront Plan.

Godman Guild Future

Keith Dimoff and Craig Copeland both attended the Godman Guild meeting this past month concerning the closing or re-use of the building. This topic will be added to the January agenda.

Meeting adjourned slightly after 9 PM.

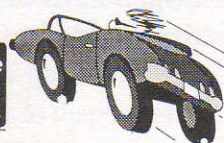
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The Humko Site and the Riverfront Plan in Harrison West

Following are excerpts from Columbus' official Riverfront Plan, adopted by City Council in June, 1998. It all relates to our stretch of the river at the Humko site, which Humko states it will vacate next spring.

When the Plan was adopted in 98, no one had any idea Humko would leave in the foreseeable future. Now that the company is putting the site up for sale, it's possible that the City and the developers might get together to give us our share of the river. What do you think?

Here's what the Riverfront Plan had to say about Development in our Harrison West area:

- "A new mixed use development along Perry Street will encompass approximately 15 acres and will face the riverfront parks."

- "Harrison West Reach— Acquisitions and Relocation— South of Second Avenue, every effort should be made to assist current businesses to relocate to sites away from the river, taking advantage of acquisition opportunities as they arise."

- "Harrison West Reach— Development Projects— Once land is assembled between I-670 and Third Avenue, prepare a developer Request for Proposal in conjunction with improvements to the street infrastructure and open space."

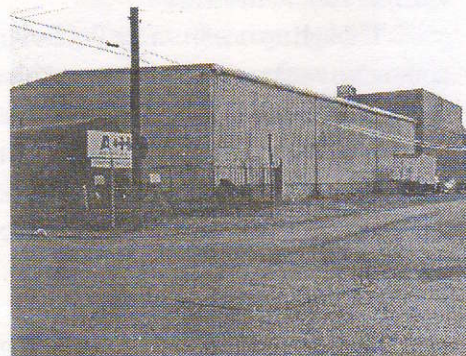
- "The Plan includes guidelines for... an urban grid of streets... building placement, size and massing... facades, edges, and entries... parking on the interior of blocks..." "New riverfront neighborhoods and districts will be urban in character. Future urban development in the riverfront cor-

ridor will be similar in character to traditional Columbus neighborhoods like German Village and Harrison West. Appropriate building density, housing types, streetscapes, and a grid of streets and blocks will define this character ... New riverfront districts will connect to adjacent neighborhoods and districts. New urban development will respond to the land uses and character of adjacent districts..."

About Parkland, the Plan says:

- "The Harrison West Reach is critical to making the Columbus Riverfront a single continuous park corridor... The east bank of the Harrison West Reach will become the key link that brings downtown into a closer relationship with the University. The new parklands on the east bank will add significantly to the open resources enjoyed by the residents in the nearby neighborhoods."

- "The park improvements on the east bank (of the Harrison West Reach) must be designed to (1) serve the recreational needs of the immediate community while fitting within the context of the larger regional park along the corridor; (2) maintain and enhance the vegetated steep banks of the river's edge; and (3) incorporate continuous public access along the river corridor with points of connection from the neighborhood to the river's edge."



From the Humko buildings (above), to this riverside bikepath and park (below). Is it possible?



FRIENDS OF GOODALE PARK ANNUAL HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER DECEMBER 13TH, 6 TO 8:30 P.M. 797 DENNISON AVENUE



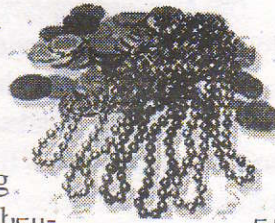
Mark your calendars for Wednesday evening, December 13th, 6 to 8:30 p.m. for the Friends of Goodale Park Annual Holiday Fundraiser. Kim and Eric Anderson of 797 Dennison Avenue will be our hosts. Please join us to tour the Andersons' beautiful home and enjoy some wine, some socializing, and treats of the season.

Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and may be purchased at Mary Catherine's Antiques, Dooley & Company Realtors, Grapes of Mirth in the North Market, and the Victorian Village Carryout or may be reserved by calling Pat Collins at 291-2816. All proceeds from this year's event will be used for the parking area lighting project for the Caretaker's Cottage at Goodale Park, so we hope you will consider making an additional contribution beyond the normal ticket price.

Please send your donation to the Friends of Goodale Park, c/o Norm Dolder, 911 Neil Ave., Columbus 43215. Please write "parking lot lights" on the memo line of your check so that we know your intentions for the donation. Please note that the Friends of Goodale Park is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Volunteers Needed for Mardi Gras

A two-day Mardi Gras Celebration is being planned to benefit the Short North Neighborhood Foundation.



A masked ball is slated for Friday, March 2, 2001 at The Greek Orthodox Church.

On Gallery Hop Saturday, March 3, we're planning an evening street event on High, offering live jazz music, food, beverages, and those necessities of Mardi Gras - masks and beads.

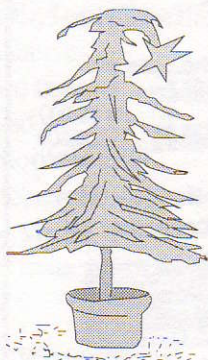
Trolleys will run up and down High Street to assist with transportation.

We need volunteers to help plan the event and to work Friday and Saturday evenings. Contact Christy Clark at 777-7349.

The Foundation was organized in March of 2000 as a nonprofit dedicated to preservation, restoration, promotion and improvement in the Short North.

Curb Your Tree

When your tree is finished, remember to put it by the curb. Remove decorations and plastic tree bags. Evergreen roping and wreathes without metal may go on the curb also. Rumpke won't pick up from the alley, and trees discarded there become the owner's responsibility to dispose of.



CATCO's Comic Twist on A Christmas Carol Puts Murphy's Law into Full Gear

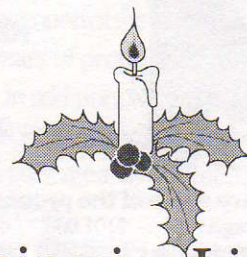
What can go wrong does, in CATCO's holiday presentation of *The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol*.

It's a laugh-a-minute play within a play, which critics describe as "a welcome payback for the ghosts of Christmas plays we've all had to endure."

Runs Through December 31 at the Riffe Center Studio One Theatre, 77 S. High Street. Tickets are \$22 and \$28, and are available by calling the CATCO Box Office at 461-0010 or Ticketmaster at 431-3600.

Reasons to Join Harrison West Society #24

Your membership helps make the neighborhood strong and earns us parity with larger and richer areas such as Vicy Vill and German Village.



Luminaria Lights

There will not be a neighborhood-wide Luminaria display along all the sidewalks, but interested neighbors could get something started by doing their own luminarias on December 24.

Has the City Posted Signs Sending Burglars to Harrison West?

You might think so from looking at the crime stats for Harrison West for October. This neighborhood had 20 break ins and robberies in just one month!

As our Police Liaison, Officer Steve Smith, tells us, our neighborhood is getting hit by lazy amateurs looking for easy targets. These are not sophisticated professional criminals.

Officer Smith advises us to make things hard for them.


1. Trim shrubs so windows and doors are in full view from the street.
2. Maintain and use adequate lighting, especially at entry points. The power company will install a yard/alley light for a reasonable monthly charge.
3. Don't leave ladders and tools lying around outside where burglars can use them to enter your home.
4. Lock up valuables such as lawn mowers and bicycles.

5. Always keep your garage door closed and locked.

6. Make sure your house numbers are big, well lighted, and easily read from the street so police can find your home fast.

7. Make sure all your exterior doors lock with a double cylinder deadbolt.

Call the police if anything suspicious happens. The regular Non-Emergency police number for such calls is 645-4545 and for reporting misdemeanors that you don't need or want an officer for --645-4717. When reporting, remember we are in Precinct One.



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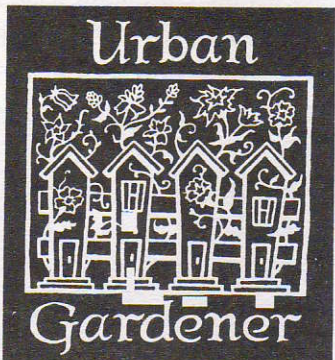
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1079 Pennsylvania	\$172,500	1089 Oregon	\$205,900	544 W. 1st	\$ 85,000
1088 Oregon	\$175,900	1057 Michigan	\$115,900	1093 Oregon	\$206,600
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at the Knotty Pine

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The Carolina sauce is vinegar based, as Carolina sauces should be. Not as much tomato as the Texas sauce, with a delightful peppery bite. If you've never tried the Carolina-type sauce, this is a good introduction.

I should mention here that serving sizes are huge. My pulled pork sandwich was mounded high with meat. My plate was piled with french fries so hot they were still sizzling.

Meatloaf is a huge seller at the Pine. Made on site daily, it's the type your Mom always made, except she probably never served it with jalapeno gravy. Meatloaf is served with home-made mashed potatoes that were really good. Just plain mashed potatoes, nothing fancy such as garlic or chipotle, just potatoes, salt, pepper, milk, and butter. I would go back for the mashed potatoes, even if the barbecue weren't calling me.

Reasons to Join Harrison West Society #8

Your membership gives us clout when we talk with the City about services.

Chili at the Knotty Pine is Texas chili, which means meat, chilies, and tomato -- no beans! It won't set your mouth on fire, but you'll know you've eaten the real thing.

They have lunch specials, Sunday hours, carry out, and lots of parking. Don't let the lack of decor deter you. The food is good, plentiful, and reasonably priced. Service is very casual, but adequate.

The birthday party? We were celebrating with Jenny and John Gable on Harrison. They both turned 40 in November.



Time to Join Harrison West Society

It's time to renew your membership in one of the City's strongest neighborhood organizations. What do you get out of it? You get the privilege of belonging to an organization that tirelessly works to make your neighborhood better. You get to belong to an organization that's helping make Harrison West property values the fastest-growing in the City. And you get to belong to an organization that throws a really good party. Watch the *Harrison West News* for other good reasons to join the Harrison West Society.

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2001 Membership Year

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at the Knotty Pine

by Veda Gilp

When neighbors invited me to a birthday party at the Knotty Pine Bar & Grill at 1765 W. Third, I wasn't expecting much. After all, I had driven by the place a hundred times and never noticed it. When I walked through the door, I just knew I was in for a noisy, smoky evening of *really* bad food.

WRONG! OK, so the decor is 60s neighborhood bar. And the regulars stop talking when strangers walk in. Get over it. The food is worth it.

Actually, the barbecue is worth it. There is nothing about the Knotty Pine that indicates you can get good, mostly authentic southern barbecue, but we tried five kinds of barbecue and liked them all. Go figure.

First, stick with the simple stuff--the BBQ Sampler. This is more food than you could (or should) eat on one plate. Barbecued Texas-smoked brisket, pulled pork Carolina style, Southern-style pulled chicken, and Texas Sausage, plus garlic bread and two sides. Ask for sides of the Texas and Carolina sauces. Then you can dip your french fries in them and forget the cat-sup.

The smoked BBQ ribs are smoked on-site and smothered in either the Texas or Carolina sauce. Lots of meat on these ribs, and the smoking gives them that red look all the way through. Very good.

Now for the barbecue sauces. In Texas, barbecue sauce tends toward the fire-hot. The Knotty Pine Texas sauce is robust, heavy on spices, but friendly on our pale Midwest tongues. Think the best of both worlds.


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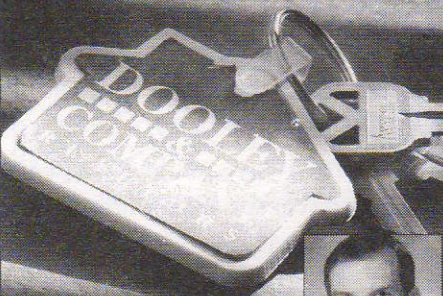
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