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Society Member Update

The proposed revisions to the Harrison West Society's Constitution & By-Laws were approved at the March meeting. Thanks to all of the Society's volunteers who served on the Constitution Committee.

Society Election Reminder

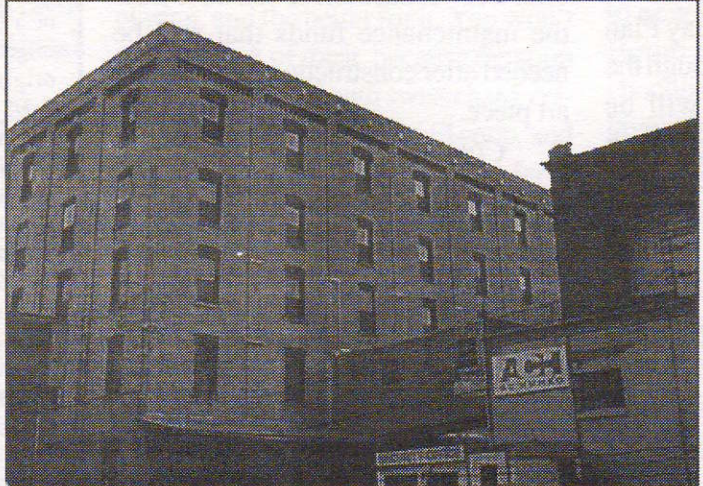
The annual election of Harrison West Society officers will be held at the May 10 meeting. Please contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Ken Wightman, at 294-5335 if you are a Society member interested in serving or if you know of a Society member who may be willing to serve. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at the April and May meetings.

Reasons to Join Harrison West Society #37

The Society works with the City to make things happen in the neighborhood. As a member of the Society, you get to vote on your interests.

Humko Set to Close, Go Up for Sale

The A.C. Humko factory at First and Perry will be ending production in May, according to a Humko executive. The thirteen and a half acre property is now on the open real estate market. The fate of the right-of-way & easement for the roadway specified in the City's official Riverfront Vision Plan is up in the air. So is the future of easements or purchases for public access along the east bank of the Olentangy River.



Join Harrison West Society Now! See Page 5

Next Meeting: Humko Traffic Plan

At the April 12 meeting of the Harrison West Society, we'll see what the traffic plans for Harrison West might look like in the eyes of the City's national traffic expert. The future of the A.C. Humko property and how to make it an asset rather than a liability to our neighborhood will be up for discussion. And we'll have a chance to chat a bit, too. We'll cover a lot of territory fast, and try to send you back home early and happy. Hope to see you there!

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
 Thursday, April 12 at
 7:30 PM
 Godman Guild
 321 W. Second Ave.

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

March 8, 2001

By Karla Eldridge, Secretary

The meeting began promptly at 7:30 with a quorum of voting members present, President Keith Dimoff presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report Treasurer John Cowin was not present, but President Dimoff reported more than \$3,500 in the treasury. Veda Gilp motioned to pay the regular expenses of publishing the newsletter. Passed.

Zoning President Dimoff reported that Commercial Overlay Plan and the Rezoning continue through the process. The zoning issue will be brought to the City Council in March and the overlay will be discussed at the March meeting of the Development Commission.

Spring/Sandusky Interchange Landscaping Plan Members of the Harrison West Society, the Victorian Village Society, the City, and other concerned neighbors met with representatives of the Ohio Department of Transportation in charge of the Landscaping Plan for I-670 and the Spring/Sandusky Interchange on February 15.

Veda Gilp motioned that the Harrison West Society send a four-point letter to ODOT about the Harrison West Society's wishes regarding free-way-related funding. Passed.

Traffic Committee Dave Butler and Keith Dimoff are the contacts for the traffic issues. At the recent Traffic Task Force Meeting in early March, a new traffic consultant discussed traffic calming methods for the contiguous neighborhoods. By the April 7th meet-

ing, he is expected to present a conceptual drawing for the attendees. The meeting is from 4:00 to 7:30 at 7171 Neil Avenue. Use the back door!

Public Art Committee reported that the site plans are being completed and the contract is being formalized. Motion to authorize the President to enter into the public art contract after his review and consultation with an attorney; passed.

Plans for a groundbreaking ceremony will be scheduled for the future. BrickStreet Arts is receiving its non-profit status, and soon will be able to offer a tax-deduction for donors to raise the maintenance funds that will be needed after construction of the public art piece.

Constitution Committee Chair Keith Dimoff presented the revised version of the Constitution. Motion to accept the revisions was made by Veda Gilp; passed.

Membership Committee Chair Mark Hamsher reported 40 renewals. We agreed to send special invitations to join to former 1998 - 99 members who forgot to sign up last year.

New Business

We discussed the possible purchase of the Broad Street Management apartments in HW by the Campus Partners.

Pastor Richard Morris announced a rededication ceremony to be held for the church in May.

Adjourned at 9 P.M..

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Sharing the progress of the neighborhood with your good neighbors.

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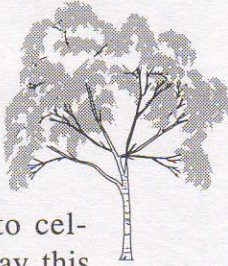
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Harrison West Society meets 2nd Thursday of each month at Godman Guild, 321 Second Avenue, 7:30 PM.

Celebrate Arbor Day at Goodale Park Tree Planting

Columbus Recreation and Parks, Friends of Goodale Park, and Hubbard Elementary School will be planting a tree in Goodale Park to celebrate Arbor Day this April 27 at 11 am.



After the ceremonial tree planting, you can learn about trees in on-site demonstrations from 11 to 1. Arbor, Inc. will demonstrate girdling root control. The Davey Tree Company will cover tree pruning and fertilization, and Columbus Rec and Parks will show how to properly plant a tree.

Reasons to Join Harrison West Society #34

You get to experience democracy in action at the meetings.

Thanks to Rezoning Volunteers

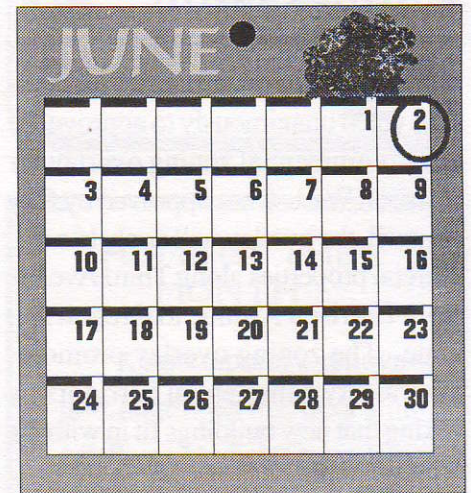
Thanks to the many Harrison West Society volunteers who have helped with the Society's support of the area rezoning. Since last summer we've participated in a lengthy public process and have already won the unanimous approval of the Development Commission, the Planning Office of the City's Department of Trade and Development, the Mayor's Policy Office, and the City Attorney's Office. Now, the rezoning legislation is poised to be heard by City Council. At press time, Council's first reading of the legislation is scheduled for March 26.

Crime Scene

In February, 10 robberies, burglaries, and thefts were reported in Harrison West. They seem to be crimes of opportunity — thieves stealing what was easy to see, easy to reach, and easy to get to.

Closing Third Avenue?

No, the City's not planning to close Third Avenue, but the plans being revealed at the open house, Wednesday, April 11, 4:30 to 7:30 PM, at the Westminster Thurber Auditorium at 717 Neil Avenue (parking in the rear) will be interesting. National traffic expert Ian Lockwood will be available to discuss ideas. Viewing and understanding the conceptual drawings and maps for traffic management in Harrison West, Victorian Village and other nearby neighborhoods should take only a few minutes, if that's all you have to spare. The neighborhood has been waiting a long time for these plans. Let's turn out to see what the City's Traffic consultant, working with your Traffic Committee and other nearby neighborhoods, has accomplished.



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Overlay Gets Thumbs Up from Development Commission

At their March 22 public meeting, the City's Development Commission voted unanimously to approve the urban commercial zoning overlay for Harrison West. Once approved by City Council, the overlay will apply to commercial properties along Third Avenue from Harrison Avenue to Oregon Avenue. The zoning overlay promotes central city commercial corridors by asking that new buildings fit in with the neighborhood.

The map to the right, provided by the City's Department of Trade and Development, shows the parcels proposed to be subject to the overlay.

Many neighborhoods already have this overlay in place, and the Harrison West Overlay is currently packaged with two other overlays proposed for Franklinton and Italian Village.

Third & Oregon Church Looking Awesome

In an effort led by Pastor Richard Morris, who has been a valuable long-time Harrison West Society volunteer, the First Brethren Church at 471 West Third Avenue has been lovingly renovated. Keep an eye out for news on the dedication of the church, which Pastor Morris plans for May 12.



Membership Drive Still Rolling

The renewals and new members are flowing in. Thanks to all who've responded. (And thanks to Society volunteer Mark Hamsher who's done a valuable job handling the forms!) If you support the idea of a civic association but you haven't joined the Harrison West Society yet, why wait? It's a great way to get involved in your neighborhood.

Harrison West Society Membership

SIGN ME UP!

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to Harrison West Society, Membership Committee, 344 W. Fourth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201. Membership dues are paid each calendar year.

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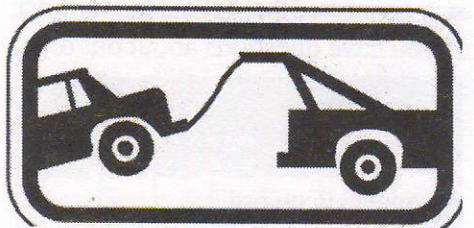
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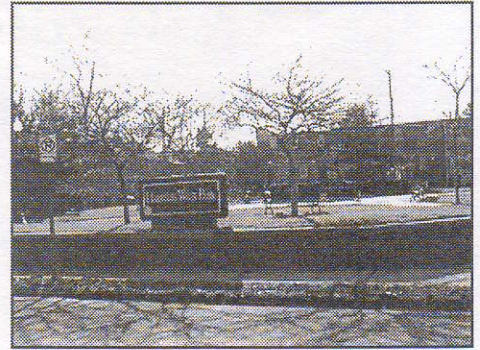
Free Directory Available for Short North Families

Each spring, Mid Town Parents and Kids (MPK) distributes a community directory of families in the Short North. It is a wonderful resource to help parents and kids in the Short North get connected with each other. There are currently 185 families listed with MPK, and if a Short North family would like to receive this valuable resource, then they must be listed with our organization.

Throughout April, members of MPK will be calling members to confirm information about the families currently listed with the organization. The directory should be completed by the end of May so parents and kids can stay connected throughout the summer. If you have questions about our organization or are interested in receiving the MPK Directory, please contact Sabrina Bobrow at 297-1152 or by e-mail at sabrina@kilcup.org.

What Do You Want The Harrison West Society to Apply for from UIRF Money?

The 2001-2002 round of Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funding is coming up. Established in 1992, so far the UIRF has pumped \$32 million into Columbus' older neighborhoods. This includes Harrison West, where UIRF money helped rebuild the Harrison West Park (right), improve alley lighting, upgrade street lights on Third and Fifth Avenues, and put new lights in the ellipse on Vermont Place.



Now it's time to think of more capital improvements the neighborhood needs that would be eligible for UIRF monies.

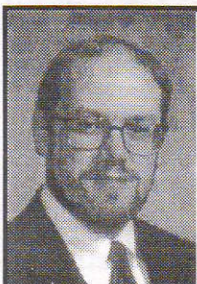
Suggestions for this year already include:

- A brick crosswalk connecting the new Side by Side art installation and the new Harrison West park on Third Avenue at the bridge
- Park design and a ramp to river's edge at the new park on Third Avenue
- Post-top street lights at the Third Avenue bridge
- Rebrick all of Pennsylvania Avenue

To be eligible, our neighborhood project or projects must cost over \$5,000; must have a life of at least five years; and must be located in the public right-of-way, on City property, or in a City-owned easement.

UIRF will support projects that enhance neighborhoods, support community housing initiatives, enhance job creation, maximize visual impact, and result in the leverage of other funds.

So start thinking. UIRF Chair John Cowin needs your input this Spring for this year's round of funding. Reach him at 291-7063.



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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Aladdin's Eatery

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We loved the tabouli, a bright, fresh mixture of parsley, onions, cracked wheat and tomatoes seasoned with olive oil, lemon and herbs.

Then we crunched our way through excellent falaffel, mildly spiced, non-greasy, chick pea and fava bean patties fried in peanut oil, served with tahini sauce.

The fattoush is wonderful. This is Lebanese salad mixed with lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, green peppers, parsley, lemon, garlic, sumac (crushed, dried spiced cherries and a taste uniquely its own), olive oil, and toasted Lebanese bread.

Chicken sambusek did not impress. This combo of charbroiled curry chicken, onions, peas, and herbs in a pita was too dry for our tastes. It was the only dish we did not scrape clean down to the glaze.

If you like grape leaves Lebanese style, you'll be calling for seconds of

Aladdin's Dawali. Very tender leaves, lots of lemon, rice, chick peas, tomatoes and parsley, topped with feta and a lemony dressing. Did I mention lemon? Good balance of flavor and textures. If everything else didn't taste so very delicious, I could make a whole meal of this dish.

Foole M Damas is tongue pleasing both in the eating and the saying. This puree of fava beans, garlic, olive oil and lemon is topped with diced tomatoes and parsley. The texture is coarse, with chunks of bean giving some resistance to the teeth. Very satisfying and filling.

Aladdin's offers seven soups, most of which are some combination of several of the others. Still, several are worth trying. Lentil soup is strictly vegetarian, and the better for it. You won't notice a lack of meat, because the soup is so heartily filled with swiss chard, celery, and potatoes. I like lentil soup, and this rates as one of the better I have tasted.

I don't mind if my chili doesn't have meat in it, but it must have some southwestern-type chilies in it. Aladdin's chili obviously is a Lebanese version of a southwestern favorite, but it takes more than a bit of chili powder to make chili. Stick to the lentil soup or the really good chicken vegetable soup.

Aladdin's serves herbal and regular teas, fresh juices, including celery and carrot, and really good beer -- Firestone Double Barrel Ale!

Their salads are very good, too. The Aladdin's salad includes romaine, iceberg, red cabbage, and carrot, plus tomatoes, cucumbers, and scallions, feta cheese, calamata olives, and Aladdin's olive oil and lemony dressing. Very good, but since you're here, you might as well order the fattoush, which you can't get everywhere else.

Of course, you can order pita pockets, rolled pitas, all-vegetarian dinners, and salad specialties.

We were expecting ordinary Middle Eastern desserts, such as walnut baklava, burma, and bird's nests. Aladdin's has those.

But for some reason, they also serve incredibly beautiful and delicious cake confections imported from Cleveland. The night we ate there, one of the cakes was a piled high delight of coffee, cake, creamy filling, and giant chocolate and coffee dots!

I fell in love with the Chocolate Bomb. (*Bomb refers to the shape, like an upside down bowl, rather than to any explosive properties.*) And no wonder I liked it. This took chocolate to new heights! Aladdin's Chocolate Bomb was three layers of richest chocolate cake, interspersed with three layers of chocolate mousse, topped with white chocolate marshmallow mousse, all covered smoothly and densely with a chocolate ganache. We were so entranced with the taste and textures, we scraped the plate clean, right down through the glaze.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Aladdin's Eatery

by Veda Gilp

Neighbors Tom Maxwell, Steve Schab, and I recently feasted at Aladdin's Eatery, 2931 North High Street at Olentangy Village. This is part of a chain, with two restaurants here in Columbus – this one and the soon-to-open Aladdin's in Gahanna.

Aladdin's specializes in "healthy" foods, vegetarian, and Middle Eastern. If you're looking for burgers or steaks, better try somewhere else.

We liked Aladdin's, and I discovered a new favorite chocolate dessert!

The decor is very clean and restrained, except for the ceiling! That's covered with suspended upside down half-spheres, all painted in bright colors. It's unique, and when air currents stir the shapes, makes you wonder if your eyes are working right. But you won't notice once your food arrives – you'll be too busy eating!

In a place where the menu is full of words such as mujadara and sfiha and fattoush and shanklishe and dawali and (my favorite) foole m damas, the servers are unfailingly polite and patient and helpful. The menu is very descriptive, also, so you know what you're getting. Even so, the three of us did much finger pointing.

We began with every intention of ordering entrees, but were sidetracked by the appetizers. The appetizers are outstanding in variety and flavors.

I got carried away. Everything sounded so good! By the time we were finished with our appetizers, we were too full for anything but dessert. Since most of the dinner entrees are some variation of the appetizers (or vice versa), it worked out fine.

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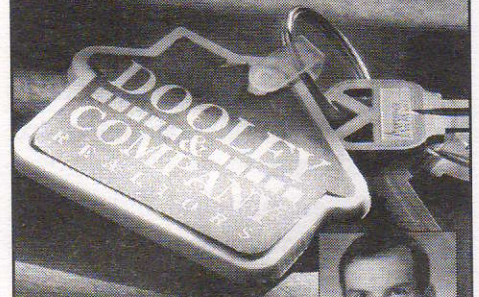


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