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HARRISON WEST NEWS

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Councilman Kevin Boyce to Visit Harrison West

City Councilman Kevin L. Boyce is scheduled to attend the July 12 meeting of the Harrison West Society. Kevin, a Columbus native, holds the post of Chairman of the Recreation and Parks and Administration Committees, and serves on the Zoning and Public Safety Committees.

Upon graduation from college, Kevin began his career as the Director of Youth Programming for the Mayor of Toledo, then excelled as a Legislative Aide to a State Representative, and also held key posts at the Statehouse. He began his service on Columbus City Council in September 2000.

Kevin and his wife, Crystal, live on the East Side with their son, Kevin Jr. In January 2001, Kevin was honored nationally by Ebony Magazine as one of "30 Leaders Under 30."

Harrison West Society July 12 Meeting Moves to First Brethren Church at Third and Oregon

Richard Morris, Pastor of the First Brethren Church, has offered his lower level meeting room to the Harrison West Society for our July 12 meeting. Enter at the side door on Oregon. Pastor Morris mentioned something about cookies (guess he knows that the way to the hearts of Harrison West Society members is through their taste buds). It promises to be an exciting meeting. Pres Keith Dimoff promises to keep it on schedule.



Head to the church on the corner of Third and Oregon for the July 12 meeting.



Members linger after the June HWS meeting to discuss the issues and to catch up on neighborhood doings.

Next Meeting: UIRF \$ Plans Kevin Boyce Freeway Update

At the July 12 meeting, we'll get the chance to meet City Councilman Kevin Boyce. We'll talk about our next application for City UIRF funds. And we'll get an update on the Spring Sandusky Interchange freeway project and what it means for Harrison West and other historic neighborhoods. Drop on in. We'll be done no later than 9 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet Thursday, July 12 at 7:30 PM First Brethren Church Third and Oregon

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

June 13, 2001

By Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 with a quorum of voting members present; President Keith Dimoff presiding.

Routine Business

Tom Maxwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported \$3,613.22 in the treasury. Gilp motioned to pay the regular expenses of publishing the newsletter. Passed.

Planning and Development: A.C. Humko President Dimoff reported that the city sent us a copy of a letter to Humko offering incentives to the purchaser of Humko if that purchaser would develop the property in keeping with the wishes of the neighborhood. The current asking price set by Humko is \$4.1 million as is.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Chair Mark Hamsher reported 93 renewals or new members.

Newsletter Editor Veda Gilp reported the deadline for news and advertising submissions is the third Friday of each month.

Public Art Committee Public Art Committee Co-Chair Maddy Weisz reported that Side by Side has received \$1,700 in donations, but still needs money. BrickStreet Arts will be awarded its nonprofit 501(C)(3) status by July 1. The project should be finished by October 31.

Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds A committee meeting was set to begin work on the application. Ideas and sketches were collected.

Traffic Committee Keith Dimoff led a discussion of the Traffic Plan. Ri-

chard Morris made a motion that we let the city know HWS supports the Traffic Consultant's plan for Harrison West. Passed.

Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith reported that misdemeanors are down, but burglary is up in the neighborhood. He asked for neighborhood support for National Night Out on August 7 in Goodale Park.

Harrison West Park Keith Dimoff reported that the plants are coming for the park and asked for volunteers to plant them.

New Business & Announcements:

Richard Morris made a motion to reimburse Dimoff and Funk for coffee and donuts given to the policy working the Heritage Festival. Passed.

Gilp made a motion to reimburse Dimoff \$39 for the post office box for Harrison West. Passed.

OSU Ramps Much discussion of the proposed ramps over King Avenue bridge. Richard Morris made a motion to register our displeasure with ODOT. Passed.

Design Task Force Discussed the budget for quality fencing along Goodale and on the Michigan Connector Bridge which may be cut by the City and ODOT. Richard Morris motioned to send a letter arguing for the funding. Passed.

Yard Sale dates were discussed; no date set.

Noise level at Outland discussed.

Zoo Bus Ticket giveaway after meeting.

July 12 meeting will be at the First Brethren Church at the corner of Third and Oregon.

Richard Morris motioned to adjourn the business meeting at 9:00 P.M. Passed.

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National Night Out

Give neighborhood crime and drugs a going away party.

Join the Columbus Division of Police and the Victorian Village Society for this year's Night Out on Tuesday, August 7. To demonstrate your commitment against drugs, crime and violence, turn on your outside lights and spend the evening with your neighbors. Kickoff is 5:30 at the Goodale Park Shelter House. Victorian Village will cook hot dogs for everyone. There will be free lead screening for kids.

Crime and More Crime

Someone's been hitting Michigan Avenue and stealing everything that isn't nailed down. From May 1 to May 18, there were six burglaries on Michigan. In total, the police report 16 burglaries, thefts, malicious destruction, auto theft, and aggravated assaults in our neighborhood in May. Watch yourselves out there.

Name that Park

We've gotten some good proposed names for the new park at Third Avenue at the bridge: Gateway Park, BrickStreet Park, Side by Side Art Park, Harrison West Art Park, Coleman Corner, Third Avenue Bridge Park, and the Harrison West Olentangy Park seem to be the most popular. Some members like the idea of naming the park after a person, others like the idea of tying it into a sense of place. Can you think of something better?

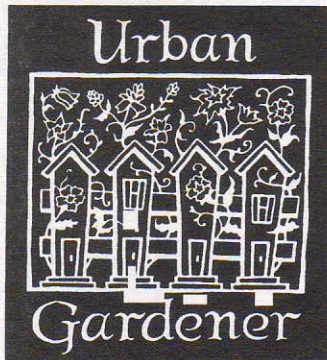
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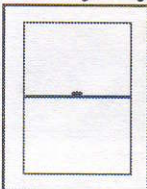
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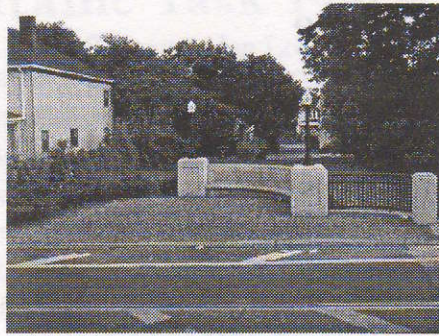
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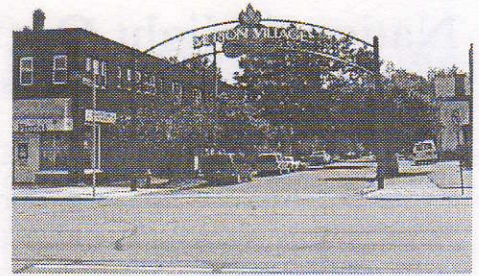
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Harrison West UIRF \$\$\$ Draft Proposal

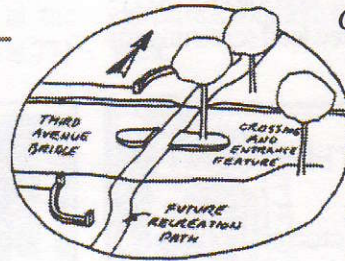
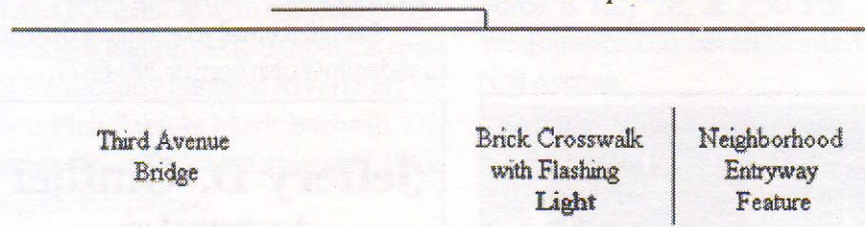
Creating the new park and entryway at the Third Avenue Bridge is shaping up to be the HWS application to the City for Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds this year. Here's the proposed park and entryway layout for which we are seeking funding.



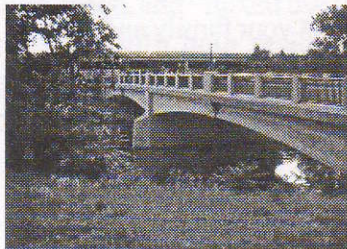
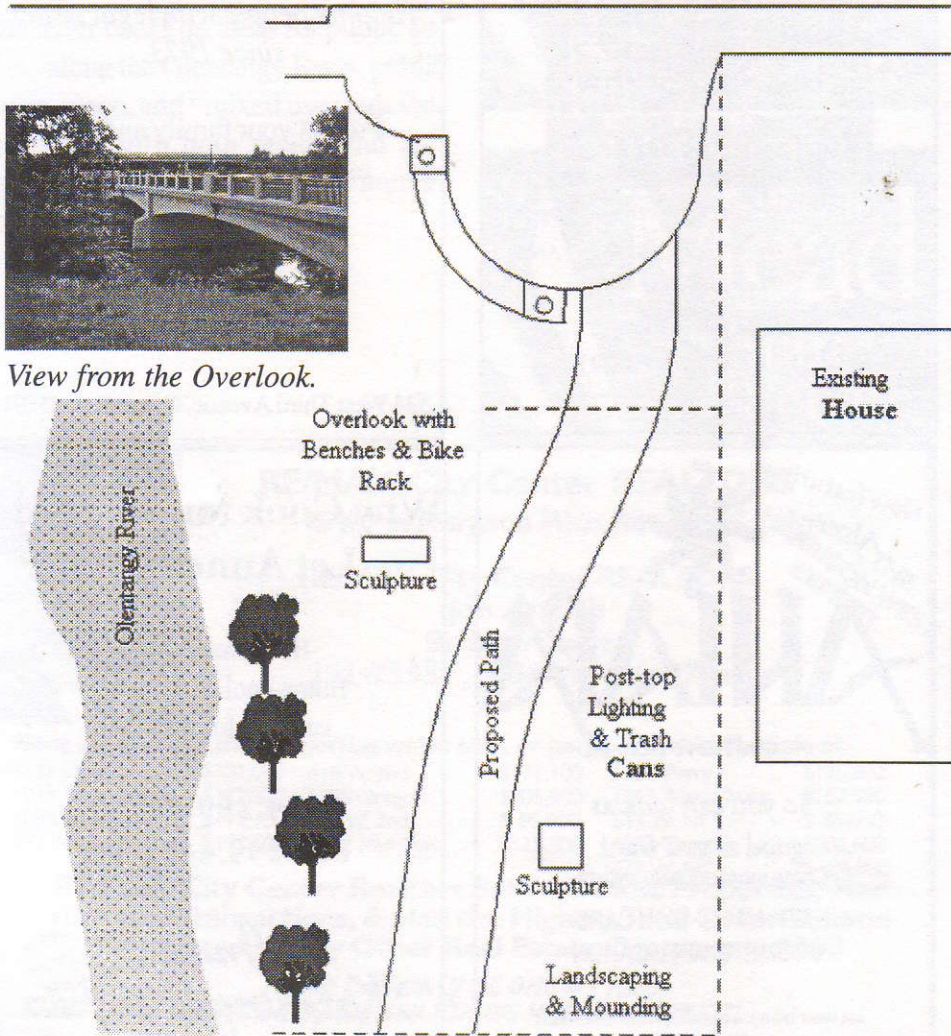
Looking across Third Avenue at the new park.



A UIRF-funded Arch entryway on the South Side. Ultimately, we might get a similar arch entryway on Third at the new park.



City Traffic Consultant sketch of the Third Avenue entryway and crosswalk.



View from the Overlook.



Looking north at the park from the south boundary at the alley.



Looking east to the park from the Third Avenue Bridge. The Overlook would be in the foreground at the top of the slope. One of the Side by Side sculptures will be visible from here, too.

Entryway & Park Were Years in the Making

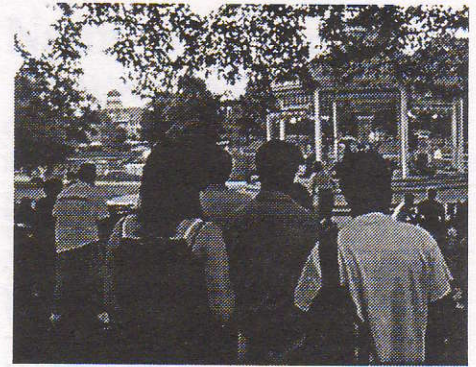
Several years ago, the Harrison West Society started along the path towards a neighborhood entryway and riverside park at the eastern end of the Third Avenue Bridge. The enthusiasm was sparked by community discussions as the Riverfront Vision Plan was being developed and adopted by City Council.

Opening up public access along the east bank of the Olentangy River by allowing pedestrians and cyclists to travel south from Third Avenue to Bradley Street and Second Avenue were goals shared by the HWS and City planners. The need for an entrance feature was further bolstered recently by the City's traffic consultant working on a neighborhood traffic plan.

In 1998 the HWS took the first step by asking the City to acquire the lot where a house formerly sat at 579 West Third Avenue. The HWS applied for City Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds (UIRF) to buy the lot from the county and, a long story later, the City now owns the parcel.

During the 1999 round of UIRF application, the HWS considered applying for a brick crosswalk to be installed across Third Avenue, to serve as an entrance feature and traffic calming device. We opted to wait on that application, instead applying for UIRF funds for our public art project. The City and others came through with that funding and, as luck would have it, the sculptures are slated to be installed at the park.

Now the HWS plans to take another step forward towards a successful urban revitalization project by applying for UIRF funds for improvements such as a crosswalk, entryway, pathway, benches and lighting. Questions? Contact the HWS' UIRF Chairperson, Mary Funk, at 291-9545.



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In a June 7 letter to the real estate brokers for the AC Humko property, the City's top development manager supports parkland and neighborhood-friendly development. "The City of Columbus is eager to work with developers interested in site redevelopment that is compatible with adjacent neighborhoods and strives to uphold the spirit of the recently adopted Riverfront Vision Plan," wrote Mark Barbash, Director of the City's Department of Trade and Development.

Listing incentives that the City can offer for "compatible redevelopment", the letter backs up ideas for public access along the Olentangy River, public open space, and "mixed use (redevelopment) with both residential and neighborhood scale office and commercial uses."

Traffic Task Force

Traffic expert Ian Lockwood recently presented more information on his proposed traffic management plan for Harrison West and other neighborhoods in the Near Northside Historic District.

He's suggesting a package of speed limits, truck routes, street classifications, redesigned intersections, neighborhood entryways, public transit.

The next meeting of the Traffic Task Force is July 18, at 5:30 PM, at the Westminster Thurber auditorium at 771 Neil Avenue.

Chain Link for HW?

The ornamental fencing that the City and ODOT are planning to install along Goodale Street may only be on the east side of Neil Avenue. Project managers may be backing away from funding the fencing west of Neil, which may leave the Michigan Avenue Connector Bridge with vandal fencing, and Goodale Street with chain link.

Thanks to Steve Shinn, Craig Copeland, and Keith Dimoff for keeping an eye on this southern entryway to Harrison West.

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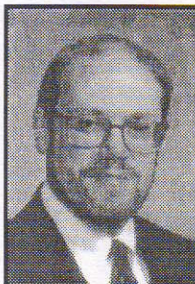
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Strada World Cuisine

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During happy hour, the mushroom is \$5.95 at a table, and \$3 at the bar or outside. The crab cakes are \$8.95 at a table or \$4.50 at the bar. Unless it's raining, sit outside. The patio is cheerful with hanging baskets and little lights.

I ordered the Strada classic Caesar, which is an excellent Caesar, with just a hint of anchovies in the Mexican lemon-anchovy dressing. My dining companion had the spinach salad. This is applies, walnuts, and blue cheese tossed with fresh spinach, mandarin oranges, pine nuts, and a raspberry vinaigrette. He liked its juxtapositioning of flavors and textures. Very colorful, too.

For the main course, you can't go wrong with the calamari roll, which is calamari dipped in fraicasse, wrapped around snow crabmeat, roasted poblano peppers, and boursin cheese, drizzled with a jalapeno beurre blanc. With all this, you still could taste the calamari, and the rich, sweet cheese contrasted delightfully with the peppers and crab. This one is going on my list of Columbus Calamari Favorites.

We also tried their pan-seared wall-eye filet on sweet and sour slaw. Very fresh fish, enhanced by the piquancy of the slaw and the accompanying dijonnaise sauce. It was a nice-sized filet, but it was so good, I would have appreciated a larger serving.

I've tried their scallops Italiano, which are jumbo sea scallops flash-fried, then simmered in roasted red pepper cream sauce and served atop zucchini noodles. I don't know if it was the frying or the simmering, but the scallops were meltingly tender and wonderfully flavor-

ful, without being overly sweet. The red pepper cream sauce is delightful.

Chicken Marsala has been exquisite, with a rich mushroom--marsala flavor; tender chicken sauteed lightly in butter, I think; and enough mushrooms to add an earthiness to the dish.

Red meat eaters must satisfy themselves with either the Black 'n Blue Jacket strip steak, which is chargrilled and served on a bed of caramelized onion with Roquefort sauce. See if you can get a baked potato on the side.

The chargrilled twin medallions of filet mignon were wrapped in applewood-smoked bacon, topped with a mushroom demi-glace on a bed of french fried onions. Again, such a hearty presentation of red protein demands starch. French Fries, anyone?

The next time I eat at Strada, I'm trying the smoked salmon and angel hair pasta, which is a European-style blend of Norwegian smoked salmon, capers, red onion, and marinated artichoke hearts tossed in lemon, white wine, butter and garlic oil with angel hair pasta. I'm a push-over for salmon, artichokes, and white wine.

It wouldn't be an Eadie Gourmet review without mention of dessert. We had some. And it was GOOD. Actually, it was in the mmmm...wonderful range of good. You know, if you have read more than one of these reviews, that if there is chocolate on the menu, I order it. There was. I did. I exalted. It's called chocolate ganache tart. It is an elegantly simple thing: melted dark and bittersweet chocolate, whipped cream, and vanilla folded together and poured into a buttery graham cracker crust, topped with more whipped cream, berries, and a sprig of mint. Oh my, was it wonderful.

My friend had the Berry Buckle, which is reminiscent of the berry pies

served at Bob Evans and Steak and Shake. It was raspberries, blueberries, and strawberries in a glaze, topped with a short crust and baked, served warm with Edy's vanilla ice cream. It was so much like the desserts in those places, I queried the waiter about it. After asking in the kitchen, he assured me that it was, indeed, made on the premises with fresh berries. Whatever its origin, if you like berries baked with crust and topped with ice cream, this is your dessert.

Garden Fun Date for Short North Families

Mid Town Parents and Kids (MPK) is hosting a Fun Date and a Bug Release & Cookout at the Italian Village Community Garden on Tuesday, July 17th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The garden is located on East 2nd Avenue between Hamlet and 4th Streets. The event is geared toward families with children ages birth to early elementary.

The children will discuss the value of gardening and learn about beneficial insects; then release some into the garden. The children will plant some seeds and catch some fireflies. If the children have gloves and tools they would like to use, they should bring them along. There are tools available at the garden.

For the cookout, every family should bring something to grill and a side dish to share (either veggie, starch or dessert). MPK will provide the grill the charcoal, paper products and punch.

If you want to attend this event or want to learn more about Midtown Parents and Kids, contact Sabrina Bobrow at 297-1152 or by email at sabrina@kilcup.org.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Strada World Cuisine

by Veda Gilp

Strada World Cuisine at 106 Vine Street just around the corner from the North Market is one of those upscale, urban restaurants with outdoor seating, a comprehensive bar, an open kitchen, and someone in the kitchen who knows how to cook.

Strada is offering 1/2 price *hors d'oeuvres* during happy hour, but be warned -- this extends only to *hors d'oeuvres* eaten either outside or at the bar. The last evening I was there, it was threatening rain and the bar was full of smokers. However, even though the inclement weather precluded us sitting outside, and the smoke made the bar unpleasant, management did not bend on its policy.

We ended up at the bar, just as the most volcanic of the smokers exited. We were glad we had persevered, because the *hors d'oeuvres* were worth the slight hassle. We would recommend the portobella mushroom marinated in rosemary, garlic and red wine, served atop beef demi-glace with house made balsamic-lemon aioli. There is no truth to the rumor that we were sopping up the demi-glace with the bread. We wanted to, though, because it was that good.

We also had Asian crab cakes, which are the appetizer version of the house speciality crab cake. Heavy with crab, served atop Asian slaw, wasabi aioli, and a soy-brown ginger reduction, they were wonderful. If you like crab cakes, we recommend these. The wasabi aioli was spicy, but not too hot.

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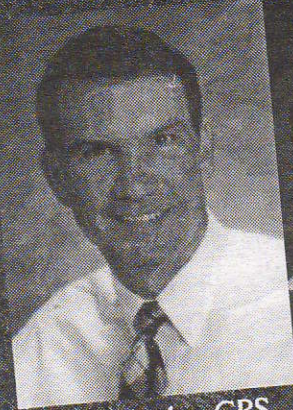
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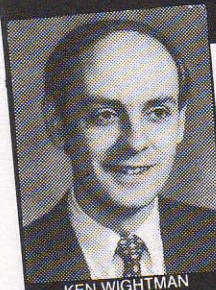
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