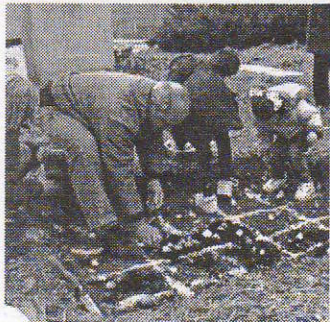
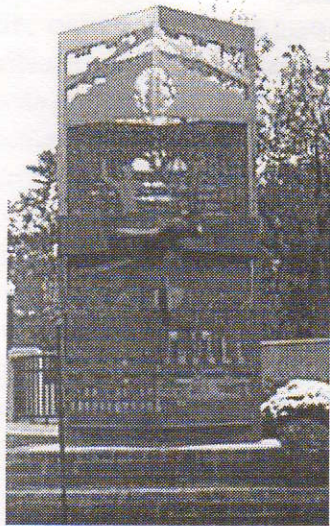


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Side-by-Side Unveiling Was a Very Warm-Spirited Event

It may have been a cold, blustery day, but for the 80 or so guests at the Side-by-Side unveiling on October 27, spirits were warm. The Society's Public Arts Committee, which began with a few volunteers, and gave birth to BrickStreet Arts Association, has realized its vision of public art for Harrison West.

Former HWS President and Public Arts Committee Chair Maddy Weisz kicked off the program with thanks to everyone. Then Mayor Coleman praised the Committee, BrickStreet Arts, and Harrison West. Seems we're an example to others in urban Columbus. Councilmember Rich Sensenbrenner praised the Society and the arts groups. Parks and Recreation honcho Allan McKnight, looking very debonair in his Indiana Jones hat and leather jacket, told us we all have done a very fine thing for our neighborhood and the city. HWS President Keith Dimoff said he was proud of the Society's work towards making the Olentangy River the neighborhood's "front door." And artist Charlotte Lees told everyone she was delighted that the art turned out so well and that she couldn't remember having a better time or better food during a project! Then they cut the ribbons, and we all planted tulips and drank warm cider and ate donuts and bagels (provided by our own Manhattan Bagel), and felt very proud of our neighborhood and our neighbors.

When you think about it, this project looms even larger than it seems at first glance. This is Art with a capital A, enduring and inspiring and creative. It was created by a neighborhood organization staffed by volunteers, voted for by several hundred Harrison Westers, and paid for by donations, many from the neighborhood. As the common theme of all the speakers at the unveiling stated, it is a great achievement for Harrison West.



Next Meeting:

- P&D Guidance**
- Document**
- Holiday Potluck**
- Planning**
- Donations**

At the November 8 meeting, we'll work on the plans for our Holiday Potluck. We'll also consider formalizing our long-range planning and development document, as well as hold a vote on a local request for a zoning variance. And we'll decide on how to make a few cash donations by the Society. Come on by!

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet Thursday, November 8 at 7:30 PM First Brethren Church Third and Oregon

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

October 11, 2001

By Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with a quorum of voting members present; President Keith Dimoff presiding.

City Council Member Richard Sensenbrenner was the guest speaker.

Routine Business

Veda Gilp made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's Report Tom Maxwell reported that the Treasury balance is \$6,240 and gave details on income and disbursements. Veda Gilp motioned to pay the regular expenses of publishing the newsletter. Passed.

Planning and Development:

Committee Meeting Keith Dimoff scheduled a P&D committee meeting and asked for members interested in serving on the Committee to attend.

A.C. Humko President Dimoff reported that the City was delaying the kickoff workshop towards the area plan.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Membership Committee President Keith Dimoff reported for Chair Mark Hamsher that membership now exceeds 100.

Newsletter Editor Veda Gilp reported the deadline for news and advertising submissions is the third Friday of each month. Also asked for input from members for articles.

Public Art Committee Veda Gilp reported that the unveiling party will be October 27 from 4-6 PM in the Third Ave. Bridge Park.

Traffic Keith Dimoff reported that the consultant is reworking the cost estimates, and that the city is exhibiting disinclination to proceed with the original plans for the project.

New Business & Announcements:

A variance request for 1004-06 Oregon Avenue was referred to the Planning and Development Committee.

HWS Brochure was discussed; call for a designer and chair was made.

Columbus Marathon and the Harrison West Marathon Party were discussed. Pastor Richard Morris made a motion that the donations from the party go to the New York disaster relief, and that in November we contribute to a local charity. Passed.

The Mayor's Downtown business plan was discussed.

Members were encouraged to attend the Police Town Meeting Oct. 17.

Veda Gilp motioned to adjourn the business meeting at 9:00 P.M. Passed.

Coming Up in Harrison West**November 13**

Mayor's Downtown Business Plan Meeting, COSI, 6-8 PM

November 29

Ohio Health/Doctors North community meeting at Westminster Thurber, 6:30-8:00 P.M. Ohio Health to make public commitment to our communities about their plans

December 1

Time to pay your 2002 Harrison West Membership Dues

December 12

Friends of Goodale Park Annual Holiday Gala

December 13

Harrison West Society Holiday Potluck

December 15

Holiday Lights Contest Judging

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Long Range Planning & Development Document for HWS

Over the years, the Harrison West Society has discussed and voted on many development issues facing Harrison West. The Society has not yet formally compiled these issues into a Long Range Planning & Development Document as called for in our Constitution and By-Laws, which reads: "The Planning and Development Committee shall develop and maintain a long range document that meets the objectives of the Society and can be used to represent the Society's goals and planning process and to review proposed projects, zoning changes/variances and report/recommend appropriate action by the Society."

The Committee has worked to compile this document and will recommend its list at the November 8 meeting of the Society. Here's a sampling:

- The Humko area should be redeveloped by mixed-use, new urbanism design that complements Harrison West and must include parkland

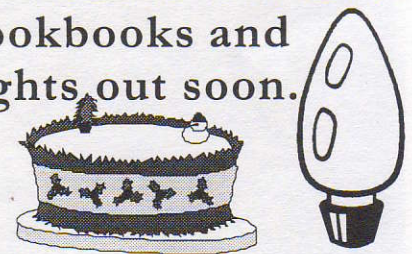
and public access along the river; no manufacturing; no riverfront development; no big-box development.

- We support historic preservation and rehab over demolition.
- New residential in-fill development should follow the R-2F zoning.
- New commercial developments should conform to the urban commercial overlay.
- New residential and commercial in-fill development should be architecturally compatible with the neighborhood.
- No new curb cuts.
- We support good maintenance of the HW Park at Fourth and Oregon and the acquisition of more parkland, especially along the river near Humko and Battelle.
- New public infrastructure should be architecturally compatible (such as the Third Avenue Bridge).
- We support traffic calming that includes no truck routes, lower speed limits and design speeds, and

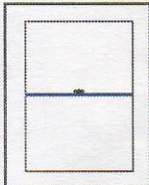
traffic calming fixtures that are aesthetically compatible.

- The Third Avenue streetscape should be rebuilt, and could be coordinated with any major sewer work to be done along Third Avenue.
- We support the agreement with Battelle on the parking lot design and the Fourth Avenue access path across Battelle's land.
- We support the principles of the Riverfront Vision Plan and Handbook.

Remember the Holiday Potluck and the Holiday Lights Contest in December. Get those cookbooks and lights out soon.



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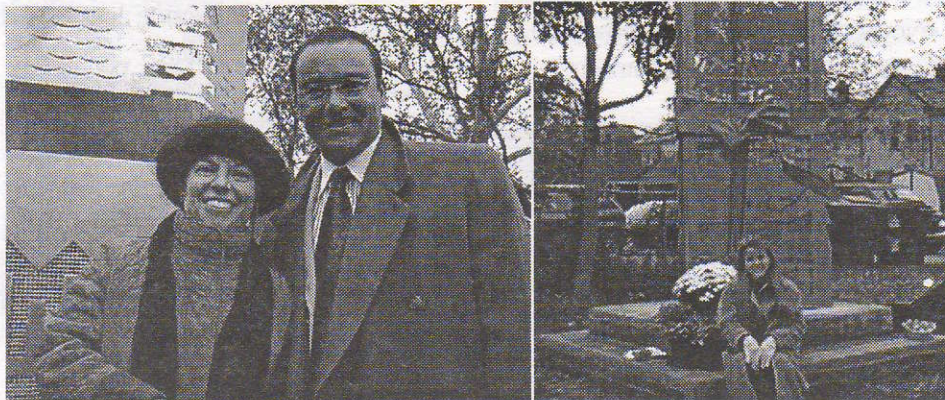
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Side-by-Side Unveiling

Starting in 1999, a committed group of volunteers from the neighborhood got together with a vision: to have some public art installed in the neighborhood. The vision was blurry in the beginning -- what kind of art? who would design it? who would build it? where would it go? how would we pay for it? -- but over time the vision became more and more clear: representative of the neighborhood; interactive; personal in scale; a place for people to gather; an icon to set Harrison West apart.

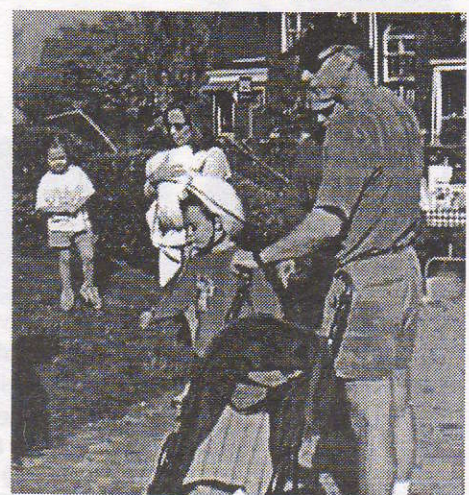
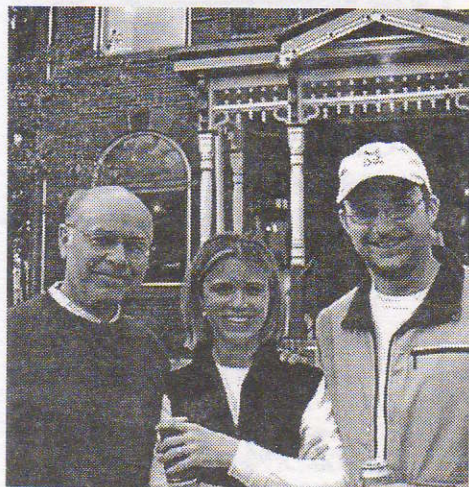
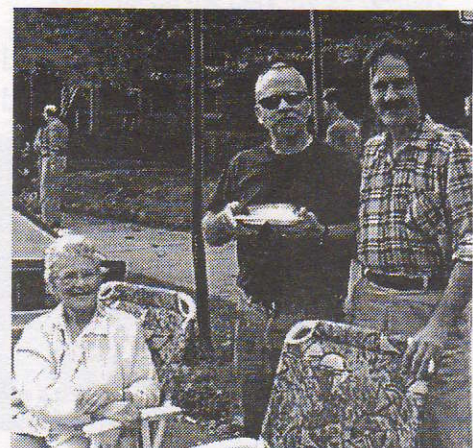
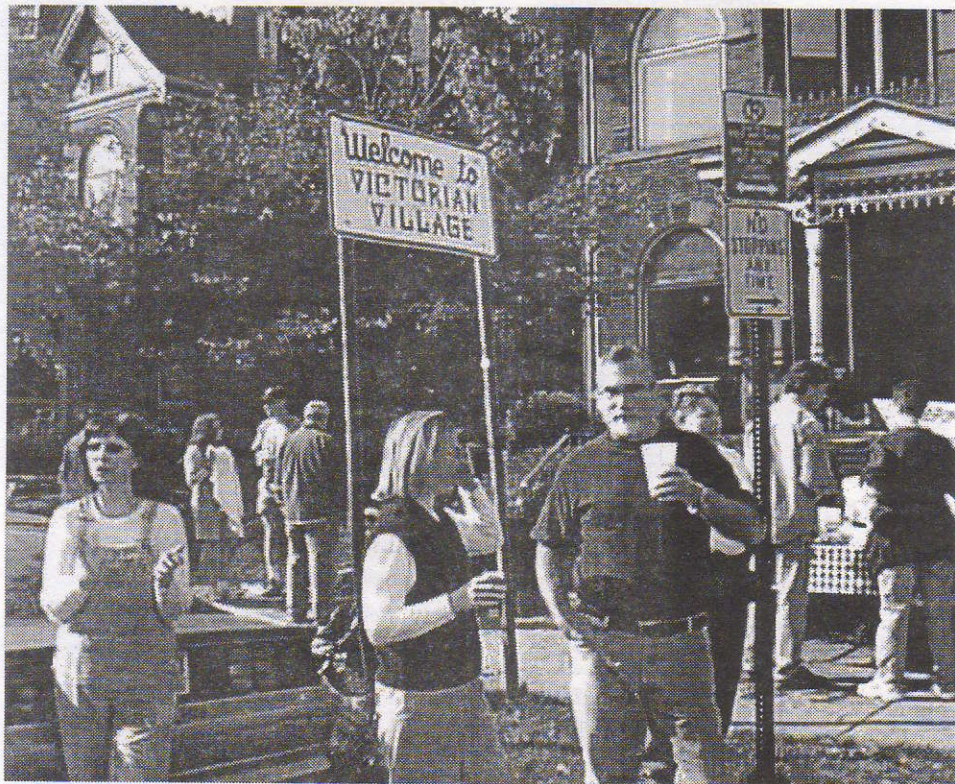
That vision has been realized in Side-by-Side in Third Avenue Bridge Park. Here are some of the scenes and people from that warming event.



Marathon Party Great Fun; Hard on Hands and Diets

The attendees really enjoyed the Harrison West Society's first Columbus Marathon Party. The party at Fifth and Neil was just getting started when the first runner flew by at about 9:30 AM, but by the time most of the runners were passing, our music was inspiring, our hands were clapping, and everyone was cheering the runners on. Unless of course, we were eating, drinking, talking, or collecting donations for the New York Disaster Relief.

Panera Bread provided breakfast and Schmidt's provided all the fixings for lunch. The indefatigable Mary Funk got the party together; the musical Keith Dimoff and Shirley Tobias provided the superior sound system; and the rest of us abandoned our healthy diets in favor of Panera pastries and Schmidt's Bahama Mamas. We raised more than \$40 for disaster relief.



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Variance for New Building on Oregon Requested

A proposal for a new house to be built at 1004-1006 Oregon Avenue will need approval of the City's Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The BZA will hear the owner's request for the variances at their November 27 meeting to be held at 6 PM at 757 Carolyn Avenue (off of I-71 near North Broadway).

The size of the project proposed by the owner is higher, wider and

deeper than allowed by the zoning code, leading to this request for several zoning variances. At the October 11 Society meeting, this item was referred to the Harrison West Society Planning and Development Committee, which later recommended to oppose the application due to the large scale of the dwelling. The full Society will consider the matter at its November 8 meeting.

HWS Meetings Gain Rep for Good Eats

At the last Harrison West meeting, Dorothy Knight, a member of the First Brethren Church, served cookies she had made. The pecan tarts were to swoon for, but the Buckeyes ran them a close second. Thanks, Dorothy!

Reasons to Join Harrison West Society #17

Sometimes Dorothy brings cookies. See above.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Nacho Mama's

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Tom ordered the fettuccine with scallops, hot habanero peppers, garlic, onions, red bell peppers, and cilantro in a light citrus sauce tossed with parmesan cheese. It was a lovely presentation of tastes, textures, and colors. The sweet scallops played beautifully against the heat of the habanero peppers and the soothing flavors of cilantro in the citrusy sauce.

Steve ordered the southwestern vegetable stir fry, which was mixed vegetables sauteed with balsamic vinegar for sweetness, soy sauce and hot sauce over rice and black beans. Pretty good, actually, as if a West Coast Chinese chef made a nod to southwestern flavors while staying true to his oriental roots.

Having dutifully ordered and eaten our not-too-bad-for-us meals, we were free to indulge ourselves in our side dishes. Next time I go, I'll probably order just the sides. I mentioned the black beans, which are won-

derful. The cumin potatoes are equally good. I don't know how they manage to imbue the potatoes with cumin, but they do. Dark brown, tender but not mashed, these potatoes are addictive.

My favorite was the jalapeno cornbread, which surely had as its base a commercial sweet cornbread mix. No matter. It was delicious; more like cake than cornbread, but with the heat of the peppers. We ate even the crumbs.

The chips are worth mentioning because they are small, light, very delicate and crispy. They must be made and fried there. The accompanying salsa is chunky with fresh vegetables and cilantro. It's spicy, but not so hot you can't enjoy the flavors.

After dinner, we admired the art on the walls, most of it made by patrons drawing on the kraftpaper table coverings while waiting for their meals.

Knowing we would be passing near a Graeter's on the way home, we eschewed dessert. At Graeters, Steve introduced me to the delights of pistachio ice cream with chocolate sauce. He's the kind of friend to have.

Doctors North/Ohio Health Making Progress Toward a Plan

Doctors North and Ohio Health have announced a plan to close the hospital ER and open an Urgent Care with no disruption in service. Planning calls for 12 hours a day weekdays; 10 hours a day weekends.

They hope to retain the current staff. They are committed to retaining HCAP, which pays for uninsured individuals.

Inpatient floors will be closed and those services will be relocated -- the heart center to Doctors West and Dialysis to Grant Medical Center.

There will be innovative "short term stay" surgeries where all discharges will occur by Friday afternoon.

There will be a community meeting to discuss Ohio Health's plans for Doctors North on November 27 at Westminster Thurber, 6:30-8:00 PM.

Reasons to Join Harrison West Society #333

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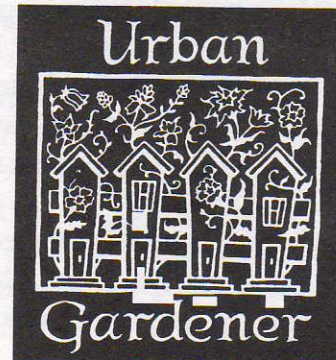
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Nacho Mama's

by Veda Gilp

A TexMex truck stop with an attitude and artistic patrons is how I would describe Nacho Mama's on Rt. 23 north of 315. Has good food, too, but not of the truck-stop variety.

Neighbors Steve Schab and Tom Maxwell have been urging me to review this restaurant because they think it's worth the trek north. After eating there, even on an off night, so do I.

This isn't your standard Ohio Mexican food. It's really good, for one thing, and not drenched in grease and cheese goo for another. It's light-handed Mexican.

In the interests of comparison, I ordered the Chicken enchiladas with Salsa Verde. This is shredded chicken in corn tortillas baked in a green tomatillo sauce. The chicken was very good, and the tomatillo sauce had a tang and bite that was intriguing. There was very little cheese, so I actually could taste the chicken! It was a good mix. Since it came with two sides, I opted for rice and black beans. Rice was ordinary "Mexican" rice, thought nicely cooked. The black beans were excellent, being both flavorful and non-mushy tender. These are wonderful black beans and are almost worth the trip just for themselves.

The beef enchiladas in the red chili sauce would be just as good. This is a traditional red sauce, not too hot, but full of chili and flavors.

It's not the enchiladas or burritos you go to Nacho Mama's for, though. What sets Nacho Mama's apart is its attitude toward ordinary food, such as pasta.

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