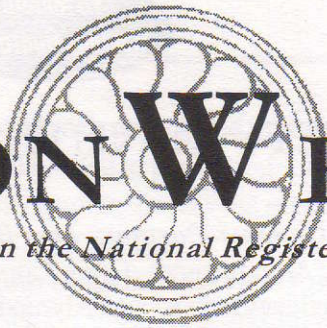


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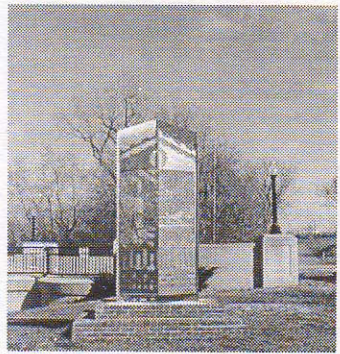
HARRISON WEST NEWS

A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places



3rd Avenue Bridge Park \$260,000

The City of Columbus came through for Harrison West with \$260,000 in Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds to complete the park where Side by Side, Harrison West's first public art, is sited.



When President Keith Dimoff was pulling his back-to-back all-nighters putting together a colorful and compelling grant application, he had no idea his and his committee's hours of hard work would bring in an incredible \$260,000.

Funding includes \$200,000 for 5 decorative lights, wiring, 3 benches, a paved overlook with railing and bike rack, a paved bike and pedestrian path through the park, signage, and landscaping.

Another \$60,000 is slated to create a brick crosswalk and median, a raised center island, and pavement markings where the bike path crosses Third into the park.

Get Ready for I-670 Construction Mess

By the end of March, the orange barrels will be messing up travel for Harrison West and everyone who even *thinks* of driving anywhere north, south, east, and west of HW. That's the bad news.

The good news is that the contract went to the \$36 million low bid, which is about \$8 or \$9 million less than ODOT originally estimated. Here's hoping those extra millions are applied to the traffic calming plan for Harrison West and the Near Northside Neighborhoods.

Here's what's going to happen:

Closings

- ⊗ I-670 between Third Street and Neil
- ⊗ Goodale Street between High and Dennison
- ⊗ Cleveland Avenue to I-670 West
- ⊗ 71 North to I-670 West
- ⊗ All exit and entrance ramps in the project area

To Be Demolished

- ⊗ Harrison Avenue "Michigan-to-Neil" Bridge over I-670

Lane Restrictions

- ⊗ Front/Park restricted to Local Traffic Only north of Nationwide Boulevard
- ⊗ Goodale/Vine Street connector reduced to 1 lane east; 2 lanes west
- ⊗ High Street reduced to 1 lane each way over I-670
- ⊗ No left turns onto Goodale from North High
- ⊗ Third Street over I-670 reduced to 2 lanes
- ⊗ Fourth Street under I-670 reduced to 2 lanes

Closed Temporarily

- ⊗ High Street closes completely over I-670 for one weekend in 2003 (not during Gallery Hop)
- ⊗ Third Street closes one weekend in 2003

To Remain Open

- ⊗ I-670 3rd Street and Neil Avenue Exits

To Be Built

- ⊗ Goodale Street/Michigan Avenue Bridge to reconnect Harrison West and Grandview

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Next Meeting: Garden Club Humko Zoning Budget

At the March 14 meeting of the Harrison West Society, we'll pull together plans for plantings and cleanups at Harrison West's parks by a HWS Garden Club. We'll share any new info on the possible sale of the Humko property. And we'll consider budgeting money for assistance on zoning issues. It's a great chance to casually meet some neighbors. We hope you can join us!

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 PM First Brethren Church Third and Oregon

INSIDE

Membership Sign Up Side by Side 5th & Perry Greenspace Battelle Hill to Vanish Taverna Opa

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

February 14, 2002

submitted 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.

Routine Business

Vice President Mary Funk made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's Report Chair Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$4,015.88. He was requested to provide audit material for March.

Planning and Development:

Committee Meeting Keith Dimoff scheduled for February 27.

AC Humko Keith Dimoff and Mary Funk reported that Realtor Mark Perkins says the development should feature "high quality residential" property and will be negotiating with the city for variance requests. Pastor Richard Morris made a motion that the Society press the developer for home ownership, non-high density, singles and doubles, and rezoning to R2F. Passed.

Variance Request for 1004-6 Oregon Avenue Mary Funk reported. Attorney Dave Parry, representing Brian Portez and Karla Eldridge, presented their case and asked for input from the Society. The Society voted in November to oppose the variance because the size and scale are not compatible with the neighborhood. A zoning appeal for 461 West Third was referred to the Planning and Development Committee. Funding for legal assistance on zoning matters will be placed on the March agenda.

Battelle New Parking Lot Keith Dimoff reported that Battelle is planning to build a new parking lot west of the current lot on Fifth Avenue.

Fifth and Perry Landscaping Keith Dimoff reported that Battelle has increased its budget for the landscaping to \$10,000.

Campus Partners and Broad Street Management Craig Copeland reported that Campus Partners has indicated it will maintain the properties in Harrison West as subsidized low-income housing.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Chair Mark Hamsher reported 47 paid members. Barb Kobbie reported on the progress of the Harrison West brochure.

Newsletter Editor Veda Gilp made a motion to allocate up to \$500 for a new digital camera. Passed.

Crime Mary Funk reported that Harrison West has the 2nd lowest crime rate in the city, surpassed only by the Dennison Place Circles.

Traffic Keith Dimoff reported. The City has agreed to remove the truck route from Harrison West. The Society discussed this and made recommendations about where to place "No through Trucks" and "Local Trucks Only" signs. Directional signage will be placed on perimeter streets. A four-way stop sign is needed at Second and Michigan. The Third and Olentangy overhead sign and landscaping are on hold.

Craig Copeland motioned that the Society budget \$400 to bring National Trust for Historic Preservation Associate General Counsel Elizabeth Merritt to Columbus to attend upcoming neighborhood Traffic Task Force meetings with the City. Passed.

Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds Harrison West Third Avenue Bridge Park has been awarded \$260,000 to create the park and a traffic-calming entryway crosswalk on Third Avenue.

New Business & Announcements:

April 13 Tree Planting with Battelle, FLOW, and the City.

Harrison West Garden Club forming.

Veda Gilp motioned to adjourn the business meeting at 9:20 P.M. Passed.

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**Portez Tables
 Zoning Request**

Brian Portez will reschedule in March the zoning variance request for 1004-1006 Oregon Avenue which he and partner Karla Eldridge have brought before the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Society has offered to work with Portez and Eldridge to find a neighborhood-friendly solution to the zoning variance problems.



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Harrison West Society Funding National Trust Representative at Traffic Task Force Meetings

with Gavin Armstrong

At the last Harrison West Society meeting, members voted to allocate \$400 to help bring National Trust for Historic Preservation Associate General Counsel Elizabeth Merritt to Columbus to attend upcoming neighborhood Traffic Task Force meetings with the City. The Traffic Task Force is working to mitigate negative impacts from the Spring-Sandusky Interchange Project on Harrison West, Victorian Village and other neighborhoods both during and following completion of the SSI project.

The money will be combined with \$1,200 from the Victorian Village Society to cover travel expenses for Ms. Merritt.

The National Trust has been helpful to the Traffic Task Force and our neighborhoods for the last year, identifying critical legal issues in the Memorandum of Agreement process. As counsel, Merritt provides legal assistance to promote the preservation of national historic sites and city planning policies that stabilize rather than threaten historic assets.

This is a crucial time for the neighborhood Traffic Task Force, as the Final Recommendations Report has been approved and cost estimates are being prepared by the Columbus Public Service Department. In addition to the long range mitigation program, the Traffic Task Force is charged with developing a list of priority streets that need immediate mitigation based on current construction-period traffic patterns and volumes.

Alternate Routes During I-670 Construction

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Crosstown

- Westbound traffic detoured onto I-71 South to I-70 West to SR 315 North
- Eastbound traffic detoured onto SR 315 South to I-70 East to I-71 North

Outbound from Downtown

- Traffic to northwest Columbus routed to Goodale/Vine Street Connector or Town Street to SR 315 North
- Traffic to northeast routed to 4th Street to I-670 East and I-71 North

Inbound to Downtown

- I-670 to Third Street or Convention Center Way
- Broad Street from East or West
- Main Street from East
- Rich Street from SR 315
- Cleveland Avenue to Spring Street
- Summit Street/Third Street

Harrison West Is No-Crime Scene

According to Columbus Police, Harrison West is the second safest neighborhood in the City, right behind the Circles! This isn't to say that we haven't had a few car break ins and opportunistic burglary in January, but it's good enough that we should be getting a break on our homeowner's insurance. Don't you think?



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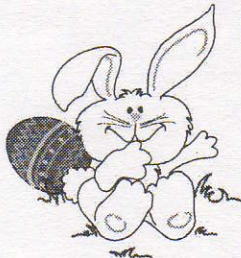
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March 22 is the cutoff for contributions to be received to be included on the Side by Side plaque. Only personal contributions of \$100 or more and business donations of \$250 or more will be included on the plaque; however all donations are welcome.

Donations should be made out to BrickStreet Arts Association and mailed to 1077 Neil Avenue, Cols. 43201. Donations are tax deductible.

The plaque will be ordered on March 22 and should be ready for installation in mid May. With luck, the tulips we all helped plant at the Side by Side dedication will be blooming.

The Public Arts Committee wants to ensure that contributor names on the Side by Side plaque are spelled correctly. Please check you name in the list following. Corrections and donations to be included on the plaque will be accepted through March 22. Contact Denise Aldrich with corrections at work, 232.2606, home 237.5871 or email denise.aldrich@wdpartners.com.



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Battelle Doubles Funding for Fifth and Perry Greenspace

Good news for Harrison West is that Battelle has decided to put \$10,000 into the greenspace rather than the \$5,000 originally budgeted. They doubled the funding after the cost estimate for the materials and landscaping came in at \$26,520.

The Harrison West Committee members offered to shelve plans for a Harrison West entryway sign and plan to work with Battelle to find solutions to the funding deficit. The project definitely is going forward.

Battelle Hill to Disappear Into Parking Lot

Don't panic when you see the earthmovers on the Battelle land at the corner of Third and Perry. Some time in March, Battelle will begin taking soil from here to raise the level of the former Ranco site on Fifth so they can build a parking lot. Supposedly, the landscaping at the corner of Third and Perry will not be affected.

The new parking lot just to the west of the current lot on Perry will feature the same landscaping and lighting as that lot.

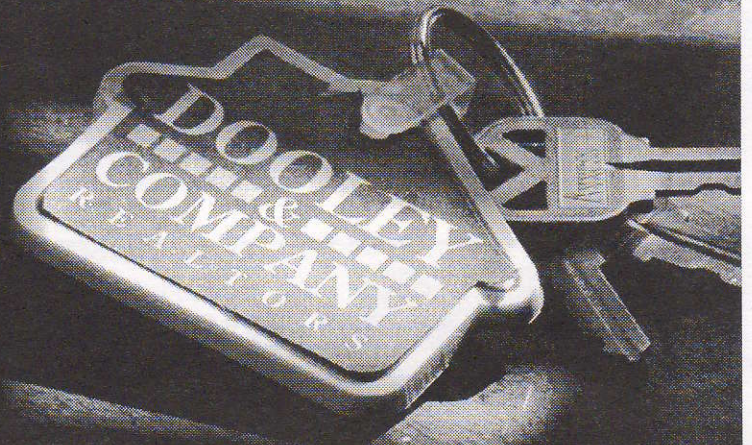


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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Taverna Opa

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Taverna Opa salads are the classic Greek style with olive oil, oregano, and garlic dressing romaine, tomatoes, onions, Greek peppers, feta cheese, and Kalamata olives. Fresh and tasty, but nothing special.

Most of the food, however, was really good, with the taste touches that make the difference between OK and YUM. For instance, the vegetable of the day was peas. On the plate, they looked like canned peas, but there the resemblance ended. Liberal application of fresh dill, oregano, and parsley brought these peas to tasty life. The three of us were so surprised at how good they were, we finished the peas first!

All our meals were served with wonderful lemon roasted potatoes, at once very chickeny and lemony.

Once again Steve ordered the most flavorful dish. His chicken breast kebab served on rice pilaf with lemon roasted potato was outstanding. Very plump pieces of chicken were

skewered with onions and green peppers and broiled to perfection. Lemon, oregano, and garlic flavors predominated.

Tom's Chicken Plaki was so redolent of lemon, garlic, oregano, olive oil, and cinnamon his smile widened as he inhaled the aromas. This grilled chicken breast topped with baked onions and green peppers in Greek-style tomato sauce was good, but it was the sauce that made Steve and me insist on extra "samples." You could make a meal of that sauce.

I almost did. My Athenian fish started with Tilapia which had been out of the water a bit too long, and which was overcooked around the edges. The sauce over the fish was the same Greek-style tomato sauce as on Tom's Chicken Plaki, but with the added zest of feta cheese. I left part of the fish, but I scraped the plate clean of that ambrosial sauce.

Why no chocolate for dessert? It was snowing hard, and getting late. We decided to dessert right where we sat. Kataifi was the standard shredded phylo wrapped around walnuts and drenched in honey syrup. Too sweet and very sticky. The lighter version of Kataifi served by Anna's Taste of Greece on Sawmill Road is much better.

But the Galaktoboureko! How do they do that? It's custard wrapped in phylo, baked, drizzled with honey syrup, and sprinkled with cinnamon. Warm, not too sweet, almost finger food, and rich. Three of us couldn't finish one serving, though we tried. It made up for missing Graeter's chocolate chocolate chip ice cream.


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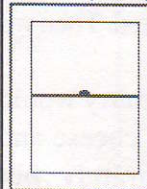
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at the Taverna Opa

by Veda Gilp

Last Sunday night Tom Maxwell, Steve Schab and I braved the snow for a fine dinner at German Village's Taverna Opa, 961 S. High Street.

Tom reports this house was once a Columbus Mayor's home, and its beauty and elegance convinced me. It's a white tablecloth establishment with entrees in the \$13 to \$17 range, but on a snowy Sunday evening, everyone but the servers was in jeans and sweaters.

Taverna Opa bills itself as an "authentic Greek Eatery & Tavern." The food was really good. Just a warning: lemon, oregano, garlic, olive oil, and cinnamon. Every dish from appetizer to dessert contained one, all, or a combination of these flavors.

Warning to you fellow chocoholics -- we had desserts which were NOT CHOCOLATE!

We began Saganaki. Saganaki is an "audience participation required" appetizer. It's a broad pie-shaped slice of sharp Greek kefalograviera cheese. At the table, the waitperson poured a shot of brandy over the cheese, instructed us to shout "Opa!," and lighted the cheese. It flamed away merrily while we looked sheepish at having drawn attention to ourselves. The waitperson then squeezed lemon wedges over the flames until they disappeared. Then we ate the cheese.

At this point, Dave Barry would say you throw away the cheese and drink the rest of the brandy, but saganaki actually is quite good. It's an interesting combo of sweetish brandy, sharply tangy cheese, and lemon.

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