

HARRISON WEST NEWS

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Standing Room Only Planning and Development Meeting

No one expected such a turnout at the February 10 Harrison West P&D Committee meeting focusing on the Humko site and the Wagenbrenner Realty's plans for it. More than 30 Harrison Westers crowded into Cafe Corner to hear about the plan and to comment on it. Here are some pics of the BIG event. Special thanks to Pete Andronis for letting us take over his coffee shop.



Humko Developer Meets With P&D Committee



On February 10th the Harrison West Planning and Development Committee packed Café Corner for its meeting with the developer of the AC Humko site. The meeting featured a presentation from the developer, Mark Wagenbrenner, and his architect, Rob Harris, in

which they shared the current plan for the site.

The plan features an extension of Harrison West's street grid into the Humko property with the goal of seamlessly integrating the new development into the existing neighborhood. All of the new roads will be tree-lined, with curb lawns. The plan includes public greenspace along the river for the entire length of the site as envisioned by the City's Riverfront Vision Plan.

The development includes 17 single family residences with two-car detached garages along 2nd Ave., 1st Ave. and Perry Street, 40 townhouse condominiums with two-car detached garages between 2nd Ave. and 1st Ave., 32 loft condominiums with ground-level parking garage along the park by the river, and 186-214 apartment units south of 1st Ave. The architecture for the units will be compatible with Harrison West's residential scale, detailing, and massing (see the pictures on Page 5).

Plan to attend February's Harrison West Society meeting where we will continue to discuss the plan. Also, the P&D committee will continue to review the plan as it works its way through zoning. The P&D Committee will discuss this plan at its next meeting and provide neighborhood comments to the developer. Stay tuned and involved as this enormously important neighborhood project moves forward.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19 **Humko Design Pocket Parks Garden Tour Membership Drive**

At the February 19 meeting, we'll discuss the Humko developer's plans and what they mean to the neighborhood. We'll also talk parks and gardening, and we'll get the Membership Drive started. Join us for a fast, fun, meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Wednesday,
February 19
at 7:30 PM
First Brethren
Church, corner of
Oregon and Third

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Humko Houses
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Call for Art
La Casita

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES January 15, 2003

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

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

Routine Business

Veda Gilp motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$4,118, with current bills paid.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Holiday Party Mandy and Dave Butler reported that about 60 people attended the Holiday Potluck.

Newsletter and Website Veda Gilp reported that the newsletter deadline is third Friday of each month. The Website is running smoothly.

Crime Report Officer Steve Smith reported minimum crimes in January.

Membership Matt Tangeman reported two new members.

AC Humco Sale Dave Butler reported that Waggenbrenner Realty has been meeting with the Harrison West Society officers and that Waggenbrenner would make a presentation at the next Planning and Development meeting. The Committee also plans to address the Michigan Market situation.

Planning and Development The next P&D meeting will be February 10, 7:30 at Cafe Corner. **Short North Neighborhood Foundation** Tom Robinson reported on his first meeting with SNNF.

New Business & Announcements:

2003 Planning Dave Butler invited members to get involved with the

upcoming events in Harrison West, including the Block Party, Garage Sale, Holiday Party, the 3rd Avenue Park, the Garden Group, and the Planning and Development Committee.

HWS Meeting Date The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

New Business and Announcements:

Pastor Richard Morris announced the Financial skills for Life series.

Richard Morris announced that Rainbow Dry cleaner is scheduled to open in mid-February.

Steve Stivers, Harrison West's new State Senator, introduced himself and passed around his phone: 466-5981.

Tony Celebrezzi motioned to adjourn at 8:50; Passed.

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APC Calling for Artists

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The Art for Parks Committee of the Short North Special Improvement District (SID) and BrickStreets Art Association (BSAA) are working together to bring art to the pocket parks.

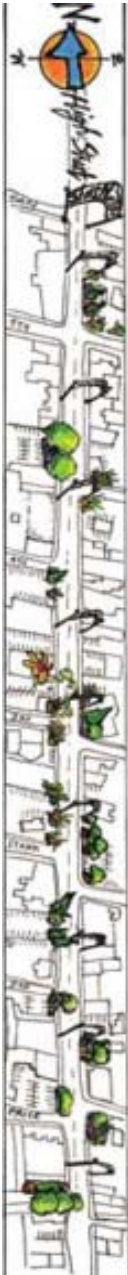
Defined by arches across N. High Street, the Short North is one of Central Ohio's most vibrant arts-oriented retail and residential district. Plans are under way to create over twenty pocket parks along this dynamic urban corridor. The first major pocket park incorporates innovative art and will be completed later this spring.

To be considered for a commissioned, paid proposal for the next park, artists are invited to

submit a resume, five slides of previous work (labeled with artist's name, work title, date, and medium) and a letter of interest (including a description of prior public art experience) to Maddy Weisz, Art for Parks Committee, 1219 Harrison Ave., Columbus, OH 43201, no later than April 15, 2003.

By May 1, a jury panel will select three finalists to develop a paid proposal for a specific site. Completed design proposals will be due June 15, 2003. All application materials will become property of the SID. All entries, including those received after the deadline, will be kept on file for subsequent pocket park art projects.

For more information, please contact Mary Miller at 421-2409 or Pat Sieber at sieber.6@osu.edu or visit www.snnf.org.



The Short North Pocket Parks soon will be under construction, according to Tim Wagner, Short North Improvement District head. Millay Park at the corner of High Street and Millay Alley next door to Functional Furnishing will be the first park to be built. Pavement Art for that Pocket Park has already been selected. Next up is art for Greenwood Park, 1 block south of Fifth on the west side of the street.



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Look around the neighborhood for the prototypes of these single-family houses as proposed by Waggenbrenner Realty.



The condominiums might look like this, still in the style and scale of Harrison West houses.



Apartments would be similar to Victorian Gate in the Short North, with the parking hidden behind the buildings.

More on the Humko Plan P&D Meeting

This was a busy meeting but no one's attention wandered, since the topic was Humko development -- the biggest thing to hit Harrison West since Mary Funk and her band of coffin carriers saved Harrison West itself back in the 70s. The Society will be finalizing its response to the Plan at the next Harrison West Meeting -- Feb 19. If you want your input heard on this development, better come to the meeting.



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You're Invited to Celebrate Fat Tuesday Short North Style

MARTi Gras is back in the Short North with a wild Fat Tuesday party and costume ball at the Crown Plaza Ballroom on March 4.

The Hoo Doo Soul Band will be swinging, circus performers will be astounding, and guests will be styling. Come in costume for the contest. A silent auction will round out the evening. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. \$50 a ticket; \$80 for couples and members of a Short North organization pay only \$40! Call 614/262-0801 to order tickets or pick them

up at Columbus Eyeworks, Functional Furnishings Grandview Mercantile, and the Urban Gardner.

All proceeds from this event support the work of the Short North Neighborhood Foundation.



Harrison West Garden Tour Coming Up

Sure, there's snow on the ground now, but in a few short weeks, it will be Spring, when your garden begins to look its best. And that means it will be time for the Harrison West Garden Tour.

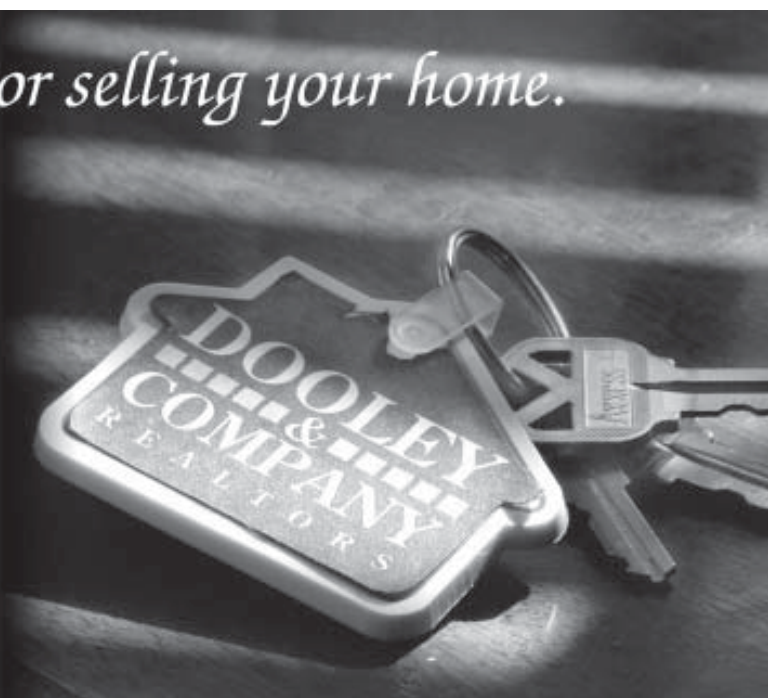
Planning begins at the Harrison West Meeting on February 19. If you love to garden – or even if you just like to look at other people's gardens – be there to get in on the Garden Tour.

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Block Party on Your Block?

Time to plan the summer Harrison West Block Party.

At the meeting on February 19, we'll discuss which block and make other plans. If you'd like the block party on your block, let us know at the meeting. If you wouldn't like the party on your block, better let us know that, too!



Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at La Casita

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I ordered shrimp in hot sauce — camarones ala diabla — and it was hot indeed. The 10 large shrimps were tasty and tender, but they were overwhelmed by the hot sauce, which was nothing but roasted Mexican chilies and some oil, I think. HOT! I shared so we all could stir it into our rice, which turned from bland to furnace. However, though I appreciate spicy heat as much as the next person (and a good deal more than most), there was nothing but heat in this dish. It needed some other flavors to complement and enhance the chile.

The side orders were ordinary with one exception. The refried beans and Mexican rice were bland and predictable. The Mexican potatoes were cubed home fries with cheese and onions. Nopalitos were the surprise — strips of pickled cactus cooked with onion. Very refreshing and a good counterpart to the one-note diabla hot sauce.

Dessert was surprising, too. We had flan and pastel de tres leches cake. The flan was the regular Mexican-style egg custard with burnt-sugar caramel on top. The cake, however, was good — rich, soaked with condensed milk and brandy, iced with seafoam frosting and whipped cream, and served in a pool of more condensed milk. Jerry, who doesn't like cake, thought it "pretty good." Debby called it "unexpected."

There was some confusion with the bills and considerable overcharging, which our waiter was unable to rectify since he spoke very little English. A friend of the owner helped us straighten it out.

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- 1T Hot Pepper Flakes (or to taste)

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136 E. 3rd Street	2-3/2.5	\$199,900-279,900

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at La Casita

by Veda Gilp

Neighbors Debby and Jerry Colvin and I recently set out to discover if La Casita, the newish Mexican place on Bethel Road was worth the trip.

We discovered that the restaurant's strengths and weaknesses render it very uneven. Some of its offerings must be authentic, because whole Mexican families were dining there.

Let's begin with the strengths.

The salsa is good, fresh and pungent with cilantro and only moderately hot. The chips are corn tortillas quartered and deep fried.

Debby bravely ordered the posole, which turned out to be hominy (corn) soup. It came with a big chunk of tender pork in the bowl with the hominy, the whole garnished with diced radish and chopped lettuce. Good and unusual.

Unfortunately, her cheese enchiladas were just what you would expect -- three corn tortillas wrapped around white cheese and baked with a standard red sauce.

Jerry's dinner was much better — chiles rellenos, two big real poblano peppers stuffed with cheese, picadillo relish, and shredded chicken, dipped in a light batter, and deep fried. The outer batter, which I have seen elsewhere as a half-inch thick greasy glob, was light and crisp. The acceptable quality cheese and chicken were saved from blandness by the onion, tomato and jalapeno of the picadillo.

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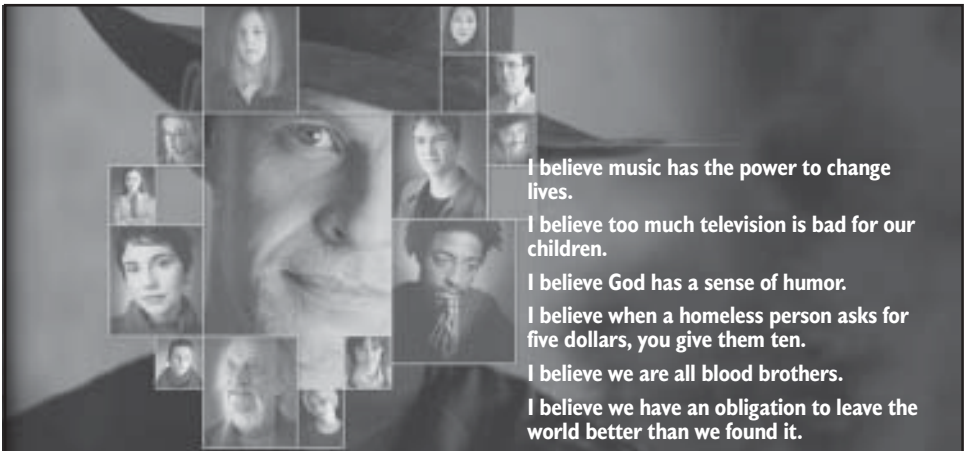
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