

HARRISON WEST NEWS

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Harrison West Elections May 28

The Harrison West Society's officers will be chosen by the Society's voting membership at the May 28 meeting's annual election.

The current slate includes Dave Butler for President, Mary Funk for Vice President, Tom Maxwell and Debra Heimann for Treasurer, and Veda Gilp and Matt Tangeman for Secretary.

Nominations for any of the four offices may be made at the meeting.

Please contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Bob Mangia, at 291-3727 if you are a Society member interested in serving or if you know of a Society member who wishes to serve.

If you're a member in good standing, come vote.

VOTE

Race in the Afternoon; Party at Night July 26



The neighborhood summer party is getting a boost this year as Harrison West hosts the Saturday leg of the Wendy's International Sports Festival before the party.

You may know the race as the annual cycle race in Grandview. For a few hours on the 26th, our neighborhood will be hosting international cycle racing and the people

who come to watch and cheer.

The Society wants to sponsor a team for the race, which involves housing and meals for 3 nights for 8 to 12 racers. We need a few more host houses. Please call Bike Race Chair Debra Heimann 297-0946 or email her at dlittle610@aol.com to volunteer your hospitality.

The neighborhood summer party will start after the race, about 7 pm.

Last year about 200 Harrison Westers enjoyed friends, food, and the SWAT Team (you had to be there!) during the party. Mary Funk, chair of the party committee, says it's

going to be even bigger this year. Mark your calendars so you won't miss a day of racing and partying.

If you want to be involved with party planning, call Mary Funk at 291-9545.



Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 28

Constitutional Amendment Election
Bike Race Planning
Summer Party Planning
Humko Update
Section 8 Housing Update
Commission Update

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
 4th Wednesday,
 May 28
 at 7:30 PM
 First Brethren Church, corner of Oregon and Third

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES April 23, 2003

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with a quorum of voting members present (31); President Dave Butler presiding.

Alex Gonzalez and Jay Baumeister from the Wendy's International Sports Festival were present to ask Harrison West if the neighborhood wanted to be the site of the July 26 leg of the Wendy's Bike Race. Mary Funk motioned to accept the offer and pursue the bike race in conjunction with the neighborhood summer picnic; passed. Chris Ruder motioned to sponsor a team and send the issue to the Planning and Development Committee; passed. Matt Tangeman volunteered to chair the committee.

City Council Candidate, Peggy McElroy, introduced herself and asked for the votes of the neighborhood.

Routine Business

Minutes Chris Palmer motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$6,991.00, with current bills paid.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Extension of Harrison West Boundaries Chris Ruder motioned adopt the amendments to the constitution; motion tabled. Will discuss the issue tonight and debate the issue at the May meeting; passed.

Traffic Task Force Dave Butler reported that the Planning and Development Committee decided to wait to see where traffic increases impacted the neighborhood in the next seven years

and then ask the City for targeted traffic calming.

Nominating Committee Bob Mangia reported that the current officers are running. Debra Heimann is running for Treasurer; Matt Tangeman is running for Secretary.

Planning and Development The next P&D meeting will be May 5 at 7 PM at Cafe Corner.

New Business & Announcements:
Neighborhood Cleanup Veda Gilp reported on the upcoming city-wide Saturday morning cleanup; Mary Funk volunteered to head the cleanup in HW.

HWS Meeting Date The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 28.

Police Food Mary Funk announced that the Heritage Festival, the Chit Fest, and the Buckeye Football game all fall on one Saturday and asked for money to feed the police. Tom Robinson volunteered Kroger to provide all the food.

Rick Kobe motioned to adjourn at 9:00 PM; passed.

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Proposed changes to the Harrison West Society Constitution & By-Laws

The following change to the HWS Constitution & By-Laws ("Constitution") was proposed at the April HWS meeting:

1) Amend Article I B to read:

B. The boundaries of Harrison West are: The north shall be West Fifth Avenue, the south shall be I-670 and Goodale Boulevard, the east shall be Harrison Avenue and Harrison Avenue extended to the south boundary, and the "and the west shall be (the railroad track west of the Olentangy River) or (the 315 freeway) or (the Olentangy River) or (the Olentangy River Road)."

2) Amend Article IV. A to read:

A. Society meetings shall be held at least eleven (11) times annually. Regular meetings will be scheduled and announced at the prior regular meeting.

3) Amend Article V. D to delete subsection 4.

4) Delete Article X and renumber Article IX as X.

You must be present to vote. No voting by proxy is allowed.

Hosts Needed for Bike Race

Debra Heimann, Chair of the Harrison West Bike Race Committee, is looking for about 12 homes who want to host a biker or two for the 3 nights of the Wendy's International Sports Event. It seems the bikers may bring some of their own food, and rumor is that they'll fix your bikes while they are there.

Call her at 297-0946 or email her at dlittle610@aol.com to volunteer.



Harrison West Society Membership

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to Harrison West Society, P.O. Box 163442, Columbus, OH 43216. Membership dues are paid each calendar year.

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Vote for Officers at May 28 Harrison West Meeting

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Olentangy River Bike Path Spruce Up June 7

The City of Columbus, Harrison West, Battelle, and Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW), are sponsoring an Olentangy River Bike Path spruce-up and cleanup (Litter Pickup, Weeding, Mulching, and Planting) on June 7, 2003 from 9am to noon, **rain or shine**. We will have a small cookout for the volunteers at noon.

We are currently planning on meeting at the Battelle Warehouse parking lot by the Fifth Avenue Bridge (southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and the Olentangy River) at 9am for sign-in and work assignments. Come a little early and join us for a light breakfast.



Please bring your own weeding, mulching and planting tools, and gloves. We will have a few extra planting tools and gloves for those volunteers that cannot bring their own. We will be doing a variety of tasks including picking up litter along the bike path from King Avenue to Third Avenue, weeding and mulching the Fifth Avenue Bridge bike path islands, and maybe planting summer flowers.



Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. We will be working near the Olentangy River, so parents (or other responsible adults) must directly supervise their children at all times while participating in this event.



There will be some educational information about recycling for the children. We will also use the opportunity to check on trees that we have planted along the Olentangy River Bike Path in past years. This event should be a fun and worthwhile event for the entire family.

For more information, call Janice Fry (424-3566) or Adam Wagenbach (424-7927).

Preliminary List of Contributors for the June 7 Spruce-up: ARAMARK (breakfast for the volunteers), Battelle (thank-you" cookout food and drinks for the volunteers), Buckeye Landscaping (mulch), Keep Columbus Beautiful (planting tools, giveaways, trash bags, gloves).



New Ohio Capital Corporation Broom Sweeping Section 8 Housing Clean

In a meeting May 8, Ohio Capital Corporation, the new owner of all the former Broad Street Management Section 8 housing in Harrison West, assured Harrison West Society officers that they were a “new broom” in the neighborhood.

OCC promises strong management, strenuous enforcement of leases, and immediate response to complaints.

The company also plans to rehab the units in Harrison West first in hope of making them shining examples of what they are going to do to the remaining units in other areas.

The “curb appeal” of the units was an important part of the discussion. When Harrison West Society President Dave Butler asked to have input into the rehab and “curb appeal” provisions for these units, Hal Keller from OCC was very receptive to the idea. In fact, he seemed to strongly desire input from Harrison West about the project.

Watch the *Harrison West News* for more information about this exciting facelift for our neighborhood.

Garden Tour Slated for September

Plant your mums now, so your garden will look its best for a fall garden tour in Harrison West.

Humko Application For Clean-Up Money Passes City Council

With the support of the Harrison West Society, City Council has approved the City’s application to apply for \$3,000,000.00 in “brownfield” funds from the State to be used to clean up the Humko site.

The City has made this effort the number one application from the Columbus this year. We should know by the end of 2003 whether or not this application is successful. Many thanks to the numerous neighbors who got involved in this very important neighborhood issue. Stay tuned for further developments.

Harrison West Is Safe, But Not Crime Free

It’s the little crimes that keep ruining our “crime free” profile. In April, Harrison Westers experienced seven crimes against property, ranging from auto theft to the ubiquitous “theft from auto” to malicious destruction.



Architecture, Geometry, and Totems Make the Cut in Art for Parks Design Competition

Art selection for the Greenwood Pocket Park on North High Street is moving along. A jury of 7 arts and architecture professionals and community residents has selected 3 artists from the field of 27 original competitors for the project. They are Joan Damankus (Cleveland Heights) who entered installations with an architectural feel; Robert Hoff (Akron), whose samples featured geometric pieces connecting with the environment; and Andrew Lidkus (Granville), whose work featured totem-like designs in mixed media and lively colors.

The three artists are slated to submit completed proposals by June 23rd. With other supplementary materials, the proposals will be displayed at the Short North Bicentennial event scheduled for July 5, 2003 during the Gallery Hop. This will give the community at large a chance to provide feedback and comments on the three designs. The jury will choose the project to implement on July 13.

The project began in February when the Art for Parks Committee, a collaborative effort between BrickStreet Arts Association and the Short North Special Improvement District, issued a call for artists in Central Ohio newsletters and regional arts publications to develop a paid design proposal for the Greenwood Pocket Park on N. High Street.

Southern Artichoke Dip

from Julia High

She writes that this is her adaptation of a Southern recipe found in most older church and Junior League cookbooks. It was a major hit at the Holiday Potluck.

2 14-oz cans artichoke hearts, drained
1 ½ cups mayonnaise, Hellman's or homemade
1 ½ cups grated parmesan or parmesan/romano
garlic powder to taste, or fresh or jarred chopped garlic for the brave
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix the mayo, garlic and cheese in a large bowl. Crush the artichoke hearts and mix into the sauce. Stir well with a fork until the artichoke is in small chunks. Pour into a 9x11 (or so) glass or ceramic baking dish and bake until it bubbles and browns, about 20-25 minutes.
Serve with hefty crackers, preferably Triscuits.

ADAMH Helps

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The TBI Network, located at OSU in McCampbell Hall, 1581 Dodd Dr., specializes in providing substance abuse treatment. Call 292-4559 for more information.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Franklin County provides mental health education programs for individuals and families dealing with mental illness. For info about NAMI of Franklin County, call 262-0114.

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Harrison West Commission Status

The Harrison West Commission Review Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 28, at the regularly scheduled Harrison West meeting to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, and set the course for future work.

Monica Kuhn, Historic Preservation Officer for Columbus, has explained Harrison West's options: Area commissions, Conservation Districts, and Historic Architectural Review Commissions.

Area Commissions have a suggestive power to the Board of Zoning Adjustment and to City Council in regards to zoning variances and alterations to the code.

Conservation Districts can be written to control demolitions, new builds, and alterations based on a broader big-picture impact to the community as a whole.

Historic Architectural Review Commissions address such items as preservation, zoning, new builds, alterations, demolitions, and adaptive reuse.

The Columbus City code currently provides that all new Historic Architectural Review Commissions be placed under the guidelines of the Historic Resources Commission (HRC). Currently five Commissions are operating: they are the German Village Commission, the Victorian Village Commission, The Italian Village Commission, the Historic Resources Commission, and the Brewery District Commission.

The HRC is the only commission that has more than one contiguous property area under its jurisdiction. The HRC has numerous smaller districts and individual properties that are combined into one Historic Architectural Review Commission. The City Charter does not currently have a provision to form a new commission that would serve a specific district such as Harrison West. The Brewery District Commission was formed after the HRC, and serves as providing legal and political precedence for the formation of a new commission.

Michigan Connector

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As now planned there will also be three different styles of street lighting standards and lights at the intersection of the Connector with Goodale and Michigan, plus a fourth ODOT highway-type fixture.

The Michigan Connector and Michigan Ave. traffic calming fixtures would also benefit from landscape planning before the final finish grade is completed. The Design Task Force recommended the fencing and landscaping on Goodale St. between Neil Ave. and the Michigan Connector appropriate to the Victorian-era neighborhoods.

The letter to Council Members O'Shaughnessy and Sensenbrenner addressed:

- Michigan Connector Fencing & Traffic Calming/Gateway Entry
- Michigan Connector Safety Fencing
- Michigan Avenue Traffic Calming/Gateway Entry
- Neil Avenue Gateway Treatment
- Fencing on Goodale between Neil and Michigan Connector

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Harrison West Seeks Meeting With Council Members O'Shaughnessy and Sensenbrenner To Fix Michigan Connector

The Society is looking to complete the I-670 project mitigation and implement the missing design elements along Goodale St. from Park Ave. to the Michigan Connector.

The problem is that the City and the State have not coordinated the architectural details directly impacting Harrison West: vandal fencing, limited access right-of-way fencing, lighting and landscaping on the Michigan Connector and Goodale.

As the gateway to Harrison West from the new Vine-Goodale Connector, the vandal fencing on the Michigan Connector should be the same Victorian-period appropriate fencing to be installed on the Park Ave. and Goodale cap, rather than the standard ODOT "penitentiary-style" vandal fencing. The Design Task Force recommended adding on to the fencing contract for the Park and Goodale fencing, running a few hundred extra feet, and installing it on the Goodale Connector.

The recommendation for period lighting similar to the lighting on the Third Ave. on the Connector will be implemented by the City, but unfortunately, due to a lack of coordination, will be outside the curved vandal fencing instead of on the curb side.

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