

HARRISON WEST NEWS

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Top 6 Reasons to Join the Harrison West Society

If you're reading this newsletter, you should be a Harrison West Society member. Here's why:

- 6 Your neighborhood needs you.
- 5 Membership is cheap -- only \$10 a year.
- 4 Neighborhood parties, yard sales, and potlucks are a good time.
- 3 The more members the Society has, the better the City treats us.
- 2 The Society makes good things happen for the neighborhood -- the parks, the street lights, the upgraded Third Avenue Bridge.
- 1 Society members vote on projects which affect the entire neighborhood, such as the Neighborhood Architectural Review Commission and residential rezoning.

Isn't it time you joined the Harrison West Society?



Annual Harrison West Neighborhood Yard Sale Set For September 27

If it's September, it's yard sale time in Harrison West. Turning your trash into someone else's treasure can make

you a few dollars and clear out your basement, attic, closets, cupboards, and garage. If you would like to be a part of the sale on Saturday, September 27, and be included on the map, please call Stephanie Tresso at 294-7814 to sign up and for more details. The fee per household to cover expenses is \$8 for HWS members, \$10 for nonmembers, and \$5 for Seniors. We'll be advertising in *The Columbus Dispatch* and the *Suburban Newspapers*, so neighbors don't need to worry about doing their own advertising. Signs will also be posted at key points in the neighborhood. Your own signs are welcome as well; please remember to take them down after the sale.



Just ask anyone who participated in last year's HW Yard Sale - it's a great way to get rid of things you don't want and make a few dollars in the process. Start emptying those closets.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 17

**Yard Sale
Membership Drive
Broad Street
Management
Housing Update
Marathon Race
Party**

At the next Harrison West meeting, we'll be working hard and fast on important issues for the neighborhood. We need your input. See you there.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Wednesday,
September 17
at 7:30 PM
First Brethren
Church, corner of
Oregon and Third

INSIDE

Minutes
Membership Sale
Victorian Village Tour
Marathon Race Party
Side by Side Plaque
Housing Renovations
Eadie Gourmet

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES August 20, 2003

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with a quorum of voting members present (25); President Dave Butler presiding.

Routine Business

Minutes Bob Mangia motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$6,273.98, with current bills paid.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Wendy's Bike Race Dave Butler reported that the race cost Harrison West Society nothing. The group agreed to host the race again next year under the same conditions, except that the HWS should do the publicity.

Summer Party It was decided to have the party at the Harrison West Park or the Art Park next summer, and to schedule it for a non-race day. The group decided we need more tables, invite LuLu the Clown back, have music, supply chips, drinks, plates and cutlery, but not purchased food. Also, everyone liked the idea of inviting the Swat team back or having a similar attraction.

Society Insurance Veda Gilp reported that she has found insurance for the Society officers and for Side by Side for about \$1,800 a year.

Humko Update Dave Butler recapped the meeting, mentioned the lighting of the gas and the possibility of dirt trucks entering and leaving the site.

Yard Sale Stephanie Tresso reports that Debra Heimann has agreed to Co-Chair. It was decided that HWS members would pay \$10; nonmembers would pay \$12; and Seniors would pay

\$5 to participate.

Side by Side Dave Butler reported on BrickStreets offer of Side by Side. Barbara Williams motioned to accept Side by Side, amended that we will take ownership after we have insurance; Passed.

Harrison West Parks Parks Chair Debby Colvin reported that members are mowing the parks currently.

Membership Committee Dave Butler announced the kickoff of the Membership Drive, with the goal of 150 members. Since the Society needs more members to build clout with the City, it was decided not to increase dues and to pursue a vigorous membership drive, including mailings.

Crime Report Officer Steve Smith reported 15 crimes in all of Harrison West.

Planning and Development The next P&D meeting will be September 8 at 7 PM at Cafe Corner.

New Business & Announcements:

HWS Meeting Date The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 17 at 7:30 PM.

First Brethren Church hosting Gospel Singing on September 11.

Veda Gilp reminded members that John Fuller would be collecting aluminum cans for Senior Citizens activities.

Tom Robinson is looking for people to work with him to get tear drop street lights for the neighborhood.

Stephanie Tresso motioned to adjourn at 9:00 PM; Passed.

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Prizes, Applause, and the Heartfelt Thanks of a Grateful HW Membership Await You

The way to all the prizes, applause, etc., etc. is to be the current Harrison West Society Member who recruits the most new members between now and the New Year.

You see the new *Referred by* line on the membership application at right? If your name shows up on enough of these, it may be your ticket to a small shopping spree at Target, a free movie at the Arena Grand, or something yet to be announced that's equally desirable.

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The Harrison West Society is holding its first-ever Membership Sale. That's right, you get **15 months** of membership in the best neighborhood Society in town for the price of 12.

A paltry \$10 bill doesn't usually buy so much. For a short time (until January), you can get the rest of 2003 PLUS all of 2004 for only \$10. What a deal.

You'll receive a genuine membership in the Harrison West Society, with all the rights and privileges entailed, plus free admission to all Harrison West parties, potlucks, and meetings. You'll be able to serve on exciting committees (or not), and you'll get the inside scoop on what's happening in the neighborhood.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime, but time is running out, so better act now. Complete the Membership Application above and mail it with your check for the appropriate amount to The Harrison West Society, P.O. Box 163442, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Reason #165 to join the Harrison West Society

Soon there will be a Harrison West Neighborhood Commission, and only HWS members will be eligible to vote on it.

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6:30 PM Gym (3rd. Wed.)
7:30 PM Harrison West Meeting

Thursday 6:00 PM Little Women (5-18)

Friday 7:00 PM Open Prayer

**Our church is open to all.
Please come.**

Marathon Race Party Coming October 19

The 3rd Annual Harrison West Marathon Race Party will kick off about 10 am at 5th and Neil. Come for breakfast, catered by Panera. Last year more than 50 Harrison Westers came by to party and cheer on the runners. It's a good time and a great place to watch the race -- about a mile from the finish.



Once again, Brad Frick (shown here with Mandy and Dave Butler) has opened his law office at Fifth and Neil so Harrison West can host a Marathon Party.

The Marathon Party always is a good time, with very little work for any one person. The Society is looking for one or two people to plan the music and round up noise makers, big hands, and megaphones. Dave Butler will be glad to hear from you - 421-7157.



Victorian Village Home and Garden Tour Is September 21

from the Village Vibe

The 29th Annual Victorian Village Home & Garden Tour will feature homes, a garden, and "open house" events throughout the Near Northside Neighborhoods of Victorian Village and Italian Village on Sunday, September 21st, 2003, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

The 2003 "City of Arches" Tour is set to be the most inclusive, exciting, and broadest-reaching event that the Victorian Village Society has presented in many years. Open Tour homes will range from "Vintage" Victorian homes on Neil Avenue to a modern oasis on Hamlet Street in Italian Village.

Ten homes, one garden, and the new South Addition to the Goodale Park Shelter House will contribute to this year's event, all within a very easy walking radius of the Short North Business District and High Street. COTA will provide bus transportation.

The 2003 edition will feature three newly renovated homes designed by Urban Order and a beautiful vintage Victorian interior design by Kent Mills at Decorating Den Interiors. Ray Lavoie's award-winning kitchen (as featured in the August issue of Columbus Monthly) and newly renovated home will certainly anchor the Tour on the East side of High Street.

The Victorian Village "City of Arches" Home & Garden Tour celebrates the newly installed arches that span High Street in the Short North between Victorian Village and Italian Village.

Tourists will be treated to a number of associated events this year, including the Goodale Park Tour Stop which will serve food, beverages, art, arts and crafts, and an ice cream social.

The Italian Village Tour Stop will offer food, beverages, a rest area, and restrooms at St. Joseph Montessori School and Sacred Heart Church, located at the corner of E. First Avenue and Summit Street from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM.

Also associated with the Tour this year, The Freedom Celebration of Ohio's Underground Railroads event will be held in Goodale Park from 11:00 to 6:00 PM. The Freedom Celebration will feature distinguished re-enactors from the Civil War era portraying Harriet Tubman, Phoebe Wing Benedict, and the 5th United States Colored Troops mustered at Goodale Park at the end of the war. This event is sponsored by the Ohio Bicentennial Underground Railroad Advisory Council, The Westerville Public Library, and the Ohio Humanities Council.

Parking and Day-of Tour tickets will be available at Spinelli's Deli in the Thurber Shopping Center, St. Joseph Montessori School, and the Victorian Village Health Center, 1037 Hunter Avenue. The Victorian Village Health Center (formerly Doctor's Hospital) will be open for a brief viewing of their newly painted Victorian wall murals and for restroom visits.

The Harrison West Neighborhood Commission Means:

That teardowns such as this one near the corner of Pennsylvania and First Aves. are good news for the neighborhood. Word is that the building slated for this spot will be a condo'd double such as is at the corner of Michigan and First. Angelo Wrecking took fewer than two full days to remove all traces of Anna's Carryout. The homeowners along Pennsylvania Avenue are cheering that the deplorably rundown and neglected building is no more.



Side by Side Plaque Soon Will be Installed

The plaque is here (currently residing in Debby and Jerry Colvin's living room) and as soon as the City approves the installation site, a dedicated and hardworking group of volunteers will dig the holes, lug and mix the QuikCrete, and set the plaque. Many extra-emphatic Harrison West thanks to Mandy Butler, who has honchoed this plaque project through all the difficulties and delays.



Wendy's Bike Race Will Be Back in 2004

The organizers of the Wendy's International Bike Race, held in Harrison West in July, have promised the Harrison West Society that the race will be back next year.



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Harrison West to Provide Input Into the Renovations of Former Broad Street Properties in the Neighborhood

The Harrison West Society is again working to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Look for renovations in the near future to be done on the properties in Harrison West that were formerly owned by Broad Street Management.

The Ohio Capital Corp. for Housing (OCCH), in conjunction with Campus Partners, has recently purchased Broad Street's portfolio

of affordable housing, including numerous properties in Harrison West.

As part of this acquisition, OCCH plans to renovate all these properties, beginning with the ones in Harrison West, and has asked the Harrison West Society to provide input on the renovations.

A small, working group of Harrison West residents will be meeting with OCCH and its renova-

tion team later this month to begin discussions.

Keep watching the *Harrison West News* and come to the monthly Harrison West meetings to stay informed on this exciting project.

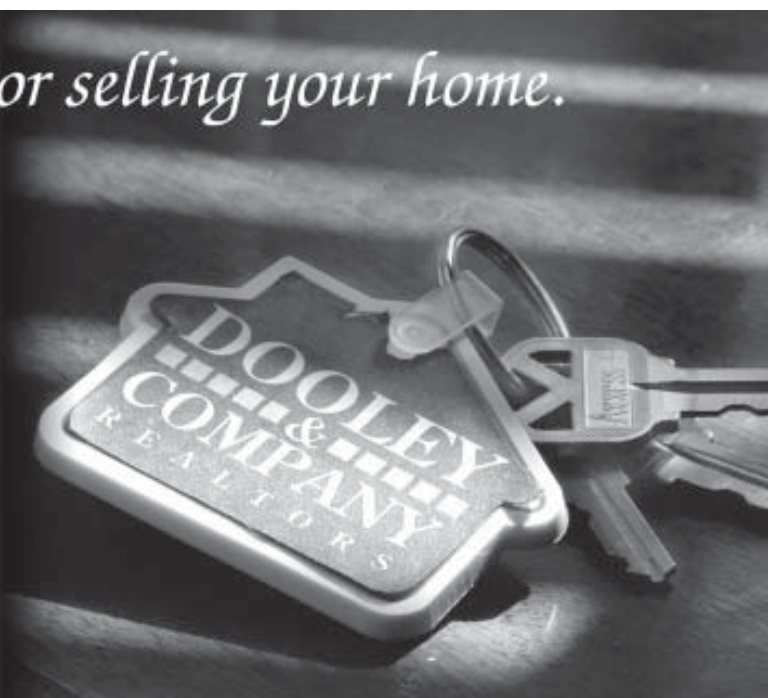
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Happy Greek

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I tried the traditional chicken lemon rice soup, and found it very mild and comforting, rather like a Greek Grandmother's cold-and-flu-fighting chicken soup. Lots of rice and chunks of chicken in a thick chicken broth.

Happy Greek's menu runs to five pages, so there's no way I can cover it all. Much of what's offered is a variation on a theme: meat with lemon-garlic sauce or meat with tomato wine sauce. Keep in mind that the lemon-garlic sauce is very garlicky and that the tomato-wine sauce has cinnamon in it.

Vegetarians can eat well at the Happy Greek, including couscous, stuffed grape leaves, and pasta. The Spanakopita are wonderful.

The Happy Greek offers the usual meat-stuffed grape leaves, mousaka, pastisio, gyros, and lots of lamb, chicken, and fish. Servings are big to huge. Almost everything comes with a side of roasted lemon potatoes and the vegetable

of the day. If the veggie of the day is peas, pass on them. They are cooked to olive-drab mush. Do make sure you get the roasted lemon potatoes, because they are extra good. Almost crisp on the outside, they are soft and tasty inside.

Maddy ordered lamb kebobs topped with the lemon-garlic sauce. The lamb was perfectly cooked, still pink in the center, and the onions and peppers tasted grilled. Maddy's one complaint was that the sauce overpowered the lamb flavor, and muddled the flavors of this otherwise tasty entree. You might want to order this dish with the sauce on the side.

I ordered the Grouper Athena, which is charred grouper topped with that cinnamon tomato sauce. Let me tell you, the chef knows his way around a fish. It was terrific! Lightly - very lightly - breaded and sauteed rather than grilled, the freshness of the fish was very apparent. The richness of the sauce

complemented the mild fish, making an outstanding entree. If you like fish, you cannot go wrong with this.

Can't eat Greek without trying the baklava and rice pudding. We agreed, baklava is baklava (even the very excellent chocolate almond baklava), but the Happy Greek's rice pudding is outstanding. Not too sweet, very creamy, and dusted with cinnamon. We scraped the bowl and probably would have ordered more had we any stomach room left.



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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Happy Greek

by Veda Gilp

Former Harrison West Prez Maddy Weisz and I tried out the Happy Greek last week. Good news for anyone who likes Greek food and wants to stay in the neighborhood.

The Happy Greek is on High Street in the Short North in the space once occupied by Dagwoodz. The new owners have spiffed the place up quite a bit, and it's no longer quite so shabby. The prices still are good, though.

Quite an extensive appetizer list made it difficult to choose, but we went with the Happy Greek Combo, which is the diner's choice of four spreads. We chose Spinach Feta, Melitzanosalata, Hummus, and Tzatsiki, all served with fresh (and really good) pita.

The Tzatsiki is really good and tart. It's homemade yogurt with grated cucumber, fresh garlic, and olive oil. If you like Tzatsiki, try this.

The Spinach and Feta dip was good, chunky, with plenty of spinach and feta.

The hummus is excellent, so good in fact, that I have to go back for more of it.

The star of the four spreads is the Melitzanosalata, which is roasted eggplant with fresh garlic, roasted red peppers, olive oil, walnuts, kalamata olives, and feta cheese. Maddy pronounced this to be "Fabulous!" Even if you don't care for eggplant, this will win you over.

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Victorian Village Tour



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