

HARRISON WEST NEWS

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A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places

Side by Side Plaque Is Installed

The plaque is here! Bob Mangia, Chair of the Third Avenue Bridge Park Committee, worked with City Landscape Architect Rick Miller and City Parks' Mark Steece to get the hole dug and the plaque installed.

Special thanks go to everyone involved with the Side by Side project and the plaque.



Thanks also to Alan Garcia, Pennsylvania Avenue, who volunteered to dig the hole in the first place, and who had finished the first 18 inches before his post hole digger broke on what surely was the foundation of the world.



6th Annual Harrison West Society Holiday Potluck Was a Good Time for Everyone

Janelle Nagy and her Party Team of John Nagy, Tim Bledsoe, Rob Harris, and Scott Robinson made the holiday party a wonderful neighborhood event.

If you didn't make it, you missed some excellent home-cooked food; scintillating conversation; really, really bad jokes, and a sing-a-long to wrap everything up.

Thanks to the Third Place for allowing us to hold our potluck there. It was a great venue.

See more pictures on pages 4 and 5.



Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 21

**Ziggy's Liquor
Bonita Lee &
Area Commission
2004 New Biz**

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 21 at the First Brethren Church. We'll be hearing from Bonita Lee of the Development Department on pros and cons of Area Commissions and we'll be gearing up 2004 programs. See you there.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Wednesday,
January 21
at 7:30 PM
First Brethren Church, corner of Oregon and Third

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Harrison West Holiday Lights Contest Winners

The votes are in! The winners in the 7th Annual Holiday Lights Contest are: **Holiday Spirit**, Gina Mazzei, 1163 Harrison; **Best Decorated Windows**, Patrick Mortimer 987 Michigan; **Most Exuberant**, Brandon Bryant and Jeff Rock 460 W. Third.

Gift certificates from Spinelli's Deli went out to all the winners. Thanks, everyone for participating. Your efforts helped make this a fun holiday season in Harrison West.



Gina won Holiday Spirit by decorating her house with be-ribboned wreaths on every window and the door, a holiday flag, and candles in the windows.



Brandon and Jeff won Most Exuberant (left) with an all-out display of lighted tree, a pair of lighted reindeer; icicles dripping from the porch roof, lighted swags on the porch railing, and lights along the retaining wall.



Pat won Best Decorated Windows by outlining every window in white lights and hanging a wreath in each window. He enhanced the effect by dripping icicles from the roof, and wrapping porch posts in pine roping.

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Harrison West December Crime Story

by Officer Steve Smith, SRB

Hope the holidays were good for everyone. December crime numbers are pretty much the usual, with exception of a marked increase in auto theft, theft from auto, and malicious destruction of property. Be aware that leaving your car running to warm it up in the winter months (unattended) is a risky proposition. Also, secure your valuables and be on the alert for suspicious persons.

Harrison West crimes in December included 1 Robbery, 6 Auto Thefts, 7 Malicious Destruction, 3 Larcenies, 2 Burglaries, 6 Thefts from Auto, and 1 Theft from Building.

Reason #937 to Join the Harrison West Society

The HWS is making major decisions on big changes in the neighborhood. As a Society member you will have a vote in those decisions. No membership - no vote.



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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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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.**

Good Time at the Holiday Potluck





HWS Opposes Liquor Permit for Ziggy's

On January 9, Harrison West Society representatives attended a hearing before the Ohio Liquor Commission concerning a carry-out beer and wine liquor permit for the new Ziggy's, which is taking over the former Flash Coffee Shop on Third Avenue. The HWS opposed the issuance of this new permit because of a concern over having too many liquor locations on Third Avenue, including Culpeppers which is a mere thirty feet away from Ziggy's on the other side of the Subway shop. Nothing is known yet of the Liquor Commission's decision in this matter.

Bonita Lee to Address HWS about Area Commission Status: Pro and Con

If you're interested at all in the current movement toward Commission status for Harrison West, better attend the January 21 meeting when

Department of Development's Neighborhood Liaison Bonita Lee will address members' concerns.



If you're wondering why the HWS is seeking Commission status for Harrison West, just consider the two buildings above. One is a totally inappropriate motel-like apartment building with surface lot and curb cut. The other is a style- and size-appropriate new build with detached garage in back. Without Commission status, Harrison West could be blighted with even more shoddy, poorly-designed buildings.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out 2003 Favorites

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The dim sum menu at Fortune Restaurant is extensive for Columbus. Try the steamed shrimp dumplings - delicate and translucent.

The gyoza at Restaurant Japan simply cannot be beat.

Otani's Friday night buffet is great value for diners who cannot get enough sushi. Last time I was there, the sushi included tuna, salmon, California roll, and squid.

Haiku still has the best noodle dishes.

For anything Chinese, Hunan Lion makes it best, including an incredibly-good garlic chicken and outstanding Mala string beans.

El Vaquero on Olentangy remains my favorite Mexican restaurant. Ask for the warm tomatillo sauce for the chips.

Tommy's Pizza on Lane Avenue in Upper Arlington makes my favorite thin-crust pizza.

If you haven't tried the "take and bake" pizza from Mama Mimi's at Gentile's Wine store in Grandview, you're missing the best made-at-your-home pizza anywhere.

Barcelona specials always can be counted on for outstanding and interesting tastes.

Turka Dal Punjabi is nothing more than spiced black lentils cooked in a clay oven, but they keep luring me back to Sher-E-Punjab.

When I want an artery-clogging burger, I usually head to Max and Erma's for a "garbage" burger and fries.

The seriously large chocolate cake from Cap City Diner remains my favorite chocolate cake ever.

Greater's raspberry chip ice cream is my favorite non-chocolate ice cream.

For chocolate ice cream, I head to Handels, where the chocoholic chunk chocolate is a chocolate lovers dream.

Eadie Gourmet is looking for restaurant-review dining companions. Email Editor@vedagilp.com.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out 2003 Favorites

by Veda Gilp

I've been revisiting area restaurants to taste once again my favorite dishes. Here, in no real order, are my picks from 2003.

Elemental Restaurant does a wonderful panko-crusted walleye fillet -- even better than many "fish houses."

The best beef I had in 2003 was the beef tournedos from the Elevator Brew Haus. Elevator pan sears medallions of beef tenderloin and serves them with garlic mashed potatoes, grilled asparagus, Dopplebock demi-glaze, smoked bacon-red pepper relish and a marsala pan sauce. Simply outstanding.

At the Happy Greek, where I enjoy many foods, I love both the Melitzanosalata, which is roasted eggplant with fresh garlic, roasted red peppers, olive oil, walnuts, kalamata olives, and feta cheese and the fried squid. They never have disappointed me with the squid. It's always wonderful.

Indian Oven introduced me to coriander chutney made with green chilies, ginger, and garlic. One of the freshest tastes I had all year.

I decided the Basi Italia gnocchi all forno was Yin and Yang on a plate because of the delicate gnocchi contrasted with the earthy wild mushroom bechamel sauce.

I fell in love with the sauteed scallops and three-cheese risotto at Strada's.

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