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A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places

Humko Demolition Begins in April

The demolition, which should take about 6 weeks, is scheduled to begin about April 1, if the weather cooperates.

Rob Harris, of Architectural Alliance, reported to the Harrison West Society that the hydrogen chloride suspected to be present in the ground is not actually there, so we won't be treated to the thrill of watching gas burn off. Won't need to smell it, either.

September 1 is projected as the start date for construction on houses in this newest part of Harrison West. Building will start on Perry Street.



Architect's rendering of planned single family houses to be built on Perry Street. (Drawing courtesy Architectural Alliance)

It's Time to Look to the Future of our Neighborhood. It's Time for an Area Commission

by Stephanie Tresso Celebrezze

Before anyone gets upset, let's talk about what an area commission *IS* and is *NOT*. An Area Commission is *NOT* the same thing as an architectural review commission - as found in Victorian Village. Area Commissions are in Clintonville and in the University area.

The Area Commission helps build value in our neighborhood and protect it. An Area Commission does *NOT* tell you what color to paint your door. But it *DOES* give the neighborhood a voice with developers. By law, developers are required to contact the neighborhood about development plans; this means an Area Commission gives our neighborhood a voice in its further development.

It is time for us to determine what our neighborhood will look like in 10 years. With an Area Commission, our neighborhood will have the power to stop bad development like the Phoenix Group's proposal for the Humko; and to encourage more good development, like what is now planned for Humko.

With an Area Commission, Harrison West will have the power to control its destiny and to protect the fabric of our neighborhood.

At the very well-attended February 2 Planning and Development Committee meeting, the committee voted to begin the process of moving forward to create an Area Commission for Harrison West.

Tell us what you think. We'll be talking about this, the next steps and how you can get involved at the next HWS meeting, Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30. See you there.



Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 18

Area Commission New Boundaries Humko

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 18 at the First Brethren Church. We'll be discussing the Harrison West Area Commission, the new boundaries, and the new park. See you there.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30 PM First Brethren Church, corner of Oregon and Third

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES January 21, 2004

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with a quorum of voting members present (27); 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 \$4,593.51, with current bills paid.

Guest Speaker Bonita Lee, Neighborhood Liaison from the Department of Development, spoke about Area Commissions.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Boundaries VP Mary Funk reported that the City of Columbus has asked Harrison West to include Goudy Field in our boundaries. Pastor Richard Morris motioned to expand the western boundary across the river from Third Avenue to the railroad tracks behind Goudy Field and down to Goodale; Passed, 1 opposing. Funk motioned to allow \$100 to do mailing to membership on the matter; Passed, 1 opposed.

Ziggys Butler reported on the status of the liquor license for Ziggy's carryout and Sunday sales. Ziggy's owner, Warren Hoag, and landlord, Ed Chong, were present to explain that since Culpepper's has lost their liquor license, Ziggy's will be replacing Culpepper's. Culpepper's probably will close.

Crime Report Officer Steve Smith reported that auto thefts, thefts from autos, and malicious destruction are on the rise.

Friends of Goodale Park Doug Schwartz reported that they are planning to get new fountain and artwork. **Planning and Development** The next P&D meeting will be February 2 at 7 PM at Cafe Corner.

New Business & Announcements:

Craig Copeland announced that the City of Columbus and the Army Corps. of Engineers is investigating removing the Fifth Avenue lowhead dam on the Olentangy. Rob Harris announced that Humko demolition should begin late March and take about six weeks. Remediation will begin immediately.

Mary Funk reported that the Economic Development portion of the Harrison West TIF is done, and will be going before City Council soon.

HWS Meeting Date The next meeting will be February 18, 7:30 PM at the First Brethren Church. Adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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Ed Chong, who owns the property, plans to turn Culpepper's space into some other retail, perhaps along the lines of the Canadian prescription business there now.

Ziggy's owner, Warren Hoag, came to the last Harrison West Society meeting to introduce himself to the neighborhood and to reassure everyone that there still will be carryout beer and chips on West Third Avenue.



Reason #16 to Join the Harrison West Society

We're getting a new park, and as a Society member, you can help plan events there.



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for an Area Commission

Myths & Misconceptions:

An Area Commission does not tell you what color to paint your door. But it DOES give the neighborhood a voice with developers.

An Area Commission will:

- o Protect our neighborhood
- o Require developers to notify us about projects
- o Level the playing field
- o Give the neighborhood control over development and our destiny

Neighborhood Solidarity Works

If you ever wonder if being active in the Society accomplishes anything, this should ease your mind. Back in 1997 and 1998, Harrison West was part of a group of urban neighborhoods along the Olentangy which joined together in the Urban Oasis Coalition.

The Urban Oasis Coalition's goal was to create parkland all along the river from the campus to downtown. The Coalition was charged with persuading City officials to adhere to the guidelines set forth in the Riverfront Vision Plan. One of its major goals was to establish a park on the Whittier Peninsula downtown.

It worked!

The Whittier Park Advisory Committee presented its Master Plan for the park last week. The 80-acre Whittier Peninsula Park will include a 12-acre wetland; a multimillion-dollar nature center funded and run by Audubon; wildlife observation area; public art; a play area; meadows, open fields, lawns, picnic areas and outdoor classrooms.



Artist's rendering of the Whittier Peninsula with parkland, wetlands, and development. Courtesy of the Columbus Planning Division.

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Crime Increase Bad News for Neighborhood

If you're still driving your own car and it hasn't been broken into, you're doing well. In January, five cars were stolen in Harrison West, most because their owners left them running to heat up and melt windshield ice.

Car breakins were even higher –18! Two cases of larceny, one burglary, and five incidents of malicious destruction round out a crime-filled month. Officer Steve Smith asks that the neighborhood be careful and vigilant.

Here We Grow Again

The City of Columbus has asked Harrison West to include Goudy Field in our boundaries. Goudy Field is the mini-woods just south of the heliport on Olentangy River Road.

Why does the City want Harrison West, separated from Goudy Field by a multi-lane highway, a freeway, and a river, to claim it?

Development clout. Big Bear's departure opens up a large parcel ripe for development. In this case, the City is using our neighborhood as a club to keep developers in line. On the positive side, if Harrison West claims Goudy Field, we will have some say in what gets put there.

The new boundaries will be Third Avenue to the railroad tracks behind Goudy Field and down to Goodale.

Come to the meeting to learn more, to vote, and perhaps even to float a good idea.

Short North Neighborhood Foundation Looking for Nominees

The SNNF annual "Community Leadership" award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to advance the creative spirit, diversity and vitality of the Short North. If you know an individual who has contributed to making the Short North Community a better place, please submit a nomination form by February 17, 2004. Just download the form at <http://www.snnf.org/page4108.cfm>.

Do You Think the Dam Should Go?

by Veda Gilp and Craig Copeland

A 1999 study by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency tells us that the lowhead dams on the Olentangy are among the top threats to the river's water quality.

Columbus is spending \$250,000 to study the removal of the 5th Ave. dam as part of a legal settlement with the EPA over illegal sanitary-sewer overflows.

For people who have been calling the Olentangy the "Old-n-Stinky," this is good news, because removing the dam will allow the river to flow naturally and naturally clean itself.

It will be a major project because contaminated sediment would have to be safely removed and the river banks stabilized so the natural flow of water doesn't erode levies that protect Ohio State University and Battelle from flooding.

Removing the dam won't raise water levels downstream. It might, however, mean that OSU would create a riverside park upstream of the dam site.

The success of the project should also go a long way towards realizing the public value of our urban river.

The Army Corps of Engineers would pay (through a Federal water quality improvement program) two thirds of the cost to remove the structure before its condition becomes a problem and expense for the City.

A cleaner, safer, more aesthetic river in Harrison West is the likely outcome of the process.

BrickStreet Art Association Partners with Wild Oats for Wooden Nickle Fundraiser

As part of its ongoing fundraising efforts, BrickStreet Art Association has joined the Wild Oats' Wooden Nickel program.

BrickStreet Art is the group which brought Harrison West Side by Side in the Third Avenue Bridge Park.

Each time you shop at the Wild Oats on Lane Avenue, Wild Oats will give you a wooden nickel for each time they do not have to provide you with a bag (because you brought your own bag or simply went bagless).

That nickel, which actually is worth 5 cents, can then be donated to one of three non-profit groups. BrickStreet will be one of those groups for the next 6 months. So bring your own bags or go bagless to Wild Oats and donate your Wooden Nickel to BrickStreet Art Association.

Current BrickStreet Art projects are public art for one of the pocket parks in the Short North, a mural in the Short North, a piece of art for Goodale Park, and art for the new Harrison West Park.



One of the Side by Side sculptures BrickStreet Arts Association helped bring to Harrison West. BrickStreet Arts is a valuable group that deserves your support. Next time you shop at Wild Oats, take your own bag and donate your Wooden Nickle to BrickStreet Arts.

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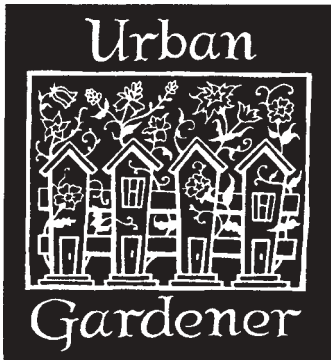
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Eadie Gourmet Eats In With Mama Mimi's

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Lauren, our non-pizza lover, thought the "Queen" Margherita Pizza was the best of the three. It was deliciously aromatic with olive oil, garlic, fresh roma tomatoes, whole mozzarella cheese, parmesan cheese, romano cheese, and fresh basil. She liked it because it didn't taste like pizza! It is good, but if you order it, ask them to bump up the tomatoes and basil.

The rest of us favored the Mama's Favorite Chicken Pizza. It was outstanding! Grilled chicken, crispy bacon, diced tomatoes, chopped scallions, mozzarella, and cheddar nestled in the roasted garlic sauce. We couldn't get enough of the flavor mix of chicken, cheeses, and bacon. Even eaten cold after dessert, this was tasty.



Want something different? Try Sal's Hot Tropic, which is Canadian bacon, pineapple and banana peppers plus cheese. Or you could go for the BBQ Chicken, which tosses bacon, tomatoes, green peppers and cheddar cheese onto the chicken and BBQ sauce.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats *In* With Mama Mimi's

by Veda Gilp

If you haven't tried Mama Mimi's take 'n bake pizza, you're probably still eating Donatos delivery. Sorry about that.

I hadn't tried Mama Mimi's pizza until last Saturday, when Maddy Weisz, Molly Maccracken, Lauren Creighten, John Cowin, Mark Hamsher, and I got together at Mark's for dinner.

Mark is very upfront about the fact that he doesn't cook. His Mama Mimi's pizzas, however, rivaled Tommy's for ingredients, flavor, and hot and juicy goodness.

The nice thing about these pies is that they really do get a nice brown, crispy crust and the cheese gets all bubbly and ooey-goey right in a home oven.

We tried three pizzas: "Queen" Margherita, Mama's Favorite Chicken, and the Primo Vegetarian.

Pepperoni pizza is available. Ask for Gregorio's Perfecto. Mama Mimi also offers take 'n bake lasagna and stuffed pizza. Mark reports that the meat lasagna is too much of a good thing, but that the vegetarian lasagna in the individual size is terrific.

The Primo Vegetarian with creamy roasted garlic sauce, fresh zucchini, fresh mushrooms, fresh spinach, artichoke hearts, tomatoes, and chopped onions is outstanding. Great quality fresh veggies, and the white garlic sauce is the perfect complement. You can get it with red sauce, too, if you're a pizza purist.

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