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This year it's Tuesday, May 11 and Wednesday, May 12.

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Reason # 1 to Join the Harrison West Society

Only Harrison West Society members may vote on issues which affect the neighborhood, and there are big issues facing Harrison West now.

Harrison Park Is Harrison West's Riverfront Vision Plan

Robert Harris,
Harrison West Park Committee Vice-Chair

In the interest of having the new Harrison West park designed and developed prior to turning it over to the city, Developer Mark Wagenbrenner has hired Schmidt Landesign to work on the park. Gary Schmidt and Bo Sun have enthusiastically approached the design and have opened their office and the planning process to the HW Park Committee.

The first priority of the Park Committee was to meet with Alan McKnight and Molly O'Donnell of the Recreation and Parks Department to obtain their direction and goals for the park. Alan stated that the park should be considered a neighborhood park, and the amenities of the park should be tailored to the specific needs of our neighborhood, keeping in mind the diverse mix of ages and uses.

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Artist's rendering of the proposed Harrison Park Gazebo.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 21

Area Commission Nominations for Harrison West Officer Elections Affordable Housing Recap Harrison Park Caffe Apropos Liquor Application

There's much to discuss and decide at the April 21 meeting. We'll be nominating a slate for Harrison West Society Officers, too. Bring your neighbors and have your say.

NEXT MEETING

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

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES March 17, 2004

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with a quorum of voting members present (30); Vice President Mary Funk 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 \$3,876.49, with current bills paid.

Guest Speaker

Isabelle Toth from the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing (OCCH) explained why the Senior Citizens were moved out of Harrison West too early. She reported that the OCCH plans to spend about \$30,000 per unit to rehab the low income housing the OCCH owns in Columbus. She reported that 21 special duty officers will patrol the properties, and that residents will be required to sign and adhere to strict leases. OCCH is owned by Community Properties of Ohio (CPO III). Phone number to reach her is 224-8446. HWS members aired their concerns about the residents and the properties in Harrison West.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Boundaries Pastor Richard Morris motioned to change the western boundary of Harrison West and amend Article I B of the Harrison West Constitution to read: 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 extended to the south boundary, and the west shall be the railroad

track west of the Olentangy River; Passed

Area Commission Debra Heimann, Chair of the Task Force, reported that her committee is making progress and that a meeting with the City will take place in the coming week.

Crime Report Officer Steve Smith reported that crime is down. Several members reported the Harrison West thug who is prowling the neighborhood, terrorizing single women alone in their homes late at night. This person is known to the police.

HUMKO Update Rob Harris reported the Wagenbrenner is seeking a zoning variance for three houses to be built at First and Perry before the rest of the Humko property is downzoned. The variances would be for R2 and R2F. Barb Koebe motioned to support the requested variances and downzoning; Passed.

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

New Business & Announcements:

J. Blasko reported that the Victorian Village Tour of Homes is looking for homes to host parties at \$100 a head the 3rd weekend of September. No takers.

HWS Elections Bob Mangia agreed to serve as the Nominating Chair.

HWS Meeting Date The next meeting will be April 21, 7:30 PM at the First Brethren Church. Matt Tangemann motioned to adjourn at 9:15; Passed.

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Harrison West Society meets 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM.

Reason #87 to join the Harrison West Society

We remind you when the street sweepers and tow trucks are coming.

Low Income Housing Support -- call 253-0984

Isabelle Toth of the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, which now owns the affordable housing in the neighborhood, explained at the last Harrison West meeting that if residents were living up to the leases, they could not be evicted. Her point was that just because low-income housing residents don't share the values of the middle class homeowners in Harrison West, is no reason to evict them. She also gave us a phone number that answers 24/7 to report disturbances, including the address, names if known, time, and what happened; call 253-0984 to report.

Reason #99 to join the Harrison West Society

You get to meet and work with other neighbors like you who are interested in making Harrison West a great place to live.



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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- 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.
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Martha Walker Garden Club Hosts Perennial Potluck April 18

If you have a green thumb, or if you want to expand your garden, join the avid gardeners of the Martha Walker Garden Club for their annual Perennial Potluck at the Residence House in Goodale Park from PM to P.M.



For any gardener, the annual Perennial Potluck is a treat for two reasons: you get to trade plant starts, and the Martha Walker Garden Club members will try to answer your gardening questions and give you any gardening advice you indicate you need.

To take advantage of this wealth of plant life and good info, all you need to do is bring

- A potluck dish and beverage of your choice.
- A perennial(s) of your choice. For every plant you bring, you take home one from another neighborhood gardener.

Plates, utensils and punch will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Escovitz at 432-1126.



Call for Candidates for Harrison West Society Elections

May 19 is when the Harrison West Society elects officers to see it through the upcoming year. 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 may be willing to serve. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at the April and May meetings.

If you want to vote, you must be a member. There's so much going on in the neighborhood, from starting a Commission to planning our new park, that membership in the Society is important.

The Harrison West Society is making plans and decisions that will affect how the neighborhood looks in coming years and what happens to property values.

The Society welcomes everyone's ideas and comments to make the neighborhood better and stronger.

Inner Connections Holistic Bodywork Center Plans May 8 Open House

Inner Connections, 1196 Neil Avenue, is inviting area businesses and residents to a May 8 Open House from Noon to 3 PM. Call owner Suzi Wilkoff at 614-560-9069 with questions.


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PREVERBAL is Up at Studio 16

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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 9 am 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.

This event should be a fun and worthwhile event for the entire family.

For more information, call Adam Wagenbach (424-7927).



SNNF to Host Short North Cinco de Mayo Party May 5 Community Leadership Award To Be Presented

The Short North Neighborhood Foundation (SNNF), a non-profit organization focused on supporting art, diversity and vitality in the Short North and its neighborhoods, will be presenting the annual SNNF Community Leadership Award at the Short North Cinco de Mayo Party to be held May 5th at the Blues Station, 147 W. Vine Street, 5:30 PM.

The event includes appetizers, live music by Spike Driver, and a cash bar. Proceeds of the \$20 cover donation will go to the Short North Neighborhood Foundation. Tickets available at the door.

The SNNF Community Leadership Award is made possible through the generosity of Johnstone Downey Klein, Inc. Last year's Community Leadership Award winner was Columbus City Council member Richard Sensenbrenner.

The Short North Neighborhood Foundation (SNNF) is a nonprofit organization committed to enhancing the lives of all who live, work and play in the Short North. The SNNF provides time, talent and money to help achieve specific Short North goals while leveraging local resources and fostering communications in and among other area civic organizations. For further information email shortnorthneighborhoodfoundation@yahoo.com or call 614-888-3297, or 614-421-2020.



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

Harrison Park Is Harrison West's Riverfront Vision Plan

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Among the many recommendations for the design of the park, the Gazebo has predominated as a focal point. The amphitheater will radiate from the gazebo and be located at the terminus of West First Avenue and the river. The floor of the gazebo incorporates the 13 petals of the Harrison West logo. The graceful nature of the petals is also interpreted in the standing seam copper roof, which

has an illuminated monitor that caps the circular dome.

A honey-locust grove will symbolically replace the old tank farm. The bike path, although not immediately connected, will be incorporated into the park plan and will wrap around the gazebo.

The Committee has recommended that the park be named Harrison Park and the facing street be named Harrison Park Place. Harrison Park Commons and Park Place Lofts will be built flanking the new park and street, while the homes will be built on the surrounding block.

The Harrison West Park Committee was formed back in early December to steer the direction of our exciting new riverfront park.

Committee Chair Mary Funk has worked with the twelve-member committee from inception. Mary has brought to the table her leadership skills and past experience with the development of the Harrison West Park.

The Park Committee will spend the upcoming months working out the details of the Gazebo, doing a formal presentation to the Society, and further developing the plant selection.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Ohio Deli

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The board inside the door offers up about 6 specials every meal, the waitress told me. I had my choice of a Waffle with fruit topping and sausage for \$5, or pork chops and pancakes for \$6, or the meatlover's omelette with ham, bacon and sausage with melted cheddar, homefries, and toast for under \$5.

I ordered corned beef hash (a secret vice I only allow myself when eating out) and eggs over easy with rye toast. Excellent quality corned beef hash, grilled until it was crispy around the edges. The eggs were perfectly cooked, and the toast was dripping with real butter. The jam was Smuckers. My coffee, though not Stauf's, was excellent (according to the menu - Hawaiian Royal Kona). The waitress was friendly and efficient, and I knew that if the mound of food on my plate wasn't sufficient, I always could order a grilled New York Strip.

The Deli is famous for Chicken Salad, which is made there several times a day. Big chunks of white meat and celery, held together with just enough mayo, served on rye.

Other offerings include spinners (pita sandwiches) and subs.

Deli sandwiches sound great. The Detroit, which is hot Genoa salami, smoked turkey, and Swiss on rye or the hot pastrami was edged out of my consideration only by the Manhattan -- corned beef and Swiss.

For dinner they promise corn-fried lake perch, but I'll believe that only after I eat it. No way can any restaurant offer a half pound of yellow lake perch with choice of potato, vegetable, deli side, and dinner rolls for \$7.49.

I have it on good authority, though, that their meatloaf is the kind your grandmother once made, with onions, egg, and breadcrumbs.

I think that if Ohio Deli moved their food to the Short North, they could double their prices, halve their portions, and still make everyone happy. Ohio Deli, 497-0577, 7 AM every day.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Ohio Deli

by Veda Gilp

Now that I've learned that Bob Evans restaurants don't make anything from scratch, I've been looking for a casual, hearty-breakfast eatery.

Ohio Deli is just such a place, although it's so down-scale as to be a bit intimidating. For one thing, it's at 3444 South High Street, about 3/4 of a mile north of 270. For another -- it's blue collar all the way. When I was there a few mornings ago, the crowded dining room was full of comfortably bulky men in gimme caps, all smoking cigarettes. Way at the back are a few tables for nonsmokers. All the waitresses called me sweetie.

Ohio Deli is a misnomer, since it's really a down-homey kind of place.

However, the food must be considered when dining out, and Ohio Deli's unpretentious menu just might bring me back again.

Ohio Deli's offerings are all cooked on site, with the exception of the pies, which are homemade by a former employee.

The breakfast menu is large, and includes everything from breakfast skillet to a cup of fruit or a bowl of grits. If you want to get ALL your carbs, calories, and fat in one meal, order up a Country Skillet, which is 2 eggs scrambled with green peppers, onions, and sausage, served atop real sliced-potato homefries, then covered with cheddar cheese and smothered in sausage gravy. The one I saw surely weighed two pounds.

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