

HARRISON WEST NEWS

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A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places

Harrison Park Preview

The Park Committee recently toured the Humko site to see just where the beautiful new park will be sited. The group got an eyeful (and got drenched as well) as the site's designer, neighbor Rob Harris of Architectural Alliance, showed them the Meadow, the Grove, the Pavilion, the River Overlook, the Tot Lot, and the Dog Play Lot.

Standing in a puddle of filthy water surrounded by factory debris, Rob announced, "The Harrison West Community Center will be here and the Pavilion will be right over there."

It took imagination to see the vision. See **Pages 4 and 5 for more pre-park pictures.**



Try to imagine the Harrison Park Pavilion here.

It's Election Time for the Harrison West Society

At the May 19 meeting, the Harrison West Society's officers will be chosen by the Society's voting membership.

The current slate includes Dave Butler for President, Mary Funk for Vice President, Tom Maxwell for Treasurer, and Veda Gilp 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.

Harrison West Gardens on Columbus Rec and Parks Open Garden Tour May 23

by Debby Colvin

Three Harrison West gardens will be open during the Garden Tour on Sunday May 23. Hours are from 1 until 6 PM and there will be a representative available at each home to answer questions. Participating individuals are Debby and Jerry Colvin, 492 West Fourth Ave; Rob Harris and Tim Bledsoe, 358 West Fourth Ave.; and Doug Swartz and Scot Robinson, 480 West Fourth Ave.

Harrison West gardens have been included on previous Open Garden Tours, and many individuals have requested the opportunity to see the "wonderful gardens" in our neighborhood again.

More details will be available in the Sunday *Dispatch* the day of the tour, or you may get additional information at the web site www.columbusrecparks.com. Meet some of your neighbors and get excited about plants!

Next Meeting: Wednesday,

May 19

**Elections
Summer Block
Party
Garden Tour
Dinner
Humko Redevelopment Update**

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 19 at the First Brethren Church. We'll be electing officers for the Society and planning some fun events. See you there.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 PM First Brethren Church, corner of Oregon and Third

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES April 21, 2004

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with a quorum of voting members present (26); President Dave Butler presiding.

Routine Business

Minutes Rick Kobe motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; Chris Ruder motioned to amend the minutes to read, "to include the area generally known as Goudy Field, Third Avenue on the north, the Railroad tracks on the west, Goodale Boulevard on the south, and Olentangy River Road on the east." Motion Passed. Minutes were amended.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$3,616, with current bills paid.

Guest Speakers Lori Budros, Kelly Coffman, and Laura Busby made a presentation about the Whittier Peninsula.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Humko Dave Butler reported on the Humko site development. Veda Gilp reported that City Council is solidly behind the Wagenbrenner development, and has passed the necessary variance requests and changes. The neighborhood TIF passed the first reading.

Butler and Rob Harris reported on the status of Harrison Park.

Crime Report Community Liaison Officer Steve Smith reported that crime in the expanded neighborhood has decreased and that the Harrison West thug has moved away from the neighborhood.

Elections Nominations Chair Bob Mangia reported that the current slate of officers has agreed to run again.

Traffic Task Force Dave Butler reported on the history of the Task Force to monitor and implement mitigation efforts. The largest problem is cut through traffic from downtown to Grandview and Upper Arlington. As part of the MOA, the City will begin metering Harrison West streets.

Planning and Development The next P&D meeting will be May 3 at 7 PM at Cafe Corner.

New Business & Announcements:

HWS Meeting Date The next meeting will be May 19, 7:30 PM at the First Brethren Church.

Pastor Richard Morris motioned to adjourn; Passed. Adjourned at 8:55 PM.

The Vermin Report

Developer Mark Wagenbrenner has assured the Harrison West Society that all Humko and Outland buildings will be thoroughly "de-verminized" before they are destroyed.



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Reason #12 to Join the Harrison West Society

The neighborhood needs your voice, your ideas, and your energy.



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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

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Harrison Park Preview

To help you appreciate the magnitude of the effort to turn part of the former Humko site into a park, the Harrison West News is offering these photographs of the tour of the site by the Park Committee. Also included is the artist's rendering of the planned Park, just for comparison.



Your Park Committee at work, (Left to right) Tony Celebrezze, Stephanie Tresso Celebrezze, Pastor Richard Morris, Mary Funk, Tim Bledsoe, Rob Harris, Debby Colvin, Tom Maxwell, Bob Mangia, Doug Swartz, Veda Gilp, Tom Robinson, and David Butler. Rumor had it that Stephanie and Veda did a raindance at Outlands the night before, but Architect Rob Harris refused to call off the tour, despite flood warnings.



The very damp Park Committee got right to inspecting the site.



The River Overlook behind the Pavilion caught the attention of everyone, even though it was pouring by then.



Dump and depressing, the plethora of tanks, pipes, decrepit buildings, junk, trash, broken glass, and general ugliness (above and below) could not dampen the enthusiasm and the vision of the Park Committee.



Park architect Bo Sun (left) from Schmidt Landesign discusses the park plan with neighbor and plant specialist John Carter (center) and Park Committee member Pastor Richard Morris. (It's true, they were also complaining about the weather.)



Tim and Doug are checking out the Park plans, "Are you **sure** **this** is where the Tot Lot will be?"



The caustic pools and sulfuric acid in rusty tanks soon will be gone, replaced by flower beds, picnic tables, and a Community Center.



Schmidt Landesign plant specialist Rachael Folley has put together a list of native trees and plants that will make the park beautiful and low maintenance.



The picture on the left shows the south edge of the park. The picture on the right shows the north edge of the park - Second Avenue is beyond the buildings.





The honey locust Grove will be here. Imagine the serenity of the stately Grove, with delicate leaves fluttering in the breeze.



The view of the downtown skyline will be lovely. The Park Committee already is planning the Harrison West Red, White, and Boom party.



Tony and Stephanie Celebrezze are dwarfed by the decaying buildings and piles of discarded factory parts on the site.



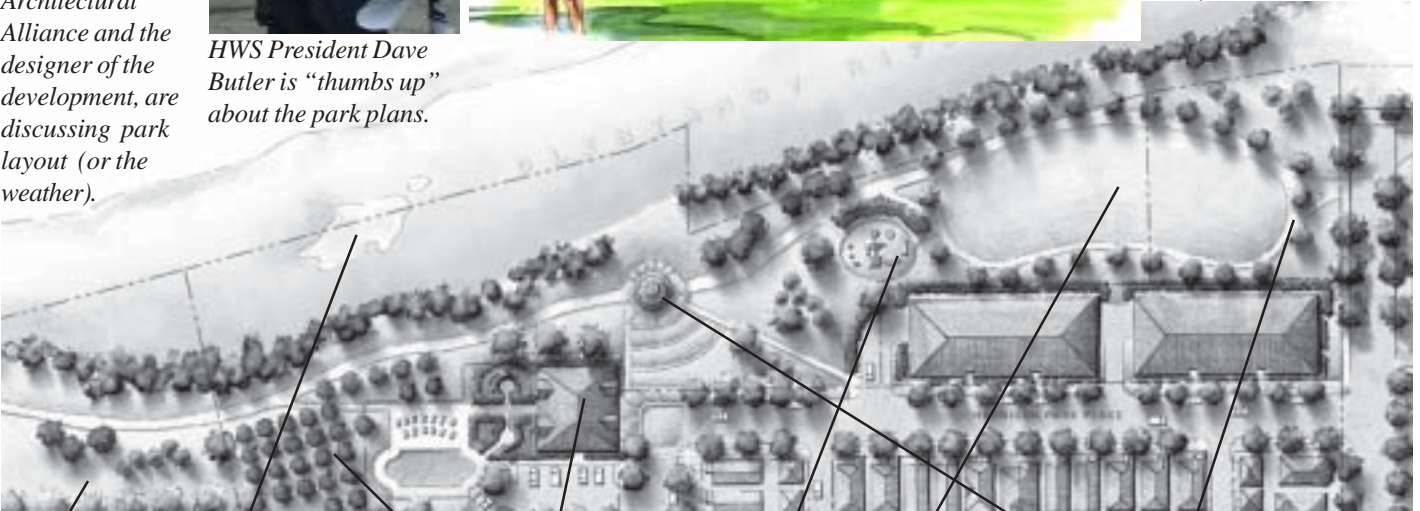
Park Committee member Debby Colvin and Rob Harris, Architectural Alliance and the designer of the development, are discussing park layout (or the weather).



HWS President Dave Butler is "thumbs up" about the park plans.



These artist's renderings of the Pavilion and the Park have been included to demonstrate the vision of the Park Committee, developer Mark Wagenbrenner, and park architect Bo Sun. They also should remind readers that Harrison West is moving forward in decidedly positive ways.



Harrison Park, including the famous Grove, the Community Center, the Tot Lot, the Meadow, Pavilion, , bike path, Dog Lot, and the Island.

Larry Brown Awarded Short North Community Leadership Award

At its May 5 Cinco de Mayo party, the Short North Neighborhood Foundation presented its 2004 Community Leadership Award to longtime resident Larry Brown.

The 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 celebrating and supporting art, diversity, and vitality in the neighborhood.

The SNNF endowment fund is held with the Columbus Foundation. Donations in honor of Larry Brown may be mailed to SNNF, 930 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43201. Checks should be made out to Columbus Foundation – SNNF.



Martha Walker Garden Club Brightens Up Harrison West

The flowers and mulch in the Harrison West parks don't appear out of thin air – they're donated to Harrison West by the Martha Walker Garden Club.

The flowers are planted by dedicated HW volunteers: Harrison West Park – Debby and Jerry Colvin; Third Avenue Bridge Art Park – Bob Mangia and the Colvins; Vermont Place islands – Barb and Rick Kobe.

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It's the Olentangy River Bike Path spruce up and bike ride this June 5 from 9 to 12, rain or shine.

The City of Columbus, Harrison West, Battelle, and Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW), are sponsoring the litter pickup, weeding and mulching from King to Third Avenue. We will have a small cookout for the volunteers that go on the bike ride at 12:30 PM.

Meet 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.

Bring your bike and a safety helmet for a 45 minute bike ride to downtown and back. We will work until 11:30, go biking, and come back for lunch at 12:30.

Lunch will be available at 11:30 for those volunteers not biking.

Please bring your own weeding and mulching tools (shovels, hoes, etc.), and gloves. We will have a few extra work tools and gloves for those volunteers that cannot bring their own.

We will be 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 a few summer flowers.

Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.

We will 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 Megan Gaberell (424-6529) or Adam Wagenbach (424-7927).

Thanks to ARAMARK for breakfast for the volunteers, to Battelle for the cookout volunteers, to Buckeye Landscaping for the mulch, and to Keep Columbus Beautiful for the planting tools, give-aways, trash bags, and gloves.

Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Mongolian Barbeque

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Don't worry about getting flavors wrong – big "recipe" boards give you suggestions on mixing sauces and spices.

Even though the Mongolian Barbeque encourages pigging out with unlimited trips to the Soup and Salad Bar, unlimited trips to the grill, and all the rice and tortillas that you can find room for, there's no need to pile your grill bowl too high. You always can go back for thirds and fourths or fifths.

There's dessert there, but after careful and non-gluttonous pigging out, all of us were too full.

295 Marconi Blvd, 586-0077, www.bdsmongolianbarbeque.com.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at BD's Mongolian Barbeque

by Veda Gilp

Next time people visit from Smallburg, USA, and you want to show them a fun time and feed them, too, hike over to BD's Mongolian Barbeque in the Arena District. It's interactive, fun, and relatively inexpensive. And BD's is set up for champion eaters.

You choose the ingredients for your stir fry from three kiosks of offerings, schlep it over to a hugemongous grill where wise-cracking kids armed with yard-long knives cook it for you, then carry the aromatic finished product back to your table.

An all-you-can-eat dinner is \$13; soup, salad, rice and tortillas included. The floor show at the grill is thrown in for free.

About the soup and salad – soups are OK, but not great. My Thai basil had a hint of heat and lemongrass. Tom and Steve's minestrone was just OK and almost goey with overcooked pasta.

The salad was romaine and iceberg with a sweetish dressing.

The meat ingredients are excellent: steak, beef tips, pork, chicken, grouper, shrimp, crawfish, scallops, even squid.

I lost count of the vegetables, but I know tofu and pea pods were present with the broccoli, peppers, mushrooms, bean sprouts, beans, corn, potatoes and onions.

One of the reasons for trying BD's is so you can experiment with a wider variety of sauces, oils and spices than you'd probably ever keep at home.

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