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For everyone who wonders why Harrison West needs a Conservation District, here's your answer. When the woman who had lived in this house below for 65 years passed away a few months ago, her heirs looked at an old house with a few problems and sold it fast to a developer.

The developer destroyed it even faster, without approaching the neighborhood about it. Of course we all want to control our own property, but in this case, an out-of-our-neighborhood developer called the shots. And he obviously had no intention of telling Harrison West what he planned for us.

A Conservation District will allow Harrison West residents -- not outside developers -- to control what happens in our neighborhood. It levels the playing field for everyone.

Right: the classic Harrison West home which was destroyed. Far right: three hours after the first crunch.



Harrison West Vision Plan Unveiled

The Harrison West Vision Plan seemed to be a hit with the Harrison West residents who attended the August 1 opening. Neighbors liked the consideration of future needs of the neighborhood and the Plan's accommodation of changes in the neighborhood and society. The Society will vote on the Vision Plan at the August 17 Harrison West meeting, 7 PM, First Brethren Church, corner of Third and Oregon.

After the Society approves the Vision Plan, it will go to City Departments for approval, and ultimately to City Council. If Council passes it, it will become "law."

The Harrison West Vision Plan is a policy document and an agenda for action - a "blueprint" for future neighborhood growth and redevelopment. In the coming months and years, the Plan's recommendations and strategies will serve as a reference, guiding decision-makers in the protection of historic assets, preservation of neighborhood character, and the identification of significant infrastructure needs.



Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 17, 7 PM

Vision Plan Vote
Goodale Park Fountain
Gowdy Field Update
HW Garage Sale
Senior Needs
Skip Parks, Div. of Refuse

New meeting time is 7 PM. Mark your calendar.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Wednesday,
August 17 at 7:00 PM
First Brethren Church, Third & Oregon

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES July 20, 2005

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of voting members present (40); President Mary Funk presiding.

Routine Business

Minutes Pastor Richard Morris motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; Passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported \$4,599.

Guest

Chris Presutti, Chief Zoning Official for Columbus, explained zoning, zoning codes, and zoning regulations.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Parks Bob Mangia reported that he plans to contact both the fabricator and the artist about rust on the Side by Side sculpture. He reported that work on the Side by Side park will begin any day now.

Social Tim Bledsoe is looking for a vendor to do the cooking. He reports that the MI Homes sales office will allow us to use the Porta Potty on their site, so HW needn't rent one for the party. The party will be 6-9 PM, and there will be movie trivia questions to win door prizes. Kroger and Wagenbrenner Realty have volunteered to underwrite the cost of the party.

P&D Jacob Sukosd, Chair of the P&D Committee, reported that the Committee is satisfied with the Gowdy Field variance requests, with the caveat that the Society will revisit the question of signage when it arises. He recommended the Society accept the variances requested by the developer. Tim

Bledsoe motioned to approve and send a letter in favor; Passed.

The next P&D meeting will be September 5, 6 PM at the First Brethren Church. The August 1 P&D meeting will be replaced by the Vision Plan Open House.

Developments

Gowdy Field: Developers Eric and Mark Wagenbrenner explained the latest planning for the office buildings and parking. They will touch base with HWS officers for future changes, but there is no plan to return to Harrison West Society.

Harrison Park Update Rob Harris and Mark Wagenbrenner reported that because of City requirements, houses on Second will face Perry now. Wagenbrenner reported that the project has gone from 222 apartments to 126 condos, 48 single family homes and 18 duplexes; parkland is increased by 1/2 acre. He asked for the Society's approval of the changes so he could take them to the City. Bob Mangia motioned to approve the project as shown; Passed.

Crime Report Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith reported that crime is down in Harrison West again. Theft from auto remains the major crime in the neighborhood.

New Business & Announcements:

HWS Meeting Date The next meeting will be August 17, 7 PM at the First Brethren Church.

Executive Committee will meet August 8, 6 PM, First Brethren Church.

Ron O'Neal from CPO reported that Helen Court will be ready for occupancy by the end of September.

Adjournment Pastor Richard Morris motioned to adjourn at 8:50 PM; Passed.

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New meeting
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Friday at 5:30 PM

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New meeting time is 7 PM.

The 4th Annual Summer Block Party was a Blockbuster

by Tim Bledsoe

The fourth annual Summer Block party sponsored by the Harrison West Society was a huge success with 97 people and one privileged dog attending. The 90-plus temperature was cooled by a constant summer breeze and soothing drinks. Great food, games, and a fun bunch of people made this a memorable event.

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Tom Friend and Richard North, who thoroughly cleaned the street to make way for

the fun, and to Seth Rothery, who provided the game Corn Hole for attendees.

Side dishes poured in as neighbors arrived, providing more than enough food for everyone. The Harrison West Society commends Tom Maxwell & Steve Schab for arranging distribution of the remaining food to the homeless shelter.

Many thanks go to our generous sponsors: Wagenbrenner Realty, Santer Communities, Kroger, and Discover Card for providing equipment, food, and cooking.

Door prizes for the Movie Trivia questions were provided by Flowers by Doe, North Market, Cafe Corner, Benevolence Bakery, North Market Cook Ware, A Touch of Earth, Market Blooms, & Fortin Ironworks.

Truly, a great time was had by all.


Editor's Note: Tim Bledsoe forgot to thank himself for his

outstanding efforts to ensure that the 4th Annual Summer Party was a huge success.

Volunteers such as Tim are the reason the Harrison West Society is one of the most successful in the City. Special Thanks also go to Jerry Colvin, who took all the photographs.



New meeting time is 7 PM.



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- If your regular trash is picked up in an alley, put large items on your property at the alley line where collectors can see them.
- Roll carpet into a bundle 4' long by 2' in diameter and tie it with rope.
- Leave furniture assembled.
- DO NOT place bagged or canned trash out for bulk collection.

It May Be Hot Outside, But Cats Are Cool in August

August is the perfect month to adopt a furry new feline friend at the Capital Humane Society. Adopt an adult cat (1 year or older) for half price all month, including vaccinations, spay-neuter surgery, nail trims and more.

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Seniors Need Bingo Prizes

Our Seniors at the Senior Center at 1200 Michigan just love bingo, but because of the type of government program that runs it, there's no money for prizes. You can help by bringing a prize to the next HWS meeting August 17.

Here's what they need and would like to have: hand lotions, dish soap, liquid soap, Ajax, cleaners such as Fantastic, soft toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo, conditioner, hair spray, fabric softener sheets, laundry soap, Pledge, deodorant. You get the idea. Let's see if we can all help.



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Harrison Park

Avenue One Lofts Coming to First and Thurber

At the May Harrison West meeting, members voted to approve the Santer project for First and Thurber. Concerns at the time were 1) the modern "look" of the building; 2) parking; 3) setbacks; 4) landscaping; and 5) height. Members felt it was significant that this location is in a "transitional" area of HW.

Now Santer has presented Harrison West with the final design for the condos. "The input of members of the Society has been an integral part of the design process," notes Chip Santer, president of Santer Communities.

"Our Society feels this project will serve to be an asset to the community and its quality of life," says Mary T. Funk, president of the Harrison West Society.

The proposed development, at the southeast corner of West First Avenue and Thurber Drive, features loft style one-bedroom units starting at under \$200,000.



Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Cafe Bellisari

But the crust was raw as in never been baked. They weren't busy and overworked, so the pastry chef should have noticed. Whoever cut it should have noticed. The server should have noticed. No one noticed the crust was raw except me.

The one bright spot in my meal at Cafe Bellisari was the Tiramisu I got as a replacement for the lemon tart. Too pretty to eat, but when you can finally force yourself to break into the chocolate case, the espresso soaked cake, cheese, fresh raspberries and poached pears are to die for. The presentation on the plate is fabulous.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Cafe Bellisari

Cafe Bellisari, "an upscale Tuscan grill" in the Global Living store at 855 Grandview Avenue is ambitious. But while the cafe strives for interesting, intriguing, and flavorful offerings, it falls short in what appears on your plate.

The menu ranges from appetizers of fried saffron risotto balls stuffed with Parma ham and served with chive oil to an entree of roast pheasant.

Salads, pizzas, sandwiches, and pastas are dressed up, but not always dressed better.

I tried the seafood lasagna, layered with smoked shrimp, scallops, clams and lobster, fennel and a red seafood sauce. I wish I could say it had a nice balance of smoky, sweet, and spicy flavors, but I cannot. Frankly, it tasted too sour and smoky with too much flabby pasta, too much mozzarella melted onion-soup style over the top of the crock in which it was served, and not enough sauce.

Bread service is nothing to brag about, but if the thinly-sliced piece of loaf isn't too dried out (as mine was), ask for the herbed butter.

Cafe Bellisari aims high. The cheese sandwich consists of roasted vegetables, provolone, mozzarella, parmesan, and smoked Gouda, for instance. The New York strip is Tuscan rubbed.

Everything on the dessert menu is \$8, but the presentation is wonderful, and when they get it right -- it's fabulous. They just don't always get it right.

I ordered the lemon tart, which came looking beautiful propped on a mound of real whipped cream and floating in a blackberry sauce.

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