

# HARRISON WEST NEWS

November 2005 16/11

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## WOW! in the Grassroots

At the October Harrison West Society meeting, as VP Rob Harris was explaining the need to determine how and when to spend millions of TIF dollars in Harrison West, residents experienced a WOW! moment.

WOW! that Harrison West would have **millions to spend.**

WOW! that years of work are paying off.

WOW! that ordinary people such as ourselves could make so much good happen.

More WOW!:

- gateway features on 3rd and 5th
- Gowdy Field development, worth \$1 million
- Harrison West Plan, that City Council just made law
- traffic calming that's going into place
- street trees lining every street
- HW, one of the most powerful neighborhoods in the City

Be part of the WOW! Join the HWS and get involved.

## You're Invited to the Harrison West Society Holiday Party

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**Next Meeting:  
Wednesday,  
November 16,  
7 PM**

**Holiday Party Planning  
TIF Expenditures  
Conservation District**

**New meeting  
time is 7 PM.  
Mark your  
calendar.**

## NEXT MEETING

**The Harrison West Society will meet  
Wednesday,  
November 16  
at 7:00 PM  
First Brethren Church, Third & Oregon**

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## HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES October 19, 2005

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of voting members present (27); Vice President Rob Harris presiding.

### Routine Business

*Minutes* Debby Colvin motioned to amend the August minutes to say that the Society would spend up to \$50 a month on the Seniors if no other donations had been made and to amend the September minutes to say that a MOA with the City about caring for the parks was discussed; Passed.

*Treasurer's Report* Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported that the Harrison West Society had a total of \$7,225.

### Old Business and Committee Reports:

*President's Report* Vice President Harris reported that the HW Executive Committee develops the agenda.

Harris reported that the first draw on the TIF funds is approaching, and the Society needs to prioritize expenditures. *See related article on Page 6.*

### Executive Committees

*Audit* Chair Chris Ruder reported on procedures.

*Communications* Chair Stephanie Tresso reported that Jim Slone's web design is almost finished and that the winter mailer is in progress. Committee to meet October 24.

*Civic Relations* Pastor Richard Morris reported that the CHN has not made a stand on the conservation district issue.

*Conservation District* Chair Seth Rothey reported Lelia Cady,

Councilwoman Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Pam O'Grady, Council of Historic Neighborhoods, and City Dir. of Development Mark Barbash want to meet to discuss the issue. Veda Gilp motioned that the HWS should support signatures rather than placing a conservation district on the ballot; Passed.

*Membership* Chair Tony Celebrezze reported. It was decided to send a postcard to every member early in November, follow up with a full letter in January to everyone not a member. Also send two mailings to members for the holiday party. He is looking for people to help update the bylaws.

*Elections Committee* It was announced that we need a replacement for Tom Robinson to the Short North Neighborhood Foundation and for Doug Swartz to Friends of Goodale Park.

*Parks Committee* Co-Chair Debby Colvin reported that she and Jerry Colvin, Doug Swartz, and Scot Robinson spent two hours weeding the Harrison West Park. Need more volunteers for park care. Chair Bob Mangia said Side by Side Park is waiting for irrigation.

*Social Committee* Chair Tim Bledsoe reported that the Marathon party was a success again, but that next year we need livelier music. His group is gearing up for the holiday party. B. Hamptons has volunteered their space for the party.

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**Harrison West Society meets 3rd**

**Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM.**

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# October 19, 2005 Minutes

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## Planning and Development

**Gowdy Field** Chair Jacob Sukosd reported that the P&D Committee just wants "a seat at the table" regarding signage.

*1028-1020 Pennsylvania new build* Sukosd reported that P&D had met with the owner's representative, and had discouraged curb cuts and garage on the street. The developer is to return to the P&D Committee with plan revisions.

*1094 Michigan* The owner is ignoring the City. Rob Harris stressed that resolving this will be a long process.

*Traffic Calming* Rob Harris reported that the City-Battelle-HW-POD meeting went positively and the process is ongoing.

*Crime* Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith warned of the home-invasion trend and reported that crime is down in Harrison West.

## New Business & Announcements:

*COTA* Bill Lhota and Belinda Taylor from COTA attended to discuss COTA's service reduction and January fare increase.

## Executive Committee

The next meeting will be November 7, 6 PM at the First Brethren Church.

The next Harrison West Society meeting will be November 16, 2005 at 7 PM at First Brethren Church.

Jim Slone motioned to adjourn; Passed. Adjourned at 8:30.



# 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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Individual \$10  Household \$15 (2 persons)  Senior \$5 (60 and over)  Sustaining \$25

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Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reservations, Please



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## AlphaState Class Cancellations

The following classes have been cancelled for this quarter starting November 1st:

Monday and Wednesday, Pilates class, 9:30 AM

Wednesday, Wake-up Yoga and Meditation, 6:30 and 7:45 AM

Friday, Wake-up Yoga class, 6:45 AM

Saturday, New York City Ballet Workout, 12:45 PM



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## WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday: 9 AM and 11 AM

MASSES DURING THE WEEK  
Tuesday through Friday: 6 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday at 5:30 PM  
[www.sfacolumbus.org](http://www.sfacolumbus.org)

New meeting time is 7 PM.

## City Council Approves Harrison West Plan

On October 24, the Columbus City Council approved the Harrison West Plan, turning it into law.

What does this mean to you? It means that if you want to make a new curb cut for a driveway -- the City won't allow it. If you want to tear down a single family home and build an office building, the City won't allow it. If you want to paint your front door orange -- who cares?

The Harrison West Plan is both 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, the preservation of neighborhood character, and the identification of significant infrastructure needs.

The Plan recommends:

- 1 taking inventory of the neighborhood's architecture and historic structures
- 2 establishment of a Neighborhood Conservation District or a review commission
- 3 nomination of eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places
- 4 development of architectural guidelines for use in development review
- 5 planning for landscaping and sound mitigation along S.R. 315
- 6 completion of capital improvement projects already planned/programmed
- 7 replacement of fencing along the Michigan-Goodale connector
- 8 preservation and extension of the existing street grid
- 9 installation of median and cross-walk improvements
- 10 prohibition of additional curb cuts along neighborhood streets
- 11 use of UIRF and capital improvements funds to enhance planned projects
- 12 relocation of the pole-mounted signage at Michigan Avenue and Goodale Street
- 13 increased enforcement of the speed limit along Goodale Street
- 14 enhancement of neighborhood intersections
- 15 a 30 ft. pavement width for all new streets, to allow for on-street parking
- 16 installation of sidewalks, treelawns, and street trees as properties are developed
- 17 relocation of utility lines below ground, if funds become available
- 18 an upgrade of the light fixtures along Third Avenue and Fifth Avenue
- 19 installation of decorative lighting if property owners choose to be assessed

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# Friends of Goodale Park Annual Holiday Gala Dec 7, 6-9:30 PM

The beautiful home of Mark Sroufe and Bradley Weatherford, 158 Buttles Avenue, across from Goodale Park, is the setting for the annual fundraiser for the Friends of Goodale Park (501(c)3 ). Tickets are \$35 by calling 228-2912. All proceeds will be used for enhancements to Goodale Park.

Munch on wonderful refreshments donated by Short North restaurants while you admire the decor of this incredible home.

Highlights of the home include a large mural in the dining room based on works by 19<sup>th</sup> century landscape artist George Inness and recreated by Mike Altman and Steve Galgas, painters of the Short North version of American Gothic. Décor also features an art collection of Randall LaGro, Ron Arps, Lui Liu and

Santiago Perez as well as antique chandeliers from Argentina, France, and the old Deshler Hotel.

## Social Committee Needs Your Help

Tim Bledsoe, Chair of the Social Committee, wants lots of door prizes at the Holiday Party, and he's asking for help getting them. "We'll take all the volunteers and prizes we can get," he says. Call him at 297-8388 with ideas, gifts, and offers to help.

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## Harrison West Society Prioritizing Ideas on How to Spend TIF \$Millions

The TIF funds will be available to Harrison West Society soon, and the Society is working to prioritize spending plans.

First on the list is reimbursing Wagenbrenner Realty for purchase of the Compton property for the riverside park and for the design and construction of the park.

This should leave about \$600,000 from the first disbursement to spend on other priorities. Decorative streetlights throughout Harrison West lead the list. After that, suggestions include dressing up street corners, adding public art, and rebricking our streets. This will be discussed at the November 16 Harrison West Society meeting, 7 PM, First Brethren Church, corner Third and Oregon.

## Perry Street Closed at Harrison Park -- Here's Why

For everyone who wants to know why Perry Street is closed -- here's the scoop straight from architect Rob Harris:

- Perry is being rebuilt from 2nd Ave. to Quality Place
- Putting in landscaped traffic island between First and Second
- Putting in new sewer line
- Tapping into utilities for the 42 new houses, so easier to rebuild the street than piece it together
- Restoring 5 ft. treelawns and 5 ft. sidewalks
- Houses curve in to make room for the landscaped island

## FLOW December Meeting

Come see first hand some of the wildlife that lives around the Olentangy River. This will be a fun program suitable for the whole family – Bring the kids! It's Wednesday, December 7 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM at the Ohio Wildlife Center at the Northwood High Building at 2231 N. High Street. For more information, call Kathy at the FLOW office 267-3386.



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# Figures

Northwood ARTSpace presents paintings and drawings by Michael Weisel October 31 to December 10 in Gallery Ro9om 100, 2231 N. High Street. Should be a great show.

# Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at MoJoe's Lounge

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Coffee and juice or milk are extra, but Bethany and I didn't mind. We had about half a gallon each. Seth, not a coffee drinker, had apple and grapefruit juice. Good stuff, definitely not from a can.

We all were so impressed with the quality of the ingredients of everything we tasted, that the pancakes were a major disappointment.

Those pancakes were worse than the ones from the grocery freezer section that you heat up in

the toaster! Real maple syrup, real butter, but YUCK pancakes.

Did I mention how good the coffee was?

Since the kitchen is so small, the buffet is all they do until after 2 PM on Sunday. After that, the regular menu is available. It looked pretty good, too.

Definitely try the MoJoe Sunday brunch -- 10 to 2 PM and under \$13. Just don't bother with the pancakes.

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# Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at MoJoe Lounge

by Veda Gilp

Seth Rothy and Bethany Bell and I found a terrific place for Sunday brunch at MoJoe Lounge/ Cup O' Joe on the Cap recently. The food was good, the service was good, and the price was good. Can't beat that.

First thing in the door, the aroma of excellent coffee wakes you up. Ahhh; just bring me a tubfull and let me dive in.

The hot buffet runs to the usual breakfast offerings: hash brown potatoes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, and pancakes. The thrill for me was that everything was good -- well, not the pancakes, but that's another story.

The scrambled eggs were creamy and eggy.

The sausage and bacon were top quality. Bethany and I agreed the sausage is much better than what they serve at that big red barn-looking breakfast place.

The green beans were a little garlicky and crunchy. Delish!

You can order up an omelet any way you want it. We ordered a sampler -- veggie with cheddar, sausage and cheddar, and everything with three cheeses. The veggies were fresh and still slightly crisp. The omelets were stuffed full, and frankly, had a bit too much cheese for me, but no one else was complaining. I liked all of them.

On the cold table, granola, yogurt, Greek salad, little danishes, muffins, and lovely orange cake ensured that you wouldn't go away with an unsatisfied sweet tooth.

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