

HARRISON WEST NEWS

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Ho Ho Holiday Party Was a Big Crowd Pleaser

And we do mean BIG crowd -- 154 members, neighbors and guests.

See the complete party story on Pages 4 and 5.



Tim Bledsoe and Rob Harris put the party together and deserve major kudos for their good work. They rounded up, or "persuaded" people to round up, more than 27 door prizes.



Maddy Weisz (shown with John Cowin and Mark Hamsher) began the Holiday Party custom in 1998 during her tenure as President. Thanks, Maddy. You started a fine tradition.

2006 promises to be an incredible year for Harrison West. We'll see the results of years of ongoing projects and improvements which will shape our neighborhood for decades to come. There is no better time than now to get involved in the Harrison West Society and support your neighborhood. Here are the highlights:

Harrison West Society 30th Anniversary There will be several celebrations of the anniversary, plus yearlong observance and commemoration.

TIF Money This year should see the first TIF money flowing into the Harrison West Society treasury. After paying for building the Harrison Park, about \$600,000 should be left over to use in Harrison West.

Harrison Park Place Harrison Park Place will continue to build, continuing the property value increase for the southern portion of Harrison West. Not only will we start welcoming our new neighbors into new homes, we will also welcome a new riverfront park into our neighborhood and the Harrison West Society will have a new building and meeting room to call our own in the parkside Community House. It doesn't get much more exciting than this!

Gateway Features on Third and Fifth This year our gateway features and traffic calming features at Third Ave. and Fifth Ave. will be built. The Society has been working on this project since 1999. The gateway feature on Third is the result of the neighborhood's UIRF application from 2001 and will make this area even more beautiful and inviting.

Harrison West Neighborhood Plan 2006 will see the Neighborhood Plan being used for shaping and guiding development throughout our neighborhood.

New Parkland This year begins the real planning for acquisition of new parkland in Harrison West, paid for in part with the \$1 million we will receive from our share of Gowdy Field.

As you can see, 2006 is going to be a huge year for Harrison West. Please join the Society or renew your membership. Also, please get involved by coming to our monthly meetings.



**Next Meeting:
Wednesday,
Jan. 18**

Planning 2006

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

NEXT MEETING

**The Harrison West Society will meet
Wednesday,
January 18 at 7:00 PM
First Brethren Church, Third & Oregon**

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New meeting time is 7 PM.

Should HW Sponsor a Garden Tour?

The Garden Committee wants to know if you're interested in a Harrison West Garden Tour this summer as part of Harrison West's 30th anniversary celebration. Please help us by emailing your answers to the following questions to Debby Colvin at dcolvin@ameritech.net. Of course, the more responses we receive, the better we will be able to assess interest in this project.

1. Would you like to tour gardens in Harrison West?

2. Would you be willing to pay for such a tour?

3. Would you be interested in having your garden on the tour?

4. If you had your garden on the tour, what month(s) would be good?

5. Would you have your garden on the tour if it were only for Harrison West residents?

6. Would you like this tour to be part of the garden tours sponsored by the City's Parks and Recreation Department?

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New meeting time is 7 PM.

Ho Ho Harrison West Holiday Party

The 2005 Ho Ho Holiday Party was the biggest and best ever -- 154 people attended! It seems almost that many worked to make it a terrific event! B. Hampton's dining room turned out to be not quite big enough. The servers kept moving. Cathy and her Mom welcomed everyone warmly. From the increasing noise level, it was clear the Ho Ho Harrison West Holiday Party just kept getting better as the evening progressed.

Special thanks go to the people and companies who made the party possible, beginning with Social Chair **Tim Bledsoe**, who with partner **Rob Harris**, put the whole thing together. Tim, who also put together the Summer Blockbuster Party and the Fall Marathon Party, may find himself the *permanent* Social Chair if he



keeps pulling off great parties such as these.

Cathy Capuano, who owns B. Hamptons, hosted and catered.

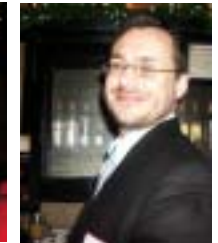
Mark Wagenbrenner of Wagenbrenner Realty provided \$400 to pay for the catering.

Our own **Treasurer Tom Maxwell**, consistently kind hearted and generous to others, tipped all the hard-working serving people.

In total, the Society paid under \$20 for the entire event. The neighborhood and the Society are extraordinarily fortunate to have so many generous benefactors.

Door prizes came from everywhere:

- **Doubletree Guest Suites of Columbus**
- **Harrison House Bed & Breakfast**
- **North Market**
- **Jeni's Fresh Ice Cream**
- **Market Blooms-Bob Mangia**
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- **Designs by Doe Floral Studio**
- **Rothschild Farm Raspberry Basket**
- **Richard Polk-Telemarketer zappers**
- **Otero's Food Bar-Brian Laird and Darrin Stephens**



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Back Then

- 1865 most of Harrison West is a racetrack
- 1985 bulldozers are regular sights in HW as house after historic house is razed for “urban renewal” and the corner of Third and Michigan is one of the most violent areas in Columbus
- 1995 Battelle proposes plans to build a 9,500 gallon toxic waste site in Harrison West (it later scraps the plans)
- 1995 ODOT nixes idea of “Cap” over new 10-lane I-670 running under High Street
- 1995 City proposes 90-foot-high electrical poles and high-tension wires on Michigan
- 1996 Well-known artist, Felix de la Concha, sets up his easel in Harrison West, immortalizing the streets and buildings in a series of minutely-detailed oils, many of which later are purchased for display by the Columbus Museum of Art
- 1997 Moretti’s Poultry, a poultry processing plant on Oregon south of Third, unloads semi trucks in the streets, causing streams of bloody water to run down the gutters and an incredibly foul smell to rise from the dumpsters
- 1998 Regular street sweeping begins in HW
- 1999 planning begins to replace the festering Michigan Market at Third and Michigan with something a little more salubrious



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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out

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At 3rd and Michigan, Cafe Apropos is holding its own as an upscale coffee and wine shop. This is a true coffee shop that roasts and grinds its own beans.

You can get a panini sandwich or soup, a variety of espresso and coffees, and really good ice cream. Unless you have a giant appetite, go for the half sandwich. Desserts include the Mackinaw Island ice creams, cakes and sometimes cookies or little fruit tarts.

Because the place is wireless, often there's a laptop on nearly every table.

The wine selections are extensive, but Cafe Apropos does not yet have an on-premise permit. However, every Friday from 8 to 10, at the wine tastings, \$8 will buy you the opportunity to sample 4 or 5 different wines.

Over in Thurber Center, Spinelli's Deli does great business for breakfast, lunch and catering.

Breakfast is one of their busiest meals, and when the owners are there, you can get some wise-cracks with your bagel or breakfast wrap.

If the soups began life in a freezer case, it was a top-shelf freezer. The chili is very good, and

hits the spot these winter days. I personally like the Italian Wedding soup, too.

Since I like things spicy, I'm partial to the Jalapeño Joe, which is turkey, Jalapeño bacon, pepperjack cheese, lettuce, tomato and Chipotle mayo -- usually in a wrap. I also like the Buffalo Bill -- chicken breast, spicy Buffalo sauce, blue cheese dressing and lettuce on focaccia.

If you're eating right, you'll find a variety of salads, including the Asian sesame chicken salad with mandarin oranges, my personal favorite.

Get out of the house and eat in Harrison West.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Cafe Corner, Spinelli's Deli, and Cafe Apropos

by Veda Gilp

Sometimes you just want a sandwich or some soup within walking distance. When that happens in Harrison West, you can head to one of our three local eateries: Cafe Corner, Cafe Apropos and Spinelli's Deli. We're lucky to have them; in the 'burbs you have to get in the car and drive to find good food.

After a start as a coffee shop, Cafe Corner at 3rd and Pennsylvania now concentrates on the food. It does a decent job, too. If owner Pete Andronis is there, you'll probably get a real groaner of a joke to go with your meal.

Recently, I had an opportunity to sample Pete's homemade chicken soup. It was a tasty mix of rich broth, cooked-from-scratch chicken, noodles, onion and celery seasoned with just the right amount of pepper.

The lunch special included the soup, a BLT, pickle, pretzels, and can of cola for \$7.95.

Pete's hummus and pita is excellent, as is the tzatziki. You can get Greek gyros, homemade tuna or chicken salad, burgers, and breakfast.

When Pete's innumerable cousins are cooking and baking, you can find decadent baklava and other Greek desserts.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Cafe Corner is open until 3 AM.

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