

# HARRISON WEST NEWS

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## Wagenbrenner to Speak on Harrison West Neighborhood TIF at March Harrison West Meeting

Harrison Park Developer, Mark Wagenbrenner, will bring Society members up to speed at the next Harrison West meeting regarding the neighborhood TIF. Dollar amounts of the TIF available to the Society could be as low as \$10,000 a year for the next 30 years, or as high as \$600,000 in 2007 alone. It all depends on esoteric investment procedures and property value increases.

What should the TIF money fund? After Harrison Park, that is? Initial suggestions are:

1. Decorative streetlights throughout Harrison West
2. Dressing up street corners
3. Public art
4. Rebricking our streets

## Call for Candidates

May 17 is when the Harrison West Society elects officers to see it through the upcoming year.

Please contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Rick Kobe, at 291-0574, 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. The Harrison West Society is making plans and decisions that will affect how the neighborhood looks in coming years, what happens to property values, what you can do to your house and even where we picnic.

## Join by March to Vote in May

The Society welcomes everyone's ideas and comments to make the neighborhood better and stronger. If you haven't yet joined the Society, please do so now. Your vote will count.

## Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 15

TIF -- Wagenbrenner Conservation District 30th Anniversary Elections

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## NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet  
Wednesday,  
March 15 at 7:00 PM  
First Brethren Church, Third & Oregon

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New meeting time is 7 PM.

# HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

## February 15, 2006

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM with a quorum of voting members present (23); Vice President Rob Harris presiding.

### Routine Business

**Minutes** Rick Kobe motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; Passed.

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$6,351, with current bills paid.

### Old Business and Committee Reports:

**President's Report** President Mary Funk was not present. Rob Harris reported that the Constitution and By Laws should be updated to facilitate the current and upcoming needs of the Society.

**Audit Report** Chair Chris Ruder reported that the Committee is gathering information on the TIF. Developer Mark Wagenbrenner stresses that someone in the Society must be accountable for TIF spending.

**Civic Relations** Chair Pastor Richard Morris reported that the Council of Historic Neighborhoods has decided to remain neutral in the 70/71 split issue. There was no decision as to whether the Society should seek a presentation from either side of the design debate.

**Communications Committee** Chair Stephanie Tresso was not in attendance. It was stressed that 30th Anniversary planning must commence.

**Community Housing** VP Harris reported that more bingo prizes are needed for the Seniors. Steve Cross from Trendy Thriftique volunteered to sell the Society bingo prizes at cost.

**Conservation Committee** Chair Seth Rothly reported that the City has approved a budget for a Conservation District administrator. Rothly is seeking information from the City about a timeline, what HWS needs to do first, etc.

**Elections Committee** Chair Rick Kobe reported that the Short North Neighborhood Foundation wishes to present to the Society at the April meeting about the SNNF. Steve Cross from Trendy Thriftique again expressed his interest in being a liaison. Steve Weed from SNNF will discuss the new requirements with Cross. Kobe requested that the March *Harrison West News* publish a call for candidates for Society officers and that officer candidates should submit their intent to the Elections Committee and the *News*.

**Membership Report** Chair Tony Celebreeze was not present.

**Parks Committee** Chair Bob Mangia was not present. VP Harris reported that Mangia had begun working with Wagenbrenner Companies on the TIF and park funding.

**Planning and Development** Chair Jacob Sukosd reported that the Santer development at First and Thurber is now called Avenue One Lofts and will be breaking ground in the Spring, having received all the necessary permits. He will be meeting with Rec and Parks McKnight to learn more on how to dispense the Gowdy Field money.

**Social** Tim Bledso reported that the block party will be July 8 on 4th Avenue in the shade. Veda Gilp is to ask Tom McClain at Battelle about displaying a HWS 30th Anniversary banner on the

walkway bridge.

**Traffic** Chair Craig Copeland reported that the Neighborhood Design Center is working on a design for the "Tech Corridor" on Olentangy between Goodale and Kinear. Discussion about what the Society thinks such design should entail re: furniture, fixtures, traditional or tech? No consensus. He will report back from the March 2 Design Center meeting. He reported that a meeting on Michigan Avenue truck traffic has been arranged with developer Mark Wagenbrenner and the neighborhood. He will ask Wagenbrenner for a timeline and deadline for removing the trucks. Copeland reported that the City has altered the traffic calming/gateway feature crosswalk on Fifth Avenue, moving it directly under the Battelle walkway bridge. Third Avenue feature has not changed.

**Crime Report** Community Liaison Officer Steve Smith reported that most of the crime in Harrison West occurs in the CPO properties and the deep south apartment complexes. Crime in the neighborhood is sporadic and incidental. In January there were three cars stolen, two thefts from autos, and one kidnapping of a child by an estranged parent. Steve Weed from SNNF reported on the First Precinct police drawdown, asking for community wide response to the action. He was invited to the Feb. 27 Executive Committee meeting to explore the topic further.

### New Business and Announcements

Mike Joshua announced that the 2nd Avenue school is closing and moving the neighborhood kids to Weinland Park. He asked about neighborhood interest in beginning a charter school.

**Planning and Development** will meet Monday, February 27, 2006, 6 PM.

The Harrison West Society will meet March 15, 2006 at 7 PM.

Adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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## ATTA Boy for Barb and Rick Kobe

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## Alpha State Days Off

Alphastate will be closed March 20-25th for our spring break. All classes will resume on March 27th for the spring quarter.

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## Last Chance for Garden Tour

This is the last chance to get a garden tour set for this spring. In past years, the Garden Tour brought hundreds of folks to our neighborhood, many of whom had no idea how nice Harrison West is. Your garden needn't be lavish. You just need to be proud of it.

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New meeting time is 7 PM.

## Michigan Truck Traffic End in Sight

“As soon as we get 14 dry days in a row, Perry Street and First Avenue will be finished -- paved. Then all truck construction will go to Perry and First off Michigan and Second,” promises Mark Wagenbrenner, developer of Harrison Park.

Wagenbrenner made the statement at a meeting set up by the Harrison West Society Traffic Committee.

Neighbor Marty Griffith, who lives on Michigan and who has been critical of the City’s responses to his concerns, pronounced himself satisfied. “I’m very impressed by your sincerity,” he told Wagenbrenner.

Wagenbrenner plans to build all of the streets in Harrison Park at once, using a costly paving concrete which sets up fast in cold weather. He apologized for the traffic and the mess the neighborhood has experienced this winter, adding that, “We live by the City’s rules, and they told us where to run the trucks.”

Hope for dry weather.

## Bike Path Spruce Up June 3

Battelle, Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) and Harrison West are sponsoring an Olentangy River Bike Path spruce-up and cleanup (Litter Pickup, Weeding, Mulching, and Planting) on June 3, from 9 am to noon, **rain or shine**. We will have a small cookout for the volunteers at noon.

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 weeding and picking up litter along the bike path. Call Adam Wagenbach from Battelle at 424-7927 for more information.



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## FLOW Events for Spring

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:00 PM at the Northwood High Building at 2231 N. High St. Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed's monthly meeting will feature Low Impact Development (LID), a new comprehensive land planning and engineering design approach.

Saturday, April 8 from 9:00-12:00 noon, join Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) and the Battelle River and Streams Team to plant trees in the riparian area of the Olentangy River. Meet at the southern end of Antrim Park Lake to sign-in. There will be a small cook out at noon.

Sunday, April 23 at 2 PM (Rain date is Sunday 4/30) Friends of Ravines (FOR) and Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) are partnering for a naturalist-led hike through the restored Iuka ravine ecosystem. Meet at 2112 Iuka Avenue for light refreshments and a brief history of the development around Iuka Ravine. Please RSVP if you plan to join us for any of these events. Call Kathy Remias 267-3386 or Martha Buckalew at 267-6293 or [flow2004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flow2004@sbcglobal.net).

## New Owners Kicking It Up a Notch at Cafe Corner

"We want to concentrate on high-quality food from the meat on the sandwiches to the condiments



*Pete Nowak, Ramy Farid and Jon Nowak, the new owners of Cafe Corner.*

on the bread." Owner-Chef Jon Nowak told the *Harrison West News*. "We want to turn Cafe Corner into the place the neighborhood stops for a quick sandwich or take-home dinner. Our deli sandwiches use premium Boar's Head meats and breads from La Chatelaine French bakery. Sides will be dishes such as orzo pasta salad with roasted eggplant, peppers, fresh basil, and toasted pine nuts."

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## Harrison Park Update

Though developer Mark Wagenbrenner really wants to build the Harrison Park along the river, he doesn't yet have the funding to begin. Funding for the park depends on the TIF money coming in. How much of the money comes in and when it does depend on the bonding for the TIF package. That's still under consideration. Result: you probably won't see the park built in 2006.

The Community Center, however, could be under construction as early as April. That would mean the Harrison West Society would finally have a home sometime next winter.

If the weather cooperates, the Wagenbrenner Companies will break ground on April 1 for the first of the Harrison Park Flats. By the end of 2006, Wagenbrenner plans to have finished all four Flats buildings.

Wagenbrenner told the *News* that all the underground sewer, water, and electric lines are in place for the entire development, which will facilitate the building speed.



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## What's Happening When in HW

### Harrison West Society Meetings, 7 PM, First Brethren Church

- March 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21
- July 19
- August 16
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 20

### Executive Committee Meetings, 6 PM, First Brethren Church

- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 26
- July 31
- August 28
- September 25
- October 30
- November 27
- December 18

### Parties & Socials

- River Cleanup w/Battelle June 3
- Summer Block Party July 8
- Marathon Party Oct. 15
- Holiday Party Dec. 20



# Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Puck Express

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You cannot go wrong on the rosemary rotisserie chicken, as long as it hasn't been on the rotisserie too long. Usually the chicken is juicy and savory, served with one side for \$7.95. The aroma of roasted chicken and rosemary is compelling to your taste buds. Side it with mashed potatoes -- yum!

One of my favorites is gingered shrimp stir fry with julienned carrots and ginger sauteed in peanut oil. The rice noodles are cooked just right, and even the lunch size is big enough for two small appetites. I counted six big, juicy shrimp, plus red and green

peppers. Healthy, satisfying, and tasty. \$8.95.

Chicken parmesan - even for lunch - is too much food for just one person. The breaded, deep-fried cutlet of chicken is a whole breast! Then it's topped with tomato-basil-garlic sauce and melted provolone cheese and served with a side of garlic linguini. At \$8.95, this is a real meal deal. They use fresh chicken breast which they bread and fry on site. You can tell in the taste.

I would like the BBQ chicken quesadilla, except they top it with ranch dressing, and to my mind, a quesadilla needs salsa to offset all that cheese. They'll leave off the ranch, but then it's not sufficiently

moist.

At lunch the sandwiches fly out the door. Pesto rotisserie chicken with baby greens and tomato on a fresh-baked bun seems to be a big favorite.

The cod sandwich with a side of fries is even better. The fish is fresh tasting, and the panko crumb coating is delicate and crispy, crispy. When you ask for the herbed fries to be served hot, they are!

All the burgers are medium well, so you'll have to try those for yourself. If I wanted my burger burned ...

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# Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Wolfgang Puck Express

by Veda Gilp

I have been very pleasantly surprised recently with my visits to Wolfgang Puck's Express in the The Shops on Lane Avenue. I finally got around to trying it for eat in and carry out, and wish desperately that someone would do something similar to this in our neighborhood for folks such as myself who cannot be bothered to cook for one.

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The salads are outstanding, especially the spinach salad with Granny Smith applies, gorgonzola cheeze, and caramelized pecans. I know, anyone can make a spinach salad, but who among us is provisioned to make one tonight?

The famous Puck Chinois Chicken salad (they even tell you how to pronounce it -- "Shin-wah") is good, though I think the whole concept of honey-mustard dressing is way overdone. But how can you top Asian vegetables, chicken breast, and wonton strips?

I didn't care for the BBQ chicken salad, since they toss BBQ chicken into a romain salad dressed with ranch. Too much sauce.

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