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## Conservation Neighborhood Legislation

### First Public Hearing 11/15

City Council member Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Development Committee Chair, will convene a public hearing to discuss proposed chapter 3113, *Conservation Neighborhoods*. Development Department staff will present the legislation, followed by public testimony at 5:30 PM on November 15 at City Hall in the Council Chambers at 90 West Broad Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Free parking available after 5:00 PM in the City Hall surface lot at Gay and Front Streets.

Speaker slips may be submitted the day of the hearing at City Hall's Front Street security desk. Slips will be accepted during the hearing. Written testimony may also be submitted.

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# HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

## October 18, 2006

as submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary Substitute

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of voting members present (23); Vice President Mary Funk presiding.

### Routine Business

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

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Becky Borlaza reported \$2,867.86 in the checking account, and \$5,000 in savings and CDs.

### Old Business and Committee Reports:

**President's Report** VP Funk reported that President Rob Harris will be undergoing some medical procedures and will be missing several meetings. Bob Mangia motioned that Rob continue as President while on "medical leave;" Passed. Pastor Morris motioned to spend \$60 on a planter to send to Rob as soon as he may receive flowers; Passed.

**Budget and Finance** Chair Scot Robinson was not in attendance; Treasurer Borlaza reported for him on the \$2,500 in savings and the \$2,500 in a CD with 5/3 Bank.

**Civic Relations/Conservation** Chair Pastor Richard Morris reported that the Council of Historic Neighborhoods is moving forward on preparing a new brochure, and that the Harrison West part of the brochure should be updated. Veda Gilp will send a new CD with HW pictures. Stephanie Celebrezze will write new copy.

**Conservation District** Pastor Morris reported that the City is moving forward on the legislation and that Harrison West still is in the running for a spot.

**Constitution and By Laws** Chair Chris Ruder made a Report 1 as well as a Policy Proposal. Ruder motioned for adoption of the proposed policies as the policies of the Society; Passed.

**Elections Committee** VPMary Funk reported that Secretary Barb Koebe had resigned and that a new election for Secretary would be held at the November meeting.

**Membership Committee** VP Funk reported for Chair Tony Celebrezze that the Society now has 227 members. Gilp motioned that Celebrezze and P&D Chair Sukosd develop a welcome letter to send to all new members and new homeowners in the neighborhood; Passed.

**Parks** Chair Bob Mangia reported that no progress has been made on the Third Avenue traffic island or on water in HW Park. VP Funk explained that when the traffic islands were let for bid, no contractors bid on them. A new bid process will commence soon. Water for Harrison West Park will not be installed until the traffic islands are installed.

**P&D** Chair Jacob Sukosd reported that the owners of the new build at 400 West First Avenue had been cooperating with the Society. The owners, Patra and Costa Souhleris, were present to show new drawings, and described a City-mandated garage setback of 7 feet, plus centering the house in the space, plus a fire wall on the west side to meet fire codes. Committee is satisfied with the changes, and Jacob motioned to send a letter of support for the variances to the BZA; Passed.

**Social** Chair Tim Bledsoe will be unavailable for some time, so Gil Borlaza and Sandy Woolard volunteered to plan the annual Holiday Party, scheduled for December 20.

**Crime** Officer Steve Smith reported 2 car thefts, 3 burglaries, 2 malicious destruction, and 3 car break-ins. He stressed that Harrison West always is substantially safer than any contiguous neighborhoods.

**TIF** Chairs Debra Heinmann and Sandy Woolard reported that the Society must have all the signatures by October 31, and explained the process. They need volunteers to get signatures from homeowners.

### New Business & Announcements:

**ADAMH** will present at the November meeting.

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Harrison West Society meets 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM.

**HWS Meeting Date** The next meeting will be November 15, 7 PM at the First Brethren Church.

**Executive Committee** will meet Wednesday, November 1, 6 PM, First Brethren Church.

**Adjournment** Pastor Richard Morris motioned to adjourn at 8:30 PM; Passed. Meeting adjourned.

## Wanted: New Harrison West Society Secretary

The Society is in need of a secretary to take the minutes, write letters, and keep everyone in order. If you're interested, email Rob Harris at rharris@archall.com.

Webmaster Jim Slone already has indicated interest in the position: election will take place at the November meeting..

## Fall Menus in local Eateries

Cafe Corner has a new fall menu heavy on the comfort foods such as Corned Beef Reubens, the famous Fig and Prosciutto, and the Dagwood.

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## November 15 Guest Speaker from ADAMH

by Amy Taylor, VP, Public Affairs

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ADAMH works to remove the barriers of stigma that surround mental illness and addiction. They are opening the doors to treatment

and recovery so that each person in this community can live a healthy, productive life. Treatment works. People *can* recover.

Thanks to the passage of 2005 levy, ADAMH is able to provide new, much needed services in Franklin County. ADAMH will use the additional levy funding to support 20 new treatment and prevention programs, designed to help an additional 10,000 Franklin County children, families and older adults.

For more information, visit [www.adamhfranklin.org](http://www.adamhfranklin.org) or call 614-224-1057.

## Conservation Neighborhood Legislation

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A copy of the DRAFT language and an accompanying legislative fact sheet is available online at [www.columbuscitycouncil.org](http://www.columbuscitycouncil.org)

Any questions, or to request a copy of the proposed ordinance, contact: Lelia Cady: 645-8509 [lecady@columbus.gov](mailto:lecady@columbus.gov).

## AlphaState Shares Space with Dolphin Exotic Dance

Alpha State is welcoming Dolphin Dance to its garden studio. Kristen Titko, owner and creative director of Dolphin Dance, describes it as a combination of dance, exercise, and self-expression. This technique is specially designed to work for everyone, and can be modified to fit specific needs. The Dolphin Dance program uses modern and exotic dance techniques, include pole dancing. For more info, please go to [dolphin-dance.com](http://dolphin-dance.com).

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# A Bright Idea

By Gilbert Borlaza

Many homes in Harrison West have beautiful gardens featuring a variety of trees, shrubs and flowers. But as night falls, these gardens become lost in the darkness, except for those illuminated by the harsh light of street lamps. Installing landscape lighting adds safety and security to a yard or garden at night. It is also a simple way to highlight garden features which proud homeowners want to display, such as a Japanese Maple, much as an art collector would illuminate a prized painting.

Landscape lighting comes in two forms: solar powered and 12-volt low voltage. Solar powered lights utilize batteries that recharge during the day through small solar panels to power high-efficiency LEDs, or light emitting diodes, at night. They are typically available as path lights or spot lights and can be installed in a matter of minutes, as they do not require wiring. The operating cost of these lights is nothing, aside from the cost of the light itself. The down side, however, is that solar lights typically produce only limited light output - sufficient for outlining a walkway but not enough for illuminating a tree. For true landscape illumination, I recommend low voltage lighting.

A low voltage lighting system is slightly more time consuming to install, but these systems produce brighter illumination than solar lights and can be much more elaborate. A system is comprised of a transformer that converts standard household voltage down to a safe 12 volts, direct burial cable, and any combination of lights. The endless selection of lights include path lights, spot lights, deck lights, and even accent lights shaped as rocks. The number of lights supported depends on the transformer wattage. For example, a 200 watt transformer would support either ten 20-watt lights, twenty 10-watt lights, or any combination of lights that do not exceed the transformer wattage. Complete systems are available at home improvement stores for as low as \$100, though I suggest purchasing a set with metal light fixtures as they are much more durable than their plastic counterparts.



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the lights were properly connected, I buried the cable in the ground approximately three inches down. The timer is set to turn on the system at dusk and shut off several hours later.

Installing a landscape lighting system is a great weekend project which can add value, security and beauty to your Harrison West home and garden!

# Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Thai Tai

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I had the Happy Family for \$7.25. I forgot that Happy Family - shrimp, scallop, chicken, crab shape and vegetables - was a basic white sauce. This was pretty good, and the vegetables were cooked perfectly, but I prefer **heat** as in **spice**.

If you order it, ask them to leave out the crab shape - it doesn't add anything and the shrimps are very good.

Molly had Pad Thai Shrimp at \$6.95 and Lauren had Pad Thai Chicken at \$5.95. Inexplicably, Molly's Pad Thai was very mild, while Lauren's was medium spicy. Both were very good, with good

noodles, a good mix of vegetables and that indefinable peanutty taste that good Pad Thai has.

We all thought it was as good as what you get from Oodles.

The seafood in all three dishes probably was fresh-frozen, because it retained shape, texture and taste. Based on our experience, you could safely order any of the seafood dishes. My chicken was expertly cooked, as well.

I think the menu was put together by someone trying to cater to Ohio *and* Oriental tastes. That's how you get Happy Family and pickled mustard greens stir fried with shrimp on the same menu. I know the Oriental diners had things on their plates we did not recog-

nize: green things and yellow things on mounds of white rice.

I'm eager to know what "salt and pepper triple" or "salt and pepper shrimp" are. Here's a dish for the brave - jalipino (sic.) and peanuts stir fried with dried anchovy.

This place seems to offer good value. There are lunch specials for under \$6 served with rice and a drink or an egg roll. It just opened, so there will be a learning time before everything comes together.

In the meantime, whatever you eat there, please email me with your thoughts [vedagilp@vedagilp.com](mailto:vedagilp@vedagilp.com).

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# Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Thai Tai

by Veda Gilp

Listen up, folks, we have a new oriental restaurant close by -- and it's pretty good. Last week, Molly Maccracken and Lauren Creighton and I tried P.S. Thai Tai in the old Tim Hortons at King and North Star. (No, we don't know what the P.S. means.)

When we got there, the only other customers were Oriental, which we regarded as a good sign. Later, several Occidentals came in, plus some mixed couples, until we had a mini U.N. going. Everyone seemed to be enjoying their food. I know we did.

This is fast-food Thai, better for carry out than eat in, since there is no ambience whatsoever in the restaurant itself. It was clean and bright, but the foam plates and plastic utensils are the cheapest possible. Take it home and eat it with real tableware. It's not quite up to the culinary standards of Oodles in Thurber, and if you want really good Oriental, go to China Dynasty or Hunan Lion.

Lauren pronounced the eggroll good but slightly oily. I decided it was fine, but not as good as those served in the Rice Bowl on South High at Rt. 104.

The spring roll wasn't oily, being very crispy, but it was bland, since it was mostly Chinese cabbage and sprouts. It tasted OK, and even better dipped into some soy. The sweet-sour sauce has nothing special going for it. Try the chili oil that's on every table, instead.

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