# Message from our Harrison West Society President

First, I would like to thank all of you who have joined the Society. Without our membership, we would have no 'clout' when we speak to City agencies and the media. Last year we had well over 200 members (out of a neighborhood of about 1200 families). We try to listen to the members and you help us just by your membership.

Second, we need help. For many years now just a few persons have kept the Society functioning. It is hard work but the old-time members were willing to spend time (and occasionally money). Now, we are so large, that we must enlarge the number of workers as

well as the foundation. We have a large number of small jobs that need to be done: from attending outside meetings and reporting back to the Society, to weeding and feeding the Parks and writing for the Newsletter. In addition we have a fair number of issues that have to be carefully considered and recommendation given to the membership so that an intelligent decision can be reached.

Committees are Budget (including the TIF); Civic Relations (with the Conservation District); Communications (Newsletter & Web Site); Constitution and Policy (reviews all legal issues); Parks and Green Space (takes care of our Parks and plans for them); Planning and Development (manages zoning and planing issues); Social and Program (handles our parties and the monthly programs); and Transportation (which keeps an eye on the traffic in Harrison West, including water traffic).

Next meeting, we will have forms to sign-up for the various committees. We will also have them at the July block party.

Get involved -- and we can make this great community even better.

Chris Ruder, President

# **HW News Grows**

by Sandy Woolard

Harrison West neighborhood and our Newsletter is Growing. Recent issues of the Harrison West Newsletter have included articles contributed by four Harrison West homeowners. This is a new direction for our newsletter. The goal is to provide an enjoyable read for you, on a variety of topics reflecting the diverse interests of Harrison West residents. To widen the view a bit we'll periodically include articles by "guest columnists" from other Short North neighborhoods, when the topics are timely and of likely interest to Harrison West residents and homeowners This issue is a great example of our new approach. Garden Views, written by Tim Prince (331 W. 4th Ave.) presents a walking tour of Harrison West front gardens. Hopefully you'll be inspired to take a leisurely walk along our streets to enjoy the featured summer gardens – and others!

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### **NEXT MEETING**

Heather Dean of FLOW (Friends of the Olentangy Watershed) will speak on the Proposed Water Trail for Canoes & Kayaks, and provide an Update on the removal of the 5th Ave Dam. Refreshments provided.

Meeting Date: Wed, July 18.

# JUNE MEETING MINUTES Submitted By Jim Slone, Secretary

### Introductions

There were two new members in attendance: Scott Rambo and Matthew Williams.

### Reports

Communications Chair Sandy Woolard reported that Dara Schwartz will be laying out the news going forward. She is also looking at some OSU students to help work on the web site.

Civic Relations Chair Pastor Morris reported that there will most likely be two neighborhoods involved in the Conservation district. Need six more people to layout the Conservation rules.

Parks Chair Bob Mangia reported that sculpture cleaning in Sideby-Side park is good for 5 years. Asked that we put in an article or ad in the newsletter for Paul Walter (Metropolis). Grant was approved by Short North Neighborhood. Steve Cross donated \$300 for benches to augment the grant.

## Planning & Development

The zoning change for 367-369 W 3rd Ave is going to council. Letter sent for approval. Zeno's has filled the holes in the sidewalk left by the tree removal. City is ordering the concrete removed. Permit to cover the holes was denied.

**Social** The annual Summer Block Party will be held Friday, July 20th from 6 – 10 p.m on West 4th Ave from the alley to Pennsylvania Ave. Chair Gil Borlaza motioned to spend up to \$500 for the Summer Block party. Seconded. PASSED.

*5th Ave*. Dam This committee will report on the 5th Ave Low Head Dam. Craig Copeland was appointed as chair.

*Crime* Officer Smith reported one auto theft and three theft from auto. There was one felony (theft) and 3 burglaries (2 garages and one shed). This is not bad for a neighborhood this size.

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### **HW News Grows. From Cover**

Maybe you'll even decide to start your own flower garden or perk up your front yard with a couple of pots or hanging baskets.

Going Green, from Barbara
Williams of Pennsylvania Ave,
presents every-day information
we can apply to assist in saving
our time and our money – and our
planet! It gives a local perspective
to the environmental movement,
THE hot topic in just about every
national magazine on the newsstand
today. This month, Barb gives us an
overview of the fantastic bus service
available to us via COTA.

Gil Borlaza of Michigan Ave shares in his column information and insights on personalities, business and businesses in Harrison West and other nearby neighborhoods. He helps us appreciate the entrepreneurial spirit that is alive and well in Harrison West, in contrast to the cookie-cutter commercialism of our society at large. His story in this issue features an interview of a fairly recent Harrison West homeowner, Mary Martineau.

This month, we welcome a new Production Manager, another Harrison West resident. Dara Schwartz of Bradley Street is currently an Art Director at a local Advertising and Marketing Agency in Columbus and has more than 7 years of design and marketing experience.

And we do have a guest columnist this month. John Myers is a longtime resident of Italian Village and a member of the selection committee for the Victorian Village 2007 Tour of Homes – their 33<sup>rd</sup> Tour. Again this year a home in Harrison West will be included in the tour. John introduces us to Jim and Laurie Patton, proud new owners of one of the neighborhood's Victorian gems at 327 W. Fourth Ave. He also includes information on several other tour homes that you want to visit on September 16.

I think you will agree that our new format provides a lively yet personal snapshot of our Harrison West surrounds, in addition to news and information about current events and general "goings-on". But it may surprise you to know that even with this month's articles from Tim, Barb, Gil and John, there was still open column space that I had to fill. Hopefully as we continue to grow there will be fewer articles from me, and more from other Harrison West residents - like yourself, perhaps! I have lived in the neighborhood for 23 years on W. 4th Ave. and cannot imagine living elsewhere.

You don't need to commit to an ongoing monthly submission. Do let us hear from you if you have a story to share - For instance, we are especially interested in the history of Harrison West — and your history before you arrived in Harrison West. One of our writers will be pleased to work with you, if you so desire.

I would be greatly remiss if all due respect was not paid to our former Editor/writer/Publisher/ad sales person. Our Newsletter is where it is now due to the most dedicated efforts of Veda Gilp. For a long 11 years, each month, most times

single-handedly, she prepared our Newsletter. I may be prejudiced, but Harrison West has long had the best neighborhood newsletter in the city of Columbus. No words can express the appreciation due to her. Veda ... a most sincere THANKS!!!

We want to hear from you! Articles may be e-mailed to dawaching@ yahoo.com. Please submit articles by the third Monday of current month to appear in the following month's newsletter.







# **Grand Opening Ceremony for Luxury Condominiums**

AVENUE ONE

Grand Opening of Avenue One Condos in Harrison West

Avenue One, a luxury, loft-style condominium midrise at 431 W. First Avenue, officially opened June 27. From left to right: Franklin **County Commission President** Mary Jo Kilroy; Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman; Chip Santer, President and CEO of Santer Communities; City Councilwoman Priscilla Tyson; and County Commissioner Marilyn Brown cut the ribbon. More than 125 people attended the ceremony followed by a reception and tours of the 24-unit development that features one-bedroom condos starting under \$200,000 with 1.5% below market rate financing. Avenue One is listed with Dooley & Company Realtors.

# **Neighborhood Foundation Awards \$500 Grant to HWS**

Organization Continues to Foster Area Improvements

The Short North Neighborhood Foundation is pleased to announce it has awarded a \$500 grant to the Harrison West Society.

The grant for the Harrison West Society will help fund improvements in Harrison West Park, located at the corner of West 4th Avenue and Oregon Avenue. The park, recognized as the first green space in the neighborhood, will undergo bench restoration and landscape replanting this fall. Harrison West Society members will donate the remaining funds necessary to complete the project.

"Harrison West Park has a very special place in the history of our neighborhoods," said

Stephen Weed, president of the Short North Neighborhood Foundation. "The board is particularly pleased to be able to assist in its ongoing restoration."

The Short North Neighborhood Foundation serves to advance the creative spirit, diversity, and vitality of the Short North Neighborhoods and Arts District. Through its partnerships with The Friends of Goodale Park, The Harrison West Society, The Italian Village Commission, The Italian Village Society, The Short North Business Association, The Short North Special Improvement District, The Victorian Village Commission, and The Victorian

Village Society, it reflects a collective vision of the entire Short North region. Since its inception in 2000, the SNNF has contributed to projects including the Short North Parking Initiative, the Short North Pocket Parks Campaign, and the Short North District Roundtables.

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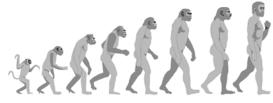
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# GARDEN VIEWS A Walking Zour by Tim Prince

Front-yard gardens create a beautiful welcoming environment for Harrison West. I thought it would be fun this month to create a walking tour that recognizes some of the better gardening efforts of our neighbors. You can take the tour anytime, as all of these front-yard gardens can be seen from the sidewalk. Although I've combed the neighborhood extensively. I know I may have missed a few good ones. If one of those is yours, please forgive me.

**1005 Perry Avenue** greets guests with large copper planters flanking the steps to the front porch. Plantings are of mixed species including Sweet Potato, Petunias and Celosia--in shades of purple, chartreuse and red. The planters are centered with Papyrus, a new trend for outdoor container foliage plants. Three peacock-style black iron planted baskets hang from the porch. Long strands of descending foliage help to relax the very formal look of the baskets.

**481 West Second Avenue** features terraced beds of perennials and annuals, with loads of Impatiens. The front porch adds a whimsical touch, where mixed annuals are planted in bushel baskets and oldfashioned metal milk cans. This is a garden with a great personality.

1164 Oregon Avenue showcases a wide front landscape anchored by two birch trees and ornamental grasses. The large front porch

features two pots on the steps with purple Calibrachoa and pink Diascia. Three hanging baskets of Martha Washington Geraniums in deep pink and magenta set off the sophisticated look. The baskets were being visited by hummingbirds as I was admiring them!

973 Michigan Avenue includes a long expanse of perennials in both the front and side gardens. This garden shows the best way to use perennials; in waves of repeating plant and color themes. Included are true Geraniums. Salvia, Echinacea, Sunflower, Knifovia, Lavendar, Butterfly Bush, Lythrum and Phlox. This is truly a classic perennial border.

**987 Michigan Avenue** draws its theme from the blue house with white trim and white porch furniture. The landscape is dominated by mature Hostas, many selected with white edges to match the house trim. Blue ornamental

grasses are also used as accents. This garden perfectly demonstrates how foliage can be selected to coordinate with house colors.

1021 Michigan Avenue uses mixed shrubs to accent a bay window. Groundcovers are artfully laid out in front of the shrubs. They include Sweet Woodruff, Sweet Alyssum, Blue Rug Juniper, Creeping Phlox, true Geranium, and a large patch of light green creeping Sedum. A row of light pink annual Vinca beautifully coordinates with the brick pavers of the walkway and the Petunias on the porch. Vincas should be used more often. They substitute for impatiens in full sun exposures.

1105 Michigan Avenue is an impressive example of the use of one species, in this case the Petunia. The plantings are anchored by blue Wave Petunias against the white house. Beds are accented by red, white, and pink Petunias, with baskets of blue and white Petunias

on the porch. This display pleases both the eye and the nose.

1217 Michigan Avenue has a garden with a monochromatic theme to match the house trim. Salmon Impatiens fill the ground beds around specimen shrubbery. Copper containers on the porch are planted with salmon Geraniums, which are also used around the trees in the curbstrip beds. Two hanging ferns on the porch complete the sophisticated look.

1237 Michigan Avenue features specimen shrubs as a backbone, including spiral Juniper, Japanese Maple and Smokebush. Several large Hostas are also included. Featured are large decorative lion's- head planters with Wave Petunias in bold colors. This front-yard garden shows how the curb strip can be included in the garden plan.

**461 Vermont Place** has a terraced front yard garden with an archway over the walk and steps. The flowers are in a red, white, and blue theme, anchored by lipstickred Wave Petunias and blue Lobelia. Featured is the tropical white Mandevilla on the archway. Mandevilla is an excellent choice for a fast-growing annual vine that flowers all summer. It's also very heat and drought resistant. The rest of the garden is composed of mixed annuals and perennials, including Purslane from Proven Winners.

**378 West Fourth Avenue** is a part-shade, part-sun garden in a purple and white theme. The sun portion includes "plum-pudding" type Petunias, purple Angelonia and Calibrachoa, and the purple

and silver-striped foliage plant Strobilanthes. The shade portion includes white Impatiens and trailing purple Torenia. The whole theme is topped- off with pots of purple and white Petunias on the porch.

357 West Fourth Avenue is a beautifully done shade garden anchored with a tri-color Beech and Japanese Maple that coordinate with the house trim. The garden is all foliage plants, including Japanese Painted Ferm, Epimedium, European Ginger, and a beautiful specimen of Hosta 'Striptease'. Corkscrew-leaved Rex Begonias in shades of silver and purple are artfully placed along the terraced-stone edgings. These begonias are grown for their beautiful foliage instead of flowers. The display is completed by four types of the Kong-series of Coleus – scarlet, red, rose, and the multi-colored mosaic. The Kong series, unlike many other landscaping varieties of Coleus, is easily grown from seed.

345 West Fourth Avenue is a garden completely in the shade. A bed of Hostas and perennial Vinca is surrounded by purple Impatiens and silvery Dusty Miller. Tucked under the iron fence, Polka Dot Plant is an eye-catching (and under-used) shade plant. Urns, pots, and a window box feature mixed species including Elephant Ear, Sweet Potato, Licorice Plant and blue Torenia.

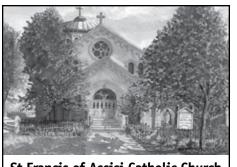
**336 West Fourth Avenue** makes an impression with a creative use of three colors in the garden—salmon, white, and yellow. Two large salmon New Guinea Impatiens nearly match the height of the

boxwood shrubbery. Geraniums and Salvia, both in salmon and white, continue the theme. Drought- and heat-tolerant yellow Gazanias are used extensively, while white Nicotiana and Cleome add light to the garden.

**331 West Fourth Avenue** is my own front-yard garden. This summer I'm featuring Italian petunias 'Flambe' and 'Limoncello' and the All-America Selection winner Celosia 'Fresh Look Gold'. Three colors of salvia are thriving in both sunny and shady locations, and Coleus 'Limelight' is now glowing.

My new Elephant's Ear 'Illustris' appears to be all the catalogs said it is. I welcome all to stop by and we can chat about gardening.

Next month, I'll be recommending two public gardens to visit that will lift your gardening spirit. One is very near (a great bike ride from Harrison West!), and one is a pleasant drive away in Mansfield. Until then, happy gardening.



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# Going Green Go COTA

by Barbara Williams

You can get almost anywhere in Columbus by bus! When I moved to Harrison West many years ago to live closer to my work at OSU, it was easy for me to walk to work or walk to Neil Avenue and hop on a #7 going north..

If you're just beginning to consider busing, the main thing to know is COTA's telephone number: 228-1776. Tell (a real person!) where you are and when and where you want to go, and they will help you. COTA also has a very informative web site, www.cota.com, with great maps, schedules, trip planners and answers to most any questions you might have.



# **Buses through Harrison West**

There are so many options in our area, so you should know your numbers. The buses that go through Harrison West are #s 3, 5, 7, 18, 19, and 96.

All the above, except #96, a cross town bus, will take you downtown. All the other bus routes go north and south and will take you downtown where you can transfer, for example, to Easton Town Center -- or to the Museum of Art (also a nice walk from downtown and, by the way, Museum admission is free on Sundays).

**Bus #3** takes you on a zig-zag route on Buttles, Harrison, Michigan, then west on 3rd to Northwest Blvd, to Lane Avenue and Kingsdale.

**Bus #5** Catch it on West 5th Ave and it will take you west to Grandview, Marble Cliff and beyond, and within walking distance of the Lennox Town Center.

Bus #7 Catch at one of many stops on Neil Avenue. It's route south will not only take you downtown, but directly to German Village and Schiller Park and on to Whittier Ave. Going north, it's a quick trip to the Medical Center at OSU--or go further through the University area and to University Shopping Center.

**Bus #18** Catch it also on Neil Avenue. It goes as far as Tuttle Mall in Dublin.

**Bus #19** Catch it on Goodale Blvd. It winds its way through Arlington.

Bus # 96 Catch this cross town bus at various stops on 3rd Ave going east, or you can also catch it in front of the Victorian Village Health Center (1132 Hunter Ave; it used to be called Doctor's Hospital) #96 will take you all the way to Gahanna City Hall or connect you with #92 which goes directly to the airport.

The Zoo Bus - with 50% off admission to the Zoo on weekdays (You can catch it at the McKinley Monument downtown - right in front of the statehouse.)

COTA is a recycler, too. Their recently installed display cases (with info and schedules) are made of recycled materials. They're designed to discourage vandalism because recycled plastic has no salvage value. So they're saving money while helping the planet! Senior passes, student passes, Accessibility Services. bike 'n bus . . . there's so much more.....

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# Summer Block Party

Friday, July 20 at 6PM!

Join your neighbors and friends at the annual Harrison West Summer Block Party on Friday, July 20, 2007, 6-10PM, rain or shine! Socialize, meet new people, play games and enjoy a relaxing summer evening in Harrison West.

The Block Party will be held on West Fourth Avenue at Pennsylvania Avenue. Bring a chair for yourself and a side dish (e.g. salad, pasta, or dessert) to share. We'll bring the burgers, hot dogs, drinks and "door" prizes!

We look forward to seeing you on July 20! Please contact Gil Borlaza at 746-5558 or gborlaza@ borlaza.com if you want to help or have any questions.

# Harrison West 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Real Estate Update

by Jacob Sukosd

2nd Quarter real estate wrap-up. As most of the country sees the affects of the real estate slow down. Harrison West continues to do well. If anyone picked up the June Columbus Monthly magazine, you will see a lot of neighborhoods have not fared well in the last couple years. However, the 43201 zip code has increased in value 43% from 2001 to 2006. This is the 2nd largest increase of the 49 zip codes tracked. Harrison West has played a big part in that increase. For Harrison West, the 2nd quarter of the year was fantastic. We had a total of 42 units sell through out the neighborhood, up from the stellar 34 units in the first quarter. Like the first quarter, sales are being led by the continued developments at Harrison Park. For 2ndQ 2007, 19 Flats (avg price of \$203K) and 5 single family homes (avg \$456K) sold in the new development. Also helping this quarter were 4 half-double

condo conversions and 3 more Courtyard condos. Only 3 non-new build single family homes sold this quarter, at a average price of \$245K. The apartment to condo conversion trend is a positive for the neighborhood. It provides a more stable residential base and increases property values. So far in 2007, 10 of these units have been sold off, 3 are currently for sale, and 9 more should be on the market soon. These units are historically priced lower which appeal to a wider group of people. The average price of these condos is only \$192,000, versus \$239,000 for the existing single family home stock. Currently there is a wide variety of Harrison West homes available. The second phase of Courtyard at Harrison West has the lowest price point of \$159K to 169K for the 1 bedroom condos. Avenue One lofts also offer some units under \$200,000 for 1 bedroom units.

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# 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Victorian Village Tour of Homes & Gardens Returns to the Short North on September 16<sup>th</sup>

From High Victorian to High-rise, an intimate look into the diverse and exciting living options in Victorian Village and the Short North Neighborhoods.

by John Myers

The 33rd annual Victorian Village tour of Homes an Gardens will open its doors and garden gates on Sunday, September 16th from 10:00AM to 6:00PM.

This year's tour is all ready shaping up to be an exciting and different view of living in the Victorian Village, Italian Village and Harrison West neighborhoods. Homes on this year's tour will range from Victorian Style single-family homes to a High Rise Penthouse Condominium. "We are very excited at the diversity of lifestyle living that will be showcased this year. The range of housing styles will appeal to many different life styles, and we think that is what Short North living is really about", said Joe Spinelli, President of this year's tour committee.

The housing options in Victorian Victorian Village and the short north are as diverse as the individuals who inhabit them. Suzie West, who just moved into the recently renovated Yukon building, is excited to show that living in 557 Square Feet is possible and luxurious. On the opposite end of the spectrum, Jeff and Lisa Morton, 1149 Neil Avenue, have spent that last 3 years renovating and restoring every square inch of their 3000 + square foot Victorian Home, originally built in 1895.

When Suzie West sold her 2000 + Sq. Ft. home to move into the city, her objective became about editing down to the most important things in her life. Suzi's furnishings indulge her passion for unique chairs, antiques, and the work of local artists. She says every square inch

of space is used to the maximum but designed to present the appearance of a beautiful art installation when viewed from any angle.

Moving on up, Sharon Lessard was one of the first individuals to purchase a condo in the Dakota, which resulted in her acquiring the prime location, a Penthouse at the top south east corner of this new building. She was seeking a large open space with a great view of the city. The condo measures 2700 square feet of indoor space with an additional 1000 square feet of outdoor space in her wraparound terrace with incredible views of the Columbus skyline. Contemporary would accurately describe the interior of Sharon's home. With walls of glass, 10.5' ceilings and ebony stained bamboo floors, her home easily accommodates the

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many wonderful pieces of art and furniture items collected during Sharon's many travels around the world. It is also a suitable backdrop for her very own art creations.

Rounding out this preview is the

home of Jim & Laurie Patton, located at 327 W. Fourth Ave in Harrison West. This home was built in 1920 in the Victorian Style (full of great original woodwork and glass French doors) front and back stairways, and has remained a single-family home over the years. One would be hard pressed to guess that this home was not built in the 1800's. As a member of the U.S. Navy, Jim and Laurie have lived all over the U.S. and have enjoyed the many cultures of different regions and have gravitated to the Victorian style. When looking in Columbus, they specifically sought such a neighborhood and love that their home was greatly updated when they purchased it. In fact, Laurie feels the wonderfully designed kitchen which was updated and enlarged by the previous owners (current Harrison Park residents, Nick and Bonnie Kentris) allows her to be a better and more efficient cook. They have already made their mark on this home by adding a full bath off the Master bedroom. In doing so, they have added a fireplace in the entry room, as identical in appearance as possible to the one in the front living room. However, this one has a different purpose: to hide the plumbing up to the new full bath.

There are 12 unique homes in all on this year's tour, and it should be a wonderful picture into our exciting neighborhood.

## Real Estate Update, From Page 9

Also the quality of renovated housing continues to climb in the neighborhood. Currently 10 existing homes are for sale between \$225K and \$400K, with many of them featuring show quality finishes. Harrison West offers

housing options for everybody. Considering the growth and continuing improvement that the neighborhood has worked so hard for, it is no wonder why so many people want to call it home!



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# Our Neighbor: Mary Martineau

by Gilbert Borlaza Photography by Ricky Borgia

One of my favorite things about Harrison West is its proximity to the North Market. I often find myself there on Saturday mornings buying coffee, flowers, meat, and fresh vegetables from local farmers. But what many Harrison West residents might not know is that one of our own soon-to-be neighbors plays an integral role in the development and management of the North Market. Mary Martineau, the North Market's Director of Marketing, and her husband Eric recently purchased a home on West Third Avenue

Mary is an Ohio native, born and raised on the east side of Cleveland. She obtained a double major in marketing and international studies from Miami University and began her career as a Management Trainee with Elder-Beerman department stores in Springfield. During this time, she made the long commute to and from Columbus each day while her husband was in law school. In 1996, Martineau purchased a small gallery in the Short North called Transformations, which she ran for five years. Mary then served as the Director of the Short North Business Association from 2001 to 2005. Finally, in June 2005, Mary joined the North Market in her current role, a position she clearly enjoys. As Director of Marketing, she plans all events and promotions for the market and writes articles for local papers. She is responsible for events such as the upcoming Farmers' Festival and the Columbus Microbrew Festival.



Mary and Eric currently reside in the University District, where they've lived for the past ten years. While they generally enjoy the location, they still have to cross campus to get to their favorite Short North establishments, an arduous task on game days.

The Martineaus began looking for properties in Victorian Village and Italian Village, but eventually found their ideal home in Harrison West. Mary likes a number of things about the neighborhood, but she particularly enjoys the people and has many friends in the area. She and her husband enjoy riding around town on their vintage Vespa scooters and dining at Columbus'

numerous independently-owned restaurants such as Basi Italia, Barcelona, Surly Girl, and Northstar Cafe. They also enjoy local festivals such as Comfest, Via Colori, and the Columbus Arts Festival.

Mary's hobbies include her two dogs, canoeing in the Olentangy River, and making Short Norththemed crafts – look for her mirror at the newly remodeled Cafe Corner in Harrison West.

The couple is in the process of fully renovating their house in Harrison West. They are expanding the home and restoring many architectural features, such as trim and pocket doors, to their original state. Mary described how she and her husband salvaged doors and trim from an old farmhouse in rural Ohio. After spotting a listing on Craigslist about the farmhouse soon to be burned down, they spent four hours on a freezing December day tearing out pieces of original wood and trim for their home. They look forward to moving into the neighborhood once the renovations are complete. Be sure to say hello to Mary in Harrison West or at the North Market!



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