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**Society meets Thursday, October 8, 7:30 PM at
GODMAN GUILD 321 Second Avenue**
Old Home Restoration
Olentangy River Cleanup
Police Liaison Officer
Battelle Landscaping

Harrison West News

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Next up at Harrison West Meeting -- Old Home Expert

Andrew Wall, the Old Home Expert consultant known throughout Italian Village and German Village, will be guesting at the October 8 Harrison West Meeting. Since 1988, he has been restoring historical structures and telling people how to do the work themselves. His presentation promises to include the "Evolution of Restoration," a list of reference publications, and answers to your restoration questions. He'll even tell us how to fit today's lives into yesterday's houses harmoniously.

So he can research some of your questions, please call Maddy Weisz with some good questions before the meeting--291-2285.

Also on the agenda -- grant opportunities for public art will be explored. We'll get an update on new development plans for the old Morreti parcels on Michigan and Oregon. The river cleanup plans will gather steam. Battelle's preliminary landscaping plans, and neighborhood reaction, will be presented. And we'll discuss local crime prevention efforts.

Our meetings recently have been short, to the point, and interesting. In other words -- painless. See you at the Harrison West meeting, October 8, 7:30 PM at the Godman Guild, 321 West Second.

Crime? Here?

At the past several Society meetings, crime prevention has been a common topic due to a perception of increased crime in our neighborhood. At this time, comparison of crime statistics hasn't been done, so we can't be sure that a true increase in crime has happened. Of course, prevention makes sense regardless of the statistics.

Attendees of the meetings have broadly supported using the newsletter and monthly Society meetings for crime deterrence. So we'll be happy to publicize efforts by neighbors, such as information on block watches or meetings by crime prevention groups.

We'll also use the newsletter to inform residents of crime statistics, safety tips and other police information. And we'll regularly invite our precinct Community Liaison Officer to the monthly meetings.

Our local group, The Safety Network, met with the Liaison Officer in early September and he answered many questions on crime prevention and the role of the Liaison Officer.

He also stressed the importance of calling the police to report crimes and suspicious activity. Filing a report important! For non-emergencies, call 645-4545 to file a report.

Together, we can help each other and reduce the risk of crime.

Grill the Politicians on Candidates Night

If you've ever wanted to ask the really tough questions of your local candidates for political office, October 20 from 7 to 9:30 is your chance. The Ninth Annual Candidates Night will be held at the Thompson Recreation Center auditorium, 1187 Dennison Avenue at the corner of West 5th and Dennison.

Candidates Night is sponsored by Harrison West, Victorian Village, Dennison Place, and the University Community Association.

Need we say that the candidates will hand out their literature?



Also in this issue:

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES September 10, 1998

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

Meeting started at approximately 7:40 P.M. at the Godman Guild.

Christie Nohle of the Urban Gardener presented information on landscape planning, garden styles and plant selection.

Crime prevention efforts were discussed. Attendees were supportive of using the HWS newsletter and HWS meetings to support crime prevention. The newsletter can continue to summarize police reports, and more details (such as the nearest intersection) might be provided. The Division of Police's website could be publicized, as could crime tips or Block Watch information. The Precinct Liaison Officer could be invited to regular meetings.

Battelle's Master Landscaping Plan was quickly discussed by Dimoff and President Craig Copeland. Many neighborhood ideas are being presented to Battelle.

Traffic issues were briefly presented by Copeland. He provided updates on the efforts by Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky, including meetings with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Treasurer John Cowin reported approximately \$3566 "cash-in-hand".

A motion was made to pay the routine newsletter bills; Cowin motioned; Dimoff seconded; passed.

Gas Choice, a new state program allowing consumer choice for the supply of natural gas, was explained by Cowin.

The HWS Holiday Potluck in December will have "Local Holiday Memories" as a theme.

A HWS Holiday Lights Contest will

be held again, approximately December 17. Volunteer judges are welcome.

The parcels on Michigan and Oregon Avenues formerly owned by Morretti's Poultry were discussed. Pastor Richard Morris suggested the opportunity has arisen for a "ribbon cutting block party", possibly attended by City Council members, to welcome the new property owners in a positive manner.

Concerns with the tight-turning radius at the alley between Second Avenue and Bradley Street were raised. Pastor Morris is in contact with the City.

Calendar reminders were given regarding the mum sale, art exhibit and Vermont Place block party.

Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky is building a communication network and would like volunteer block captains to share information about traffic. Please contact Maddy Weisz.

The Olentangy River cleanup is set for October 10. Council members may attend.

A motion was made to send letters regarding sewage in the Olentangy as reported in the HWS newsletter; Dimoff motioned; Funk seconded; passed.

A motion was made to adjourn; Dimoff motioned; Petruziello seconded; passed. Adjourned at 9 PM.

Street Sweeping November 10 & 11

North and East sides of streets will be swept on Tuesday; South and West sides will be swept on Wednesday. **A note for all of us with trees -- the City will not sweep leaves piled in the gutter.**

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WHO THE HECK ARE CITIZENS FOR A BETTER SPRING SANDUSKY?

Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky is a coalition of representatives from Harrison West, Dennison Place, Italian Village, Victorian Village, and Friends of Goodale Park.

Here's what's happening.

1. We met with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on 9/1 and discussed how the changes to the project design since it was selected in 1982 would affect our neighborhoods.

2. We presented to their attorneys an alternate design for the portion of Spring Sandusky that is located immediately south of our neighborhoods. This design **returns Goodale to a 2-way street, allows easy access via Michigan Avenue for trucks heading to the manufacturing area along the river (so they won't have to cut through residential streets), and allows better flow into and out of the proposed Arena district.** The plan is a huge improvement over the current design by ODOT and is **WIN-WIN-WIN** for commuters, the Nationwide Arena, and us. We plan to meet with Nationwide as well as City and ODOT technical staff to present this plan.

3. We are still pursuing legal action. We will be seeking an injunction to prevent the City and ODOT from spending more tax money on design plans for SSI until the adverse effects have been reviewed and impacts considered. We are actively involved with the National Trust for Historic Preservation on the lawsuit.

Here's What You Can Do:

WE NEED MONEY!

4. We need to hire Andrea Ferster, a top transportation/historic resources attorney in Washington, D.C. Andrea is feared by state DOTs. When confronted by her, the chief of West Virginia's highways department legal office said, "We don't have anyone who can deal with someone of Andrea Ferster's ability." To be able to make a credible threat to ODOT, we **MUST** be financially prepared for sustained litigation.

5. We have hired a highway design consultant and a traffic consultant, and we will be hiring a historic resources consultant. This all takes money. Currently, we have enough money to get the ball rolling.

6. We're going to need another \$30,000 to \$40,000 for sustained litigation if ODOT decides to dig in their heels. We all have to pull together for the common good of our beautiful historic district. Please give what you can to the legal fund, being administered by Friends of Goodale Park. We are **ALL** affected by the traffic situation! The character of our neighborhood is threatened. And, it's not just "traffic"-- it's noise, air pollution, and our physical safety. This historic, 19th-century community is supposed to be protected by Federal law. We've certainly been subjected to regulation as property owners in this historic district—but, who's regulating the authorities??!

Please send your generous (tax-deductible) check to: Friends of Goodale Park c/o Norm Dolder 911 Neil Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43215

Please direct any questions to Beth Brown at 294-7441 or call if you can help with neighborhood outreach and fundraising.

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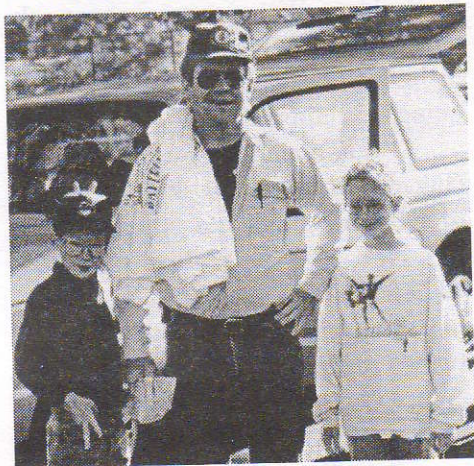
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Having Fun at the River Cleanup October 10

Join your Harrison West neighbors and Battelle employees next Saturday from 9 AM to 11:30 AM for a cleanup of the banks of the Olentangy River.

Meet up with the crew and grab a trash bag at the parking lot on Fifth Avenue nearest the river (the Battelle Warehouse lot). Latecomers are welcome.

Bring the kids because Battelle will have water-testing activities for children. Battelle is also holding a cookout after we've worked up an appetite. See you there!



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Many hands make the cleanup go faster. Remember to wear sturdy shoes, long pants, and heavy gloves. As these pictures show, we're making an impact on the river in a positively big way.

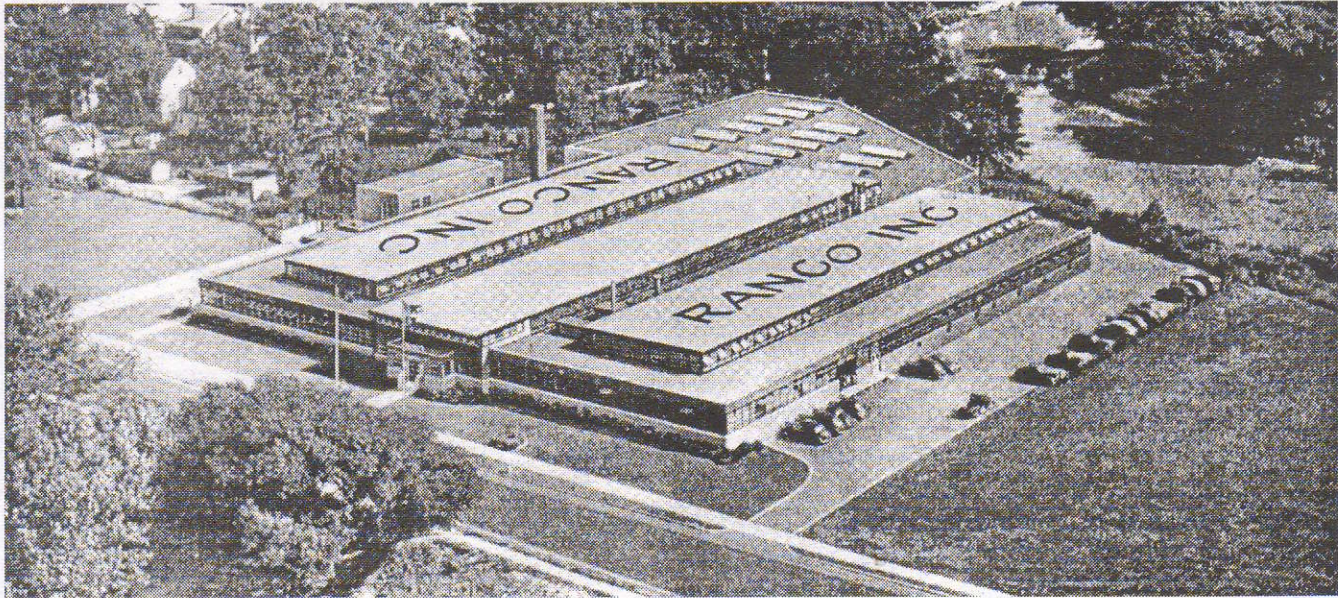
Battelle Draft Landscaping Plan on the Way

Battelle is changing the look of our neighborhood. Once again, they have asked Harrison West Society representatives to be a part of the process. The initial ideas for Battelle's master landscaping plan will be presented to Harrison West Society representatives on Friday, October 2.

Please attend the October 8 Society meeting to find out more about Battelle's plans.

Following a July meeting between Battelle and neighbors, many suggestions and comments were compiled by the Society and forwarded to Battelle. Most

of the ideas focused on the streetscape along Fifth Avenue and Battelle's land along the Olentangy River from Third Avenue to King Avenue. Thanks to all who contributed.



This 1945 aerial photograph shows the Ranco building on West Fifth Avenue. The Olentangy River lies in the upper right. Former Vermont Place houses are shown on the left. Ranco Inc., one of many industries which were located within walking distance of Harrison West, manufactured boiler controls for many users, including the Navy in World War II. Now owned by Battelle, the building is currently being demolished in preparation for a parking lot. The Harrison West Society is meeting with Battelle on October 2 to discuss their master landscaping plan, including the new parking lot.

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- Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:40 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Worship Service
- Monday 7:00 PM Bible Study
- Tuesday 5:30 PM Music Practice
6:30 PM Little Women
- Wednesday 9:30 AM Homemakers
6:30 PM Boys' Brigade
- Friday 6:30 PM Women's
Missionary Group

Check out the "Internet Substation" Police Report

The Division of Police is providing a great source of information on its website, from current events to crime tips to precinct statistics. The website is: <http://www.police.ci.columbus.oh.us>.

The Division of Police "Internet Substation" breaks out the crime reports for August into cruiser districts.

Cruiser district #12 covers the eastern half of Harrison West and beyond, bordered by Michigan Avenue, First Avenue, Dennison Avenue and King Avenue.

Cruiser district #13 covers the western half of Harrison West and beyond, bordered by the C&O Railroad tracks (just west of Olentangy River Road), King Avenue, Michigan Avenue and First Avenue.

Cruiser District #12 reported:

- 1 Robbery
- 1 Aggravated Assault
- 6 Other Assaults
- 21 Burglaries
- 6 Vehicle Thefts

Cruiser District #13 reported:

- 3 Other Assaults
- 6 Burglaries
- 1 Vehicle Theft

What You Missed from Last Meeting's Speaker

Christy Nohle from the Urban Gardener gave us an informative presentation on pulling together a beautiful yard here in Harrison West. For those of you who missed her fun presentation, here is a simple recap, but if you want the whole story, you'll have to call Christy at the Urban Gardener.

First analyze your site according to the sun and shade at different times of the day, the wind direction, and areas of wet and dry soil conditions.

Think about what you do in your yard so you know what kinds of "rooms" you need. Do you need a recreation "room" of grass for the kids and the pets, a dining "room" on a hard surface patio or deck for outdoor dining and seating, space for a vegetable garden or for a water feature?

Remember a focal point, such as sculpture, large trees, a pond or fountain, keeping it simple.

Measure your yard and transfer the measurements to graph paper. Lay tracing paper over the graph paper, so you can "move" plants, focal points, etc. until you are comfortable with everything.

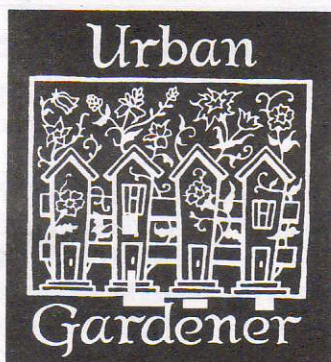
Then you make a plan taking all this into account.

Now you're ready to begin working on your soil. She suggests a clay soil conditioner, either a compound you buy at a garden store such as the Urban Gardener or hefty amounts of composted vegetable matter. Throw in some organic, slow time-release fertilizer such as Osmocote, too, so you don't spend all your time watering fertilizer onto your lawn and plants.

Go to the garden center early in each season to get the best choices and plants. Did you ever wonder why your yard has lots of bloom in the spring and very little in the later summer? It's because we all troop out to the garden centers in May and buy what is in bloom. Christy says we should go in September to see what's in bloom then, too, so we can keep our yards blooming through the seasons.

Here are three really important tips:

1. Use slow release fertilizer so you fertilize only once in a season.
2. Use perennials rather than annuals because you basically can plant them and forget them, unlike annuals which must be watered, fed, sprayed, and basically babied all summer.
3. Use cedar mulch where slugs are bad.



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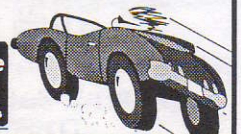
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Third Annual Harrison West Holiday Lights Contest

Win Prizes When You Decorate for the Holidays



It's simple. Put up a lot of tasteful holiday lights and decorations by December 14. (If your neighbors don't complain, it's tasteful.) Turn them on every evening. Judges will select the winners in three categories -- Traditional, Most Exuberant, and Elegantly Victorian. If your lights are selected, you win a prize. If you'd like to be a judge, call Veda Gilp at 299-6877.

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Restaurant Review

R.J. Snapper

by John Gable

Jenny and I celebrated our 11th anniversary at R.J. Snapper in the Short North. We started the festivities with a salad. Jenny ordered a Caesar salad with a garlic butter croustade. I had the house salad made up of mixed greens, feta cheese, pecans and sliced beets with a maple balsamic vinaigrette. The sweet flavor of the maple vinaigrette was unique and pleasant surprise.

For the main course Jenny ordered Shrimp Risotto. The lemon risotto pasta was mixed with shiitake mushrooms, roasted garlic, asparagus and plump shrimp. Jenny quietly ate every bite of it.

Our waiter recommended the Lobster Savannah so I took the plunge and ordered it. The dish consisted of a lobster shell filled with lobster meat, peppers, shiitake mushrooms, scallions and garlic in a brandy cream sauce and topped with parmesan breadcrumbs. Oh my, it was delicious.

For dessert, Jenny ordered a Chocolate almond torte with a *creme anglaise* and chocolate sauce. I ordered the classic *Creme Brulee*, a rich and creamy custard topped with flamed brown sugar.

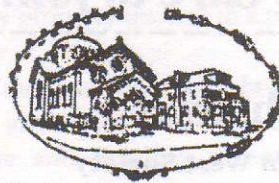
It was a pleasant experience from the lovely decor to the excellent wait staff. The menu is priced moderately to high. There is free valet parking to take care of the Short North parking woes.



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