

# HARRISON WEST NEWS

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## New Society Meeting Time is 7 PM

At the last meeting of the Harrison West Society, members voted to move the Harrison West meetings up to 7 PM, with the possibility of moving the time to 6:30 or even 6 PM in the future.

## See the Harrison West Plan at the Open House August 1

The Harrison West Plan, explained on Page 7, is open to the public on August 1 from 5 to 7 PM at the First Brethren Church, 473 W. Third Ave. City staffers and members of the Harrison West Society will be present to discuss the Plan and answer questions.



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Finally, it's time for the 4th Annual Harrison West Summer Party. This year the party reverts to a block party on West Fourth Avenue. Everyone in Harrison West is invited. Bring a side dish to share and a chair to sit in and be prepared to have a great evening. Theme this year obviously is Summer Blockbuster Movies. No need to come as your favorite character unless you REALLY want to. (But then, what's a black helmet or a sexy little Johnny Depp mustache between friends?)

Come on out rain or shine.

*Editorial Disclaimer: any resemblance to a genuine Star Wars character is strictly accidental and unintended.*

Next Meeting:  
Wednesday,  
July 20, 7 PM

Gowdy Field Update  
Harrison Park Update  
Summer Party Planning

New meeting time is 7 PM.  
Mark your calendar.

## NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet  
Wednesday,  
July 20 at 7:00 PM  
First Brethren Church, Third & Oregon

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## HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES June 15, 2005

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with a quorum of voting members present (30); President Mary Funk presiding.

### Routine Business

*Minutes* Tim Bledsoe motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; Passed.

*Treasurer's Report* Treasurer Tom Maxwell was unavailable.

### Old Business and Committee

#### Reports:

*Executive Committees* In a new move for the Society, President Funk introduced the concept of Executive Committees: Audit/Finance, Civic, Communications, Community Housing, Conservation District, Elections, Park, Past President, Membership/Constitution, Planning and Development, Social, Traffic. The committees will report directly to the Harrison West officers.

#### Developments

*1068-1070 Michigan Avenue:* A matter of legalities required the Society's approval to split the lot where two homes are built. Veda Gilp motioned to approve the split and send a letter supporting the issue; Passed.

*Gowdy Field:* Developers Eric and Mark Wagenbrenner requested Harrison West Society support for their application for the \$3,000,0000 grant for the Clean Ohio Relief Fund (CORF). Rick Kobe motioned that President Funk write such a letter; Passed.

*Harrison Park Update* Rob Harris reported that ground breaking will commence soon and that 6 or 7 foundations will be constructed in one big hole to reduce costs. Density has decreased,

there will be more park land, more single family than duplexes are being sold, and the apartments have been replaced by condos.

*Summer Party* Tim Bledsoe reported that the Summer Block Party will be July 22 from 6 to 10 PM on 4th Avenue from Pennsylvania to the alley next to Michigan. Chris Ruder motioned to budget up to \$500 to be spent at the discretion of the Chair for the party; Passed.

*Crime Report* Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith reported that crime is down in Harrison West. Theft from auto remains the major crime in the neighborhood.

#### Planning and Development

The next meeting will be July 13, 6 PM at the First Brethren Church.

### New Business & Announcements:

*Guest* City Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Dossett discussed code enforcement. His Email is the best way to report Code problems; the property address is required. Dossett assured members that Code Enforcement does not intend to harm homeowners through enforced repairs. People requiring financial assistance should call 645-8526.

#### Council of Historic Neighborhoods

Pastor Richard Morris distributed new CHN brochures.

#### HWS Meeting Date

The next meeting will be July 20, 7 PM at the First Brethren Church.

#### Restaurant Closing

Veda Gilp reported that the Chinese restaurant in Thurber shopping center has been closed permanently by the Health Department.

*Adjournment* Rick Kobe motioned to adjourn at 9 PM; Passed.

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Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM.

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time is 7 PM.

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The Lebed Method Focus on Healing, taught by Amy Sugar-Carter, starts Tuesday, July 19th, from 10 - 11 AM. Cost of this six-week workshop is \$90.

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New meeting time is 7 PM.

## Yard Waste Collection Is Curbside Only

The City is reminding neighborhoods that yard waste should be deposited at the street curb, rather than in trash containers.

Call 645-8774 to find out your designated collection day, which is once a week throughout the year. Pick up will be at the curbside only. Residents with alley or other types of collection must put their yard waste at the street. Yard waste items should be at the curbside by 6 AM on the designated day for yard waste collection.

- Place yard waste in biodegradable paper yard waste bags (available at grocery and hardware stores) or your own plastic or metal containers (not bigger than 32 gallons) labeled yard waste.

- If using your own container, do not use bags. The yard waste will be emptied directly into the truck. Leave lids off containers.

- Bundle branches and twigs with twine or string. The bundles should not exceed four feet in length or two feet around. No single branch should be larger than 8" in diameter.

- Bundles or containers of yard waste can weigh no more than 50 pounds.

- DO NOT place dirt, sod or rocks in the container with your yard waste —it will NOT be collected!

- PLEASE REMEMBER — DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS!

## Connection to Code Enforcement

Harrison West Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Dossett says use his his Email to alert him to problems in Harrison West. When you spot a Code violation, Email the address and the problem to [jgdossett@columbus.gov](mailto:jgdossett@columbus.gov). Of course, you can call 645-0670 and leave a message, too.

## Scott Davis Releases CD

Bradley Street neighbor Scott Davis and his band "Unfinished Wood" have released a full-length CD, *Is It Just Me?* He and fellow band members Tim Baumgardner and Noah MacKenzie are inviting Harrison Westers over 21 to their official CD release party on Saturday August 13th, at Andyman's Treehouse.

The CD is available at Magnolia Thunderpussy in the Short North and should be available at Barnes and Noble at Easton by the end of the summer. CDs can also be ordered from [cdbaby.com/unfinishedwood](http://cdbaby.com/unfinishedwood), and <http://store.cringe.com/catalog>. Scott says he'll sell you a CD himself if you just Email him at [unfinishedwoodband@yahoo.com](mailto:unfinishedwoodband@yahoo.com). Call for more information 614-291-5477 or visit [unfinishedwood.iwarp.com](http://unfinishedwood.iwarp.com).



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Harrison Park

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Join Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman for the public dedication of Downtown's newest park at 9:15 on Saturday, July 16 at North Bank Park, 311 West Long Street (intersection of Neil Avenue and Spring and Long Streets). Then at 10 PM, participate in the Columbus inauguration of the unique art installation of fire, music and art -- Waterfire on the Mile. Waterfire has been packing them in for previous installations in other major cities. Now it's Columbus' turn to enjoy this incredible event. From Waterfire on the Mile's website: "Waterfire blurs and defines the boundaries between art and life experience. Images of intrigue and brief glimpses of emotion slow down our rapidly accelerating culture.... The multisensory stimulation of Waterfire transforms our perception of the urban landscape."



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## Side by Side Park Construction Underway

By the time you read this, all the construction on Side by Side Park may be finished.

After years of delay, construction of the Side by Side Park began in early July. A \$260,000 Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund award from 2002 is paying for the park construction.



Original plans called for \$60,000 for five decorative lights, wiring, water, three benches, a paved overlook, a paved bike and pedestrian path through the park, signage, and landscaping.

The park design has changed in that there will be no paved overlook, but Harrison West Society members reviewed and approved the new plans at the March Society meeting.

Recreation and Park Planner Mollie O'Donnell worked closely with Executive Committee/Park Chair Bob Mangia to refine the park design.

Another \$200,000 was designated to create a brick crosswalk and median, a raised center island, and pavement markings where the bike path crosses Third Avenue into the park.

## Meet Your Neighbors WHY JULIE AND JACOB SUKOSD CHOSE HARRISON WEST

Julie and Jacob bought 1153 Pennsylvania Avenue in April 2004, moving here from the Brewery District.

"The main reason we moved to Harrison West was to get more house for the money in a neighborhood that we felt was safe, and had a good 'neighborhood' feel. The feeling of living in a small community in the heart of the city was a big draw for us. Also, we wanted a house with some architectural uniqueness."

Like so many others in HW, they also appreciate the proximity to OSU, the Short North, the Arena District, and the easy highway access.

Jacob has become involved in the Harrison West Society because he and Julie believe that along with the cozy front porches and friendly neighbors, the ability to get involved and feel like they could really make a difference in the neighborhood is important. They feel that their house is a big investment, and working to make the neighborhood better will safeguard and increase that investment.

They have a word of advice for anyone buying in any historic district, though. "One thing we learned from the 'old home' buying experience is to get a home inspector who knows what he is doing. I



don't think ours knew old houses. He missed important things."

Julie and Jacob met at OSU in 2000, and married in 2005.

Jacob is serving as Chair of the Planning and Development Committee for the Harrison West Society.

## June Crime Report

Perhaps criminals are getting more active as the weather gets hotter. Whatever the reason, June was a bad month for crime in Harrison West. June saw 14 thefts from autos, 2 malicious destructions, 4 burglaries, 1 robbery, and 1 "misc. larceny" -- an enterprising thief stole the garden lights from a residence on First Avenue. When your garden lights aren't safe, what is the world coming to?

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## Harrison West Plan Explained

The Harrison West Plan is both a policy document and an agenda for action - a "blueprint" for future neighborhood growth and redevelopment. In the coming months and years, the Plan's recommendations and strategies will serve as a reference, guiding decision-makers in the protection of historic assets, preservation of neighborhood character, and the identification of significant infrastructure needs.

A committee of neighborhood residents and property owners, HWS officers, local business representatives, and city staff developed the Plan during extensive meetings throughout 2004 and 2005, discussing issues, identifying neighborhood priorities, and developing a series of recommendations.

Though it is the first plan ever prepared for the neighborhood, the Harrison West Plan was originally conceived as an update to an earlier Plan - the Columbus Riverfront Vision Plan, adopted by Columbus City Council in 1998. As the name suggests, the Riverfront Vision Plan was developed to guide development and coordinate parkland acquisition along the Scioto and Olentangy River Corridor, which runs through Harrison West. The Harrison West Plan is much more than an update to the Vision Plan, as it addresses a larger geography - the entire Harrison West neighborhood - and a broader scope of issues.

In general terms, the Harrison West Plan recommends a continuation of the development patterns that lend the neighborhood its unique character. Additional residential development, retail development, office and light industrial development, and parkland have all been proposed as a part of a balanced mix.

The Plan also recommends:

- taking inventory of the neighborhood's architecture and historic structures
- establishment of a Neighborhood Conservation District or a review commission
- nomination of eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places
- development of architectural guidelines for use in development review
- planning for landscaping and sound mitigation along S.R. 315
- completion of capital improvement projects already planned/programmed

- replacement of fencing along the Michigan-Goodale connector
- preservation and extension of the existing street grid
- installation of median and crosswalk improvements
- prohibition of additional curb cuts along neighborhood streets
- use of UIRF and capital improvements funds to enhance planned projects
- relocation of the pole-mounted signage at Michigan Avenue and Goodale Street
- increased enforcement of the speed limit along Goodale Street
- enhancement of neighborhood intersections
- a 30 ft. pavement width for all new streets, to allow for on-street parking
- installation of sidewalks, treelawns, and street trees as properties are developed
- relocation of utility lines below ground, if funds become available
- an upgrade of the light fixtures along Third Avenue and Fifth Avenue
- installation of decorative lighting if property owners choose to be assessed

The implementation of these recommendations will be ongoing and collaborative. Together with the efforts of property owners, the strength of the Harrison West Society, and support from the city of Columbus, the Harrison West Plan will help to ensure that Harrison West retains its charm and character - and that it continues to be regarded as one of the city's most vibrant and desirable neighborhoods.

## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Liu Pon-Xi

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The best value and the best taste was Lynda's shrimp lo mein. Miles of noodles! We all had some, and she had enough left for lunch.

Pat's crispy pork in sweet and sour sauce was just OK, but many Chinese restaurants make it better.

I had black pepper beef tenderloin with caramelized onions. Very tender, lots of black pepper, not spicy. I was expecting a more complex dish, though.

Perhaps we were ordering the wrong dishes. Mike Kast, owner of Curds and Whey in the North Market, was dining on the chicken lettuce wraps and the rack of lamb, which he pronounced outstanding. He said he eats at Liu Pon-Xi frequently and likes it very much, though he admits it can be uneven. "It depends on who is in the kitchen and if they speak English" which I took to mean that often there's no manager in the kitchen to ensure that menus and procedures are followed.

For dessert, we went up the street to Cup O' Joe for coffee and truly outstanding cheesecake.



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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Liu Pon-Xi

New meeting  
time is 7 PM.

Pat Lewis, the Grand Lady of Victorian Village, Lynda Mahaffey, who knows everyone, and Maddy Weisz of BrickStreet Arts fame, and I came away from our dinner at Liu Pon-Xi (8 East Goodale on the Cap) with mixed feelings and mixed reviews.

The chameleon chandeliers are lovely and unexpected. The stream flowing through the dining room is unusual. The food runs the gamut from "good" to "definitely NOT good."

Be warned -- everything, but everything is *a la carte*. Everything. I was afraid to ask for soy sauce!

I was impressed by the concepts behind the menu offerings, but not so impressed with the follow through.

For instance, Maddy ordered Liu Pon-Xi's version of General Tso Chicken, which is chicken stuffed with green onions, ginger, and carrots served in General Tso sauce. Great idea, except we had no knives and the resulting balls of chicken were too big for a single mouthful, so we gnawed them off our forks. As Maddy discovered, the balls are wrapped in chicken skin, then fried, then sauced. The table's consensus: "yuck" for the skin, though the chicken and sauce weren't bad.

In the appetizer line, we tried the calamari, the crispy won ton skins, and the pan-fried pork dumplings. Everything was OK, but nothing was outstanding.

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