

# HARRISON WEST NEWS

December 2005 16/12

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## Harrison West Enjoys Luxury of Looking to the Future

At the December Executive Committee meeting, members came to realize that Harrison West is reaping the benefit of years of hard work by so many people.

One of those benefits is a steady income as soon as the TIF is bonded.

Another is the Harrison West Plan, which gives us a decisive say in what others want to do and build in our neighborhood.

Another is the luxury of being able to take time to plan for the future. To use a martial metaphor, the Society is no longer fighting battles on every front. Instead we're experiencing a lull in the action that gives us time to devote to planning coming campaigns.



## Ho Ho Harrison West Holiday Party

*Wednesday, December 21,  
7 - 9 PM*

*at B. Hampton's, 3rd  
and Harrison*

*Catered Holiday Buffet  
provided by the HWS  
Happy Hour Drink  
Prices; Door Prizes*

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*Reservations requested, please by Dec. 12  
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The food will be delicious, the music will be fine, the decorations by Doe the Florist will be lovely and the door prizes will be numerous. Wouldn't you like to receive a free weekend for two at the Doubletree Suites downtown with free parking? Dinner for two at Barcelona? A \$10 gift card to Fortin Gift Gallery? Here's a list of the door prizes we have lined up already:

- \$25 gift certificate to Surly Girl
- \$25 gift certificate to Betty's
- Rothschild Farms raspberry gift pack
- Doubletree Suites
- Barcelona
- 10 Fortin Gift Gallery gift cards

**Next Meeting:  
Wednesday,  
Jan. 18, 7 PM**

**Planning 2006**

**New meeting time is 7 PM.  
Mark your calendar.**

## NEXT MEETING

**The Harrison West  
Ho Ho Holiday Party  
December 21  
at 7:00 PM  
B. Hampton's on 3rd  
and Harrison  
Free, nothing to bring,  
RSVP, cash bar**

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# HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES November 16, 2005

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of voting members present (24); President Mary Funk presiding.

## Routine Business

*Minutes* Debby Colvin motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; Passed.

*Treasurer's Report* Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported that the Harrison West Society had a total of \$7,154.90.

## Old Business and Committee Reports:

*President's Report* President Mary Funk reported that Rick Tiltin will talk about water and sewage rates in January.

Mary Funk reported that Mark Wagenbrenner and Auditor Hugh Dorian are negotiating to bond the TIF so Harrison West could draw on it earlier.

## Executive Committees

*Civic Relations* Pastor Richard Morris reported that the CHN has scheduled a meeting to discuss the 70/71 split alternatives.

*Conservation District* Mary Funk reported that the Conservation District Plan isn't ready for review yet.

*Communications* Jerry Colvin reported that the new website is up and needs work. We discussed that the brochure needs to begin from scratch, and that the next meeting will be Monday, November 21, 6 PM in the church.

*Community Housing* Mary Funk reported that there are still bingo prizes stored at the church. Chris Ruder suggested taking Newsletters to the Senior Citizens. Pastor Morris reported that he is conducting Bible study with the Seniors.

*Membership* Chair Tony Celebrezze reported that the winter mailer should go out this Saturday.

*Elections* Chair Rick Kobee reported that David Ibold expressed an interest in being ambassador to SNNF.

*Parks* Chair Bob Mangia said the water, plants, and fence are in at Side by Side Park. Mary Funk reported that Susan Delay promises that the Harrison West Park water will be funded by the bond sale on December 7 (about \$8,700 is required) and will be installed in the

spring. It was decided to send a letter to the Vineyard Church to thank them for cleaning up Vermont Place greenspace.

*Social Chair* Tim Bledsoe reported the Holiday Party will be held at B. Hamptons. Maxwell motioned to appropriate up to \$400 for the party; Passed.

*Planning and Development* **Gowdy Field** Chair Jacob Sukosd reported that the size of the ground sign has been reduced and that he and Gilp appeared at City Council in support of the project.

## Dennison Place/North Central

**Mental Health** Sukosd reported that Dennison Place asked for a letter of support. Ruder moved to send the letter; Passed.

**Harrison Park** Sukosd reported that the apartments have been converted to condos and subsequent platting changes have been made.

*Traffic* Mary Funk reported that Steve Tweed said bids are out, construction should begin in the Spring on 3rd Ave. Craig Copeland says the City is intending to lower speed on 3rd and 5th to 30 mph. Copeland and Funk proposed that Olentangy River Road be "boulevarded" from Goodale to Fifth.

*Crime Police Liaison Officer* Steve Smith reported on recent armed robberies of pedestrians and the Subway robbery. Reminded that everyone should lock cars and put things out of site. Pastor Morris motioned to send a letter to Police Chief petitioning for increased police presence in light of the armed robberies in the Short North and Harrison West; Passed.

## New Business & Announcements:

Debby Colvin announced that the Cecilian Singers concert is December 10 at 8 PM at Trinity.

*Executive Committee* The next meeting will be December 5, 6 PM at the First Brethren Church.

*Harrison West Society Meeting* The next Harrison West Society meeting will be January 18, 2006 at 7 PM at First Brethren Church.

Debby Colvin motioned to adjourn; Passed. Adjourned at 8:30.

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Harrison West Society meets 3rd  
Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM.**

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## Keep Yourself Safe

Community Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith is asking Harrison Westers to keep yourselves safe this holiday season. Lock packages in the trunk, put valuables out of sight in the car, lock your doors, be aware of your surroundings.

He says if something doesn't feel right about a person or situation, it probably isn't. Trust your instincts, and cross the street, turn around, lock the door -- whatever it takes to get you away from the situation. Tell your neighbors about it, and call the regular police number -- 645-4545 -- to check it.

If you are a victim of a crime, try to notice features of your attacker in relationship to yourself so you might describe and identify them later. How tall are they in relation to yourself? What is their stature compared to yourself? Do they wear glasses, have a mustache, big ears, limp or stutter? All these can be identifying features to help the police catch them.

If you are approached by an armed robber, cooperate, give them your money, make up a pin number, whatever it takes to get you out of the situation safely.



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## Christmas Caroling at the Third Place

The Village Vineyard will celebrate Christmas with a service on Friday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Third Place, at the corner of Michigan and Third across from Café Apropos. Come early for hot cocoa and other yummy refreshments and stay late to go caroling through the neighborhood. Invite your neighbors and come join us for a night to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.



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Sunday: 9 AM and 11 AM

MASSES DURING THE WEEK  
Tuesday through Friday: 6 PM

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Friday at 5:30 PM

[www.sfacolumbus.org](http://www.sfacolumbus.org)

New meeting time is 7 PM.

## Win a Kayak or Native Garden

Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) is raffling off a Dagger Zydeco 9.0 Kayak and a Native Garden package. To enter the raffle, go to the FLOW website

([www.olentangywatershed.org](http://www.olentangywatershed.org)) and take a short Quiz about watershed issues. At the end of the quiz, you will be invited to enter your name and contact information into the raffle for either of the prizes.

The Native Garden prize package includes a free one-hour landscape design consultation from Urban Wild Ltd. of Columbus Ohio (specializing in native gardens, rain gardens, etc), and a \$300 collection of native plants (to be chosen by winner) from Scioto Gardens of Delaware Ohio ([www.sciotogardens.com](http://www.sciotogardens.com)).

The quiz and raffle are public outreach components of FLOW's Educational Resources program (FLOWER). This program encompasses resources and activities to increase awareness and understand-

ing about the Lower Olentangy River and how to protect it using backyard conservation practices and other recommendations from *The Lower Olentangy Watershed Action Plan*.

Other components of the program include workshops, presentations, a leadership bus tour and river cleanups. Funding for this project was made possible in part by a grant from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF).

The deadline for raffle entries is May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The Raffle winner(s) will be randomly selected at a public drawing during National River Cleanup Week between 5/13/06- 5/20/06. The details of the drawing will be posted to FLOW's website at least

30 days prior to the drawing. You need not be present to win. For more info, go to FLOW's website, email [flow2004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flow2004@sbcglobal.net) or call 614-267-3386.

## Cafe Corner Extends Menu and Weekend Hours

Pete at Cafe Corner wants everyone to know that "everything is homemade" at Cafe Corner these days. That includes the Greek lasagna, the tzatziki, and the tuna and chicken salad, all of which are earning rave reviews from Harrison Westers who have tried them. Ditto for breakfasts.

Also, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, the Cafe stays open until 3 AM.

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## Atta Boy Tim Bledsoe!

Every so often it comes to the attention of the *Harrison West News* that a Harrison West Society member has volunteered above and beyond what would be expected. This month we're presenting a rousing "Atta Boy" to Social Chair Tim Bledsoe, who single handedly has planned and brought off two major social events for Harrison West -- the Summer BlockBuster block party and the Marathon Race Party. And you'll see that he's

doing it again if you attend the Harrison West Ho Ho Holiday Party December 21 at B. Hamptons. Tim promises food, convivial atmosphere, a good time and tons of door prizes!

Volunteers such as Tim make this a great neighborhood society.



## Curb Your Tree

Please remember that Rumpke Waste of Ohio picks up Christmas trees if they are set on the curb, but that your neighbors will have to drag them to the curb if you set them out in the alley next to the 300 gallon containers. Same is true for live wreaths and roping.

**"We wish all contractors were so diligent. Top-notch all the way."**

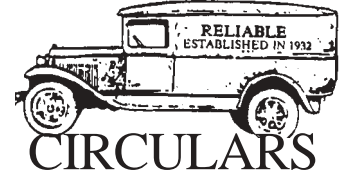
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# Trucks on Michigan, Dust Everywhere ... What's Going On?

To answer the questions from neighbors concerned with increased truck traffic on Michigan and increased dust in the air, the *HWS News* spoke with developer Mark Wagenbrenner on December 8.

"I know it's a headache," he said, "but if we get a break in the weather, most of it will last only until the end of January." Mark says they are making good progress on rebuilding Perry -- sewer, water, and storm catch basins are in -- so he plans to have Perry finished by then, and the majority of the truck traffic shifted off Michigan and back to Perry.

The Columbus City Police determined that the trucks would travel up Michigan to Second to Perry.

Of course Perry will have only one course of asphalt on it by the end of January since asphalt plants everywhere are closing for the cold weather, but Wagenbrenner figures it would be better to run the trucks on an unfinished road than to annoy Harrison West neighbors.

"Harrison West people have been miraculously kind to us," he says. "We really appreciate your patience and understanding."



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# Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at MoJoe's Lounge

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Coffee and juice or milk are extra, but Bethany and I didn't mind. We had about half a gallon each. Seth, not a coffee drinker, had apple and grapefruit juice. Good stuff, definitely not from a can.

We all were so impressed with the quality of the ingredients of everything we tasted, that the pancakes were a major disappointment.

Those pancakes were worse than the ones from the grocery freezer section that you heat up in

the toaster! Real maple syrup, real butter, but YUCK pancakes.

Did I mention how good the coffee was?

Since the kitchen is so small, the buffet is all they do until after 2 PM on Sunday. After that, the regular menu is available. It looked pretty good, too.

Definitely try the MoJoe Sunday brunch -- 10 to 2 PM and under \$13. Just don't bother with the pancakes.

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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at MoJoe Lounge

by Veda Gilp

Seth Rothy and Bethany Bell and I found a terrific place for Sunday brunch at MoJoe Lounge/ Cup O' Joe on the Cap recently. The food was good, the service was good, and the price was good. Can't beat that.

First thing in the door, the aroma of excellent coffee wakes you up. Ahhh; just bring me a tubfull and let me dive in.

The hot buffet runs to the usual breakfast offerings: hash brown potatoes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, and pancakes. The thrill for me was that everything was good -- well, not the pancakes, but that's another story.

The scrambled eggs were creamy and eggy.

The sausage and bacon were top quality. Bethany and I agreed the sausage is much better than what they serve at that big red barn-looking breakfast place.

The green beans were a little garlicky and crunchy. Delish!

You can order up an omelet any way you want it. We ordered a sampler -- veggie with cheddar, sausage and cheddar, and everything with three cheeses. The veggies were fresh and still slightly crisp. The omelets were stuffed full, and frankly, had a bit too much cheese for me, but no one else was complaining. I liked all of them.

On the cold table, granola, yogurt, Greek salad, little danishes, muffins, and lovely orange cake ensured that you wouldn't go away with an unsatisfied sweet tooth.

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New meeting  
time is 7 PM.

Harrison West Plan  
Holiday Party  
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