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Meet Your Election Candidates

by Gilbert Borlaza

The November election is quickly approaching. Before stepping into the voting booth, take advantage of an opportunity to hear the opinions of your candidates first hand. The Harrison West Society is sponsoring

a Meet The Candidates event on Monday, October 29 at the Harrison Park Community Center. Mayoral, City Council and Board of Education candidates have been invited to participate in this event. Stop by, ask your questions, and make an informed decision in November!

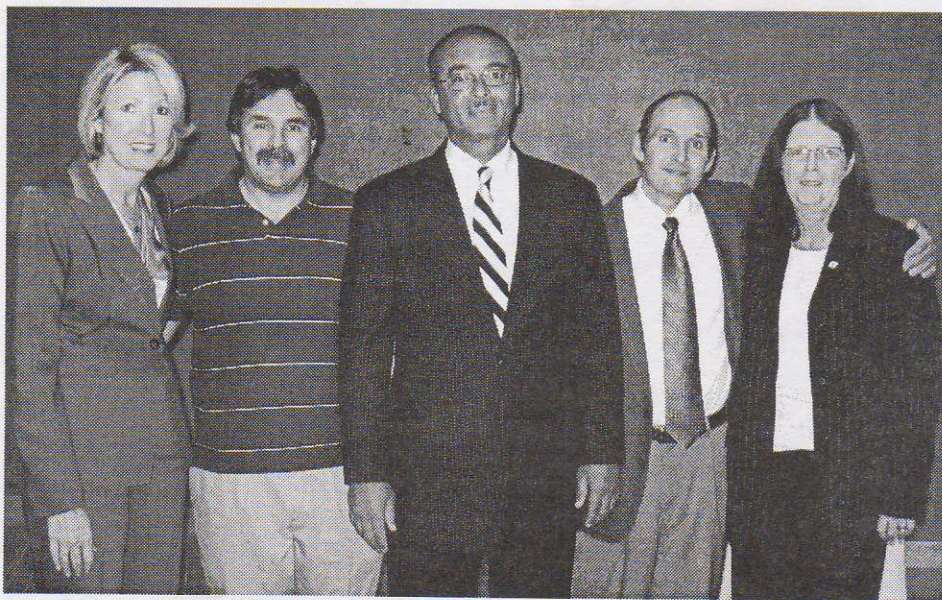
The Meet The Candidates program will run from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The Harrison Park Community Center is located at 575 West First Avenue (near Perry Street). If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Gilbert Borlaza at 746-5558 or Sandy Woolard at 403-1653.

Time Warner Cable Celebrates Headquarters Opening with Receptions and Tours

Time Warner Cable Mid-Ohio Division celebrated the opening of its new Division headquarters located at 1015 Olentangy River Road with a VIP reception on Thursday, September 27 starting at 5:30 p.m.

In addition to Mayor Coleman, guests include representatives from other city departments, the state of Ohio, the site development and architect teams and Columbus Urban Growth – all of which played key roles in the completion of the project.

Time Warner Cable's new Mid-Ohio Division headquarters is home to 600 employees including the company's local Customer Care Call Center,



Left to right: Time Warner Cable Mid-Ohio Division President Rhonda Fraas, Harrison West Society Member Tim Bledsoe, City of Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman, Harrison West Society Past President Rob Harris, & Harrison West Society Vice-President Mary Funk.

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NEXT MEETING

Join us at the next Harrison West Society meeting to meet your neighbors and make a difference in your neighborhood! **Meeting Date:** October 17, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Fall Back! Don't forget to change set your clocks an hour back before going to bed on Sunday, November 2.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES *Submitted By Chris Ruder*

President Chris Ruder called the meeting to order at 8:54 p.m. A quorum was present (18 voting members).

Minutes Pastor Morris moved to approve the Minutes as printed in the September Harrison West News (seconded). **PASSED.**

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer was absent. Sandy Woolard reported from his eMail: The Treasury stands at \$10,047.02 - \$4,909.25 in the Checking account, \$2,516.52 in the Savings account and \$2,621.25 in the CD.

Notice was given of formally amending the Policy on Meetings to move the meetings to the Harrison Park Community Center from the First Brethren Church. A vote will be taken at the October meeting.

New Business Barb Williams moved to have the Society sponsor a "Think Recycle" box to collect used printer cartridges and cell phones at Society Meetings; leaving the box at the Community Center (if allowed); and to approach businesses in Harrison West to place additional collection boxes (seconded). **PASSED.**

Gil Borlaza moved that up to \$300 be spent on the Candidates' Night this October (seconded). **PASSED.**

Sandy Woolard moved that \$50 be authorized for refreshments at Society meetings, if none were donated (seconded). **PASSED.**

Adjournment Pastor Morris moved to Adjourn (seconded) and passed The meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.



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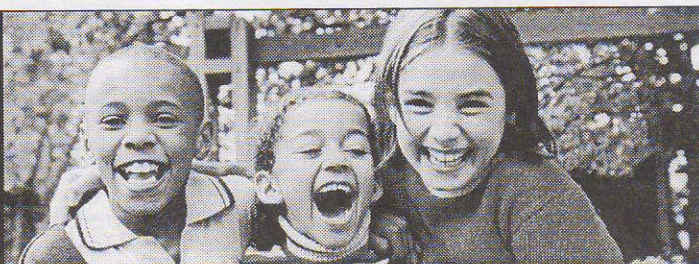
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UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2007 HARRISON WEST COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Ken Salak is still working on a budget and will be contacting the Treasurer for back records.

Communications The Newsletter is doing well and will continue to have 14 pages. It is still making money for the Society.

Civic Relations City Council is still not ready to vote on the Conservation District. We currently have a majority of the 10 members necessary for the District Committee. They will be meeting on the process.

Membership Tom Maxell has the 2007 lists and needs to get back lists from Tony Celebreeze. Discussion on "billing" members at the end of each year.

Parks Side-by-Side park doing well. Mums were planted in Harrison West Park and the hose for watering it was delivered. Bench refinishing in Harrison West Park will begin next week.

Planning No reports

Social Getting things together for the Candidates night, tentatively scheduled for 23 October at Thompson Rec Center possibly with Dennison Place, Italian Village NECKO and Victorian Village.

Transportation The Fifth and Olentangy construction is to be continued until December because they have found even more utilities underneath. FLOW is sponsoring several events: a Fund Raiser on 24

September, a Birding at the Dodridge Wetlands on 29 September and a 'Writing on the Olentangy' 14 October, 1 to 4 PM.

Other Reports Mark Waggenbrenner announced the all the Flats but one (and the model) have been sold. Also there are only 7 homes left not sold or in contract. As soon as 10 or 12 of the west building of the flats are sold, they will start the wood framing on the east building.

Attention all Pet Lovers: For our December issue, help us present a glimpse of the love shared with your favorite pet(s) by submitting a photo for consideration for publication in Harrison West Newsletter.

Photos must be e-mailed to newsletter@harrisonwest.org and be received no later than November 20, 2007. Please include the pet's name and your name and your address. We will not publish your full name or your address. Resolution of your photo should be at least 300 dpi.

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GARDEN VIEWS

Amaryllis for Winter Bloom

by Tim Prince



Last month we talked about fall-planting of tulip bulbs for spring bloom. Amaryllis bulbs also are planted in the fall, but are used for indoor bloom. They are available in colors ranging from red, pink and white, to orange, peach, and even a few yellow varieties. Flower form varies as well. In addition to the standard large single-trumpet flowers, there are doubles, spider flowers, miniatures, and orchid-like blooms. If you've never grown Amaryllis, I hope you'll give them a try this winter.

Bulbs are available now through December and take about six weeks to flower. I have had equal success when buying from local garden centers, as from catalogs, or on-line. The latter two sources will usually have more of the rare varieties. While I have grown all of the rare types successfully, only the single-flowered types seem to return year-after-year for repeat bloom. Do consider bulb size when sourcing your Amaryllis—large bulbs will normally produce a second and even third flowering stem. One pot like this in a window can be an unbelievable sight.

Planting Amaryllis is quite simple. They like to be pot-bound, so select pots no more than three inches greater in diameter than your bulbs. Since Amaryllis are prone to falling over, choose heavy pots, or count on inserting them into heavy cache-pots during their bloom.

A good peat-based soil mix should be used for planting. Insert the roots in the center of the soil and gently press enough soil around the bulb to cover only its bottom third. Water the pots thoroughly.

The fastest way to obtain root growth and flowering is to provide bottom heat from a heating cable or mat, and place the pots in a bright window or under fluorescent lights (my preferred method). Water sparingly until they are actively growing, then remove the bottom heat and water more frequently. As they grow, the tallest varieties will need some staking to prevent stem breakage from the weight of the huge blooms. If you don't want all of your bulbs flowering at the same time, place some of your pots in a cool (55-60F) area, later moving them to bottom heat as the buds emerge from the bulbs.

One pot can be in flower for 2-6 weeks, depending on the number of stems. After all of the flowers have wilted you need to decide whether to simply discard your plants or attempt to re-flower them. Proper cultural procedures can yield years



Plant Amaryllis now for winter bloom.

of flowers from your bulbs. To get started, cut down the bloom stalks near to the bulb. Do not cut down any leaves that may have emerged. I've observed many people doing this, believing that now is the time for the bulb to rest. Actually the opposite is true. The goal after flowering is to produce as many leaves as possible to enlarge the bulb with carbohydrate. The plants should be provided with as much light as possible (natural or fluorescent). Slow release fertilizer should be applied to the soil surface and regular watering should continue through the winter.

After danger of frost has passed, move your potted Amaryllis to a sunny spot outdoors. Water

and fertilize them all summer to encourage more leaf growth. In early September, it's a good idea to treat with some form of systemic insecticide. If you don't, insects called thrips can invade the stems and bulbs, ultimately showing up next winter to severely deform the emerging blooms.

In early October, stop watering the pots and turn them on their sides to minimize exposure to rain. The dryness will cause the leaves to yellow, sending hormonal signals to the bulbs to go into a rest period. Be sure the leaves aren't killed by frost before they yellow; if frost threatens, just move the plants indoors to a cool, dark area. After all foliage yellows, cut it down right to the top of the bulb. At this point the bulbs will look just as they did after first planting. Now place the pots in a cool area for the bulbs to rest. Check your pots occasionally for signs of emerging buds; then you're ready to begin the process all over again for another winter of beautiful blooms



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Keeping Fit in Harrison West

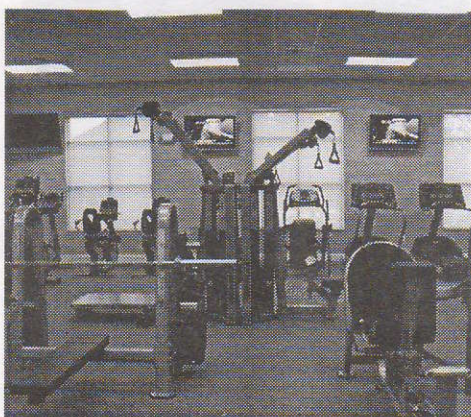
by Steve Colahan

Perhaps President John F. Kennedy said it best, "Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity." If this statement is true, then Harrison West residents are some of the most intellectual citizens in Columbus!

Harrison West is home to a few of Columbus' best specialty fitness centers—Fitness Resources and Alpha State. I sat down to discuss fitness with Mark Mayes from Fitness Resources and Lori Moffett from Alpha State.

Fitness Resources is located in the new Harrison Park complex. It has brand new state of the art fitness equipment, including cardiovascular and weight training machines. Owner and long-time personal trainer Mark Mayes has been assisting the greater Columbus community for over 23 years. Mark has owned and operated Fitness Resources (formerly located on First and Harrison Avenues) since 1991. Mark's passion for fitness is to help and encourage others to meet their fitness goals. Mark also employs expert personal trainers, Scott Emerson and Amanda Cecil, whom I also had the pleasure of interviewing.

Mark commented that the Harrison West neighborhood is a great place to be for physical activities. Mark said, "The neighborhood is fairly active, and lots of opportunities for exercise exist right in this area." Scott mentioned that personal training had opened door for his clients who lacked the motivation or education needed to begin a fitness program. Scott said, "Many people need someone to set up a program



Fitness Resource at Harrison Park Community Center

for them and to set goals for them." Changing routines and working in new programs also keeps clients motivated and excited about working with a personal trainer, Scott and Mark added.

Mark also added that all trainers in Fitness Resources have national certifications and credentials, such as the American College of Sports Medicine.

I was quite impressed by this facility, the way it was run, the friendliness of the staff, and the obvious positive energy they give to their clients.

Alpha State, another fitness center in Harrison West is located in a brick building on the corner of Third and Michigan Avenues. Alpha State is a yoga, Pilates, and somatic education studio. The instructors at Alpha State subscribe to the Trager method developed by Dr. Milton Trager. This method claims to be a gentle, non-intrusive technique for releasing physical and mental patterns that have been developed throughout daily life.

Alpha State offers Pilates classes; currently there are two group mat classes in addition to one-on-one

training using Pilates' equipment. Small classes are standard at Alpha State, most are 8-12 students. This size allows for personal attention and a community feel. In addition to Pilates Alpha State offers group classes in Vinyasa, Kundalini, and Hatha Yoga. All group classes are drop-in; sessions are fifteen weeks and the purchase of class packages do not expire.

Lori mentioned that many of her Alpha State students feel that Alpha State is like a second home for them. Lori also mentioned the book (and movie) *The Secret*, by Rhonda Byrne is the fundamental principle guiding their practice and mission.

Lori welcomes Harrison West residents to join her in an "enlightened happy hour" the last Friday of each month from 7:00- 9:00 p.m.

It seems Harrison West residents are fortunate to have such fine fitness centers in their own neighborhood. I recommend calling or stopping by either place!

First Brethren Church

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Sunday	9:20 A.M. Sunday School
	10:20 Refreshment Gathering
	10:40 Morning Worship
	5:00 P.M. Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 P.M. Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 P.M. Youth Meeting

Richard Morris, Pastor

John/Betty Jordan, Assistants



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Harrison West Society Supporting Recycle Program

Harrison West is starting a great new program that is not only a fundraiser, but gives us a way to demonstrate our role as stewards of our environment. We'll collect and return used print cartridges and cell phones that might ordinarily go to the landfill. There is no cost to us, shipping is prepaid, and they do

the sorting, paying us for those they can recycle. Additionally, for every 12 items recycled, Think Recycle (the conservation foundation) will plant a tree through its partnerships with American Forests and Tree Canada. Your part is only to save those used cell phones and print cartridges and deliver

or send them to the collection box that will be at every monthly meeting (3rd Wednesday at Harrison West Park Community Center). We are looking for businesses to assist us with this program by placing one of the recycle boxes at their site. For answers to any questions, contact Barbara at 291-5960.

Proposed Dog Forum

The Victorian Village Society will sponsor a public forum on various options in the Short North for off-leash dog areas. The forum will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 7 p.m. as part of the regular VVS monthly meeting. The forum will be held in the Goodale Park Shelterhouse. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Who Should I Call?

Below is a list of important contacts for state and city government offices and elected officials. Remember that the City of Columbus Call Center (645-3111) should be your first call for almost all your non-emergency needs. Feel free to cut this out and hang on your refrigerator or other visible location in your home or office.

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City of Columbus Call Center at 3-1-1	645-3111
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Water Emergency (after-hours)	645-7788
Electric Emergency (after-hours)	645-7627
Sewer Emergency (after-hours)	645-7102
Governor's Office	
Governor Ted Strickland	466-3555
Mayor's Office	
Mayor Michael Coleman	645-7671
Mayor's Action Center	645-2489
Columbus City Attorney	645-7385
City Auditor	645-7615
Columbus City Council	645-7380
Recreation and Parks	645-3300
Refuse Collection Division	645-7620
Bulk Pickup Scheduler	645-3111
NAIL-A-DUMPER	871-5322
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A Matter of Trash

By Gilbert Borlaza

Trash pickup is something that many people, including me, take for granted. When I bring a trash bag out to the 300 gallon bin in the alley behind my house, I generally expect that I won't see it again. But a problem is brewing in Harrison West and other surrounding neighborhoods that is causing trash to pile up in our alleys. Several residents have complained about our garbage bins being filled to the rim with construction materials dumped by contractors failing to abide by proper disposal policies. Often, these contractors are working in neighboring municipalities that charge for waste disposal in lieu of imposing a city-wide fee. Such malicious behavior is causing Harrison West residents to be charged with fines for overflowing trash bins or for illegal disposal of construction materials.

While the City of Columbus provides refuse collection services to over 326,000 households through tax funding, other towns charge fees based on trash volume. For example, the City of Upper Arlington employs a solid waste sticker program, in which residents must purchase stickers to place on their trash prior to pick-up. Residents with more trash can purchase additional stickers. Such programs are meant to enable waste reduction and increased recycling efforts; however an unintended consequence may be illegal dumping in Columbus trash bins. One Harrison West resident spotted men in a pickup truck filling a neighborhood garbage bin with construction waste. When he approached the men, they sped off down the alley.

I spoke with Skip Parks of the City of Columbus Refuse Collection Division who informed me that illegal dumping is a problem across all of Columbus,

not just Harrison West. He also pointed out that while some illegal dumping in trash bins is the result of people from other towns, neighborhood residents often do not properly dispose of construction waste after working on their homes. Construction waste must never be placed in the trash bins. Instead, contractors and residents are responsible for proper disposal of building materials, generally by arranging for a private hauler or by contacting a rubbish facility for drop-off. Furthermore, yard waste should be bagged appropriately and placed at the curb for pick-up, not in the garbage bins. Collection of large items should be arranged through Bulk Pickup by calling 645-3111 or scheduling pickup online at 311.columbus.gov/cocobs.

To curb the problem of illegal dumpers, the city depends on its residents to report suspicious activity. Upon witnessing illegal dumping or littering, Mr. Parks advised that residents should write down a license plate and vehicle or person description, and then report that information to the Nail-A-Dumper program which will investigate further. Nail-A-Dumper, started by the Franklin County Solid Waste Authority, can be reached at 871-5322 or online at www.nailadumper.com. However Mr. Parks advised that residents not approach dumpers. "Be cautious" he said, "as some individuals may become confrontational." Reporting illegal behavior to the city is the best way to reduce the impact of this problem on our neighborhood.

Harrison West Society Membership

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to **Harrison West Society**, P.O. Box 163442, Columbus, OH 43216-3342. Membership dues are paid each calendar year.

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☐ Non-Harrison West Resident (non-voting) \$10

* Required

Harrison West Society Volunteer Form

☐ Budget (sets up the Society Budget, conducts hearings on the TIF recommendations)

☐ Communications (supervises the Newsletter and Web Site)

☐ Civic Relations (keeps in touch with neighboring civic groups, coordinates Conservation District and Area Commission work)

☐ Constitution and Policy (reviews all changes to By Laws and Policies)

☐ Membership (recruits new members)

☐ Parks and Green Spaces (oversees our local parks)

☐ Planning and Development (keeps track of local development and zoning)

☐ Program and Social (sets up monthly programs and special events)

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Going Green Walk Talk

by Barbara Williams

Are we a "Walkable Community"?

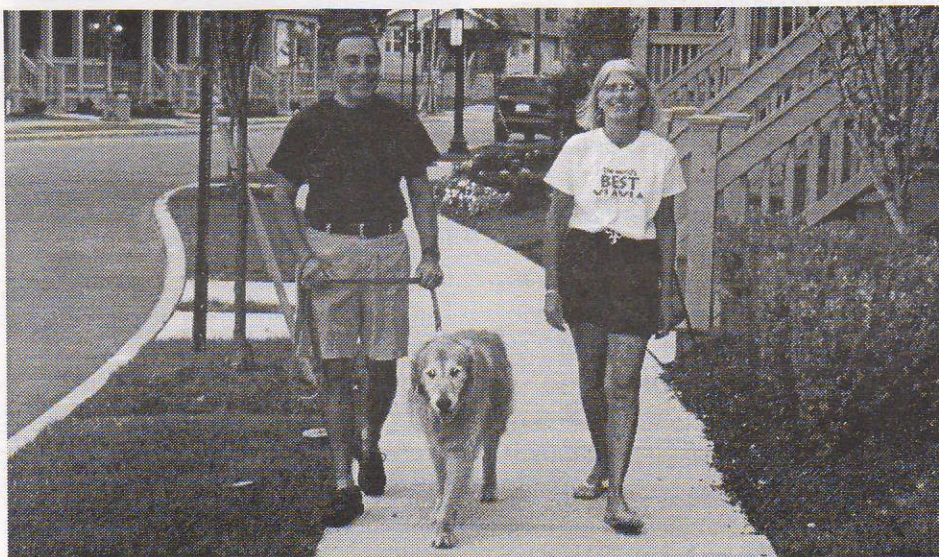
It depends on who's asking - and how it's defined. Urban designers and planners might ask:

- Is the area of mixed use, but mostly residential?
- Are there sidewalks on at least one side of the street and are they maintained?
- How wide are the streets? (Traffic is usually slower on narrow streets)
- Are there hills, highways, difficult crossings?
- Is there public space? Green space? Trees?
- Are goods and services located within the community?

Do you walk in your community?

They may be narrow and not always maintained, but at least we have sidewalks in Harrison West. I asked a few neighbors where they walk to and why they like to walk. Among the comments were: "It's better than road rage." "My dog takes me for a walk twice a day." "You've got to move it or lose it." People like to walk through the neighborhood and along the river, to the grocery and to places on High Street, to visit a special friend or a favorite tree, to take their babies in strollers, and their dogs on leashes.

Consider the health benefits. Walking is something most of us can do - so instead of paying to go to the gym, you might take a walk to get a total body workout that uses every major muscle group to help you burn calories, lose fat, and boost your energy levels. A simple walk is the easiest way to shake off depression, lower your blood pressure, prevent heart disease, and reduce heart attack risk.



Perry Street residents Nick and Bonnie Kentris walk through Harrison West with Woody .

AND, when you walk in Harrison West, you inevitably interact with your neighbors. It's that social benefit that makes us part of a neighborhood.

Walking with family, a friend or a group makes the activity even more social.

Of the many reasons to walk, the simplest is to get to a destination - so pick out a place and walk to it. Or combine your tasks and on your way to the library, stop at the Dollar Store and the Post Office.

What's your walkability score?

Have you computer-friendly people encountered that great walkscore website: www.walkscore.com?

When you enter your address, a map appears, with blue icons representing nearby restaurants, libraries, stores, schools, parks, etc. A list at the left identifies the mapped destinations and their distance from your starting point. More specific information, such as addresses and phone numbers, is available by clicking on the destination's name.

Your "walk score" (ranging from 0 - 100) is then displayed above the map.

It's fun to compare your score with the several celebrity locations given. For example, my score was a 75 and Bill Gates' was only 6! Try entering your address; I imagine every residence in Harrison West has a high score. (Those without access to a computer can take a nice walk to the Northside Library where computer access is free and help is at hand.)

The walkscore website isn't going to tell us about pedestrian-friendly design, or topography, or how wide the streets are. It won't tell us about safety - like how many traffic accidents there are and whether sidewalks are maintained and crosswalks well marked and streets well lit. We're fortunate to have the police force watching after us and telling us how much crime is in the neighborhood, but my hunch is that the more people there are out there walking, the less crime happens. (Maybe we should ask Officer Steve about that).

If there's a walking group in Harrison West, let us know! Let me know if anyone is interested in starting to stroll on a regular basis.

Time Warner, From Cover

division senior management and regional senior management. The five-story, 160,000 square-foot facility officially opened in August 2007. Built on a former "brownfield" site at Gowdy Field, the \$30 million facility is located at 1015 Olentangy River Road near State Route 315 and I-670 and is an anchor of Columbus' "Research and Technology Corridor."

Mary Funk was acting President of the Society when Time Warner decided to locate in Harrison West and lead the team in seeing that Time Warner became part of our neighborhood.

Council Member Tyson Talks Parks in HW

Columbus City Council Member Priscilla R. Tyson joined the Harrison West Society's monthly meeting on September 19, 2007 to discuss the development of parks in our own neighborhood and throughout the city. The Society thanks Council Member Tysons for taking the time to speak with us.

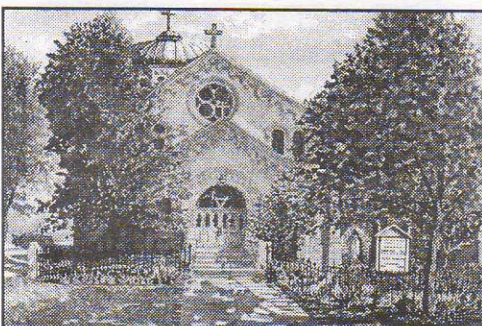
3Q Real Estate Update for Harrison West

By Jacob Sukosd

Harrison West had another strong housing quarter, despite the general weakness in the housing market. We saw a total of 42 housing units sell with 18 Harrison Park Flats (\$219K average) and seven Harrison Park Homes (\$408K average) leading the way. In the name of diversity, Harrison West also saw six existing homes sold at an average of \$226K each. These averaged a per square foot price of \$176. Also a couple fixer-uppers and multi-family transactions took place in the 3rd quarter. As for properties currently on the market there is something for everybody. There are newly rehabbed condos at Second and Michigan starting at \$149K, along with the second phase of Courtyards Condos on Perry starting at \$159K. The Avenue One Lofts offers condos under \$200K and the second phase of the Flats at Harrison Park offers prices \$180K to \$230K. There are also plenty of single family homes available ranging from a \$183K on

Oregon to \$370K on Fourth, and everywhere in between. Also, there are still seven Harrison Park homes available from \$409K to \$575K.

Another good sign for the neighborhood is that the foreclosure bug has mostly stayed out of the neighborhood. There are currently only three properties listed in Harrison West facing this fate, and that is comparable to Victorian Village and Italian Village. The most positive sign for the neighborhood is always a buzz of activity with contractors and residents improving their homes and adding value regularly. On one day in August, I counted six different homes receiving major improvements, and this shows the residents pride in their properties and confidence in the value they will receive. If your friends are looking for a safe, secure neighborhood that is convenient to the greatest areas that Columbus has to offer, then show them around Harrison West. We have something for everyone.



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Love Your Small Space

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When owning your own home, condo or loft, or even renting an apartment, you may feel challenged with decorating a small space. Do not get overwhelmed. The beauty about small areas is the endless creativity that can be applied to making the room successful and livable – to making them be perceived larger than the actual square footage or ultimately creating this room as your main entertaining area. Making the most out of our small space is crucial. It is possible to create a stylish space even if it small; the hard part is to know where to begin.

The first and most important question you should ask yourself – **what is the purpose of the space?** Identify with your goals and make a checklist for your needs and wishes. Assess your existing space and see if any of your

current accents or pieces support your list. You may find that there are objects in the room that don't fit the purpose. Clutter in the room is often evidence that there are objects that are not needed in that specific space. Before shopping around, start eliminating pieces that have no purpose and you will quickly see the room beginning to breathe.

You can make a small space look larger with a clever use of color, light, texture and careful choice of furniture. Here are some tips:

- Consider using “enlarging” devices, e.g., a mirror, room divider, screens
- A minimalist approach to furniture will be helpful
- Think creatively about your storage requirement and how to best incorporate them into your overall plan. Awkward corners and shallow recesses can be converted to a good storage space.
- If you have a dramatic height think how to use it for a second floor “loft” or storage.
- Use a monochrome color scheme, but let your space speak: If you use the room most often during the day, use light airy colors. If a room looks gray and dingy perhaps it is facing north, so use a warm color such as a soft yellow to warm it up, or a lime green
- A good opportunity to be bold is in nighttime rooms; strong colors make a room look more formal, but are better for a candlelight or electric light.
- Don't be afraid to use white in your space. Use shades of white and cream together. It is soothing to the eye and even the tiniest room will look light and airy with white.
- If you want to “lower” a ceiling try to paint it three shades darker than your wall; To raise a lower ceiling use a pale, cooler color.
- Painting the end of a narrow room in a strong, bold color will make it appear wider
- Use color to separate spaces within the space.
- Less is more: how many times have you heard this expression? Use it in your small space
- De-clutter: Get ride of unnecessary furniture and accessories. Manage your clutter by grouping your accessories in a coherent unity. If you are a collector and you want to display your collection, try grouping items. It will look neat and uncluttered.
- Use built-in shelving as a way to save space.

Most importantly, have fun with designing your space. Be proud of the final product and share your success with friends!

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"I'm doing what I love. I love coming to work every day. It's my home away from home."

by Gilbert Borlaza

The intersection of West Third Avenue and Michigan Avenue in Harrison West was very different in 1990 when Lynn Merckle opened Aniara Salon. From her storefront window, Lynn could see *The Avenue*, a renowned jazz club on the southeast corner. A beer-and-cigarette convenience store stood at the southwest corner. And a neighborhood bar could be found down the street where a real estate office now resides. Harrison West as a whole was a vastly different place 17 years ago, but Lynn Merckle could see great potential standing at that intersection.

Today, that same crossroad where West Third and Michigan meet is home to a variety of establishments. There are residential apartments, yoga and dance studios, a coffee and wine bar, and the familiar salon called Aniara. According to Lynn, the name Aniara refers to the color of the sky when the sun rises and sets, as expressed in Swedish folklore. Prior to opening her salon, Lynn worked at another salon in Grandview for 15 years and she has worked in the hair styling industry for 32 years. When opening her own salon, she wanted to stay close to downtown and her

home in Victorian Village (she has since moved to the near west side) and downtown. She selected Harrison West because she loves the area and its old buildings. She could also sense a lot of upcoming changes in the area. Lynn's friends questioned her decision to open a salon in a "dicey" area, but Lynn did so anyway, and in doing so she made it a point to blend in and make her business a part of the neighborhood.

The building in which Aniara resides was formerly a ceramic shop. Large kilns had burned the floors and Lynn had to do significant cosmetic work on the space to make it ready for its new use as a hair salon. Remnants of the building's former life are still visible inside Aniara, including the original exposed brick, wood flooring, and tin ceiling. The salon is spacious and has an open feel to it. A stained glass window designed by neighborhood artist Ron Schlachet provides a blast of color while a seating area with a couch and large houseplants complete the relaxing environment. A client gave Lynn a small one-foot pine tree as a gift when she first opened; it is now a 13-foot tall tree that stands in her salon's window. Lynn says that passers-by often mistake her salon for a plant store.

Aniara currently employs three stylists (including Lynn) and a salon coordinator. Lynn still cuts and styles hair for existing customers, but no longer takes on new clients. Aniara's other stylists, Allison and Maika, do accept new clients and have worked with Lynn for 11 and 9 years, respectively. Both are cut and color specialists. Aniara serves men and women, all different age groups, and customers from all over the area, even as far as Circleville. Lynn particularly enjoys her Harrison West location's proximity to downtown and the University. She also likes the diversity of the area.

Lynn has lived in Columbus since 1975. She and her husband have three mixed-breed dogs and enjoy doing many things in the city, including riding bikes, going out to restaurants and gardening. Friends and customers often ask Lynn when she plans to move into a larger space, hire more stylists and expand her business. "I don't want to expand," she says. "I'm doing what I love. I love coming to work every day. It's my home away from home."



Aniara stylist Allison Bair gives Harrison West's Dara Schwartz a trim.



L TO R in the photo: Annedith(standing), Ruth & MJ, Barbara (on swing), Jeff behind her, and Sarah and Frank on steps.

Ghosties, Ghoulies and Witches go Bump on Pennsylvania Avenue

By Sandy Woolard

On Halloween, things can "go bump in the night." Halloween (and its older rendering Hallowe'en) is shortened from All-hallow-even, as it is the evening of/before "All Hallows' Day." Originally, the day was known as "All Saints Day" and consisted of religious festivities.

Some folks on Pennsylvania Avenue jumped the gun for us and donned their costume-festive finery, in one of today's more common celebrations of Halloween. They had a great time practicing this Halloween ritual, as we hope all our readers will, regardless of their age.

In Columbus, Beggars Night will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. Open your doors to the little Beggars and add to their collection of wonderful childhood memories.

