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Home for the Holidays!



Harrison West Society celebrates the Holidays at its new home

By *Tim Bledsoe*

What a great way to celebrate the holiday by uniting our friends & neighbors together in Harrison West.



Festive Decorations for the Party...

The party was a huge success with over 130 people gathered around the fireplace at the new Harrison Park Center. Many thanks go out to our sponsors; 5/3 Bank, Apco, Dooley and Co. Realtors, Ken Wightman, Santer



Chris Ruder and Scott Robison greet the members and guests at the door.

Communities, Spice Bar & Lounge, & Wagenbrenner Development, for their generous & gracious support. The center was beautifully decorated with seasonal greenery, festive music, & a video slide show of all our friends; Rich Shermanski of RPM flawlessly organized the catering & beverage service, and the delicious appetizers were provided by Shane's Gourmet Food, making this a first class evening.



Our thanks to Social Committee members, Mary Funk, Bill Miller, Rob Harris, and Jeff Stevens for planning and executing such a successful party!

The event was pulled off effortlessly by the combined team work of the Social Committee; Tim Bledsoe, Rob Harris, Mary Funk, Scott Robinson, Jim Slone, Jeff Stevens, Bill Miller, Mark Wagenbrenner, Mark Barrett, & Chris Ruder. Thank you to our many local businesses that contributed to our event!



Nick Kentris, John Harmon, Jeff Gill, and Bob Mangia



Steve McClintock, Alan, and Mike Crosby



Kevin Nugent and partner



Rob Harris, Laurie Patton, and Maddie Weisz

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrison Park Community Center.

Please join us as we layout the plans for 2008 and remember you can renew your HWS membership at the meeting!

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY CONTINUED

Some of Our Raffle Ticket Winners thanks to our Sponsors!

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors we had many wonderful door prizes to pass out. Prizes included a gift certificates from Applebee's, Spinelli's Deli, Surrey Girl Saloon, Caffé Apropos, Cafe Corner, Donatos, Piece of Cake, and flowers every month from Designs by Doe just to name a few of our supporters.



Our Grand Prize Winner Steve Colahan.

Our coveted grand prize was the \$250 Southwest ticket donated by Fifth Third Bank won by Steve Colahan. Our other raffle ticket winners are show below.

Thanks to everyone for a very enjoyable event!



John Corwin.



Maddie Weisz.



Raffle Winner



Scott Kustis



Ted Lawson.



Justin Robinson.



Beth Barrett.



Mindy Stokely



Elisabeth



Jeff Stevens



Kevin Nugent.



Chris

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Harrison West Society meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. at Harrison Park Community Center, 575 W. 1st Ave.



PARKLAND DEDICATION



By Rob Harris

Property transferred to Columbus for our new river-front park

Thanks to the combined efforts of Society leadership, private development, and City government, Harrison West will soon have a new public park following the eastern banks of the Olentangy River, flowing south from Second Avenue towards downtown.

The recent sale of our Tax Increment Finance (TIF) bond package (\$3,080,000) allowed for the purchase of the Compton parcel (\$1,589,000) to be used for public park-land. The formerly blighted river-front property that was part of the old A.C. Humko factory was also transferred December 28th from private development to the City of Columbus, providing combined land for a 4.6 Acre public park. Plans for the new park consist of a Gazebo centered on First Avenue, an amphitheater, and recreation paths linking our parks and community with downtown. A partnership of community stake-holders will enable Harrison Park to become an integral and valuable

jewel in the Columbus Recreation & Park portfolio.

The Harrison West Society Park Committee will convene shortly to complete the final stages of park planning, under the guidance of Recreation & Parks Director Alan McKnight. Bravo to all for the many hours of hard work and dedication!



WHERE TO PUT THE TREE

By Bob Mangia

Remember to put your Christmas tree in front of your house for trash pickup.

The City will not pickup trees left by the dumpsters. Remove all decorations from the tree and place it by the curb for pickup. The City will pickup trees on Thursdays.

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By Barb Williams

In Harrison West, most of us are making gradual changes to help out our Earth. Here is the city's list of ways you can make a difference. How many of these have you already adopted?

Change a light bulb If every American home replaced just one light bulb with a compact fluorescent, we would save enough energy to light more than 2.3 million homes for a year and prevent green house gases equivalent to the emissions of nearly 800,000 cars.

Find the Off Switch Leaving appliances in standby mode wastes significant amount of energy. Turn off computers, printers, stereos, televisions, DVD players, etc when not in use. Use a power strip/surge protector so you can completely power down.

Leave Your Car at Home If you bike, walk, or carpool just two days a week it will reduce green house gas emissions by an average of 1,590 pounds per year. Find a bus route at www.cota.com or van/car/bike pool options at MORPC. 1-888-742-RIDE.

Drive Smart Don't idle your engine unnecessarily and don't make jack rabbit starts. Make sure your car is properly maintained and the tires are properly inflated. Slow down--going 60 miles per hour instead of 70 saves 4 miles per gallon.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Reduce the amount of garbage you generate to looking for products that have less packaging. Buy recycled products. Reuse goods you don't need by donating them. Recycle everything you can.

Paper or Plastic? Neither! Take your own reusable bags to the grocery store and avoid having to choose between the lesser of these two evils.

Plant a Tree Trees absorb carbon dioxide.- as much as a ton over the lifetime of the tree. Trees also provide shade which can reduce heating bills.

Don't Wash Your Car in Your Driveway The soap goes into the street then into storm sewers and then into our waterways. Use a commercial car wash or a gravel or grass area that will keep the wash water contained.

Keep your House Not Too Hot, Not Too Cold The energy used in an average home can be responsible for more than twice the greenhouse gas emissions of an average car and half of what an average family pays for heating and cooling. Adjust your thermostat 2 degrees year round and save as much as 20,000 pounds carbon dioxide emissions. Cut your utility bills by up to 40 percent by purchasing energy efficient home products that display the federal government's Energy Star label.

Safely Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Many common chemicals you may have in your house such as pesticides, solvents, rat poison, anti-freeze etc. can pose hazards to people, pets and the environment if they are not disposed of properly. Last month's Harrison West News told of SWACO's Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Site newly opened on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the corner of East 8th Ave. and Essex Ave (1249 Essex, just a few blocks west of the 11th Ave. exit of I-71).



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Weekend Masses
Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Masses During the Week
Tuesday through Friday 6 p.m.

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By Joe George

At the January membership meeting of the Harrison West Society the following amendment to the Society's By-Laws will be discussed and voted upon:

Article I. Name and Area of the Society
B, The area designated as Harrison West is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Olentangy River Road and Fifth Avenue following West Fifth Avenue eastward to Harrison Avenue; Thence southward on Harrison Avenue to Buttles Avenue; Thence eastward to Neil Avenue; Thence southward to Goodale Street; Thence westward on Goodale Street to CSX RailRoad; Thence northward along the CSX RailRoad to Third Avenue; Thence eastward on Third Avenue to Olentangy River Road; Thence northward to Fifth Avenue.

COLUMBUS AFFORDABLE

By Jim Stone

According to Forbes Magazine, Columbus ranks 9th in the Top 10 Most Affordable Places To Live Well. They say, "Cost of living is just below the national average, and 76.4% of homes sold last quarter were available to the median-income earner". See http://www.forbes.com/2007/11/05/homes-property-affordable-forbeslife-cx_mw_1106realestate.html

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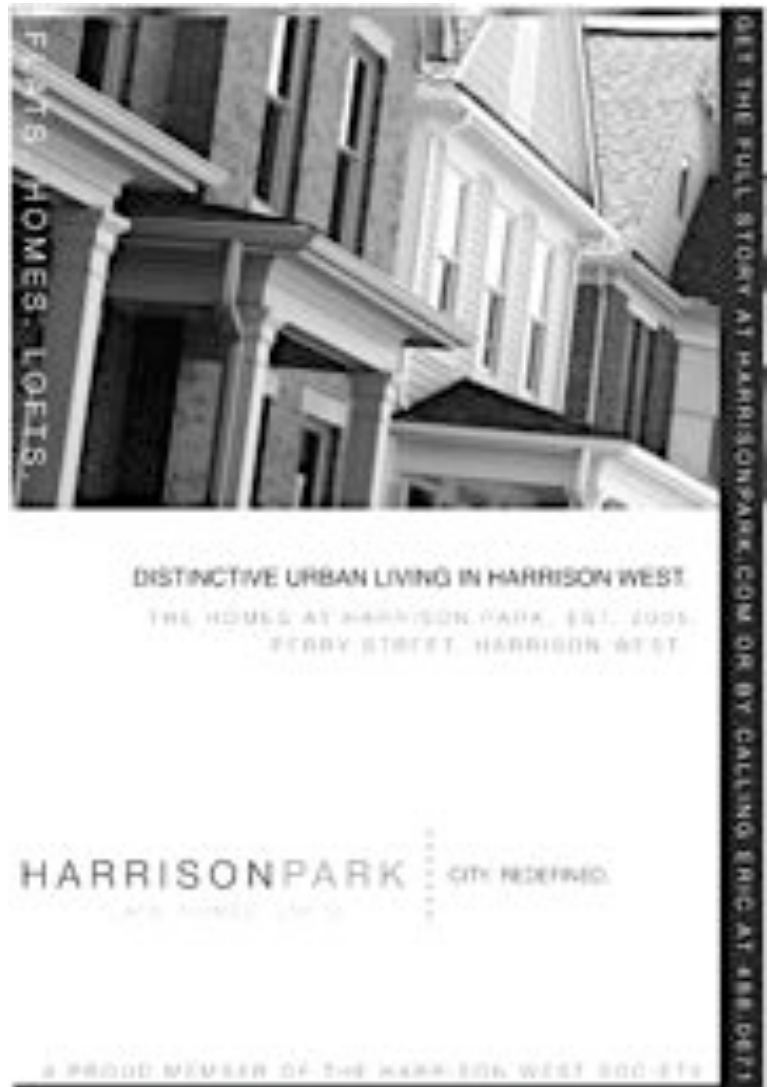
HARRISON WEST .40 TIF NUMBERS

By Jim Slone and Rob Harris

We have the current number for the TIF as of January 3, 2008 listed below. The numbers are far better than originally projected. The rate is 6.25%, which is better than if the sale had not gone through before the first of the year.

Highlights include a source total of \$3,554,302 and \$977,137 for Park construction. Back payments for 2005 and 2006 should be made in March, 2008.


Sources	Incurred	Committed	Estimated	Total
Principal Bond Sales (6%)	\$3,080,000.00			\$3,080,000.00
Back Payments TIF 2005 & 2006 (estimated)			\$474,302.00	\$474,302.00
05&06 payments should be made in Mar 08				
Total Sources	\$3,080,000.00	\$0.00	\$474,302.00	\$3,554,302.00
USUES				
Bond Reserve Deposit	\$308,000.00			\$308,000.00
Capitalized Interest	\$81,256.00			\$81,256.00
Cost of Issuance	\$191,625.00			\$191,625.00
Land Acquisition	\$1,760,378.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,760,378.00
Compton	\$1,569,000.00			\$1,569,000.00
Central Beverage	\$191,378.00			\$191,378.00
Other Series Project Cost	\$67,184.00	\$30,832.00	\$0.00	\$98,016.00
PGAV Study	\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00
Phase I	\$4,300.00			\$4,300.00
Phase II	\$4,430.00			\$4,430.00
Legal Council for closing	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
Survey	\$1,850.00			\$1,850.00
Squire Sanders Derrogerty (TIF Legal Cost)	\$31,604.00			\$31,604.00
Pod Land Design (need revised invoices)		\$30,832.00		\$30,832.00
Park Improvements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,090.00	\$132,090.00
Demolition			\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00
Remediation of Soils			\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Erosion Control			\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
Engineering & Construction Mngt			\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00
Design Cost			\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Construction mngt (3.5%)			\$36,390.00	\$36,390.00
Surveying		\$2,800.00		\$2,800.00
Dollars Available for Park Construction (HARD)				\$977,137.00
				\$3,554,302.00



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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

By *Jim Slone*

Here are some of the major events in 2008 for Harrison West. Please note that the Society meets the third Wednesday of every month except for December when we have the holiday party.

JANUARY
 Membership drive
 Something else

APRIL

FEBRUARY
 Review changes to the Bylaws
 Wheeler Dog Park Update
 TIF Update

MAY
 Vote on new officers for HWS

MARCH
 Ohio Primary held. Vote!
 Vote on Bylaw changes
 Prep for HWS Elections in May

JUNE
 Begin prep for Block Party
 Arts Festival and Comfest
 Victorian Village Garage sale

JULY
 HWS Summer Block Party
 Doo Dah Parade (July 4th)


OCTOBER
 Prep for Holiday Party
 Columbus Marathon

AUGUST

NOVEMBER
 Final Prep for Holiday Party

SEPTEMBER
 Victorian Village House Tour


DECEMBER
 Holiday Party! No meeting


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RE-ZONING REQUEST

By *Jacob Sukosd*

Re-zoning request to preserve housing stock on Third Ave.

A request has been made to the Harrison West Society for support of a re-zoning application for 351-357 West Third Avenue.

The applicant, Jamie Perkins, is requesting that the current C-4 zoning be changed to R-2F. This will allow for the properties to be re-sold as residential properties.

Current these are being used as residential rental units, but are currently zoned for and have previously housed business.

The properties consist of a single family brick home and two-family brick structure. Anyone interested in the re-zoning request should attend January's meeting.

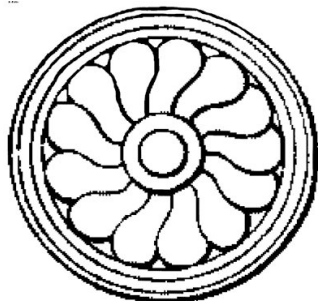
POLICE BLOTTER FOR DECEMBER, 2007

- 1 Auto Theft - Alexandra Col Ct
- 1 Auto Theft - Perry St
- 4 Burglary - Thurber Dr W
- 1 Burglary - HP Pl (construction site)
- 1 Larceny - Thurber Dr W
- 1 Larceny (elderly) - Thurber Dr W
- 1 Mal. Desc. (vehicle) - W 3rd Ave
- 1 Theft (auto parts) - Thurber Dr W

From 1/5/2008 report by Columbus Police Division

Total of eleven reported crimes in Greater Harrison West Area.

Note: No Murders, Assaults, Sexual Assaults or Robberies.



Harrison West Society Membership



Please complete this form and mail it along with your dues to Harrison West Society, P.O. Box 163442 Columbus, Ohio 43216-3342. Membership dues are for the calendar year. Name and address are required fields.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone.: _____ Email: _____

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1088 Perry Street
2nd phase – Harrison West loft condos. Lots of features–exposed brick walls, vaulted ceilings, and wood floors. Priced from \$159,000-\$169,000. Available in September 2007



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THE GEM OF THE CITY

Harrison West has come a long way since its beginnings. From a small collection of people working to keep the character of their neighborhood to the addition of Harrison Park and the Wheeler Park area. HW has grown and matured.

To meet the demands of growth, Harrison West is calling for volunteers to devote 30 minutes a month to help move the Society along.

Think of it as the “30-30-30 plan”. If we can get 30 volunteers to give 30 minutes a month then we would have enough volunteers to cover meetings such as City Counsel and Wheeler Dog Park meetings, distribute news-

letter to local businesses, work on the oversight of the TIF, and apply labels on postcards for mailing.

These are just some of the items that we need you to help ease the burden on the core volunteers that show up at each call.

As the saying goes, “many hands make light work”. We realize that we might not always need 30 volunteers every month but better to have too many than too few!

We have many new members from the new Harrison Park and Wheeler Park areas that we would love to come and help us make Harrison West an even better neighborhood. Something that Forbes magazine might one day call “the gem of the city”.

Harrison West Society Volunteer Form



- Budget (sets up the Society Budget)
- TIF Task Force (monitors and reports on TIF events)
- Newsletter Advertising (works with the advertisers)
- Newsletter Distribution (distributes the newsletter to businesses)
- Newsletter Reporting (writes articles and proofs articles)
- Newsletter and Website graphics (develops graphics and images)
- Website maintenance (maintains and updates website)
- Policy (reviews all changes to By Laws, Constitution, & policies)
- Membership (recruits new members)
- Parks (oversees our local parks)
- Planning and Development (keeps track of local zoning issues)
- Social (sets up monthly programs and special events)
- Transportation (keeps track of traffic and transportation issues)
- Wheeler Dog Park (attend meetings, report to committee)
- Battelle Day Care / Green space plans
- Other _____

Meeting Calendar

*All meetings at 7 p.m. in the
Harrison Park Community Center*

January 16

Battelle Day Care plans

February 20

Review By Law changes

March 21

Vote on By Law changes

April 16

Wheeler Dog Park Updates

May 21

Vote for new officers

June 18

Plan for Block Party & Garage Sale

July 16

Update on TIF & Harrison Park

August 20

September 17

October 15

Plan for Holiday Party

November 19

December 17

Holiday Party

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
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Thursday 6:30 P.M. Youth Meeting

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