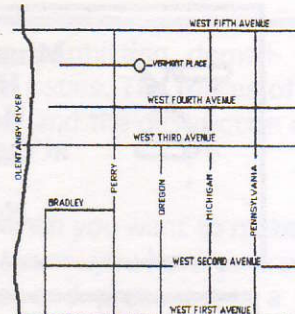


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Meeting Schedule

- June Meeting - June 9, Thurs, 7:00 PM
June Planning Mtg - June 16, Thurs, 7:00 PM

July Meeting - July 14, Thurs, 7:00 PM
July Planning Mtg - July 21, Thurs, 7:00 PM

All meetings held at First Brethren Church
473 W. 3rd Avenue (corner of Oregon Ave).

Consumer Reports Discusses EMF Health Risks
Reprinted from The Neighborhood Busybody
By Request of Craig Copeland, President

The subject of high voltage electric lines in residential areas is a current topic in our neighborhood. Not only is the City Division of Electricity proposing to route one along W. 5th Avenue, but this month's Consumer Reports discusses the potential health effects of exposure to the electromagnetic fields (EMFs) produced by these lines. The article presents some extremely relevant information.

Every article on the subject of EMFs begins with Nancy Wertheimer's 1970's epidemiological study of childhood cancer patterns in the Denver area. Much study has occurred since then, and still no clear conclusions can be drawn. The strongest evidence of relationships between EMF exposure and cancer comes from epidemiological studies and not from laboratory research.

The most common conclusion to be drawn from this is that EMFs do not directly cause cells to become cancerous. Rather, they may promote the development of cancer that has begun by some other means. For instance, most of the high-risk houses in the Denver studies were in older, crowded areas, while the low-risk houses away from power lines were in newer, more suburban neighborhoods. The inner-city neighborhoods could have many other environmental hazards besides strong magnetic fields, such as industrial emissions and heavy traffic. Cont next col.

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JUNE MEETING

TO DISCUSS JOINING VICTORIAN VILLAGE COMMISSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 9
7:00 PM
FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH
Corner of Third & Oregon

Recently, some researchers have suggested that magnetic fields may influence health by means of a hormone called melatonin, which is exquisitely sensitive to light and dark. Daylight suppresses melatonin production, and recent animal research has suggested that magnetic fields can suppress it as well.

In animal and test tube experiments, melatonin has been shown to suppress tumor growth. It is also a powerful antioxidant, which means it helps get rid of free radicals, substances that can damage cells and have been implicated in some diseases, including cancer. If magnetic fields do suppress melatonin, they might make it easier for cancerous cells to grow unchecked.

Since we live in an inner city neighborhood and are subjected to numerous environmental assaults, we should give our bodies every chance to protect themselves naturally. The high voltage electric lines should be routed away from our neighborhood so our melatonin production can be maximized.

Consumer Reports concludes by suggesting that residents along a proposed high voltage transmission line might push for an extra-wide right-of-way or for a slightly longer route that bypasses populated areas. "If this risk makes you upset, fight to change it," advises Peter Sandman, a Boston-based psychologist specializing in risk. "If you feel the utility is unresponsive, fight for a more responsive one."

You can fight the City's plan by writing to Mayor Greg Lashutka and City Council Utilities Committee Chair Jennette Bradley, both at 90 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

- Tim Wagner



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Harrison West Society
Held on 12th May 1994
at the First Brethren Church.**

No minutes were taken.

Columbus Bike Path Expansion

Tom McClain, Battelle Corporate Communications

Battelle is continuing to work with the City of Columbus on the future expansion of the bike path along the Olentangy River. Recently, preliminary surveying and logistics work have been done to determine proper arrangements and easements. Harrison West residents may have already seen Battelle staff and subcontractors doing this preliminary surveying work near the west side of our vacant property between West Fifth and West Third Avenues.

Residents needing further information should feel free to contact Tom McClain at 424-7728.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW EDITOR

Beginning with the July issue, Dwight K. Phelps will take over the editorship of the Harrison West News from Chris Hershberger. Dwight is a self-employed desktop publisher and runs his business out of his home office on Michigan Avenue where he has lived for the past eight years.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge. Chris has done a great job and will be a tough act to follow. Harrison West has changed dramatically over the past few years and there's no reason to believe that positive change won't continue.

Dwight's telephone is 424-6001. Send articles, letters to the editor, suggestions and comments to Harrison West News, P.O. Box 10143, Columbus, OH 43201-0710; or fax the same to 291-7540.

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HARRISON WEST VIOLATIONS

1116 Perry Avenue has been cited for trash and an abandoned vehicle. Code Enforcement has transferred the case to prosecution. The owner was arraigned in May. The court hearing will be in June, date to be determined.

1007 Harrison Avenue was reported to Code Enforcement for improper guttering/water routing. The property was reinspected on May 24 and the violations had not been corrected. The case has been transferred to prosecution for further action.

If you have reported a violation to the Mayor's Action Center, Health Dept., etc. let us know so we can publish the current status. Please provide information (424-6001) prior to June 25 to get it in July's issue.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you feel that Harrison West needs more clout, to be in a position to effectively deal with the issues that repeatedly face our neighborhood, then we should give careful consideration to the opportunity of obtaining Historical District status. Can Historical District status help the residents of Harrison West? Can the Harrison West Society afford to hire another lawyer again, to represent the neighborhood's interests before the Department of Development and City Council as was done in the Moretti's zoning variance for a truck parking lot in a residential area of Michigan Avenue, billing the Society \$5,000 for his time?

Then, still unresolved is the building code issue of the refrigerated trailer that keeps Moretti's neighbors awake at night, known in the parlance of City Building Regulations as a "portable building without a special permit" to grind its way through the court system for years. This could have been quickly dealt with by our own local Historical District Commission, if we had one.

By joining Victorian Village Historical District, and electing Harrison West residents to the Commission, while maintaining the Harrison West Society to represent the specific needs of our neighborhood we can stop any more houses from being torn down and have a say in what developers build on the numerous vacant lots. In the early 1980's, Battelle tore down many fine homes, displacing many people so apartment buildings could be built on Michigan and Pennsylvania Avenues. Right now, there is no way to stop the further destruction of homes in the neighborhood by developers. If a business like Zeno's, wants to tear down the house that it has next to the bar, to make a parking lot to meet building code regulations for an increase of its occupancy permit, it only needs a demolition permit. The Harrison West Society can only pass resolutions to oppose it..

Can it be a surprise that the City Division of Electricity picked the one neighborhood that did not have an architectural review process, to run its high tension lines through, not choosing Victorian Village or Italian Village? The Harrison West Society

has no legal standing in zoning, permitting, demolition, traffic patterns or land use issues. The routes of trucks through the neighborhood and the destruction of sidewalks is a Commission issue

The down side is, if and when you want to make changes to the exterior of your house, you have to draw some plans, make a materials list and present it to a group of people with lots of experience doing what you are about to do. They might make recommendations to help your job turn out better. Specific legislation by City Council, sets standards for economic hardship for low to moderate income residents on a tight budget and an appeals process is in place if you disagree with the Commission.

Please come to the June 9th meeting to ask Historic Resources Commission representative, Diane Cole, if Historic District status would give the residents of Harrison West the kind of clout we need. Would you like to work on the Commission?

The Society still needs your donations to the legal fund to pay the legal fees incurred opposing the Moretti's Poultry variance request.

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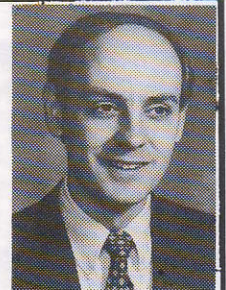
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Tuesday: Little Women - 6:30-8 PM
Wednesday: Boy's Brigade - 6:30-8 PM**

Pastor: Richard Morris

COMPOSTING PROJECT

Tom McClain (Battelle) and Jay Moore (Boy Scout Troop 29 Leader) have discussed possible sites and procedures. Updates on this project will be in future Harrison West Society Newsletters.

Anyone willing to help the Boy Scouts with this project, please call Jay Moore 299-0113 for details.

Note: Until the local site is available, Columbus residents can take yard waste to the following refuse transfer stations:

2100 Alum Creek Drive

1550 Georgesville Road

4260 Morse Road

These drop-off points are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and Saturday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Be prepared to show your driver's license to prove that you are a Columbus resident. For further information, call 645-8774, option 6.