

Next HWS Meeting  
**Thursday, 8 September**  
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**News and Updates**  
Candidates' Night,  
Utility Update, Gallery Opening

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# Harrison West News

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## Precinct 33-I liquor option petition filed

By Dwight K. Phelps  
*Harrison West News*

**O**N 24 AUGUST 1994, TWO PETITIONS to put local liquor option issues on the November ballot were filed by Mary T. Funk of NICE, Neighbors Improving Community Environment — a Harrison West grass roots neighborhood organization. There were 79 signatures gathered for each petition.

Enough signatures have been certified to guarantee the options will be on the November ballot.

Every signature checked by the Board of Elections was found to be valid. Of the 79 signatures gathered, 67 were certified according to Karen S. Cotton of the Franklin County Board of Elections. Only 58 certified signatures were needed to put the options on the ballot. The remaining 12 signatures were not checked because

they were new voter registrations and were not necessary for option certification. These 12 signatures are to be held in reserve should they be needed for any reason.

The ballot issues are simple "yes or no" types. A yes vote will allow the continuing sale of beer, wine and liquor; a no vote will halt the sales.

If the vote is negative the options would take effect 1 January 1995 and the affected establishments would go dry then.

The text of the Petition for Election on Question of the Sale of Beer by C and D Permit Holders (B) reads: "Shall the sale of beer as defined in Section 4305.08 of the Revised Code under permits which authorize sale for on-premises consumption only, and under permits which authorize sale for both on-premises and off-premises consumption, be permitted in the City of Columbus, Ward 33, Precinct I?"

The text of the Local Option Election Petition (C) reads: "Shall the sale of spirituous liquors by the glass be permitted in the City of Columbus, Ward 33, Precinct I?"

The two options will affect Zeno's Victorian Village, 384 West 3rd Avenue at Pennsylvania Avenue, and Da' Cota's, 453 West 3rd Avenue. →

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**LIQUOR OPTION**  
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## Harrison West Vernacular

By Robert Harris

**I**n 1981 the district of Columbus known as Harrison West was in the midst of major rebuilding and renovation. It is said the houses literally "flew-up" over night — thus the name "Flytown" was coined.

As appropriate as it may have been, our neighborhood was not coined "Flytown;" that honor was bestowed on the turn-of-the-century neighborhood south of Goodale Street (since replaced by I-670). →

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**VERNACULAR**  
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### 358 West 4th Avenue

The photograph (right) shows Harrison West's entry in the 1994 Victorian Village Tour of Homes.





# Minutes for 11 August 1994

**T**HE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 p.m. by President Craig Copeland, at First Brethren Church, 473 West 3rd Avenue.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

Sandy Woolard and Craig Copeland are authoring a grant proposal to the Columbus Foundation's Neighbor Partnership Program requesting \$7,800 for additional neighborhood trees. Trees are required to be planted between the street curb and the sidewalk. If the monies are granted, the planting would most probably occur in the spring of 1995. Possible tree planting sites are West 2nd Avenue, West 3rd Avenue and Bradley. Other suggestions for tree sites are welcome.

**Comments.** Tree variety should be the same for each side of a street. Trucks destined to Moretti's would knock over (destroy) any trees planted in that area.

## ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS

**Craig Copeland.** Suggested 1 October 1994 as a possible date for a neighborhood-wide garage/yard sale. Nominal fee of \$5 to \$10 would be required of participants. A call for volunteers to organize the project was made. Call 299-3737 if interested. *[Details in ad on page 4. —EDITOR]*

**Terrie Price.** Columbus Police Officer Price is privately employed by concerned Harrison West neighbors for the purpose of policing an area near Zeno's. Officer Price took questions from the audience and his answers included the following observations:

1. The area patrolled is accurate as shown in the August 1994 *Harrison West News*.

2. Our police precinct is served by four patrol cars and one wagon. The precinct covers an area roughly from I-71 to Grandview Avenue and Goodale Street to King Avenue.

3. Recommended not to personally confront persons urinating in yards or engaging in vandalism. Recommended to call police immediately. Taking photograph or video could be helpful, as long as person is not confronted.

4. Biggest offense has been related to the open container law.

5. The overall situation has improved since the program's inception.

6. Zeno's offered to pay for this program but the Pennsylvania Neighborhood Coalition turned down the company's offer.

7. Posted signs and doorman notification procedures appear to be alleviating the illegal parking problem.

8. Participants in a dispute, which began in Da' Cota's, later having left the bar, resorted to firing gunshots. The bar was not involved.

**Suzanne Gallagher.** Fine Artist to open a Gallery/Studio at Third and Michigan. Nascent will have grand opening on 8 September 1994 and is anticipated to have regular hours of 12-6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

**Craig Copeland.** The Moretti case before Judge Pfeiffer is currently scheduled for hearing on 27 September 1994.

**John Cowin.** Motion made to issue check to Cyrus Printing for cost of August *Harrison West News*. Approved unanimously.

**Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. ♦

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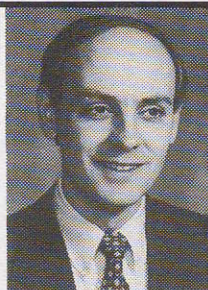
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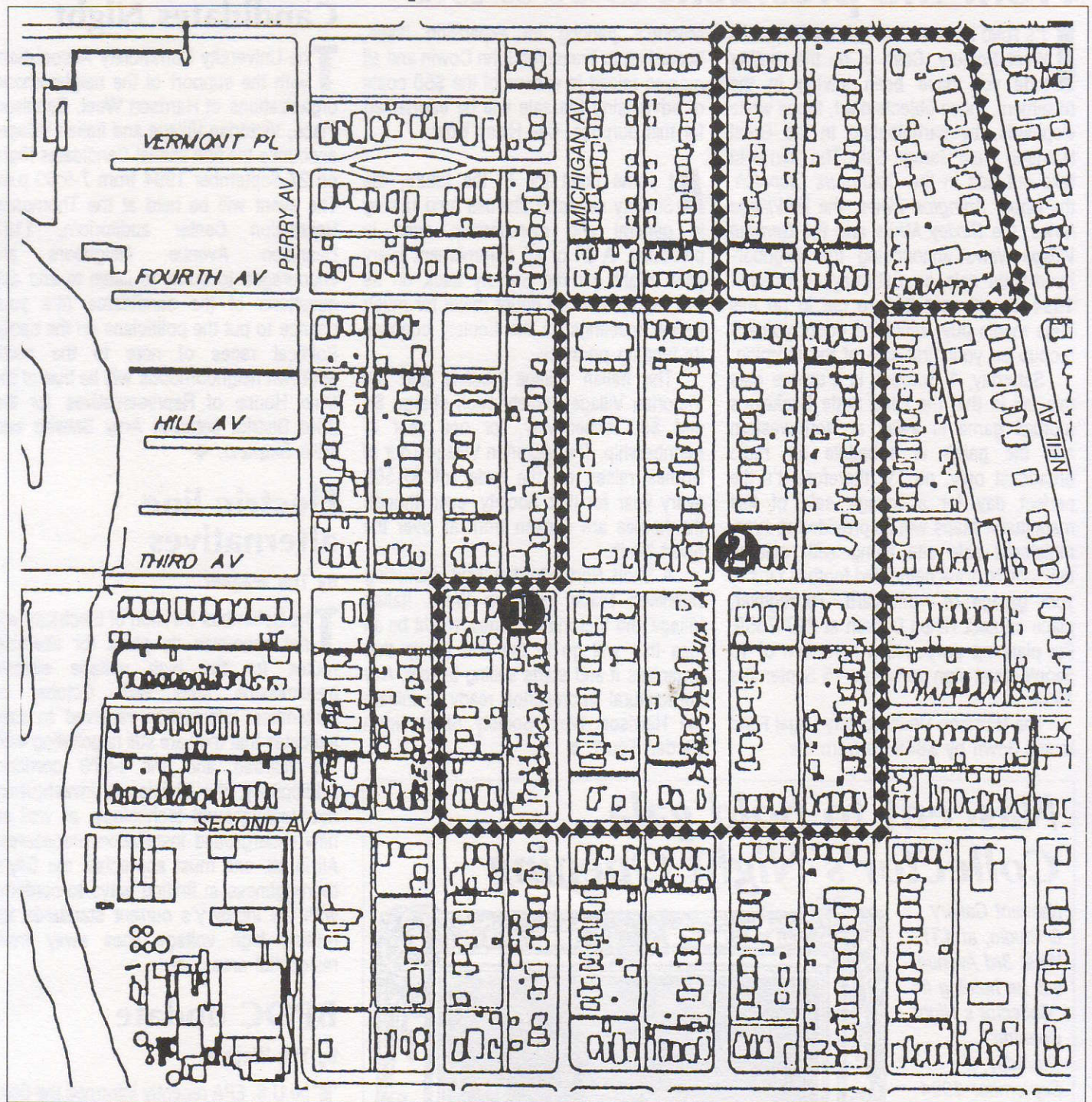


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# Harrison West Map

KEY: ◆◆◆ Precinct 33-I boundary. ① Da' Cota's. ② Zeno's.



## Great Harrison West Garage Sale • Saturday, October 1st

Ads for the event will run in the Columbus Dispatch, the Upper Arlington News, the Tri-Village News, the Bexley News and the German Village News

\$10 donation to the Harrison West Society • Call Helen Dotson 297-7559 by September 15

Need minimum of 15 to sign-up for sale • No Buckeye football conflict



## From the president

CRAIG S. COPELAND

IT'S FUND RAISING TIME FOR THE HARRISON West Society. Cash in on the mother lode you have been saving in the basement, those objects d'art, those white elephants, by participating in the Great Harrison West Garage Sale. The plan is to take out ads in the *Columbus Dispatch*, the *Upper Arlington News*, the *Tri-Village News*, the *Bexley News* and the *German Village News* announcing the neighborhood-wide sale on Saturday, 1 October 1994. It will cost \$10 to get in on this huge media buy, which no doubt you will recoup on your first sale of the morning.

Saturday, 1 October, is a unique date this fall in that the Ohio State Buckeye's football game is away at Northwestern and the game is scheduled for radio broadcast only, no TV, therefore it's the perfect day for a garage sale of this magnitude. Maps will be provided at every registered sale site along with colored balloons to draw befuddled football fans to your garage or front yard. To register, place contact Helen Dotson at 297-7559. For planning purposes a minimum of 15 people must sign up before 15 September 1994.

The Harrison West Society Legal Fund is still down by \$848.50 from the

Moretti's parking lot expansion issue, according to Treasurer John Cowin and all monies raised in excess of the \$50 costs of advertising the sale will be earmarked for this purpose. Call Helen Now.

At some point in the future, the Society needs to discuss fund raising in general and membership dues in particular. A \$4 or \$5 commitment every year might get the Society back on its feet, and would no doubt make for much livelier meetings as the Society chooses its funding priorities.

The Italian Village Society and the Victorian Village Society each charge \$4 and \$5, respectively, for one year of membership. The Victorian Village Tour of Homes raises on the order of \$7,500 every year for that Society, even though the homes are chosen from all over the Short North.

A Short North Garden Tour, including Dennison Place, Harrison West, Italian Village and Victorian Villages, might be an idea that will go to the first group that organizes it and starts selling tickets. Any horticultural impresarios ready to initiate the Harrison West Society Short North Garden Tour? ♦

## 5th Annual Candidates Night

The University Community Association, with the support of the neighborhood organizations of Harrison West, Dennison Place, Victorian Village and Italian Village, announce the fifth annual Candidates Night on 27 September 1994 from 7-9:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Thompson Recreation Center auditorium, 1187 Dennison Avenue. Neighbors are encouraged to come to listen to and ask questions of the candidates (it's your chance to put the politicians on the spot). Political races of note to the north Midtown neighborhoods will be that of the Ohio House of Representatives for the 23rd District between Amy Salerno and Mike Sinziano. ♦

## Electric line alternatives

By Tim Wagner

The Columbus Division of Electricity will not announce its plans for alternate routes for the high voltage electric transmission lines until October or November. Information received to date indicates that they are still negotiating with the railroad and the I-670 corridor. Additionally, the Division is investigating new underground technology, as well as new underground installation procedures. All in all, one must appreciate the City's thoroughness in finding ways to conform with the industry's current standards for routing high voltage lines away from residential areas. ♦

## BPOC update

By Tim Wagner

The U.S. EPA recently informed the Ohio EPA that it is unable to issue its portion of Battelle's hazardous waste storage permit because of legal deficiencies. Until after the notification letter was written, the U.S. EPA had an objective view of the permit and declared it illegal. Shortly after the letter was written, political pressure was applied and now the U.S. EPA is back-pedaling on its analysis of federal law as it applies to Battelle Memorial Institute. ♦

## Nascent to hold gala Collector's Night Opening

Nascent Gallery & Studio, at 431 West 3rd Avenue will be holding its "Collector's Night Opening" Thursday, 8 September 1994 from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Tickets are still available. Call 421-7505 for information.

Artwork (right) was provided by the gallery.





## A VIEW FROM 4TH AND PENNSYLVANIA

## Residents desire cooperation, understanding

**H**ARRISON WEST HAS BECOME more to me than just a Third Avenue road sign in a vacant field, for I have made it my home.

I choose to live here over other areas because of its urban location, diversity and quality of people, and excitement of revitalization.

I would like to see, like many other residents, our neighborhood continue its revitalization, even at the price of displacement. A neighborhood as tightly organized as ours has learned very well how to work together in the process of change.

The physical reality of working together triumphed when a group of neighbors organized to take back their neighborhood from crime. The organization hired a police officer, paid for with private funds, to pa-

trol the neighborhood.

In issues related to the local bars and residents, the process of working together has come to an impasse. There are bar owners who have failed in the past to take the neighbors seriously in their requests and neighbors who are tired of fighting in vain and cannot trust the bar owners.

The ongoing lack of cooperation and understanding is why Precinct 33-I has placed on the ballot the issue of becoming dry (prohibiting the sale of alcohol by the drink). Voting the area dry will cause the displacement of two bars, which is a small price when compared to the approximately \$28 million in residential property value that surrounds this area.

I will not tolerate or stand by and watch our neighborhood

be hindered in its pursuit of revitalization. As of date, I see no resolution or recourse but to vote Precinct 33-I dry.

**Tim Bledsoe**  
**West 4th Avenue**

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# Liquor Option

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Since the options are concerned with on-premises consumption of beer and liquor, Culpepper's and Michigan Market, while located in Precinct 33-1 and which have carryout sales, would not be affected.

Over the years some neighbors have complained about the "irresponsible patrons" of establishments which sell beer and liquor for on-premises consumption. According to these neighbors, sexual activities, intoxication, illegal parking, fighting and other undesirable behaviors are the main impetus for putting the options on the ballot.

During the first 16 weekends of Officer Price's special duty patrol in the neighborhood, more than 350 cars were towed, more than 700 parking tickets were issued and more than 150 citations, summons and arrests were issued. These numbers indicate that the neighbors' allegations have substance.

According to a recent *Columbus Dispatch* article, Dick Allen, a part-owner of Zeno's, said, "We don't think it's fair that they can just put us out of business because somebody has been annoyed." In the same article he also said that bar owners will try to convince voters that Zeno's and the property taxes it pays are worth keeping.

The *Dispatch* also quoted Allen as saying, "They're trying to put 40 people out of jobs here. We hope it's just a very vocal minority."

According to Officer Terrie Price, speaking to the Harrison West Society at the 11 August 1994 meeting, a dispute in Da' Cota's on 4 August 1994 subsequently led to gunshots being fired later that night at the alley crossing 3rd Avenue between Michigan and Oregon Avenues. No one was seriously injured and no charges were filed.

While no one was seriously injured

during the incident, several neighbors voiced anxiety about their personal safety.

Recently the Alliance for Cooperative Justice, 375 South High Street, awarded the Pennsylvania Avenue Neighborhood Coalition a \$4,850 grant to help pay for continued off-duty Columbus police patrolling in the vicinity of West 3rd Avenue. The neighborhood coalition grant was one of just 25 similar grants awarded out of a pool of more than \$167,000.

Longtime Pennsylvania Avenue resident Mary Funk was successfully involved during the early '80s in a grass roots effort to block Battelle from building a shopping center where upscale apartments are now located.

About her most recent effort Funk said, "I believe in the grass roots effort. You don't need money, just the support of the people at the grass roots level. With that support you can accomplish anything. Anything." ♦

# Vernacular

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The new M/I-built homes were constructed under the direction of Battelle to house local Columbus workers, much in the same manner in which the Rosenthal brothers built homes for their factory workers, thus forming "Flytown."

Harrison West was strong enough that it retained and strengthened its identity by absorbing the new homes into its existing architectural context.

The new homes were designed in the Queen Anne style, so as to blend architecturally with their historic neighbors. The homes have steeply pitched gable

roofs accented with King's post and horseshoe gable decorations, patterned shingles, narrow lap siding, turned porch posts, false-gable roofs and wood trim that unifies and completes the Queen Anne style.

When I came upon the task of designing a new front porch on our home at 358 West Fourth Avenue I had the Queen Anne style in mind. Through the use of authentic architectural details found throughout Harrison West, I was able to be compassionate to the style of the neighborhood. I found wonderful spandrel

details and corbels on Second Avenue, porch post caps on Michigan Avenue, eave details on Pennsylvania Avenue and balconies on Vermont Place. Striving to use local historic details made our new porch very beautiful and unique, while still blending with the neighborhood vernacular.

I am proud to say that our home will be on this year's Victorian Village Tour of Homes (Sunday, 18 September), so please stop by. We are very proud to represent Harrison West in this year's tour as well as being part of its history and future direction. ♦

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