# NEXT MEETING Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m. Columbus Graphics Commission requests Society input on water tower signage

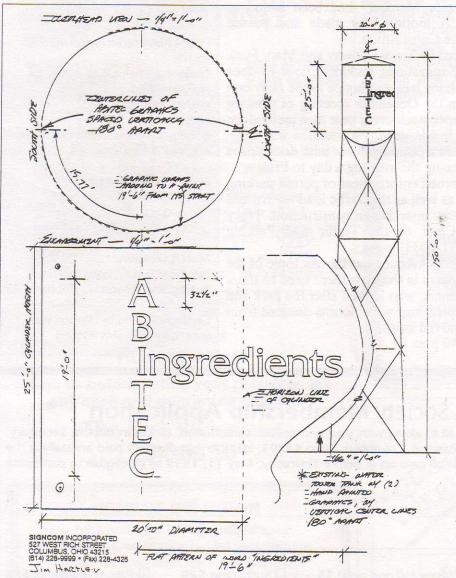
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ABITEC TO MAKE PRESENTATION, SOLICIT COMMENTS

# Neighborhood water tower to get facelift



Originally operated as Washington Breweries, this plant has been converted to the manufacture of edible oils and fats. Long time residents have seen the facility go through several changes of ownership: Capital City Products, Stokely-Van Camp, Quaker Oats, Capital City Products (leveraged buyout), Karlshamms and now ABITEC, a division of Associated British Foods.

The ABITEC Corporation, located on the corner of First Avenue and Perry Street is planning to repaint its 150-foot tall water tower. ABITEC is head-quartered in Northampton, England and produces confectionery and custom-formulated specialty fats and oils. The products are supplied to the personal care, pharmaceutical, synthetic fiber and food processing industries, which provide margarines, oils and shortenings to restaurants, bakeries and institutional food services.

The Columbus site currently employs over 250 people. The company is interested in communicating its new name to commuters, as well as the residents of Harrison West. One way the corporation would like to do this is to freshly paint the existing water tower and place the name "ABITEC", and its product of manufacture, "Ingredients" upon it. The company is proposing to paint the water tower white and its name (as indicated below) in blue letters on two sides of the tower

The Columbus Graphics Commission requested that ABITEC present its idea to the Harrison West Society for comments and approval. The drawings will be presented at the next Harrison West Society meeting on Thursday, February 9, 1995 at 7 p.m. The Society would appreciate your attendance and comments on the proposal. This water tower is a prominent element in the community and is highly visible from S.R. 315. The proposed repainting of the water tower affects all of us that live and work in Harrison West.

SUBMITTED BY HWS TREASURER JOHN COWIN

# Harrison West Society Minutes for Thursday, January 12, 1995

The January meeting was held at First Brethren Church, 473 West 3rd Avenue, and was called to order by President Craig Copeland at 7 p.m.

A motion was made and passed to pay \$400 to Cyrus Printing for the

Harrison West News.

An Audit Committee headed by Karen Dyrenforth will be formed to review and reconcile the books of the Society. Karen is a newly minted accountant, having just graduated from The Ohio State University, and has

accepted a position with Coopers & Lybrand Consulting.

The proposed changes to the Constitution concerning members were discussed. The consensus was that the concerns voiced at the December meeting were satisfied. The good character language had been dropped and the membership classification of "Senior Member" had been added as discussed at the previous meeting. A motion was made and passed unanimously to replace Article III of the Constitution.

A Membership Committee co-chaired by Tracy Conway and Mary Funk will develop a membership drive. Suggestions included door-to-door solicitations, direct mail, forming a telephone tree and notice in the *Harrison West News*. Alec Chambers' idea from the December meeting of printing membership cards on a different color paper stock every year as a method for quickly identifying current registration in a large voting situation was again well received. Carolyn Bonifazi suggested a potluck dinner with door prizes for the May or June meeting and advancing the meeting a day to Friday.

The next topic of discussion concerned enforcement of permit parking on Pennsylvania and Harrison Avenues as well as the traffic load on 3rd and 5th Avenues due to the Spring-Sandusky interchange construction. Tracy Conway accepted the position of Chair of the Traffic and Parking

Committee. Tracy can be reached at 291-0031.

Harrison West Park at 4th and Oregon Avenues was the last topic of the night. People interested in planting flowers in the beds there need to think about organizing for this spring. Ruth Donner, who looked after the park and was responsible for the annual flower plantings with blooms donated from the Martha Walker Garden Club, has moved away.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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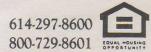
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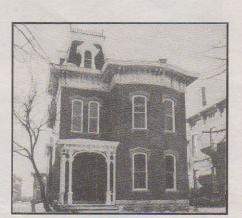




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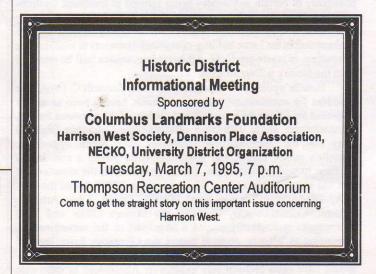
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#### IN GOOD COMPANY

## Mary Funk's efforts honored

Harrison West resident Mary Funk was recently recognized with a Partners In Prevent Award, presented by the Franklin County Prevention Institute. The annual awards are given by the Prevention Institute to individuals and groups that help to build safer and healthier communities. "These awards are our way of saying thank you to the people who are fighting substance abuse issues here in Franklin County," said William F. Crimi, Executive Director of the Franklin County Prevention Institute.

Ms. Funk was recognized for efforts in helping prevent alcohol abuse in her neighborhood. Other recipients of the Partners In Prevention Awards included State Representative Charleta Tavares, City Councilwoman Les Wright, Hope Taft and the Worthington Community Coordinating Board. The Franklin County Prevention Institute is funded through a grant from the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.





**BATTELLE SEES GREEN** 

# 9,500 Gallon Toxic Waste Site Dumped

Battelle has withdrawn plans for building a new hazardous waste storage facility and instead will implement a comprehensive chemical waste "life-cycle management" system. "I think what we are doing is for the common good — for the community, for Battelle and for Battelle's clients," said Battelle spokesman Tom McClain. The new plan will eliminate the need for a large storage center and result in the closing of the present 500 gallon storage site located in Harrison West. Tim Wagner, the leader of the Battelle Permit Opposition Committee stated, "BPOC is sure it speaks for all area residents in expressing its appreciation to Battelle for rethinking its hazardous waste management philosophy, and developing a system that will be an example to other waste generators." Waste will be regularly shipped in small batches directly from individual labels to commercial hazardous waste handlers rather than remain at Battelle to be stored at a bulk site.

The concept is analogous to the "just in time delivery" method used to reduce inventory and warehouse costs as the nation's factories, but rather in this case expended materials will be disposed of quickly as possible after they are generated, thus reducing storage expenses. Unpredictably escalating disposal costs nationwide have made long term storage of toxic waste an economic liability. Further, the possibility of certain substances being refused at treatment facilities without notice, at some future date precludes any advantage to storage at Battelle's Columbus Laboratory. An inventory system will be implemented in the future bidding of research contracts to examine the disposition of waste products. All hazardous wastes will be removed from the facility within 90 days.

Battelle's point man at public forms, Dr. Kenneth C. Brog, vice president for environment, safety and health, having been an ardent proponent for 14 months concerning the safety of the proposed facility, acknowledged, along with other officials, in a Columbus Dispatch story that the "minimal" environmental risks, public opposition, Battelle's public image, and escalating costs played a role in the decision to withdraw the plan. Those familiar with the situation felt that the issues raised by Tim Wagner and the BPOC before the U.S. EPA, FEMA, NRC, Ohio EPA, HWFB, OSHA, Ohio Attorney General, Columbus City Council, the Mayor's Office and local newspapers undoubtedly played a large part in the reexamination. According to Wagner, costs to secure the Olentangy River levee to protect the proposed site planned in the 100 year flood plain probably would have been prohibitively expensive. Abandoned or otherwise unknown pipes in the flood plain that might run under the levee would have had to have been found and excavated. Sewer pipes in current use would have had to have been retrofitted with valves to prevent them from back flushing in the even of the river rising.

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