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Speed Limit to Be Reduced

he City has presented a proposal to members of the Joint City-Neighborhood Traffic Project that will include a temporary reduction of the speed limit on four streets in Victorian Village, Dennison Place and Harrison West. The speed limit on residential sections of Neil, King, Fifth and Third Avenues will be reduced from 35 miles/hour to 25 miles/hour for a period of one to two years, beginning in mid-July, 1995. This proposal was developed to respond to the overwhelming interest displayed by neighborhood residents at the March 16 and April 5 meetings at the 4th Ave. Christian Church. A written response by Public Service Director Thomas Merritt to questions raised at the April 5 meeting appears elsewhere in this issue.

The proposal to reduce the speed limit is a result of a study by members of the Joint City-Neighborhood Traffic Project. The consensus among the Technical Goals and Planning Committees is that a speed limit reduction will help alleviate the impact of increased traffic that is expected during construction of the Spring-Sandusky Interchange, particularly when portions of SR 315 and Olentangy River road are closed.

City officials regard this precedentsetting action as desirable, as long as SR 315 or Olentangy River road are closed by construction, and provided that it is supported by area residents and acceptance by commuters.

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Flowers were planted at Harrison West Park and Vermont Place Park by neighborhood volunteers, including Tricia and Christiana, on May 20.

The Martha Walker Garden Club provided the flowers.

5th Avenue Alternative School Hosts Great Danes!

ifth Avenue School was very excited and proud to host 19 students and their two teachers from Odanse, Denmark for three weeks at the end of this school year. The Danes stayed with Fifth Avenue School families, including some in Harrison West, who volunteered to put them up and show them life in Columbus, Ohio USA. Various activities included putt-putt golf, basketball, cookouts, the "Rhythm and Food Fest" and lots of shopping (many things are much cheaper here). Two Fifth Avenue classes and the Danes also took an extended trip to Greenfield Village in Michigan and Put-In-Bay, on Lake Erie.

It was an unforgettable experience for hosts and visitors alike. The departure from Port Columbus on June 6 was a tearful one for many.

Fifth Avenue School has had ties with this school in Odanse for several years as a result of the Sister City program. Two years ago, 11 Fifth Avenue students traveled there with similar arrangements and had an equally wonderful time.

MINUTES

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES For Thursday, 11 May 1995

Submitted by Craig Copeland

all to Order — 7:05 p.m.
• Resolutions were passed to pay Cyrus Printing \$240.00 for printing the *Harrison West News* and to reimburse Craig Copeland \$127.95 for paper and graphics charges, for the April and May issues.

• Elections were conducted. The slate: Craig Copeland, President; Richard Morris, Vice President; Sean Conway, Secretary; and John Cowin, Treasurer; was unanimously

elected by acclamation.

• Tree planting update. Sixteen more trees were planted in Harrison West on Sunday, 7 May, bringing the number of trees planted in three weekends to 66 trees. This concludes the project for this spring, because no more superior trees with good structure were still available. The balance of the Columbus Foundation Neighborhood Partnership Grant will be spent in the fall to complete planting Third Avenue with flowering pears as funds permit.

• Renovation plans for Harrison West Park were announced by Mary Funk. Mary spearheaded the original development in the early '80's. Mary will head a Society advisory committee that will assist the Recreation and Parks Department in a \$75,000 makeover for the Park. Barb Beatty, Tim Bledsoe, Carolyn Bonifazi, Craig Copeland, Rob Harris, Richard Morris, and Frank Petruziello signed on the committee. Comments should be directed to any one of the committee members.

• A Sunday picnic in the park was discussed, or possibly a pot luck for the next meeting, in July.

• Plans for flower planting in the Vermont Place Park and the Harrison West Park on Saturday, May 20th were reviewed. The Martha Walker Garden Club would be providing the flowers at 9:00 a.m.

• An announcement was also made for help with Harrison West Community Planting at Third and Perry Avenues on the last Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information, those who can lend a hand should call Chris Hershberger, at 299-3148.

• The Community Policing Forum on May 25, and its potential impact on the neighborhood was discussed. Columbus City Council members, Matt Habash and Lisa Griffin would be attending and this presented an excellent opportunity for Harrison West residents to voice their opinions and solutions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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GODMAN GUILD

BY DOROTHY WHITEHEAD Celebrate an evening with Bernadine Killworth

n Evening With Bernadine" will be held Thursday, June 15 1995, 7:00 p.m. at Godman Guild, 321 West Second Avenue. On June 2, 1995, Bob Simon, from the Mayor's office, announced that the Mayor had proclaimed June 15, 1995 as "Bernadine Killworth Day."

"Remembering the Forgotten Ones" is a group that erects a *Tree Of Remembrance* each December to remember those who have lost their lives through fire, homicide and accidents. Although we remember those who are gone, we have chosen this time to remember someone living. In December, 1994, while watching Channel 10, we saw a story about a home break-in. We recognized this lovely lady. This was not the first time she had been a victim of crime. We made the decision to remember Ms. Bernadine Killworth 1995.

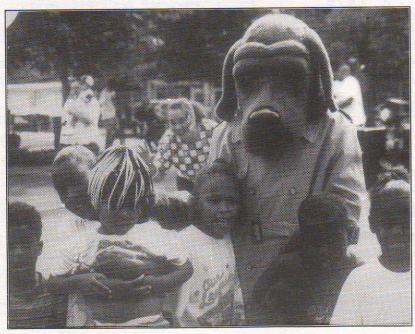
Bernadine is a lifetime resident of Columbus. She is 81 years old and retired from Godman Guild (1987) after 41 years of service. For her valuable service, Killworth Park was named after her. She graduated from North High in 1933 and OSU in 1938.

Bernadine took time out to join the WAC, giving service to her country. While overseas, she received an injury at which time she returned to Columbus to continue her work at Godman Guild. Further accomplishments included receiving a scholarship to Hull House in New York — a dream come true. She was also honored by the Columbus Police Department for her work with the department. Ms. Killworth has additionally receive many other honors and awards.

For many Bernadine was Godman Guild. She served with seven directors and was instrumental in starting many programs, from Well Baby Clinic to Head Start, tutoring to Harper Valley Mothers Club. She worked with area schools and served on the board for the Near Northside Council, Buttles to 3rd Section. Now Ms. Killworth holds a Lifetime Emeritus at Godman Guild. Bernadine loved Camp Mary Orton. The history of the camp and the stories would fill a couple of books. Of course that where Recreation Unlimited stated in the 50s. Camping was her second love.

For further information, contact Dorothy Whitehead at 445-6758 or Sue Robbinson at 898-9988.

At Killworth Park. members of the Godman Guild celebrated Park Pride Day Wednesday, May 24. Youth Services **Director Gail** Reed mugs as Crime Dog McGruff with area kids.



Speed Limit

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Prior to the proposed implementation in mid-July, members of the Joint Traffic Project encourage all residents to show their support by maintaining a 25 mile/hour limit themselves.

The Public Service Department has stressed that this joint effort between the city and neighborhood residents is a high priority effort that ideally will become a successful example of neighborhood-city cooperation. City officials regard excess traffic congestion, speed and noise in our historic neighborhoods as an important, but complex problem that will not be solved by any single action. The speed limit reduction is the proposed first step to solve the short-term problem, and our neighborhood and commuter reaction to it will provide, in part, information to assess whether the speed limit reduction may become permanent. Following a successful short-term solution, the Joint Traffic Project members will begin to focus on long-term solutions.

Neighborhood residents will be receiving a flyer that describes the details of the proposal, and follow-up neighborhood meetings will be planned to receive your input. If you would like information on the Joint City-Neighborhood Traffic Project or, even better, if you wish to help out, contact Peter Anderson at 294-5647.

Traffic Questions and Answers

The following twelve questions were submitted to the City of Columbus Public Service
Department and the answers provided by Thomas Merrit, Director of that Department. They are intended to reflect the City's response to traffic concerns expressed by residence of the Villages and adjoining neighborhoods.

What can be done to alleviate today's bad situation?

The City proposes to install a temporary construction Speed Limit of 25 mph during the time that SR 315 or Olentangy River Road are closed to traffic. At that time, speeds will be monitored closely to determine what effect, if any, that lowering the speed limit has on driver behavior. The City further proposes to encourage track traffic to use alternate routes by means of freeway surface street signing.

How much additional traffic is expected during construction of Spring Sandusky, and what can be done to alleviate adverse impact?

Through the Paving the Way...Program, the City has requested that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) provide traffic projections using traffic simulation computer programs. Current construction funding problems at the State and Federal levels will delay this study until a new sequence of construction is developed for the Spring Sandusky interchange. Once the study is complete, recommendations for traffic mitigation can be formed.

Are you aware of any expected development (such as an arena) which would adversely affect traffic in our community?

Any such development would be preceded by a comprehensive traffic study paid for by the developer. The City would participate in the study and have the responsibility for selecting the traffic circulation plan which best serves the development while minimizing disruption to the surrounding area.

Can the arterial streets in our neighborhood be reclassified? What impact could that have on traffic flow?

By itself, reclassification of the streets will not affect traffic flow on a street. Through trucks as defined in the Columbus Traffic Code could be banned. Other trucks, regardless of size, could still access the local streets if they have a legitimate destination in the area. As for speeds, studies have shown that eighty-five percent of drivers will drive at or below a speed which is suitable for physical characteristics of the road. Absent the actual presence of enforcement officers, average speeds will reflect the design speed of the roadway, pavement condition, weather and light condition, etc. The City believes the suggested change in status would not materially affect the traffic flow.

What steps need to be taken to route through trucks off residential street through our area and on to commercial streets surrounding our area?

The Comprehensive Plan provides that the City balance the desire of neighborhoods to prohibit all through truck traffic with the desire of the community to have an adequately functioning transportation network. To that end, it has been the policy of the City to not restrict truck traffic on arterial streets.

Traffic Engineering will provide signs at appropriate locations advising truckers that they should use alternate routes when approaching the village.

Can the Federal noise criteria be used for streets in Columbus?

The federal criteria were established as a remedy to reduce the impact of sounds generated by freeway traffic on residential areas. Typical remedies consist of physical sound barriers and planting of freeway traffic on residential areas. Typical remedies consist of physical would barriers and planting of trees and shrubs to deflect or absorb the sound. Neither treatment is practical in the current situation. To the best of our knowledge, these criteria have never been applied to residential street conditions.

"Citywide in the past 3 years there were 1,518 citations for muffler violations . . ."

Have noise abatement procedures ever been considered for traffic noise in the City? If not, why not. It has been considered for Polaris.

Except for the Ordinance against noisy mufflers, to the best of our knowledge, Columbus has never attempted to use noise abatement to control traffic noise. It would be impossible to retrofit all residence in Columbus to exclude traffic noise. The Polaris noise abatement was to keep loud concert noise in, not to keep traffic noise out.

Is it possible to implement noise abatement criteria that consider the proximity of residence to City streets.

Because of traditional architectural practices, land cost, and the cost of retrofitting older homes to reduce noise, this suggestion does not seem practical. In newer subdivisions it is sometimes possible to face

houses away from the major collector streets and the traffic they carry.

Road composition and condition and vehicle condition would seem to be important factors which affect traffic noise. The surfaces of the streets in Victorian village seem to be in good to very good condition.

If collector streets in residential areas are 25 mph, why not have the main thoroughfares through residential areas also at 25 mph?

collector streets are normally less than a mile in length, and as such are 25 mph streets by definition. Business District streets are restricted to 25 mph because of the congestion caused by parking or stopping to load and unload goods at the commercial establishments, and the increased pedestrian traffic that is generated by the business.

Non-Business District arterial streets, whether residential or mixed use, are expected to carry heavier volumes of traffic at relatively higher speeds.

What steps need to be taken to arrange a six-month test of reduced speeds (with enforcement) on the main arteries through our neighborhood?

The City will install, effective in July, a temporary Construction Speed Limit of 25 mph on Third, Fifth, Neil and King Avenues during the time that SR 315 or Olentangy River Road are closed to traffic. The reduced speed limit will be in effect for the construction period, and will be enforced.

What has been the city-wide level of ticketing for improper muffler operation over the past three years? What are the values for our neighborhood?

According to the Director of Public Safety, traffic citations by type of violation are broken down only to the Zone level. Victorian Village is in Zone 4 which encompasses all the area north of Broad Street and west of 1-71. Thus, neighborhood figures are not available for comparison. Citywide in the past three years there were 1,518 citations for muffler violations, and 279 in Zone 4.

What has been the city-wide level for ticketing for excessive speed over the past three years?

As with the muffler violations, speeding violation are broken down by Zone and neighborhood figures are not available. City-wide in the past three years, there were 102,628 citations for speeding, and 19,460 citations in Zone 4.

In the Harrison West Kitchen and Garden... It's the Berries!

BY MARSHA COX, PRÉPARATEURE EMERITUS La Belle Pomme School of Cooking at Lazarus

trawberries are found in our markets six to nine months out of the year, but the best of course, are local grown freshly picked berries.

The wait is well worth it.

The French discovered an ancestor of the large, lush berry in Chili in the 1700s. In the 1800s strawberries were

used as a mild laxative, diuretic and astringent.

Yet, fresh from the plant, mixed with other berries in a tart or combined with rhubarb in a pie are what we crave this

time of year.

One of our favorite deserts, and a true American tradition is, strawberry shortcake. Served with a vanilla infused poured or whipped cream — who could ask for more? Dr. Wm. Butler, 1535–1618, said, "Doubtless God could have made a better berry, but doubtless God never did."

Phortcake

2 cups flour

2 tablespoons sugar

3/4 teaspoons baking powder

4 tablespoons sweet butter, chilled

3/4 cups light cream

6 cups strawberries, sliced and sugared to taste

6 perfect strawberries, to garnish

1. Preheat oven to 450°.

- 2. Sift flour, sugar, salt and baking powder in a mixing bowl.
- 3. Cut in the 4 tablespoons butter until the mixture resembles oats. Pour in cream and mix gently until just blended.
- 4. Drop dough by 6 spoonfuls on to a greased baking sheet.
- 5. Bake shortcake for about 10 minutes, or until lightly browned.
- 6. Cool and split biscuits. Set bottoms on desert plates; spoon on sliced berries, and crown with tops.

7. Spoon large dollop of cream on top of each, and garnish with a perfect berry.

Cream

I large vanilla bean, about six inches long

2 cups heavy or whipping cream

Cut the bean in half lengthwise, and scrape the seeds into a bowl. Add the bean and the cream, cover and let sit in the refrigerator overnight. When ready to serve, remove bean and whip with 2+ tablespoons. sugar. Serve!



No strawberry plants in the backyard? Combine plants of the spring bearing variety and plants of the ever-bearing type that will bear on into the summer for next year. If you have limited space, strawberry plants can be planted in the little pockets of a strawberry jar.



ast month's column about herbs remarked that swallowtail butterflies enjoyed dill, too. Here's the inside story. Plants in the *Umbelliferae* family, such as dill, fennel, anise, sweet cicel, chervil, and sea holly are good nectar sources. Plants in the daisy family such as yar-



row, aster, mum, coneflower, blanketflower, black-eyed Susan, goldenrod, coreopsis and gayfeather are also good choices for attracting the winged wonders to your backyard. In addition, the nectar is food for many other insects as well and a burgeoning

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Tool Time for Harrison West Home Improvements

Reprinted from an article by Edd Johns, Italian Village Newsletter

he Neighborhood Development Department of the City of Columbus has a Self-Help Program that offers Harrison West residents an opportunity to borrow tools for maintaining their home or property. To qualify for the program residents must own property in Harrison West and register for the City's Self-Help Program. Renters may qualify for the program by having the property owner authorize them to borrow tools from the city to perform work on the rental property. The best news is that there is no cost to a resident who borrows tools from The Mobile Tool Library or Paint Up Programs offered through the City.

What tools are available through the program? The City offers over one hundred hand and power tools as well as accessories such as drill bits, extension cords and eye goggles.

The Mobile Tool Library offers carpentry tools, cement tools, power tools, plumbing tools, electrical tools, hand tools and landscaping tools. Carpentry tools include items such as hammers, saws, framing squares and stud-finders. The cement tools include masonry drill bits, trowels and tuck pointers.

Power tools such as a circular saw, belt sander and 3/8-inch drill are also available. The plumbing tools include pipe cutters, augers, and pipe wrenches. Within the electrical tool category, residents can borrow a voltage tester, wire cutters or extension cords. Traditional hand tools, such as screw drivers, pliers and tin snips are available. Landscaping tools include electric hedge trimmers, rototiller and a lawn roller in addition to shovels, hoes, rakes and shears. The Mobile Tool Library also offers some useful kits for special projects such as installing door locks or carpet installation. The Paint-Up Program offers ladders, drop cloths, and wallpapering tools.

Tools can be picked up from a designated site once a week and the tools can be signed out for up to seven days.

If spring has caused you to start to think about household projects, the City's Self-Help Program offers free loaner tools to get the work done. Applications for the Self-Help Program and a complete list of available tools can be obtained by calling the Neighborhood Development Division at 645-8542.

Boy Scouts Hold Pancake Breakfast at St. Mark Lutheran Church

ear Northside Scouting (Boy Scout Troop 29 and Cub Scout Pack 70) are having a Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser for Near Northside Scouting. The event will be held at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 95 West 5th Avenue on Saturday, June 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Buy tickets in advance (\$3.00) by calling 299-2514, or buy tickets at the door on the day of the event (\$4.00). Come and eat good pancakes and have fun. There will be live music featuring Bachiana.

All proceeds to support the summertime camp activities of the Scouts. .



PUBLIC HEARING

Bootleg back yard auto repair shops

The public is invited to a public hearing on Thursday, June 15, 1995 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall on West Broad Street on the need for:

"Legislation to specifically prohibit outside storage of inoperable automobiles and other inappropriate material, or conduct of auto repair business on residential lots which has never been permitted in residential districts."

Code Enforcement Officers report that these acts result in the greatest number or complaints to the Development Regulation Division; but that, due to current code language, the court has failed to uphold prosecutions. Violations will be easier to prove photographically under this proposal cleaning up the neighborhood and eliminating nuisances which result in rodent harborage, insect breeding, hazardous spillage, environmental degradation, noise, smoke, dust and fumes which adversely affect people next door and across the street; all of which create disincentives for maintenance of neighboring properties.

The Development commission considered this proposal after three public hearings, approved it, and recommended it to council for passage. This department wants to hear from the neighborhoods as to the extent of the problem and whether this legislation is a reasonable solution.

For further information call Roy Briegel, Executive Assistant to the Director, at 645-7150. The proposed legislation may be reviewed at 99 North Front Street, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *

HIGH WEED UPDATE

From Councilwoman Les Wright

ach summer your neighbors call my office complaining about high weeds and neglected lots on their block. Usually it is the same unsightly property, year after year. I want to share with you the most recent information on the high weed problem.

"As Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee, I am committed to addressing this issue. Presently, I am working with the Columbus Health Department to aggressively target those lots where there is a continual problem. The following is the 1995 weed cutting initiative:

"Violators can be fined \$35.00 when cited (before the cost of cutting the grass is placed on their tax duplicate).

"If the grass is repeatedly not cut, the city will now aggressively seek a remedy through the Environmental Court.

"Increase funds for 1995 will be used to respond to citizen complaints with greater efficiency.

"A 20 Most Wanted List of the top repeat offenders will be established.

"I hope that we can work together to promote a positive change in our community. If you have any comments about this initiative, please contact me at 645-8580."*

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