HARRISON WEST ELECTIONS JOIN US AND VOTE!

Spring in Harrison West -- look inside for plant sales, landscaping ideas, gardens, low maintenance plants, and books to help you with your Harrison West Garden, plus thoughts on the Garden Tour June 30.

Society meets Thurs. May 9, 7:30, at the Godman Guild 1996 Election of Officers Community Cops on the Beat Again Coffee and dessert served at 7:30 PM

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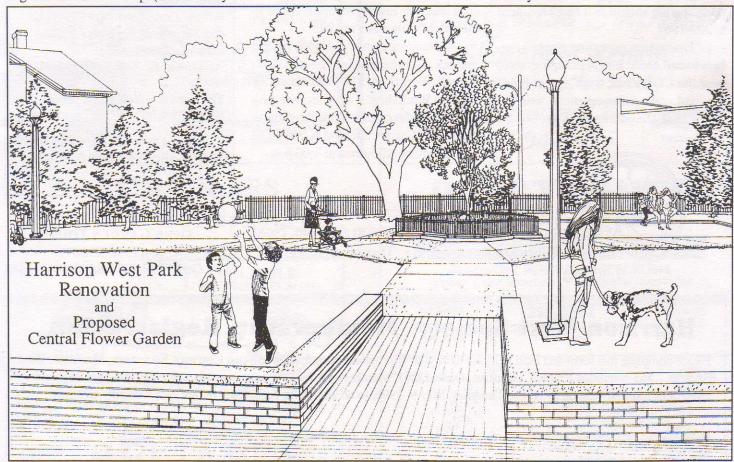
Sister Suzanne to Address Harrison West Meeting

Sister Suzanne Donovan of Cincinnati's Sisters of Charity will address Thursday's Harrison West meeting on the new C-Pop (Community Policing) Strategic Response Bureau, a unit created to get police back into the community.

Sister Suzanne has been tapped by Safety Director Tom Rice to teach the 86 police officer volunteers to the new unit how the community cop functions.

First rule: Follow the Golden Rule.

Sister Suzanne will explain what the new unit will mean to neighborhoods such as Harrison West during her address to the Harrison West Society meeting on May 9 at 7:30 PM at the Godman Guild on Second Avenue. Find out how C-POP will impact crime prevention and how you can become involved.



Harrison West Park at 4th and Oregon Avenue Renovation to begin this month.

The Harrison West Society is asking for contributions to raise \$1000 to add a 30" decorative wrought iron fence to a new central flower bed in the middle of the park. The goal is to enhance the City Recreation & Park's rehab that includes replacement of the playground equipment and creation of a new garden focal point. The Society is also providing 8 Victorian cast iron benches. Join the Harrison West Society today and your membership will help the neighborhood reach this \$1000 goal. Thanks to 4th Avenue resident, Steve Shinn, Registered Architect, for providing this drawing.

May 1 is the beginning of the Society's membership year.

Harrison West Society Minutes April 1996

Submitted by: Joseph L. Spinelli

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion regarding the Garden Tour sponsored by the Columbus Recreation and Parks. It will be on June 30, 1996. Anyone interested please contact Gene Roe at 299-1073 or Sandy Woolard at 461-5083.

Discussion regarding the GLAD-Bag-A-Thon/Clean Community Day. After the cleanup there will be free lunch at the Thompson Rec Center for the kids who participated. Anyone interested in participating should call Peg Monigold at 299-1867.

Discussion regarding phone numbers to call about illegal dumping, trash near the COTA bus stops, street lights out, and code enforcement. It was decided that these numbers would be printed in the Harrison West News.

Discussion was held regarding submitting a grant to United Way to request funding for more trees in our neighborhood— specifically on Pennsylvania Avenue between 1st and 5th Avenue. Anyone interested should call Craig Copeland at 299-3737.

Discussion was held regarding the Harrison West News Editorial policies. There has been some confusion about the letter selection process. It was voted and passed to eliminate Letters to the Editor. The Harrison West News will be an information/story newsletter only.

Officer Dave Dennison from the Strategic Response Bureau introduced himself. He is the Harrison West Community Liaison from the Columbus Division of Police. He reported that the corner of West 3rd and Michigan Avenue was the lowest reported crime in the city of Columbus in 1995.

Announcements: Martha Walker Potluck, Columbus Metropolitan Club Citizen Workshop, US Department of Energy Workshop - Anyone needing anymore information regarding these please call Craig Copeland at 299-3737 Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Follow us to the Godman Guild -- 321 West Second Avenue about 1 block east of Harrison Avenue. Next Harrison West Society meeting, Thursday, May 9, 7:30 PM.

HARRISON WEST **OPEN GARDEN TOUR**

SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH Call Gene, 299-1073/Sandy, 461-5083

Harrison West Society Membership Registration

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to Sean Conway, Secretary, Harrison West v Society, 465 Vermont Place, Columbus, Ohio 43201. Membership dues are paid annually at the beginning of each year. 1996 dues must be paid on or before Thursday, May 9, 1996, to be eligible to participate in this year's Society elections.

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May Events at 5th Avenue School

School Board Members Karen Schwartzwalder and David Dobos will be guest speakers at the 5th Avenue School PTA meeting on Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. The primary topic for the evening will be the school system's finances and the levy which is to be placed on the Fall ballot. All are welcome.

The Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for Monday, May 13. This is a good time to enroll your child for Fall and get to know the staff and the school. This usually is an evening event. Please call the school at 365-5564 for details.

Police Commit Resources to Harrison West

As part of its Mission Aligned Policing Philosophy (MAPP), the Columbus Division of Police has sought a merging of traditional policing and community oriented response.

According to information provided by the Division of Police, this means a "merging of traditional policing and community oriented response," and an increasingly proactive stance in the community rather than the former reactive policy. Officer Dave Dennison has been assigned to Harrison West as our Police Liaison. Unlike regular patrol police, Officer Dennison is interested in everything that happens in the neighborhood.

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Who Plants the Flowers in Harrison West Park?

You've marvelled at those gorgeous flower beds and said to yourself 'how do they do it? Who does it? Such beauty, such brilliant floral design!'

The one unyielding rule, ardently adhered to by the volunteers who plant these neighborhood flower beds is: short ones in front, tall ones in back.

Now that you know the secret, come help plant the Harrison West Park beds, and you'll be able to marvel at what you have done all Summer long.

To volunteer for flower planting in the raised beds of Harrison West Park at the corner of Fourth and Oregon Avenues on Saturday morning, May 18, call Craig Copeland, 299-3737.

The Martha Walker Garden Club will provide the flowers on Saturday. That is the weekend after Mother's Day a has been the traditional day for Martha's Plant-a-Park program that takes place at about 20 flower beds throughout the Short North.

Martha Walker Flower Sale

The folks at the Martha Walker Garden Club raise the money to buy the flats of flowers for the parks by holding a flower sale at the North Market the day before Mother's day. They are famous for the flowering wreaths and flower baskets they craft for the sale that takes place on Saturday, May 11. Get to the North Market early for the best selection.

The Harrison West Kitchen and Garden Landscaping for Harrison West Gardens

Now that Spring is here and the Garden tour is coming up, you're probably wondering what to do with your own back yard. Is this the year you plant something other than petunias?

To give you a head start, we interviewed a landscape planner who is familiar with the long, narrow lots and growing conditions we find here in Harrison West.

Rob Wagner runs Earthcare Landscape at 493 W. Fourth. Earthcare Landscape is a complete landscape design and installation company. He has 10 years in the landscaping business, most recently with Buck & Son, so his experience goes beyond plants to patios, timber, walls, walks, and lighting.

He says that the first tool you use for a beautiful yard is a pencil. Like most professionals, Wagner stresses planning. This includes a to-scale drawing, including trees (even the neighbors' if they shade your lot), buildings, walks, etc.

Then make sure the plan fits your area. Did you consider a privacy fence? How do you make the fence look good? Consider all four seasons in the yard. Plan on some plants with attractive stems and branches for Winter interest.

Then, plan for renovations — unless you're sure you are finished with rebuilding, make sure your plan allows for trucks and backhoes. Perennials and annuals can move — a brick patio is harder!

Choose your plants — make sure they will fit the area in terms of sun, shade, and size. Wagner has a tip for Harrison West residents — leave the silver maples in the nursery. Bring home dwarf trees so they don't outgrow the lot.

Amend the soil. Even though we have a good layer of topsoil here, most probably it has gone stagnant and needs fertilizers, compost, peat moss, and pH balancing, If you amend the soil, you

don't need truckloads of topsoil.

Next install your plants. Hiring someone is good, because this is hard work. If you do it yourself, don't plant too deep. Because of the higher water table here in Columbus, you need to get plants up out of the water. Down to the first set of leaves is good.

The next step, Wagner says, is to mulch, stake, water, and fertlize. Mulch keeps the soil cool and holds in water during our brutal summers. Staking gives plants a chance to establish roots while growing strong. Water carefully and deeply. Avoid sprinkling the plants — they need a good soaking. Then let them dry out a bit before watering again.

This last step is the easiest, Wagner promises: relax and enjoy your beautiful garden.

Beautiful, low maintenance plants for Harrison West

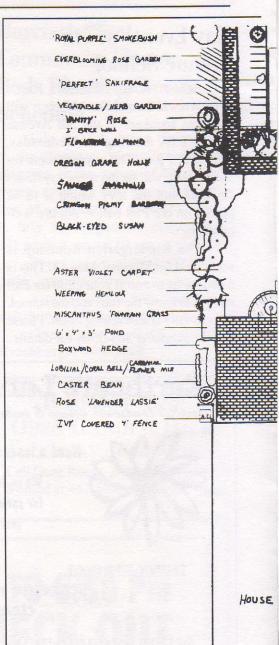
We asked Earthcare Landscapes' Rob Wagner what plants a professional landscaper would recommend for Harrison West.

Here are some plants that will do well without your constant attention:

Dwarf lilacs, ornamental maples, rhododendrons and azaleas, flowering almond, sweet bush, hostas, smoke bush, dwarf Alberta spruce, daylilies, hydrangea, ferns, service berry, dogwood, cotoneaster, viburnum, lobelia, coral bell, asters, boxwood, daisies, saxifrage, caladium, cannas, violets, iris, the new peonies, and small ground covers such as myrtle, woodruff, and ivies.

The key is to select smaller scale plants so they don't overgrow your lot, and you don't wind up transplanting again and again.

For the same reason, choose small scale pavers.

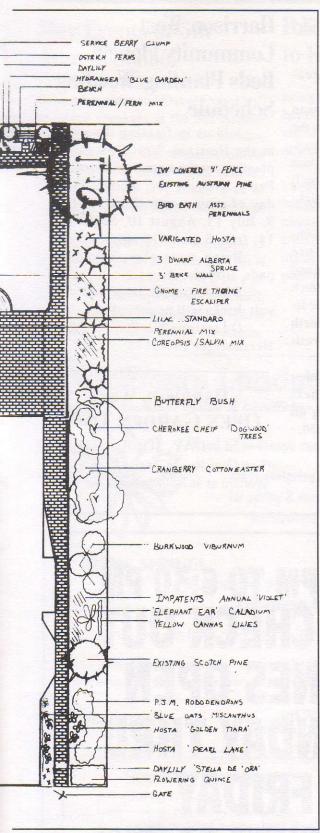


This is a landscape plan for the side and back yard of a 150 X 30' lot of the kind which is common in Harrison West. It shows a brick or paver walk and patio, a pergola at

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the back of the house, a bird bath or water garden, an herb garden, several raised beds, and plantings chosen for 4 season interest and beauty, as well as low maintenance.

Professional landscaping or Do it yourself?

Professional landscaping services are surprisingly inexpensive, generally about \$75 an hour for design. If you want to control costs carefully, look for a landscaper who will work by the project, as Wagner does.

According to Wagner, most landscape designers will create a design for you to follow. Then you can install your plants yourself. Unless you have experience in gardening, though, you may be happier having your landscaper do the heavy-duty digging and planting.

What you are buying from your landscaper when they do the planting is their experience with many plants and soils. You may have experience planting several dozen annuals. A professional landscaper will have planted thousands of all types of plants in all types of soils and situations. This experience will pay off in the long run in stronger plants.

In addition, reputable landscapers guarantee their plants for at least a year and will replace them free of charge, provided you have watered and cared for them correctly.

Books to Get You Started

Before you begin your Harrison West Garden, start your research with these lavish — and helpful — books: Creating a Victorian Flower Garden by Stephan Buczocki The New Small Garden by

Peter Lower
Successful Small Gardens by
Ray Strong
Small Space Gardens by Ortho
Books

Plant Selector by Ortho Books
Shade Gardening by Ortho
Books
Easy Maintenance Gardening
by Ortho Books
Perennial Plants for Ohio from
the Ohio Nurserymen's Association.

HARRISON WEST OPEN GARDEN TOUR

By Gene Roe

The first Harrison West Open Garden Tour took place during the summer of 1989. It was organized by Sandy Woolard and was a success for the neighborhood. No, it wasn't just a success. It was truly a great thing that happened. Neighbors came together. Avid gardners got a chance to talk shop with a variety of different people. Out-oftown visitors looked down our streets and said "What's going on there?, let's check it out." And they became instant friends. The curious asked questions and received good advice from the more seasoned gardener. The weekend hobby planter picked up a few tips here and there. The truly great thing that happended was: I thought many people would come, and many people and more showed up.

It was the first time I'd heard of the Open Garden Tour Program sponsored by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. I wasn't sure I wanted to participate. The fence wasn't complete, there weren't enough plants and the ones I did have weren't in the right places. I had a partially done land-scape and a head full of plans. I cautiously consented.

I learned that it was great fun to be part of; enjoyable enough to do it again. I found that my garden didn't have to be the centerfold in Home and Garden. I didn't have to do anything but open my gates and let friends in.

We'll soon be bringing alive memories. The Harrison West Open Garden Tour is Sunday, June 30.

Harrison West Society to Elect Officers at May 9 Meeting

At the next Harrison West Society Meeting on May 9, we'll be voting for officers. The challenges and changes facing Harrison West in the coming year include the Third and Fifth Avenue bridge replacements, earning more respect and power for our neighborhood with City Hall, working with Battelle to enhance and make the most of the area, planting street trees and improving our public areas.

This is why it is important that you come to the meeting and vote. Together, we can make positive change happen.

Running unopposed this year for Harrison West Society Officers are: Craig Copeland for President, Pastor Richard Morris for Vice President, John Corwin for Treasurer, Joe Spinelli for Secretary.

The successes of the Harrison West Society are contingent upon the strength of its membership resources. Still only \$10.00, your membership dues are one of the best investments you'll make in the quality of life in your neighborhood.

Membership dues fund capital improvements: beautification efforts; tree plantings; legal assistance for zoning and variance issues; architectural research and preservation efforts; and *ad hoc* issues of common concern brought forth by your fellow Harrison West residents.

Bring your goals and your vision for the neighborhood to the next Harrison West Society meeting on May 9 at the Godman Guild, 7:30.

Harrison West Community Flower Beds Planting/Weeding Schedule

Join us in fighting the weeds at the Harrison West Community planting, at the corner of Third and Perry Avenues the second Saturday of each month (May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14) from 8 am to 10 am.

Bring your gloves, kneeler pads, trowels, etc.

Biodegradable bags and cold soft drinks will be provided.

Questions? Call Chris Hershberger 299-3148.

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Goodale Park Musical Afternoon

Sunday, May 19, come out to the Goodale Park Gazebo to enjoy an afternoon of music sponsored by the Columbus Musicians' Homeless Awareness Project. Live bands from noon to 7. It's free, but they are trying to match a \$975

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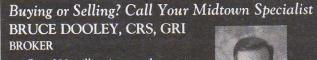
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Saturday, May 4 from 9 to noon, Victorian Village, Harrison West, Dennison Place. Gloves and bags supplied by GLAD Bags. Thompson Rec Center is the Host Site. Lunch for the kids helping with the clean up will be served from noon to 1 at the Rec Center. Then there will be games and programs for the Clean Up kids until 3 pm.