

HARRISON WEST ELECTIONS JOIN US AND VOTE!

Harrison West Garden Tour June 30
Pull-Out Garden Tour Guide inside -- read it and make plans to come to the best Garden Tour in town!

Society meets Thurs. June 13, 7:30, Godman Guild
1996 Election of Officers *rescheduled from last month*
I-670 Freeway Cap/Short North Gap Vote
Garden Tour Preparation
Coffee and dessert served at 7:30 PM

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"A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places"

HWS Election Rescheduled

At the Harrison West Society Meeting on June 13 at the Godwin Guild, we'll be voting for officers. The challenges and changes facing Harrison West in the coming year include 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.



Civic Clean Up Sparked ALLEY PRIDE

Harrison West sponsored a moderately successful GLAD Bag-A-Thon Community Clean Up May 4. Residents (left to right) Steve Tway, Veda Gilp, Michelle Mowery, Scott Musuraca, Jenny Gable, and Molly Mcracken cleaned up 4 blocks of the Harrison Avenue alley. Then several of them joined Peg Monigold, Chris Hershberger, and Alec Chambers to clean up 3 blocks of the Michigan Avenue alley. This is a good neighborhood, but more people should exercise ALLEY PRIDE all year long, the cleaners decided. They're challenging the neighborhood -- let's all get ALLEY PRIDE!

Harrison West Society Membership Registration

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to Secretary, Harrison West 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, June 13, 1996, to be eligible to participate in this year's Society elections.

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Your comments are invited:

May 1 was the beginning of the Society's membership year. If you haven't joined yet, send your membership application and check today.

Harrison West Society Minutes May 9, 1996

Submitted by John Cowin

Motion to postpone scheduled election of officers moved by Peg Monigold and seconded by Mary Funk. Elections were postponed through acclamation.

Brief discussion as to the permissibility of such action. No current copies of the bylaws were available at the meeting. Suggestion was made that sufficient copies be made for all officers and interested members.

The acting President, Pastor Morris, raised issues about the prescriptions of the Society's constitution. The concerns were that a presentation of the slate of officers is required, and that the Society meetings were to be held at the Columbus First Brethren Church, 473 W. Third Avenue.

Editors note: The Constitution and Bylaws of the Harrison West Society, Revised February 1978; the Re-

vised February 1990; and the Revised February 1995, Article X, Section A, "The principle office of the Harrison West Society shall be at the Godman Guild, 321 West Second Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201."

Sister Suzanne Donovan's presentation on Community Policing has been rescheduled.

The meeting continued with discussions of City Code on 6' high privacy fences in front yards at the sidewalk; closing off an alley; and commercial truck traffic on 3rd Avenue sidewalks.

Announcement that Zoofari occurs from 7PM to Midnight on June 27. Tickets are \$37.50; contact Sandy Allen for more information.

Correction: In the Harrison West Garden Landscaping article in the May issue, we incorrectly stated that plants should be planted to the first set of leaves -- it should have read that plants should be planted just to the top of the roots. In addition, landscape designers such as Earthcare generally charge about \$75 for a landscape design -- not \$75 per hour.

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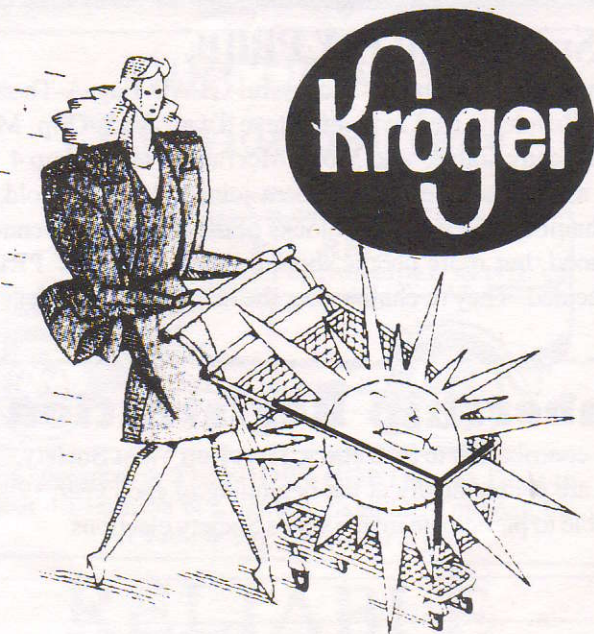
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Things are changing fast in Harrison West. "Downtown" is making decisions that will affect all of us for years to come.

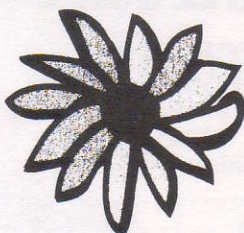
Do you want a say in those deci-

sions? Join the Harrison West Society. We need you and your input. Together, we all can be empowered to grow our community the way we want it.

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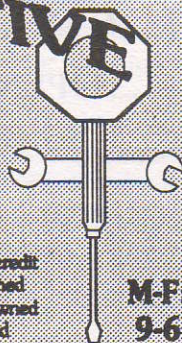
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1208 Harrison Avenue. Greg Phelps and friends: An eclectic urban garden for an apartment setting that appeals to all of the senses. Recycled and function-forward space offers herbs, perennials, annuals and art.

328 West Fourth Avenue. Laura and Steven Shinn: Formal geometry, derived from the four square plan of the house, contrasts with natural curves and silver green perennials accented with miniature trees and hot color annuals in the back yard. The front yard features a variety of evergreens and spring flowering perennials.

331 West Fourth Avenue. Tim Prince and Mark Holtzapple: A compact garden of daylilies and other perennials, coupled with ground covers and specimen trees and shrubs makes for a low-maintenance front yard. The back yard is dominated by a huge American elm which provides shade for a large collection of hosta and nearly 20 varieties of clematis.

335 West Fourth Avenue. Chris Weber and Joan Walker: Secluded courtyard, highlighted with brick and recovering from the recent renovation by a bulldog puppy. Our small lawn is making a comeback bordered with a variety of annuals, perennials and bushes.

336 West Fourth Avenue. Jeff Short and Brian Moore: Our first attempt at gardening features a mix of annuals, perennials, sun to shade gardening, and a fountain.

339 West Fourth Avenue. Joe Bechtel: Converted lawn lover. Rock garden front with perennial beds. Back converted to informal perennial, herb and shade garden.

344 West Fourth Avenue. Mark and Judy Hamsher: This is a first year perennial flower garden featuring hosta and an empty trellis.

345 West Fourth Avenue. Sandy Woolard: Come enjoy my small city garden (no grass: I do not own a lawnmower) full of perennials and annuals, dominated by my favorite colors of blue and white.

351 West Fourth Avenue. Pat Doust and Richard North: A 12 year old urban woodland garden in transition filled with daylilies, hostas, ferns and specimen plants.

357 West Fourth Avenue. Gene Roe/David Roe/Tom Friend: A feeling of peacefulness amid colorful plantings with an overall oriental influence. A hosta and barrenwort-lined brick pathway leads to the backyard patio where a small rose garden and pond are found. Topiaries add interest.

358 West Fourth Avenue. Tim Bledsoe/Rob Harris: A Victorian garden with a large variety of perennials, evergreens, and bushes. Decorated with lawn ornaments and a water fountain.

382 West Fourth Avenue. Jack Fry/Martin Kehlmeier: Intimate semi-formal garden with a unique paved area, lilly pond, and a variety of plantings.

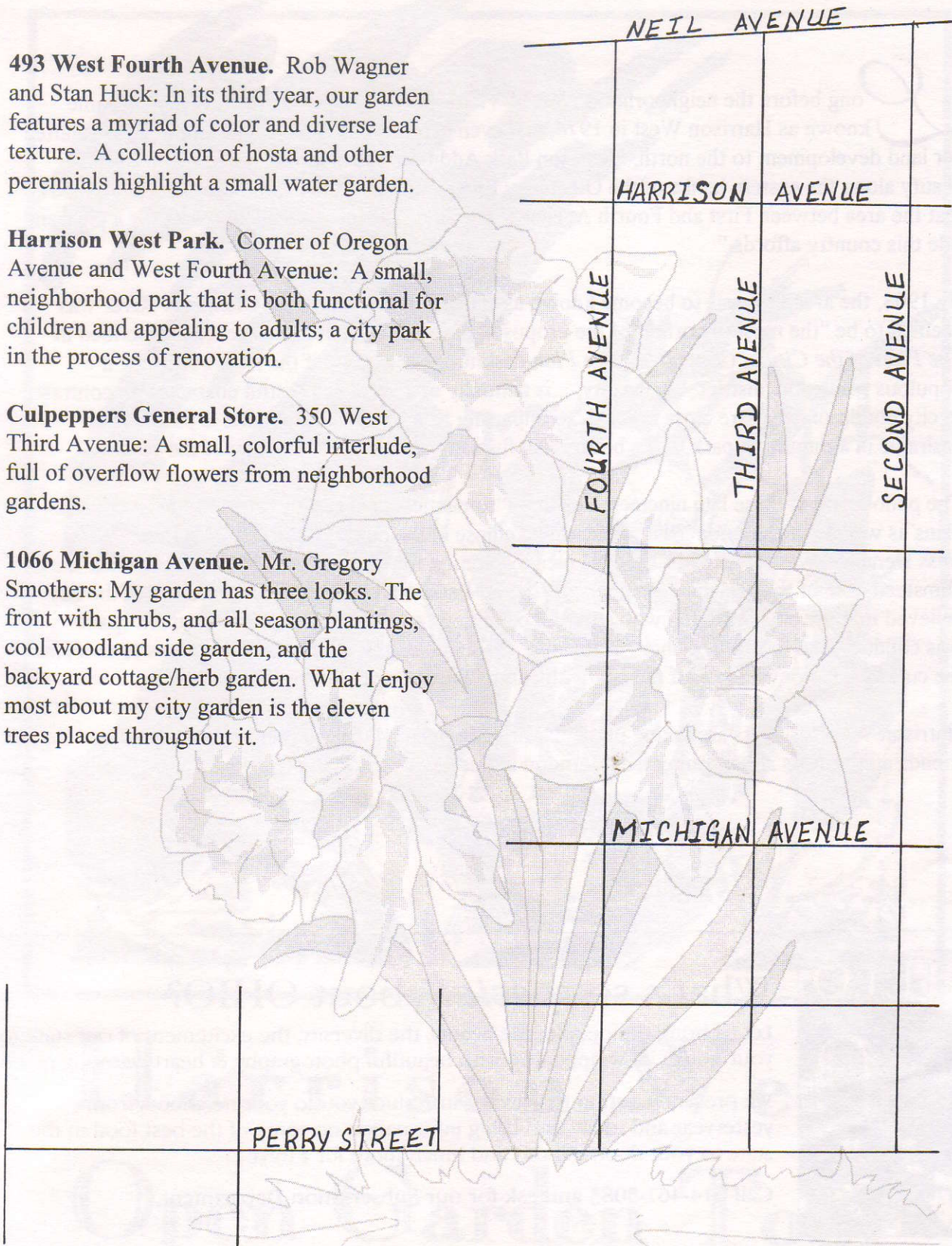
492 West Fourth Avenue. Jerry and Debby Colvin: Ornamental trees, established perennials including hosta, tall bearded iris, miniature iris and daylillies. Standard and miniature roses, annuals, calla lilies, and a vegetable garden. Shade area with ferns, lily of the valley, violets and bleeding heart.

493 West Fourth Avenue. Rob Wagner and Stan Huck: In its third year, our garden features a myriad of color and diverse leaf texture. A collection of hosta and other perennials highlight a small water garden.

Harrison West Park. Corner of Oregon Avenue and West Fourth Avenue: A small, neighborhood park that is both functional for children and appealing to adults; a city park in the process of renovation.

Culpeppers General Store. 350 West Third Avenue: A small, colorful interlude, full of overflow flowers from neighborhood gardens.

1066 Michigan Avenue. Mr. Gregory Smothers: My garden has three looks. The front with shrubs, and all season plantings, cool woodland side garden, and the backyard cottage/herb garden. What I enjoy most about my city garden is the eleven trees placed throughout it.



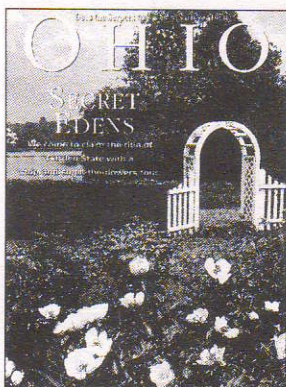
Long before the neighborhood west of Victorian Village at Harrison Avenue became known as Harrison West in 1976, and even before Miss Anne Dennison, in 1888, platted her land development to the north, Dennison Park Addition, the area was noted for its scenic beauty along the eastern banks of the Olentangy River. In 1864, the *Ohio State Journal* opined that the area between First and Fourth Avenues "would be the most excellent resort for a pleasant ride this country affords."

By 1908, the area that was to become known as Harrison West along the Olentangy River was deemed to be "the most important of the proposed reservations," in a park scheme described in *The Plan of the City of Columbus*. The *Plan* described the beauty of the river bordering a populous residential district: "Its beauty, ...is naturally of a quiet and restful character, in contrast to city conditions that are close at hand, so imparting to it a mental effect that is particularly desirable in a municipal park, ... its beauty will furnish the main characteristic of the scenery."

The philosophy of these late nineteenth century "romantic" planners is evident in the river park plans as well as the Vermont Place landscaped ellipse in the northern portion of Harrison West. Miss Dennison was reported to have claimed inspiration for this park design from Frederick Law Olmstead, one of the principal designers of Central Park in New York City. Planners of the day believed that the city was filled with stressful conditions and that the country or "green space" was conducive to healthful living. "Romantic" planning was an attempt by Victorians to combine the culture and convenience of the city with natural beauty of a bucolic country setting.

Harrison West residents are taking particular pride in opening their gardens and welcoming friends and visitors alike. Enjoy the afternoon in our neighborhood, 1 to 6 PM, June 30, 1996.

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