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Harrison West Garden Garden Tour Report
Victorian Tour of Homes Looking for Harrison
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Society meets Thurs. July 11, 7:30, at the Godman Guild
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Riverfront Development
Coffee and dessert served at 7:30 PM

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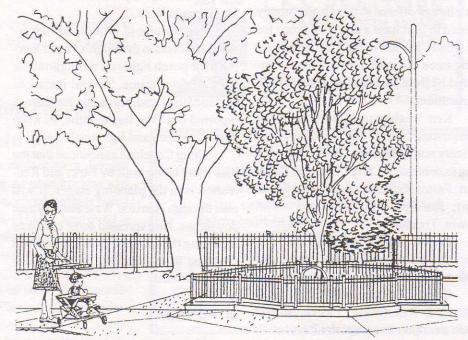
The challenges and changes facing Harrison West in the coming year include the Third and Fifth Avenue bridge replacements, earning more respect and power for our neighborhood with City Hall, working with Battelle to enhance and make the most of the area, planting street trees and improving our public areas.

This is why it is important that you join the Harrison West Society. Together, we can make positive change happen.

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 July 11 at the Godman Guild, 7:30 PM on Second Avenue.



The Harrison West Society is pleased to announce that Battelle Memorial Institute is joining in the Harrison West Park project by funding the central flower bed decorative fence to provide a focal point in this neighborhood gathering place.

\$800 United Way Grant Coming to Harrison West

The Neighborhood Empowerment Grant awarded to Harrison West on June 27 will bring more street trees to our curb lawns.

Steve Tway and Craig Copeland wrote the grant request to get funds to

plant trees on the curb lawn of Pennsylvania Avenue from First Avenue to Third Avenue. The large shade trees in the area have died from age and been removed, leaving the street barren and stark.

They selected Armstrong Red Maple, a fast growing tree of exceptional beauty. Planting time is estimated to be this Fall.

Mayor Greg Lashutka was the Guest Speaker at the Awards Reception at the South Side Settlement House.

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Join the Society and be a Mover & Shaker in Harrison West.

Harrison West Society Minutes June 1996 Submitted by: Joseph L. Spinelli

Call to order at 7:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Craig Copeland announced that Battelle has offered to donate the money needed to purchase a cast iron fence for the flower garden in the Harrison West Park, once the improvements are completed by the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Ken Wightman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the officers nominated for 1996-1997 running uncontested: Craig Copeland, President; Pastor Richard Morris, Vice President; Joe Spinelli, Secretary; John Cowin, Treasurer.

Peg Monigold made a motion to elect the officers by acclamation, seconded by Mary Funk. All in favor.

Craig Copeland explained the I-670 CAP Resolution. Pastor Morris made a motion to accept the Resolution as read, seconded by Ken Wightman. All in favor. A discussion followed regarding the old penitentiary being torn down and the Victorian Village Commission opposing it. Craig described the historic beauty of the building and suggested that the Harrison West Society continue to support historic preservation in our area.

Craig Copeland announced that the Garden Tour would be held on June 30 from 1 to 6 o'clock and that it is the largest tour Harrison West ever had. A discussion followed regarding selling refreshments at the park with a table displaying the plans of the improvement that will be done by the City Parks and Recreation Department. Mary Funk and Carolyn Bonifazi volunteered to set up the display.

Craig Copeland opened discussion regarding the bills to be paid. A motion was made by Mary Funk and seconded by Helen Knapp to pay the bills as read: \$200 to the printer of the Harrison West News. Richard Morrison moved to pay the tree bill of \$291.82 to Karem and Company for the labor to install the trees on West Third Avenue in May, and that motion was seconded by Steve Tway. It was further moved and seconded to pay \$57.67 to Phytotektor for elm trees that will be raised by City Forester Jack Lowe for Harrison West.

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Peg Monigold brought up the issue of residents in the neighborhood leaving their porch lights on throughout the night to deter crime. Several instances of vandalism and break-ins have been reported over the last months, so keep your eyes open and lights on!

Craig Copeland announced that the bike route being built by Parks and Recreation is in the planning stages. It will pass through Harrison West and continue downtown. He expressed some concerns regarding the safety of the route and will continue to monitor the planning and keep us posted.

OLD BUSINESS

Helen Knapp opened a discussion regarding the truck traffic in the neighborhood, specifically trucks unloading in front of Morretti's Poultry on Oregon Avenue. Many residents expressed concerns about the damage and noise that these trucks create at all hours of the day and night. Joe Spinelli announced that he has been working with the City regarding this problem and encouraged people to express their concerns by writing letters to city officials. Anyone interested in doing so can contact Joe Spinelli for the addresses. A motion was made by Mary Funk and seconded by Pastor Richard Morris for the Harrison West Society to write a letter to the City regarding this issue and the time it has taken the City to respond to the prob-

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Steve Tway announced that he wrote a grant to the United Way Partnership requesting funding for trees to be planted down Pennsylvania Avenue between First and Third Avenues. He reported that he was waiting on their response and would keep us posted.

Thanks to Peg Monigold for bringing oatmeal and chocolate chip cookies and to Craig Copeland for bringing a chocolate torte frosted with strawberry mousse.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Salerno Fights Liquor Election Abuse

In what seems to be a direct response to the ongoing Zeno's issue in Harrison West, Representative Amy Salerno recently introduced House Bill 727 that attempts to liquor election abuse by shoring-up a loophole in Ohio election law.

Currently, a precinct becomes wet or dry immediately after a local liquor option election, excepting an appeal, and another election on this issue cannot occur for at least four years from the election date. However, this four-year waiting period is not delayed even though an appeal may have postponed implementation of the election results. The bill would start the clock ticking for local liquor option elections after all the appeals to the election are finished.

Apparently the bill would not affect the Zeno's situation. Some area residents worry that the bar owners will effectively tie up the implementation of the election results by continuing the appeals process until they can get a local liquor option on the ballot again.

Zeno's has already spent nearly two years in appeals, none of which they have won. Since these appeals are taking years, the bar is able to stay open in the hope that in four years the issue could come up again and reverse the result.

According to Representative Salemo, "House Bill 727 will see to it that those who do not acquiesce in the electoral decisions of the community at large will no longer be able to make the courts an unwilling accomplice in their abuse of the law."

Supremes to Hear Zeno's Appeal

On Wednesday, June 12, the Ohio Supreme Court decided to hear the appeal filed by legal counsel representing the owners of Zeno's. The Court will hear the general claim that the liquor establishment owner's constitutional right to due process was abridged when a majority of voters in Precinct 33-I, elected to ban the sale of beer and liquor by the glass. This will be a significant case with statewide implications for all precincts that presently have liquor license holders or might in the future.

State Attorney General Betty Montgomery's office will be representing the interests of the voters in Harrison West's Precinct 33-I, the Ohio Department of Liquor Control as well as the rest of the voters in the state. According to an ODLC spokesperson, when a liquor establishment licensee signs for the permits, they agree to be subject to the laws and regulations of Ohio, including the local options of the voters to "dry" the various licenses issued in the precinct where they are doing business.

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The right granted to the voters by statute to "dry" the Precinct 33-I neighborhood has been upheld in two Ohio courts already. Most recently, Franklin County Court of Appeals, Judge Donna Boman wrote, "The local option election laws constitute a fair, just and reasonable connection between the purpose of the act, to protect the health, peace, morals, education and the good order of the people." The Supreme Court will probably hear constitutional arguments that revolve about the point: "Is the license a privilege granted by the state legislature and by extension, the voters, or is it a property that the government cannot take without 'due process,' namely a judicial hearing?" This case before the Ohio Supreme Court will most likely result in a landmark decision that will either reaffirm the voters' right to ballot initiatives well into the future or substantially void the present law.

Street Sweeping

The City has begun a street sweeping program in Victorian Village on Neil, King, and West Fifth. If you drive in Harrison West, you know Harrison West could use a street sweeping program, too. If you're interested, call the Mayor's Action Line 645-6956 and ask that the streets be posted and swept. The more calls, the more action.

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The Harrison West Kitchen and Garden Harrison West Garden Tour Blooming Success

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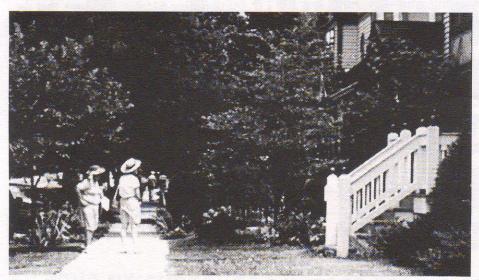
If you were in Harrison West around 4th Avenue on Sunday, June 30 about 1 o'clock, you might have been wondering: What were all these people doing out on the street? A steady stream of people was going from house to house. They were walking in no particular order and seemed only to approach the houses that wore multi-colored wind socks. There were neighbors and friends, people in groups and people by themselves talking and laughing and having a delightful time. There were people everywhere! They were asking questions such as "What kind of evergreen is this?" and "What on earth do you do to get your lawn so pretty?"

What are these people doing? They're doing the Harrison West Open Garden Tour. People who hadn't been in our neighborhood in 20 years were enchanted. Neighbors were impressed. Gardeners were exhausted (and sunburned). In case you missed it, the Harrison West Garden Tour on June 30 was a delightful way to spend a Summer Sunday. To the lasting credit of the tour organizers, about 500 people thought so, too.

The Tour was major positive publicity for our neighborhood, as people from the suburbs and the city strolled down our streets and alleys and discov-



Visitors to the garden of Rob Wagner and Stan Huck



Visitors oohed and ahhed over Gene Roe and Tom Friend's gardens.

ered that Harrison West is beautiful, friendly, safe, interesting, and engaging.

Sandy Woolard and Gene Roe deserve our special thanks for all their efforts in putting this hugely successful undertaking together. David Roe designed the Garden Tour Guide and wrote part of this article. Indefatigable Mary Funk and Carolyn Bonifazi sold refreshments at the Harrison West Park and oversaw the display of the planned improvements to the park.

Seventeen gardens enticed people here from all around the city, including Westerville, Bexley, German Village and Upper Arlington. Old people and young people came. Familiar faces and new friends showed up. There was a constant flow of people from 1:00 till 6:00 in the afternoon.

People picked up gardening tips and shared patio laying secrets. The weather was wonderful in a sunny way. Thanks everybody for your support of the 1996 Harrison West Open Garden Tour. It was a blooming success.

Tour Gardens

1208 Harrison Avenue, Greg Phelps 328 West Fourth, Laura and Steven Shinn

331 West Fourth Tim Prince and Mark Holtzapple

335 West Fourth Chris Weber and Joan Walker

336 West Fourth Jeff Short and Brian Moore

339 West Fourth Joe Bechtel

344 West Fourth Mark and Judy Hamsher

345 West Fourth Sandy Woolard

351 West Fourth Pat Doust and

Richard North

357 West Fourth Gene Roe, David Roe and Tom Friend

358 West Fourth Tim Bledsoe and Rob Harris

382 West Fourth Jack Fry and Martin Kehlmeier

492 West Fourth Jerry and Debby Colvin

493 West Fourth Rob Wagner and Stan Huck

Harrison West Park

350 West Fourth Culpeppers General Store

1066 Michigan Gregory Smothers

Splendid New Statehouse Awaits Public

Come see the extraordinary eightyear Statehouse rehab project for yourself with the Columbus Historical Society on Tuesday, July 16, at 7 PM. The Columbus Historical Society will be recipient of an expertly guided tour and by special arrangement, members of the Harrison West Society are welcome to join the event. There is no charge, call Craig Copeland, 299-3737, for additional details.

Rich Hues Portray Neighborhood Vibrancy

Harrison West painter, and fourseason figure with easel on a street corner, Felix de la Concha, now has his work on display at the Lanning Gallery. De la Concha has been painting Harrison West streetscapes, spending considerable time at the corners of Michigan at First, Second and Third through Winter and Spring months. His extraordinary paintings are part of an exuberant exhibit, "Suddenly It's Summer," and can be seen through July 14 at the Lanning Gallery, 990North High Street. Hours: 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.

More Than a Facelift; Former Dakotas Bar Shines Like Jewel

If you haven't been to the corner of Third and Michigan recently, you should saunter over just to take in the major improvement. A run-down eyesore has been transformed into a beautiful brick storefront that adds greatly to the ambiance of the neighborhood. The new owner, Joe Armeni, has opened a RE/MAX office in the building.

Nascent Gallery Hopped and Be-Bopped at Investors' Reception

June 1 Gallery Hop patrons bebopped to a cool saxophone at Nascent Gallery's Investors' Reception. Artistowner, Suzanne Gallagher, in exchange for a modest contribution to her enterprise, deemed all participants "investors" in her endeavor and rewarded all with an individual selection from her gallery. Suzanne's pen and ink style drew excellent marks by those in attendance, and her studio-gallery was hopping.

I-670 Task Force Formed

State Representative Amy Salerno and Cleve Ricksecker met with business and community leaders on June 3 to form a task force to be called the I-670 Community Unification Project (ICUP).

ICUP will investigate ways to lessen the negative impact of the proposed 10-lane expansion of I-670, which will create a deep gap between the Short North business and residential communities and Downtown. ICUP will explore the feasibility of a cap over I-670 between High and Park Streets. Sources of funding for this project are to be pursued.

The members of ICUP will include representation from the communities, the City, and the State and the County, as well as Downtown and Short North business interests. For more information, contact Dennison Place Association president Tim Wagner at 291-3337.

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Centennial High School Is Great Place for Kids

Recently the buzz has been that our neighborhood lucked out with our High School assignment. Centennial increasingly is being recognized as an outstanding school, with more than 85% of its graduates going on to college.

If scholastic achievement is any yardstick, Centennial ranks with the best: 5 percent of Centennial seniors took honors in 5 tests last year, compared with only 1.89 percent of Upper Arlington seniors and 3.22 percent of Bexley seniors.

The school is located at 1441 Bethel Road, not exactly within walking distance, but well worth the drive. With about 650 students, it features 125 computers and a venture capital program. School spirit is strong, the ethnic and socioeconomic mix is positive, and the teachers are dedicated and enthusiastic.

First Brethren Church

Vacation Bible School begins Monday, July 22. Lessons will be from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. There will be crafts, music, and fun from 6:30 to 8:45 P.M. through Friday, July 26. On Friday, parents are invited for a short closing program at 7:45, followed by classroom visits and refreshments. Preregistration will be July 21 at 6:30 P.M. Call 299-3663 or 299-0542.

Cool Jazz; Hot Noons Short North Jazz Series

The Goodale Park Gazebo is where you jazz lovers should be every Sunday at noon from now through August 25 (except July 21) for the Short North Jazz Series.

SNJ features local musicians and some national acts. Rain location is Mac's Cafe, 693 North High. Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy.

Surf Columbus Project Cleans Up Harrison West

In the last few weeks you've been seeing kids in green T shirts and orange vests walking around Harrison West, sweeping alleys and streets and picking up trash and litter. They're part of the Surf Columbus Program run by Carol Stewart, Project Coordinator.

This year 18 teams of six 14 and 15 year olds and their adult team leader will be working from June 17 through July 26 to clean up the inner city.

The project is funded through a contract with the City of Columbus Health Department Environmental Division and with the Private Industry Council. Surfers work 5 hours a day, 5 days a week, for \$5 an hour. It's a real job, too.

The kids are recruited from inner city middle schools, settlement houses, and recreation centers.

After seeing the Surfers in action, many Harrison West neighbors can attest that the program is good for the kids and the neighborhoods they clean.

River From King to Downtown to be Developed

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Riverfront Commons Corporation Executive Director, John Dobie, is studying ideas for developing a plan for the riverfront from Harrison West to Downtown.

Riverfront Commons is overseeing the development of parks, homes and businesses along the Scioto and Olentangy Rivers.

Among other moves, the Riverfront Commons board of directors agreed to hold four public forums on use of the riverfront, the first of which is scheduled for early August at Battelle Memorial Institute. Other forums will be held through late September elsewhere.

The group also agreed to bring a consultant to lead the public forums, at a cost of about \$2,500.

The board also agreed to create a home page on the World Wide Web to market the city and the riverfront and to garner citizens' comments. They allotted up to \$2,000 for the home page.

Of particular importance will be the discussion of the plans for the Franklinton flood wall, whose current design will discourage approach to the waterfront. The group is working with engineers and government to facilitate design that will allow access to the riverfront.

Also discussed was the decision to hire an internationally acclaimed urban design development strategy team in the fall to produce a detailed plan for spring.

Watch this for more details. The riverfront area of Harrison West is the last large undeveloped tract of land in the neighborhood. Public participation is important in determining the recreational uses of our place on the Olentangy.

Harrison West Community Flower Bed Needs Weeders

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 (July 13, August 10, September 14) from 8 am to 10 am. Questions? Call Chris



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Need More Harrison West Homes

Fall Tour of Homes September 15

Nine homes have signed up for this year's Victorian Village Tour of Homes. Unfortunately, only one of these homes is in Harrison West. Last year, Harrison West was represented by three homes. This year's Harrison West stop is the under-construction condos just over the historic 3rd Avenue bridge at 590-594 Bradley. Joe Armeni is building these units with what promises to be a spectacular river view. We would love to have at least one more Harrison West home on the tour. Could it be yours?

The main Tour event is Sunday, September 15 from 10 AM to 6 PM.

For more information on any of these events, to nominate a Harrison West home, or questions about the Tour, please call Suzanne Escovitz at 291-4555.

University Area Commission Passes Bridge and Bikeway Resolution

Our Harrison West quest for better replacement designs for the National Register Third and King Avenue bridges and for a safer bikeway along the Olentangy received a major boost when the University Area Commission (UAC) approved a strongly worded resolution regarding replacements. A similar resolution will be discussed at the next Harrison West meeting.

Following scrutiny of the County Engineer's current plans, the UAC resolved that the following steps be taken (1) a coordinated plan equal to the vision of the 1908 Plan's vision be undertaken by the Franklin County Engineer and the City of Columbus regarding the replacement of the Bridges and the development of the Bikeway-Roadway; (2) that the Franklin County Engineer immediately apply for 80% Federal matching funds for the Bridge replacement and Bikeway-Roadway project(s); (3) the Bridge designs include deep elliptical arches, heavy handrails with open fenestration to view the river similar to the current design and not be cantilevered, extending out over the edge as proposed; (4) the lower Olentangy Bikeway, multipurpose recreation facility between Ohio State University and Downtown Columbus along the river should be reevaluated and constructed to handle a reasonably foreseeable number of users to and from Downtown; (5) that a separate path should be constructed under both the Fifth and Third Avenue Bridges with a bikes-only bridge crossing the River; (6) that public forums be programmed concerning the planning and development of the Bridges and the lower Olentangy River; and (7) that coordinated effort by the County and the City be undertaken to obtain all possible Federal funding for all aspects of the project(s).

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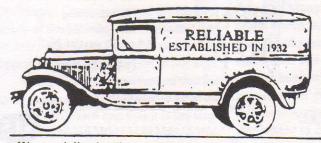
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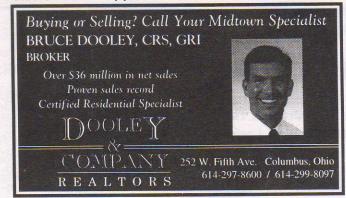


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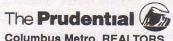
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