

Bikepath Park -- It's Coming . . . or Is It?

What The Harrison West Society
Did For You Recently
Traffic Calming Islands on Neil
Bikepath park
Truck Traffic in Harrison West

Society meets Thurs. October 10, 7:30,
at the Godman Guild
Truck Traffic Code Enforcement
Coffee and dessert served at 7:30 PM

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It's a River Rush - Better Get There First

They're Calling OUR Riverbank "everyone's neighborhood"!

The Riverfront Commons Corporation is inviting everyone in the Greater Metro Area to contribute ideas for developing the Columbus Riverfront. Great idea, but it means that if Harrison West doesn't show up and make itself heard, Upper Arlington, Gahanna, Worthington and Bexley will be telling us how our stretch of the Riverfront will be treated.

There will be three public Riverfront Forums. We need everyone possible from our neighborhood to go to each forum and speak up about what our neighborhood wants done with the Riverfront.

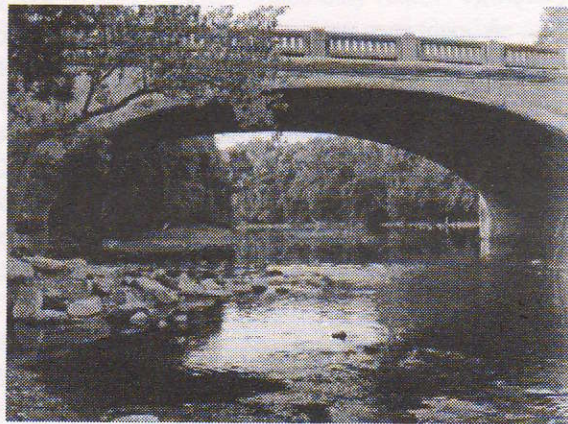
Free parking, childcare and light refreshments. Carpooling can be arranged by calling 299-3737.

The three forums are:

October 22, 6:30 to 9 PM at Battelle Cafeteria, 505 King Avenue, to select ideas for the northern segment from Lane Avenue to I-670.

November 6 from 6:30 to 9 PM at Schiller Park Recreation Center, 1069 Jaeger Street, to solicit ideas for the southern segment from I-70 to Rt. 104.

November 20 from 5:30 to 8 PM at Veterans Memorial, 300 West Broad Street, to solicit ideas for the central segment from I-670 to I-70.



Harrison West Riverfront

Since 1908, the more forward-looking of our City Leaders have considered the Riverfront to be a place of beauty for now and future generations. This is our opportunity to hold the City to this concept, gaining a multi-use park for ourselves at the same time.

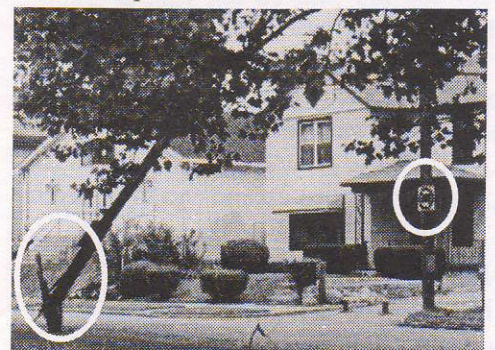
Just imagine a Riverfront park within walking distance of your house - a place where you and your kids can ride bikes, take before-breakfast jogs or after-dinner walks, push baby strollers. A place that's safe and clean and green.

If there's ever been a community issue that deserves your input and support, this is it. Think about what a park like this can mean to our neighborhood, then attend all three forums. It's YOUR riverfront. Make sure YOUR voice is heard.

City Code Enforcement Still Lax in Harrison West

Recently the City of Columbus has been cracking down on residential code violations and violators. But the City has yet to get into gear with businesses who violate City Codes in our neighborhood.

Trucking companies, for instance, are major violators of the *No semi's allowed on neighborhood streets* code. Signs, such as the one in this photograph, dot our neighborhood. No one is paying attention. This pole was brought down on September 12 by a semi maneuvering on Michigan Avenue next to a NO SEMI'S sign. Power and telephones were out for hours. Even though the police were called, the City, in the person of the police officer at the scene, declined to enforce this particular code. Does anyone have any suggestions about how we get our point across to the City of Columbus: **ENFORCE THE CODE FOR EVERYONE -- BUSINESS AS WELL AS RESIDENT!** Come to the meeting October 10 to discuss this problem.



broken power pole on Michigan

Harrison West Society Minutes September 12, 1996

SUBMITTED BY: JOSEPH L.
SPINELLI

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Our Guest Speaker was Sue Carpenter from City Code Enforcement. About 50 residents attended the meeting specifically to get the scoop on Code Enforcement in Harrison West. She was an excellent speaker.

She reported the resolution of some long-standing problems in the neighborhood and promised to address the problems brought to her at the meeting.

Carpenter discussed the violations she can do something about: vacant houses which are unsecured, overgrown lawns, upholstered furniture outdoors, stacks of wood other than firewood, appliances and furniture stored in the yard, derelict cars in the yard, junk in the yard. She can't deal with noise, filth, ugly (as in fences), businesses which violate code (*see related article on page 7*).

Old Business

Frank Petruziello reported on the Battelle Parking lot. He showed plans of the parking areas and commented that Battelle has gone a long way to please the neighborhood. He'll keep us informed.

New Business

The Riverfront Commons publicity people met with several HWS members to discuss the Riverfront Forums. The October 22 meeting at Battelle specifically addresses our part of the riverfront. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to be heard on what you want to do with the riverfront in Harrison West. Call Craig Copeland at 299-3737 for more information (*see article on front page*).

Peter Anderson reported on the traffic calming project being undertaken by the City and the Joint Neighborhood Traffic Committee, a group of Harrison West, Victorian Village, Dennison Place, and NECCO residents. Traffic islands on Neil Avenue are being proposed to mark the north and south boundaries of our neighborhoods and to remind drivers that they are in a residential area (*see related article on page 7*).

A motion was made by Joe Spinelli and seconded by Steve Tway to accept the Neil Avenue Resolution on Traffic Calming.

A motion was made by Pastor Morris, seconded by Scott Musaraca to support the investigation into adaptive use of the penitentiary.

Craig Copeland reported that the benches for the Harrison West Park are finished, at a cost of about \$3300. The Columbus Foundation awarded the Society \$3000 for the benches. Pastor Morris made a motion to pay the additional \$300; Steve Tway seconded.

A motion was made by Pastor Morris, seconded by Veda Gilp, to pay the bills for printing and other expenses.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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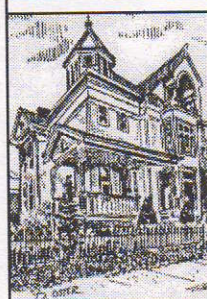
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Harrison West Society meets 2nd Thursday of each month at Godman Guild, 7:30 pm.

Harrison West Meeting
October 10, 7:30 pm



Harrison House

Bed and Breakfast

Maryanne Olson

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"Victorian Living In The Heart of Columbus"

Here's What the Harrison West Society Did for You Recently

In every issue of the newsletter, we encourage you to join the Harrison West Society because neighborhood strength lies in numbers. As a single person, you can't make a park or unmake a parking lot! But as part of the Harrison West Society, you have power!

So many residents have complained of the damage caused by **semi-truck traffic** in the neighborhood, the Society members have decided to see what we can do to persuade the City to enforce Code for businesses as well as for residents. It's situations such as this

where the Harrison West Society makes the most impact: when our neighborhood needs an organized group to guard our quality of life, property values and safety.

Join us today. Complete the membership blank and bring it to the next meeting — October 10, 7:30 at the Godman Guild on West Second.





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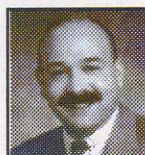
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Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to **Joe Spinelli, Secretary, Harrison West Society, 465 Vermont Place, Columbus, Ohio 43201**. Membership dues are paid annually.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Select one: ☐ Individual \$10 ☐ Senior (60 and over) \$5
☐ Sustaining \$20 ☐ Patron (Business) \$25



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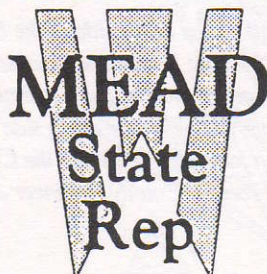
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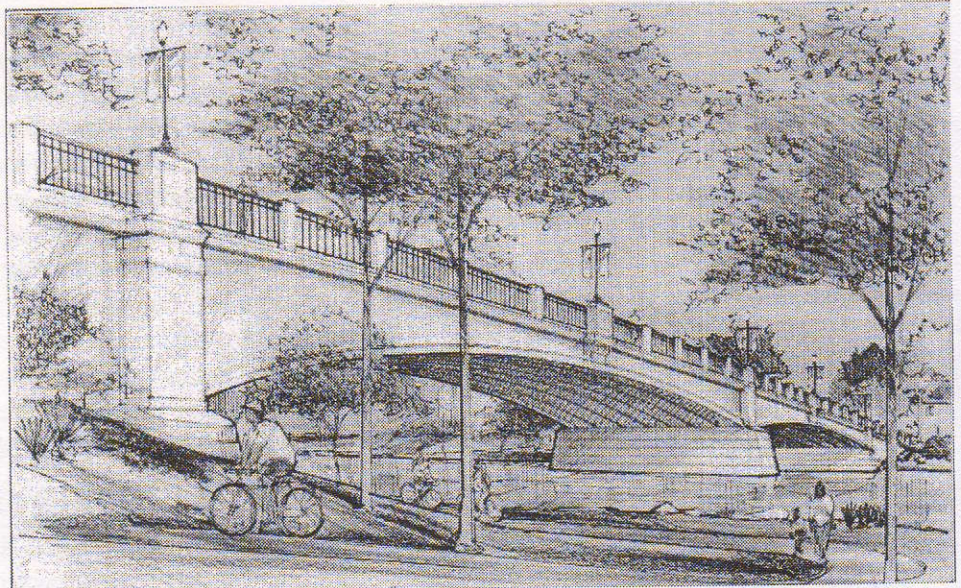
Sketches of the Proposed Third Avenue Bridge and Olentangy Bikeway Park

From Franklin County Engineer
John Circle

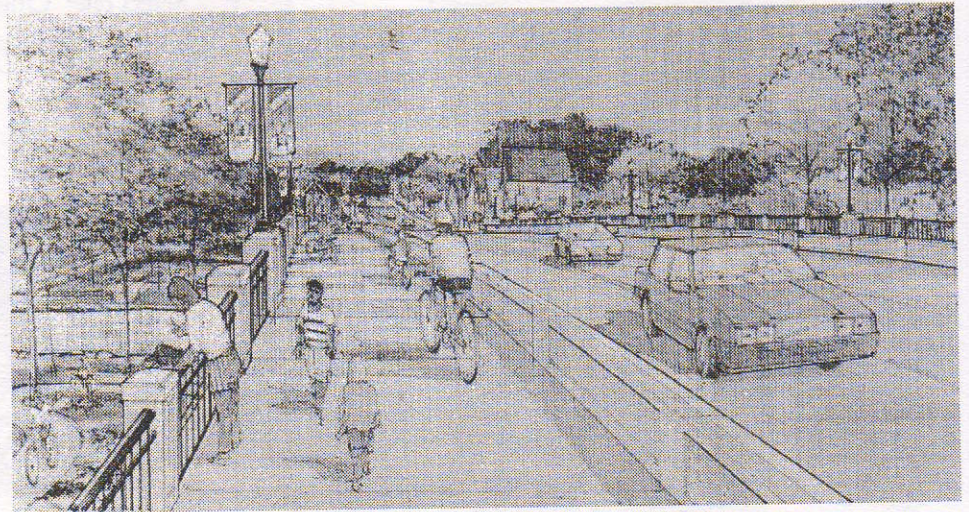
Harrison West's new Third Avenue Bridge figures prominently in the Olentangy Bikeway Park, stretching from I-270 to the north, passing Ohio State University and traversing the recent Battelle Memorial Institute easement between Third and Fifth Avenues, crossing the river at Third Avenue and then continuing south through downtown.

The proposed bridge replaces the present structure that was conceived as part of the 1908 *Plan of the City of Columbus*, which envisioned a riverfront park along the Olentangy from Third to Lane Avenues. The three bridges included in the original park ensemble, the Third, King and Lane Avenue Bridges, all designed by the national renowned Wilbur Watson, went on to be deemed worthy of placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

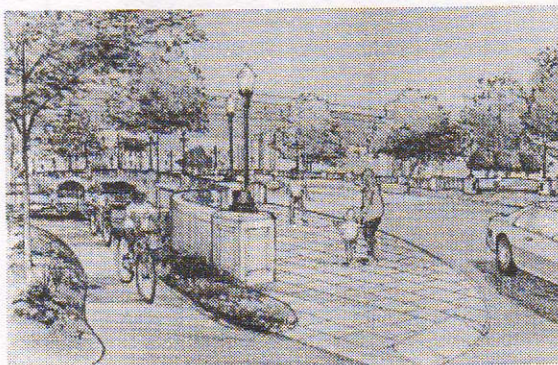
The replacement of the Third Avenue Bridge builds upon the vision of the 1908 *Plan* and represents the efforts of Franklin County Bridge Engineer Mark Sherman in consultation with members of the Harrison West Society including Craig Copeland, architects Steve Shinn, Frank Petruziello and Rob Harris, as well as the Columbus Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Historic Resources Committee, chaired by Richard Buchsieb, and the Columbus Historic Resources Commission.



The proposed Third Avenue Bridge with the Olentangy Bikeway passing underneath along the west bank of the river. This multi-purpose recreational path will provide a wonderful opportunity to enjoy one of the city's most beautiful riverside settings and fully appreciate Franklin County Engineer John Circle's replacement of the present National Register Third Avenue Bridge. The 1908 Plan declared that Olentangy along what would be known as Harrison West was of extraordinary beauty.

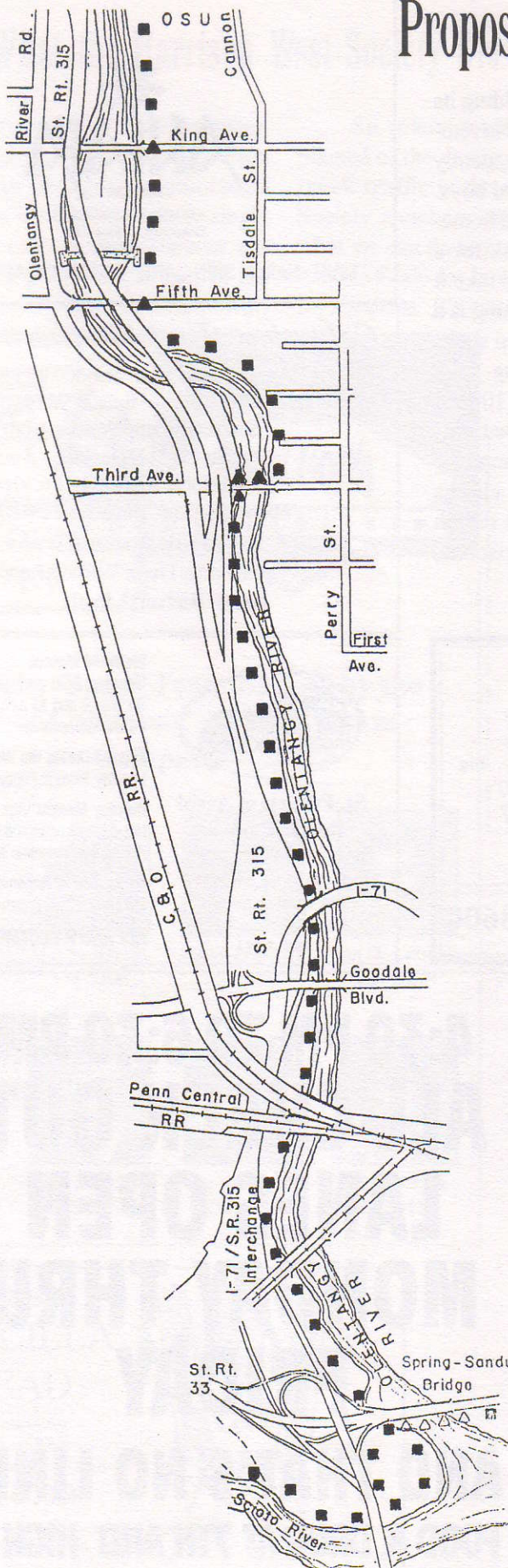


The Bikeway will be located on the north side of the bridge deck for bicyclists and rollerbladers with a large looping path passing underneath the bridge to facilitate safely crossing from one side of Third Avenue to another at Olentangy River Rd. A pedestrian walk will be on the south side of the bridge. This segment of the Bikeway represents a joint effort between the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Dept. and the Franklin County Engineer John Circle.



A plaza area with curved benches is planned at Olentangy River Road.

Proposed Bikepath Park



LEGEND

- ■ ■ Proposed Class I
- ● ● Proposed Class II
- □ □ Completed Class I
- ○ ○ Completed Class II
- ▲ At Grade Crossing
- △ Separated Crossing



Christmas Underwear

New Life United Methodist Church at 25 W. 5th is holding its fourth annual Christmas Underwear Campaign Saturday, November 2, 1996. They are asking for donations of good, clean, gently worn or new underwear and socks for men, women, girls and boys. In their free Clothing Room, which helps working poor and homeless people, hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't ask for a clean, dry pair of socks or underwear. Though many of us take it for granted, for people who live in poverty, basic underclothing is a luxury. Especially in winter, it is even more difficult to keep socks and underwear dry underneath worn shoes and thin clothing.

Please stop by the church on November 2 between 10 AM and 2 PM with your donation. If you are unable to come that day, please call Rev. Jennifer Kimball Casto at 294-0134 to arrange for pick up or delivery. Cash donations are welcome; make checks payable to the New Life United Methodist Church. Each month the Clothing Room helps more than 500 people. This Christmas, please help.

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Wednesday Boys' Brigade 1-12 6:30 pm

1st & 3rd Thursday Women's Group 6:30 pm

1st Friday Prayer Warriors 7 pm

Pastor Richard Morris



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Saturday: 6:30 p.m. (Tridentine Mass)

Sunday: 9 and 11 a.m.

Korean Community: 1 p.m.

Masses During the Week

Monday through Friday: 6 p.m.

Holyday Masses Vigil: 6 p.m.

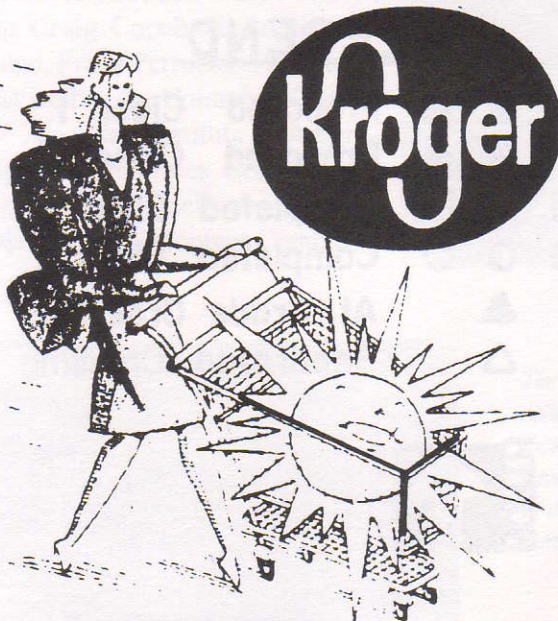
Holyday: 12 noon and 6 p.m.;

7:30 p.m. (Tridentine Mass)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 5:30 -6 p.m.; by appointment

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**4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM
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FRIDAY**

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City Proposes Landscaped Traffic Islands for Traffic Calming

by Peter Anderson

The Columbus Traffic Engineering and Parking Division (CTEPD) has proposed a traffic calming plan for our area which includes two landscaped traffic islands and one pair of chokers. The proposal is the result of several meetings of the CTEPD and the Joint Neighborhood Traffic Committee, a group of Harrison West, Victorian Village, Dennison Place, and NECKO residents concerned with the negative impact of heavy commuter traffic in our area. The proposal reflects a relatively new national trend by municipal traffic engineers to manage traffic flow and speed by modifying roads in urban areas. The specific application here is to visually change the wide, expansive feeling of our arterial streets — a feature that unfortunately encourages speeding, discourages pedestrian and residential activity, and generates excessive noise and pollution. Our greater neighborhood has received one of the first such proposals from CTEPD, which soon will hire a traffic engineer specifically for traffic calming efforts.

Islands, Chokers, Slower Traffic, Fewer Parking Spaces

The three proposed elements have been chosen to produce a visual narrowing of Neil Avenue by incorporating trees, shrubs, neighborhood signs, and perhaps historic street lighting. The islands are depicted in the conceptual sketch, and they

will identify northern and southern entry points to our area. The southern island may range from 60 to 64 feet long by 10 to 14 feet wide and will be located in the center of Neil, just north of the intersection with Goodale. The northern island may range from 80 to 88 feet long by 10 to 18 feet wide, and is located between the intersections with the staggered east and west portions of Sixth. The chokers are located at the intersection with Second or Third, and reduce the width of Neil by extending the curbed sidewalk level into the street. The chokers will reduce the length of the pedestrian crosswalk on Neil, provide alcoves for parked vehicles and accommodate landscaping.

The islands may require eliminating 2 parking spaces near Goodale and up to 12 spaces near Sixth.

Comment and Weed

Your participation in two important activities will ensure that the plan is successfully implemented. First, please let Harrison West Society know of your support and comments (Craig Copeland 299-3737). Secondly, our neighborhoods must demonstrate a commitment to maintain the islands. If you are interested in planting trees, shrubs, flowers or maintaining the landscaped portions in some way, please call Craig Copeland or Norm Dolder (294-2733).

Strong letters of support and commitment to maintenance must be collected by early October, prior to presenta-

tion of the plan to the Traffic commission, the Public Service Director and City Council. Your strong letters of support are also crucial to securing necessary construction funds from the Public Service Department and City Council.

Code Violations & Enforcement

Code Enforcement is not instant. First, a complaint is required to bring Sue Carpenter, the Code Inspector, to the property. If she finds a violation, she writes a citation giving the owners 30 days to fix the problem. If the problem is not addressed to her satisfaction, she writes a 2nd notice. If there is no response at the end of 30 days, the Code Enforcement Division begins to build its court case, and the violators receive a summons to court. The process takes at least 90 days and often 4 to 6 months. "We try to be fair to everyone," Carpenter says.

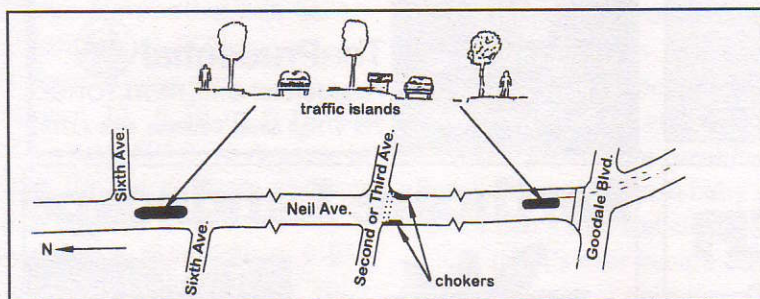
How Can You Help Code Enforcement?

Work with Sue Carpenter. Since the legal process takes so long, call her at 645-3295 at the first sign of violation. For instance, call at the beginning of the growing season for neighbors who never mow grass or cut weeds.

Graffiti is high on the City's list of dislikes. The City is currently charging owners of buildings which have been vandalized in this way to encourage them to remove the graffiti or paint over it. If you have a graffitied fence, wall or garage, better clean it up before Sue gets there. It may not be fair, but she emphasizes that it's the only way we'll get rid of graffiti in our lifetime.

For trash and high weeds, call the Health Department at 645-8191. For cars with expired tags on private property call 645-7260; on the street call 645-CARS.

If in doubt about what is a violation, call Sue Carpenter at 645-3295. Ask specifically that she get back to you.



The proposed traffic calming plan includes two traffic islands and one pair of chokers, with landscaping, signs, and other elements. The islands are located at northern and southern points along Neil Avenue, and the chokers are located on Neil Avenue at the intersection with Second or Third Avenue.