HAPPY NEW YEAR

Third Avenue House for Sale for \$1 It's true; learn all about it at the HWS meeting

Society meets Thurs. January 9, 7:30, at the Godman Guild Holiday Lights Contest Prize Award Liquor licenses, chicken-hauling semis and other interesting situations Coffee and dessert served at 7:30 PM

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Holiday Lights Contest a Winner!

Bob Evans and Kroger Sponsor Harrison West Holiday Lights Contest

The winners of the best holiday lighting display in Harrison West are Chris Abnett and Frank Hall, whose home at 1018 Oregon Ave. wowed the team of six judges with 3,800 decorative lights. Chris outlined the home in blue lights with strands of white lights cascading down from the eves to simulate icicles. The front window was filled with a 10-foot Christmas tree glowing with 400 red lights and flanked by rainbows of colored lights on either side of the window outside.

The front yard was covered with white lights to create a "white Christmas" snow effect.

The stunning Oregon Ave. display between First and Second more than exceeded the criterion for winning with watts. Never one to let a winner go un-gifted, the tireless Mary Funk nudged Bob Evans Resturants into contributing a \$10 gift certificate and Kroger into contributing a \$25 gift certificate, which will be presented to Abnett and Hall at the Harrison West meeting on January 9.

Thanks go to the panel of judges including Carolyn Bonifazi, Mary Funk, Frank Petruziello, Joe Spinelli, Scott Swaldo, and Maddy Weisz.

As for the front page photo we promised, due to a holiday glitch, Chris and Frank took their display down before our photographer got there. But it was beautiful while it lasted.

Wexner In on Riverfront Development

On the new news is good news front, Les Wexner has turned his attention away from New Albany and Easton toward the downtown riverfront. Seems Mr. Wexner has brought in a New York argchitectural design firm and a California landscape architect to develop a plan for the riverfront. The Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce hired them, but the Limited is footing the bill.

Will Mr. Wexner's planners use the input from the 750 Riverfront Forum participants, which called for a good deal of parkland along the river with the Whittier Penninsula as a park and the downtown riverfront as a 24 hour cultural-dining-arts-living-entertainment center?

Could be positive news for Harrison West. Chances are good that world resident Wexner would devise a development and use plan that's better for the neighborhood in the long term than that which the local politicos and their developer buddies would push through.

This gives all of us next to the river something to think about, doesn't it?

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEDIATES HARRISON WEST AND MORRETTI'S MEETING

On November 6, 1996 Joe Spinelli, Pastor Richard Morris and attorney William Loveland represented Harrison West Society in a meeting with representatives from Morretti's Poultry. The meeting was mediated by the City of Columbus Community Relations Commission. Each party was given the opportunity to speak. Some of the issues discussed by Joe and Pastor Morris were the adverse effects this business has had on our neighborhood over the years (i.e. semi truck traffic damaging homes, cars, sidewalks, curbs; numerous law and code violations; etc.) After several hours of discussion, both parties agreed to a proposed resolution. Currently, this resolution is being edited. Once both parties agree to a final copy, it will be signed and made public. Anyone interested in giving their input should contact Joe Spinelli at 294-3637 or Pastor Richard Morris at 299-3663.

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



RIVERFRONT ACCORD. It took Craig Copeland and his best strategic troop deployment, but finally all those people who have input into the Third Avenue Bridge Project got together -- on the bridge. Craig brought them together on a particularly cold day on the Bridge to work out details of a crosswalk and traffic calming fixtures to slow down speeding motorists on Third Avenue and to improve safety on the bikepath. Now the project is moving ahead on all fronts. THIS is why you join the Harrison West Society. Left to Right: Steve Tway, HWS; Alan McKnight, Recreation & Parks; Richard Buchsieb, American Institute of Architects; Craig Copeland, HWS; Mark Sherman, Franklin County Bridge Engineer; John Dobie, Executive Director of Riverfront Commons Corp; Steve Tweed, City Traffic Calming Engineer; Dale Hooper, City Bicycle Traffic Engineer.

See the Plaza Drawing for the East end of the Third Avenue Bridge on the next page.



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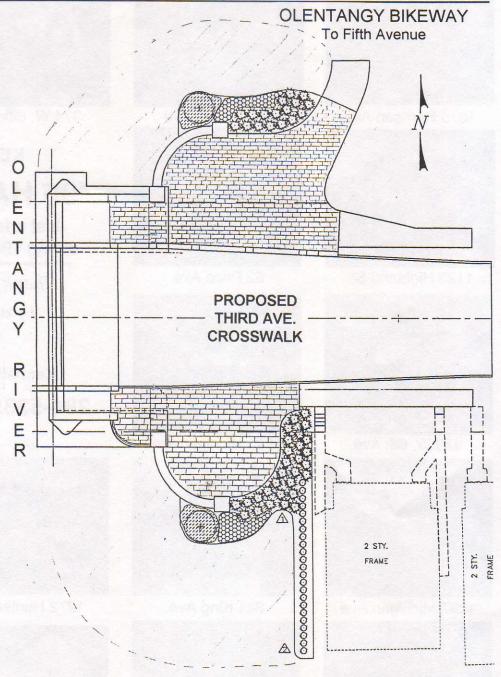
County and city officials, along with Riverfront Commons Corp. Executive Director John Dobie meet with Steve Tway and Craig Copeland to discuss adding a crosswalk at the eastern plazas of the Third Ave. bridge that would add to pedestrian and bicyclist safety on Dec 13. The crosswalk would be more than painted lines, incorporating a "traffic calming" design, similar in purpose to the fixtures already planned for Neil Ave.

"Goals of the Joint-Village Traffic & Safety Committee are to slow down traffic speed in our residential neighborhood to increase safety and lower noise," Copeland said. "Adding a provision to cross the street between the two plazas would be in context with the pedestrian needs of the residents and further enhance the graceful design of County Bridge Engineer Mark Sherman."

The RCC's John Dobie offered to work with the City Traffic Calming Engineer Steve Tweed, who will make his recommendations to Alan McKnight, City Recreation and Parks, and to Bridge Engineer Sherman.

Construction of the \$4 million bridge is scheduled to begin next month, closing Third Ave. from Perry to the river until December.

"The bridge and bikeway are the largest public works project enhancements since 1918, when the present National Register bridge was built in the neighborhood's heyday," Copeland said.



EAST PLAZA - THIRD AVENUE BRIDGE



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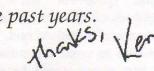
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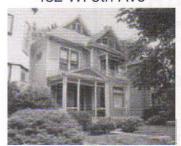
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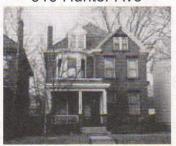
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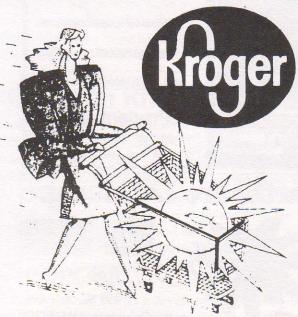
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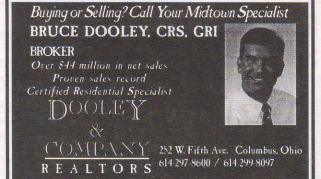
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