

## BIG CHANGES COMING TO HARRISON WEST! ARE THEY GOOD FOR US?

**Councilman Sensenbrenner  
at HWS meeting  
Thursday, February 13, 7:30 pm  
Godman Guild**

**Society meets Thurs. February 13, 7:30,  
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Councilman Sensenbrenner  
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## Meet Councilman Sensenbrenner at HWS Meeting



He's our voice on City Council for many issues important to Harrison West. Chairperson of Recreation and Parks and the Development Committee, he has helped us with Battelle and the compromise regarding the bicycle path and dedication of right-of-way issues last year.

Right now, he's concerned with Traffic calming in Harrison West because of the Spring/Sandusky interchange construction and inadequacies. An ODOT study says that within 7 years there will be 7,600 cars daily on Michigan and 26,400 on Neil. This is the man to help us deal with this. Let's show our support. Come meet Councilmember Sensenbrenner.

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Stadium To Go On Ballot For Only  
16 Crew Home Games

## Old Pen as Giant Polaris?

## Home of the Crew, Heavy Metal & Tractor Pulls...

Franklin County voters will have the opportunity to vote this May to increase the sales tax by 0.5 percent to build a 30,000 seat stadium at the corner of Neil Av. and Spring St. The stadium will initially be used for 16 regular season home games by the Crew soccer team and hold 30,000 fans in the soccer configuration. Also, included in the tax issue is a 20,000 seat arena east of the stadium.

**Here are some facts about the proposed stadium and arena which you may not have heard and which definitely will affect Harrison West.**

1. The combined arena and stadium capacity will be about 60,000. Stadium supports are touting the stadium, at about 40,000 capacity in the concert configuration, as a venue for everything from tractor pulls to heavy metal concerts. (The noise will be headach-inducing intrusive.) You could call it **Giant Polaris**, and it will be within a mile of our homes.

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Joe, put down that video camera!

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEDIATION ENDS - MORETTI POULTRY SLAPS SPINELLI WITH LAWSUIT

On January 9, 1997, Joe Spinelli was served with a Federal lawsuit filed by Moretti Poultry Co. Inc. The suit, which also named the City of Columbus and Public Services Director Tom Merrit, appeared to claim that Spinelli had conspired with and willfully participated in a joint action with the City and Merrit to deprive Moretti Poultry of its federal constitutionally guaranteed rights regarding the manner in which Moretti Poultry conducts its business.

In November, Joe Spinelli, Pastor Richard Morris and attorney William Loveland, representing the Harrison West Society, discussed the neighborhood's Morretti's Poultry difficulties with that company's representatives. Since the meeting was mediated by the City of Columbus Community Relations Commission, the Society had high hopes that this would resolve the issue.

Obviously, it did not. Nor can the neighborhood expect the Mayor's office of the Community Relation Commission to help resolve these issues. On our own again. Stay tuned. ♦



# HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES JANUARY 9, 1997

Submitted by: Joseph L. Spinelli

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

## OLD BUSINESS

Craig Copeland announced that City Council voted unanimously to object to the renewal of the liquor license for the Michigan Market. The Ohio Liquor Commission will hold a hearing regarding City Council's objection.

Joe Spinelli announced that he was served a summons from the attorney representing Morretti's Poultry in the recent mediation that occurred. The lawsuit alleges that Joe Spinelli violated Morretti Poultry's constitutional rights by addressing semi-truck traffic issues with city officials.

Craig Copeland announced that the wrought iron fence donated by Battelle was installed in the Harrison West Park.

## NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Lauren Creighton and seconded by Veda Gilp to consider raising the membership dues to \$12.00. This motion will be re-considered in 60 days per the constitution of the Harrison West Society.

A discussion was held regarding seeking Historic District Status/Area Commission for our neighborhood. One of the benefits discussed was the prospect of gaining input on future development so that it reflects the architectural heritage of our neighborhood.

Craig Copeland announced that the West Third Avenue bridge will close soon for renovations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. ♦

## Curb Your Christmas Tree

Just in case your Christmas tree hasn't been picked up yet, put it back on the curb in front of your house. Rumpke will pick it up, according to Julie at the Refuse Department. BUT ... no one will take trees from the alleys. Harrison West is Gold, so pick up days are February 12 and 20. ♦

## OOPS!

Last month Guava Studios, new to Harrison West at 1110 Michigan, gave us a hand by photographing Pres Craig Copeland and Riverfront Commons' John Dobie with others involved in the Third Avenue Bridge wrangle. Though we named everyone in the photo, we neglected to credit LeeAnn McGuire as the photographer. We're sorry. Thanks for the help. ♦

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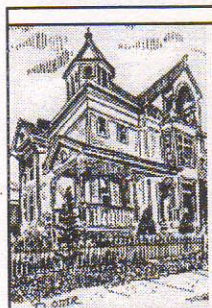
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## Councilman Sensenbrenner

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Among other issues and concerns with which he deals, City Councilmember Sensenbrenner is interested in the ongoing developments of the Riverfront Commons Corporation as it moves forward on a comprehensive plan for the six mile river course from Ohio State University down to Lou Berliner Park and Frank Road-104.

Councilman Sensenbrenner is recommending the City's participation in the MORPC Greenways project that includes the Olentangy River, a vital part of Harrison West, Dennison Place and nearby Victorian Village.

He looks forward to pathways such as the Olentangy Bikeway connecting city parks with the Metro Park system, natural areas and neighborhood access points on a countywide basis that ultimately will enhance the quality of life for the central city neighborhoods. As part of the process, Councilman Sensenbrenner is also recommending a companion scenic-byway program 1997 to preserve and enhance roadways along Columbus watercourses. ♦

## Old Pen as Giant Polaris

### Arena, Stadium, & Sales Tax

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The smaller Polaris Amphitheater, notorious for generating complaints from neighbors related to loud music, has a 6,500 seating and 13,500 lawn capacity.

2. **Limited parking** at the site will be supplemented by what developers describe as "diffusion parking" throughout the adjacent areas. As much as 50% of the parking capacity may be off site, and the thought of **tens of thousands of motorists careening up and down local streets looking for scarce parking spaces** has many Victorian Villagers alarmed. Since there certainly isn't parking for thousands of cars in Victorian Village, Harrison West will take a parking hit, also.

3. **The new Spring-Sandusky/I-670 Interchange as designed does not have the capacity to get stadium goers home to the northwest and south. Indeed, thousands of cars will diffuse through our neighborhood after events.** (Remember all those cars parked here?)

4. While anyone in Harrison West who wants more police presence in the neighborhood, or more frequent trash pickup, better schools for our kids, or even street sweeping is told by the city that there isn't money for it, **the arena and stadium will soak up approximately \$240 million of tax payer money.** Using the Pen site will mean major new infrastructure work like roads and sewers. **Money spent here will be lost to our neighborhood and every other neighborhood; lost to schools; lost to police protection; lost to housing.**

The ballot issues and potential adverse effects will be the subject of discussion at coming Society meetings.

Next month: What's good for the neighborhood about the stadium and arena. ♦

Sensenbrenner at HWS  
meeting Thursday,  
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Sunday: 9 and 11 a.m.  
Korean Community: 1 p.m.

#### MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Monday through Friday: 6 p.m.

#### HOLIDAY MASSES Vigil: 6 p.m.

HOLIDAY: 12 noon and 6 p.m.;  
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## Fixing Broken Windows

If you're fighting for the life of our neighborhood, and it **IS** a fight, you should read *Fixing Broken Windows* by George Kelling and Catherine Coles. The book provides practical guidance on how to cope with a problem that most of us just talk about, but that is very real in Harrison West. The problem is the unacknowledged relationship between public disorder such as broken windows, litter and unruly neighbors and serious crime.

Here's a quote that says it all from page 19,

**"A stable neighborhood of families who care for their homes, mind each other's children, and confidently frown on unwanted intruders can change, in a few years or even a few months, to an inhospitable and frightening jungle. A piece of property is abandoned, weeds grow up, a window is smashed. Adults stop scolding rowdy children; the children, emboldened, become more rowdy. Families move out, unattached adults move in. Teenagers gather in front of the corner store. The merchant asks them to move; they refuse. Fights occur. Litter accumulates."**

Sound familiar? Even in the nicest parts of Harrison West, litter is a problem. Graffiti is a problem. There are near-riots at the Michigan Market. Teenagers and unruly children trash the Harrison West Park. Cars are vandalized. Drunks carouse in front of the bars. Weed-and-trash covered vacant lots create gaps in the fabric of our community. Broken windows and vandalized buildings invite the escalation of littering to serious crime.

**"Just neighbors" can stop this progression from disruption to crime.**

Kelling and Coles are quite clear on this point. Seattle, San Francisco, Portland, Newark and Elizabeth (New Jersey), Indianapolis and St. Paul have begun to turn back serious crime, in part by fixing the "broken windows" of neighborhoods, and it starts with the neighbors themselves.

**In Harrison West we can make a difference by acting for our neighborhood.**

We can pick up litter and discourage people from littering. We can clean up and paint over graffiti wherever we find it. We can pick up the trash our neighbors throw on the ground. We can encourage neighborhood children to treat the area around them with respect.

**Businesses and the City must help.**

In the bigger picture, we can pressure the business owners whose patrons are unruly. We can insist the City of Columbus pick up the trash, clean up and repair the alleys, fix the broken streetlights and give us more police foot patrols. We can keep the pressure on absentee landlords who for far too long have abused our neighborhood.

Our neighborhood is on its way up. It's safer, cleaner, more appealing than at any time in the last 20 years. By working singly and together, we can take it farther. Begin by picking up some litter and painting out some graffiti. Then get your neighbors to join you. ♦

Now it's even harder to get to  
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## 3rd Avenue Bridge Closes February 17

Come February 17, we'll all be heading up to Fifth to cross the river. And we'll be doing it for a long time because Franklin County Bridge Engineer Mark Sherman doesn't expect the bridge to reopen before December 1997. Crews for the C. J. Mahan Construction Company will be working hard to meet the construction schedules. ♦

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## New Urbanism, the Promise of Our Central City Neighborhoods

# Home From Nowhere

Harrison west residents can learn about the new urbanism movement, February 12, 1997, at the Columbus Metropolitan Club luncheon forum - *The Geography of Nowhere*. Why do we live in the center of town when our friends choose the 'burbs? As part of the CMC's Urban Issues Series in connection with the Columbus Urban Growth Corporation, CMC will present author James Kunstler on *The Geography of Nowhere*. Kunstler is the acclaimed author of two books about the decline and fall of America's neighborhoods and built environment.

The first, *The Geography of Nowhere*, detailed the destructive impulses loosened on the country by suburbanization and the automobile; his second, *Home from Nowhere*, just published, details the way back to civility and civilization as it was once known.

## New Urbanism

Much of new urbanism is recreating a sense of community through public spaces and commercial areas around which everyday life revolves - as the Short North once did. You don't have to hop into the car for everything you need - the very antithesis of suburbianism. Because people encounter each other on a regular basis, a cohesive community is knit together that works for all.

Kunstler advocates the importance of buildings designed and built to reflect the importance of what goes on inside: he contemptuously refers to the average newer school buildings as being indistinguishable from the local soda pop bottling plant. What message does the architecture send?

Kunstler says if you build a building of no significance, people attach little or no significance to what comes out of it.

Anyone living in our neighborhood is participating in new urbanism, because here blue collar lives next to white collar, not segregated into enclaves; our houses look like homes; there is a viable mix of apartments and single residences; we can walk to shopping or for a haircut; and many of the city's benefits such

as museums, civic and cultural events, and public spectacles are easily accessible.

## Urban Issues Speaker Series

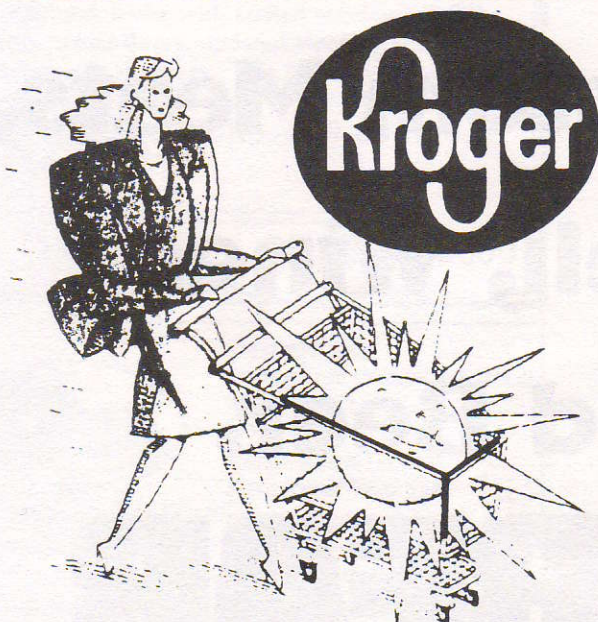
Kunstler's visit is part of a two-year series focusing on urban issues featuring 12 nationally recognized and regional experts in planning, transportation, economic development, historic preservation, housing, architecture and education.

The goal is to raise the consciousness of the community about issues affecting redevelopment of the city center.

Kunstler's presentation, *The Geography of Nowhere*, will include lunch at The Hyatt on Capitol Square, Wednesday, February 12, 12-1:15 PM. Reservations required, 841-8742. Cost \$20. ♦

## New Police Liaison

Ken Hawsey is the new Harrison West Community Police Liaison. Call him at 645-1401 for problems. Let's not burn him out, though. He will facilitate solving our problems, but he can't come out to deal with a barking dog personally. ♦



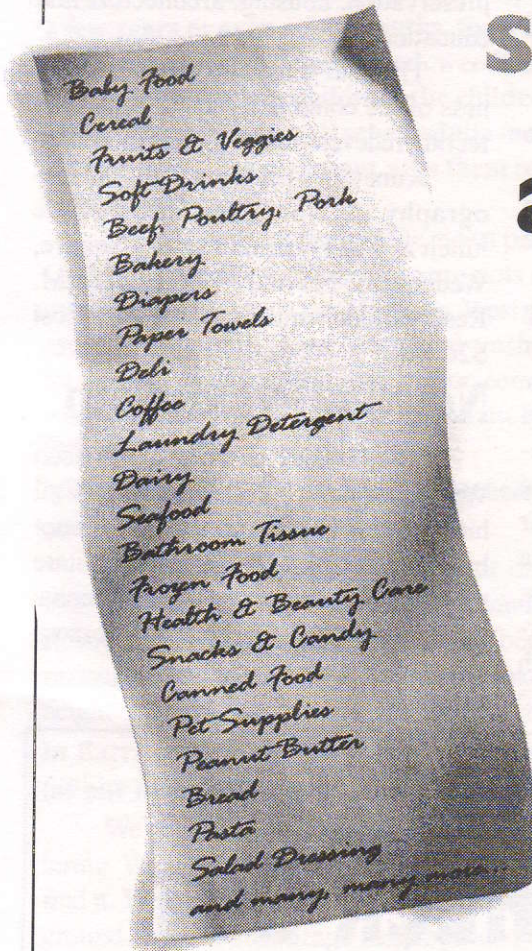
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What could be more exciting than the Great Parking Lot Struggle with Battelle? We all made up and were buddies in the end, but for a while there, negotiations were spine tingling!

You can't ask for a bigger adventure than planting trees along Pennsylvania. Well, actually, someone else with a machine did the digging and planting, but we all stood around and watched, and we felt adventurous!

Seriously, no matter how long you've lived in Harrison West, you know the neighborhood is getting better in every way. Most of the credit goes to the people who have worked so hard to make it happen. And much of the credit goes to the Harrison West Society.

**Muscle City West**

You could say the Society is our neighborhood's muscle. As individuals, we don't have much strength. As a group of vocal, energetic, determined Society members, we can move mountains. We can get the City to treat us with more respect and look out for our interests. We can get neighborhood businesses to help us make Harrison West a better place to live. We can get trees planted, and sidewalks fixed, and parking lots landscaped.

The operative word is WE, which is why YOU should join the Harrison West Society right now. ♦

**I Want to Join the Harrison West Society****Sign Me Up for  
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**Welcome Neighbors**

Harrison West welcomes Susan and Robbie Baskins to 1002 Pennsylvania. The day after they moved in, son Arizona Clay was born. Now is that timing or what?

Welcome also Mark Clippard, who has tackled the big brick with the big foundation trouble at 981 Harrison.

Welcome to Guava Studios, the new black & white photography lab on Michigan.

Word about new neighbors can be called in to the Editor at 299-6877. ♦

**Looking for New  
Grant Ideas**

The deadline for the Columbus Foundation's Neighborhood Partnership Program grant applications is March 3. Harrison West has received from the Foundation an \$8,000 grant for trees in 1995 and \$3,300 in 1996 for benches in Harrison West Park.

The Harrison West Society is looking for new, innovative ideas to improve the community or enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood. Bring your initiative to the next Society meeting. Just to get you thinking, what about a block tree planting project or a leading-edge proposal like setting up a joint neighborhood; a Web Site for Harrison West, Victorian Village, Dennison Place and Italian Village? More information? Call Craig Copeland, 299-3737. ♦

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