

"You people are going to get screwed by Spring-Sandusky."

Step out your front door to get the morning paper and the smells and sounds of bumper-to-bumper morning rush hour traffic assaults you. Is this New York City?

No. It's any street in Harrison West and Victorian Village after Spring-Sandusky is finished.

Don't take this lying down. Do something.

Society meets Thursday, March 12, 7:30 PM at
GODMAN GUILD 321 Second Avenue
Traffic in Harrison West
Future of Battelle Open Space
Home Garden Tour

Harrison West News

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"A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places"

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The Future of Harrison West

A source in Columbus City government who refused to be quoted has told Harrison West representatives "I wouldn't want to own property on Neil Avenue. You people are going to get screwed by Spring -Sandusky."

This is what the Society, led by Craig Copeland, has been saying since plans for Spring-Sandusky were revealed last year. The neighborhoods of Harrison West and Victorian Village are the dumping ground for a freeway designed for everyone else's convenience.

This happened because back in the 70s when the freeway was planned, our area was depressed and powerless. Battelle was bulldozing out whole blocks of homes. Poor people lived here.

Now, of course, all of us have an investment in this area. It is thriving. Property values are going up. It's a neighborhood.

Unfortunately, the configuration of the freeway hasn't changed. The traffic and the noise are coming. There will be up to 7,000 cars a day on Michigan. There will be 30,000 cars a day on Neil. All our other streets will be packed.

The strategy of the Harrison West Society is to pressure the Federal Highway Administration and the Ohio Department of Transportation to reroute a very small portion of I-670 to lessen its negative impact on our neighborhood.

What can you do?

Send \$50 or whatever you can afford to the Harrison West Society to fund the effort.

Call Craig Copeland at 299-3737 and **get involved with research, letter writing and document preparation.**

Watch for and attend the 401 and 404 hearings (to be announced here in April).

Linear Parks Would Be Nice on Rivers

Dispatch Outdoor writer Tom Porch has called for the banks of the Scioto and Olentangy rivers from Campus to Downtown to be managed as linear parks. It's nice to have someone with a bigger audience get in the boat with the Harrison West Society.

Porch suggests that a linear park isn't radical. He cites the Scioto river shore from Griggs Dam upstream to Bellpoint as a good example.

According to Porch, riverside greenways don't require high tech. "Leave the trees," he says. "Put in parking lots and benches, add portajohns, build a boat ramp or two, create a bike path and leave the shoreline in its natural state to provide fish habitat."

He thinks the most important feature is access. Though there is decent fishing in the rivers, it's nearly impossible to fish from the banks, and putting in a boat is even harder.

Listen to this, "I'll agree that the Scioto isn't much to look at Downtown. Dirty foam plastic cups float in sluggish brown waters fenced in by concrete walls. It's like we had something to hide.

"And we do. We've robbed the river of everything a natural stream possesses. Instead, we built a sluice for sending water downstream as fast as possible. Very industrial," he writes.

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Showcase for the neighborhood Harrison West Garden Tour June 21

Whatever you have planned for Spring in your yard -- do it now because the the Harrison West Home Garden Tour is Sunday, June 21.

Once again Sandy Woolard and Gene Roe are putting their considerable talents into organizing this showcase for our beautiful neighborhood. During the 1996 Home Garden Tour, several hundred people toured 10 gardens and came away with an increased appreciation for Harrison West.

The Tour will be held with Columbus Recreation and Parks, which promotes the event through mailings and the Columbus Dispatch.

A Tour Program with descriptions of the gardens and a map will be available on tour day, plus will be distributed throughout the Short North area. In addition, Sandy arranged for a complimentary ad in 300,000 Columbus Visitors Guides.

Call Sandy at 291-0440 or Gene at 299-1073 to sign up your beautiful garden or just to help out.



HARRISON WEST SOCIETY

MINUTES February 12, 1998

Submitted by: Veda Gilp and Keith Dimoff

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. President Craig Copeland presiding.

Sherrill Massie of the Godman Guild presented the history of the Guild's involvement with our neighborhood from the turn of the century.

John Cowin presented the Treasurer's report. The Society has \$4,100 on hand; after paying commitments and bills, the balance will be about \$3,000. Cowin motioned to pay the bills; Tway seconded; passed.

Tway reported that the Historic Architectural Review Committee is moving at "glacial speed," with nothing new to report.

Keith Dimoff reported that Humko has indicated a willingness to work with the neighborhood on odor problems. If you smell anything from Humko, document the time and date and give it to Dimoff, who will take it to Humko.

Copeland reported for the Development Committee, asserting that once Spring-Sandusky is finished, the neighborhood will experience an incredible increase of traffic, including about 7,000 cars a day on Michigan Avenue and 20,000 cars a day on Neil. He suggested that the Society hire an attorney to investigate ways to force the Federal Highway Administration and the Ohio Department of Transportation to mitigate the effects of the highway on Harrison West. He suggested that at a minimum, we could force the Feds to give us money to make the same traffic calming measures as used in Dennison Place.

The assembled members held a lively discussion of traffic issues in the neighborhood, including the City's Thoroughfare Plan, the Spring-Sandusky Interchange, and traffic calming measures.

Motion to rescind the previously authorized budget item of \$500 to the

Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed, Tway motioned; Cowin seconded; passed.

Motion to authorize a budget item of \$1200 for consultations with an attorney regarding the Spring-Sandusky Interchange, Tway motioned; Ricart seconded; passed.

Craig Copeland informed the society that he had heard from Battelle regarding the commercially-zoned property at Third and Perry. Battelle has decided that the land north of Third Avenue and west of Perry Street will not be included as parkland in the City's Riverfront Commons Plan. Also, Battelle said that they would entertain offers to sell the land. Concerns were raised that the potential park will instead be sold to developers. Discussion of a neighborhood financial proposal using Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds was tabled, to be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business

The Chair established a committee to pursue funding for neighborhood art. Maddie Weisz volunteered to chair. The idea of a Renovation Fair was discussed, to be further discussed at the next meeting. The HW News received a complimentary card from Councilperson Maryellen O'Shaughnessy.

The Society would like to wish a happy 80th birthday to our neighbor Viva Fowler. The Society would like to extend its condolences to the family of Judy Hamsher.

Dimoff motioned; Woolard seconded; passed to recommend Maddie Weisz to the Board of the Godman Guild.

Cowin motioned to adjourn; seconded by Dimoff; passed. Adjourned 9 PM.

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Harrison West Society Membership Drive Gearing Up

It's time again for membership renewal in the Harrison West Society. We ended this past year with more than 110 members due to a very successful 1997 membership drive.

Members got their money's worth from the Society:

- planted trees on Pennsylvania Ave
- held the first annual membership potluck in May
- renovated the Harrison West park, including new fence, benches, plantings
- re-dedicated the park with major attendance by neighbors and City Councilpersons and an ice cream social
- through its representation by the Urban Oasis Coalition, Harrison West helped persuade the Riverfront Commons Corporation to include more parkland along the river

- helped defeat the ill-conceived arena/stadium issue
- sponsored with Battelle two successful river cleanups
- applied for Urban Infrastructure Development funds for traffic calming, parkland, alley fixup, and neighborhood art
- conducted a successful October yard sale
- held a fun Holiday Lights Contest

- put out the *Harrison West News*, a well-read and spunky community newsletter that spent a year bringing neighbors together and keeping us informed

Join the Society in 1998. There's lots happening and you need to be part of it.

I Want to Influence What Happens in My Neighborhood

Sign me up with the Harrison West Society

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to Harrison West Society, Membership Committee, 1219 Harrison Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201. Membership dues are paid annually.

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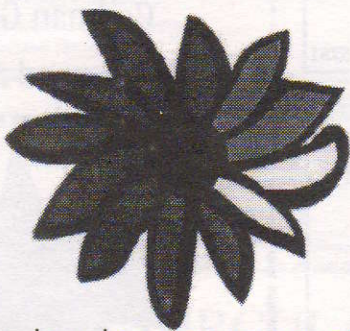
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So You Think Traffic Is Bad Now

Look at what's coming when Spring-Sandusky and I-670 are finished:

Michigan Avenue will carry an average of 7,000 vehicles per day, 7 days a week as a result of this configuration of northbound traffic. This is comparable to New York City streets.

Morning and evening rush hours will be the worst, with commuter cars clogging every street and alley in Harrison West.

About 78,000 vehicles per day, 7 days a week will drive on Neil Avenue between the Goodale-Nationwide Boulevard connector and Goodale to the crossing on I-670.

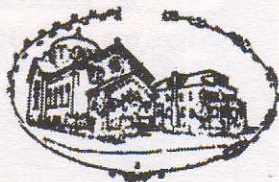
By comparison, 83,614 vehicles a day are expected to use I-670 past Harrison West.

We don't have to take this destruction of our neighborhood. We can do stop it. The Harrison West Society IS trying to stop it. We need your contributions of money, time and brains. Call Craig Copeland at 299-3737.

St. Francis Pancake Breakfast

Historic St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 386 Buttles Avenue, is holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 15 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Cost is only \$3.50 per adult and \$2 per child.

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Harrison West Meeting

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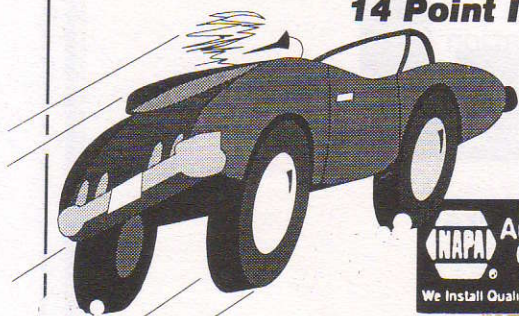
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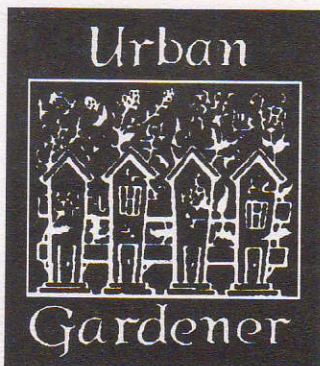
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Street Sweeping this Spring

Street sweeping is on its way to Harrison West, beginning this May. Sweeping will be the second Tuesday and Wednesday of May, August and November.

In April, the Traffic Division will post signs that will restrict parking on the streets from 8 AM to 4 PM on street sweeping days. North and East sides of streets will be swept on Tuesday; South and West sides will be swept on Wednesdays.



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Linear Parks

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In the January 20 article, Porch went on to list the types of pan and sport fish that live in the rivers (35 species), and mentions that the water quality -- surprise -- is getting better. In the next sentence, he deplores the official position that no sports fishing opportunities exist downtown.

He finishes by suggesting that his readers get involved with the Urban Oasis Coalition and work to preserve existing woodlands and wetlands, provide easy public access on both sides of both rivers, provide recreational bike paths along the rivers, and provide sound barriers so the river corridor does not reverberate with traffic noise.

If you think all this is a good idea, he says, call 444-4532 and join the Urban Oasis Coalition.

If you readers think these are good ideas and you agree with Tom Porch, you should join the Coalition with Tom's readers.



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Midtown Parents & Kids

Midtown Parents & Kids is looking for children to have fun with other kids. The next FunDate is at Thompson Recreation Center, 1189 Dennison Avenue, Saturday, March 14 from 3-5PM. Check out the new programs, make new friends, and be ready to register for classes on March 19.

The group's objective is to encourage urban families to stay in the city and

send their children to city schools -- ideally, the ones within walking distance.

Most of the more than 60 families involved with Midtown Parents & Kids send their children to Douglas, Fifth Avenue or Duxberry Park, each with well-regarded alternative programs and higher passing rates on proficiency tests.

Changes in Neighborhood

After a bad fall, Gorden Bucks has retired from Aniara, the styling salon on Third and Michigan. Aniara has added a makeup artist and a youthful stylist with a knack for "cutting" edge hair fashions.

Mama B's Pizza has sold and become Mama Mia's Pizza. Same recipes, we're told. Review on page 8.

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Restaurant Review

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Reviewed by Veda Gilp

The new owners of Mama B's say it's the same great place with a different pretty face. They promise they will continue to use the same recipes and quality ingredients that made Mama B's such a good pizza place.

There's one table at Mama Mia's, so you could eat there, but one of the best things about this Harrison West pizza place is that it's so close to all of us that our pizzas and subs get delivered to us hot and crispy.

They make their own pizza dough, so it's yeasty and fragrant, light and flaky. The sub buns are Auddino Bakery's best, and the pita bread is a cut above, too.

The spaghetti sauce tastes like old world Italian, with a nice blend of herb and tomato, and they don't overcook the pasta.

Mama Mia's offers a full line of subs, including a good hot vegetable sub and an even better chicken sub, made with a real chicken breast.

The one drawback to Mama Mia's is that they haven't been open Sundays, but the new owners may change their hours, especially if enough people ask.

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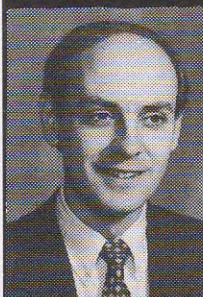
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