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Crime Wave Talk
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The Safety Network

A group of concerned neighborhood women have formed "The Safety Network" to address the recent perception of increased crime in our area.

The mission of "The Safety Network" is to inform and educate the community about crime and crime prevention in Harrison West and surrounding neighborhoods. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30** at 1219 Harrison. Officer Tom Paulus, our Community Liaison officer, will be at the meeting to answer questions. This meeting will provide a more intimate forum for asking in-depth questions of Officer Paulus. (Officer Paulus is also going to attend the monthly Harrison West Society Meeting on September 10.) This group is just getting started and would welcome all interested residents in Harrison West and surrounding neighborhoods to join us. Call 291-2285 with questions.

Police Report

The Division of Police crime reports for approximately July 27 to August 27 for Harrison West show:

- 7 Burglaries
- 2 Malicious Destructions
- 4 Thefts from Autos

September 10 Meeting: Gas, Gardens, Gab, and Gumshoes

Christie Nohle of the Short North's Urban Gardener will speak on how to best use your small garden space and how to prepare your garden and yard for the winter and spring. Columbus Division of Police Liaison Officer Tom Paulus will attend to discuss crime prevention. Treasurer John Cowin will fill us in on the state's new program to allow natural gas customers to choose their supplier. Oh, and we'll probably gab a bit.

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Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky Meet ODOT Lawyers

The coalition of neighborhood groups who have come together and formed a traffic legal committee have a new name. The group is calling themselves Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky, because the Spring-Sandusky Interchange (SSI) is the fundamental source of historic neighborhood traffic impacts. They want to get it improved for the Near Northside Historic District as well as the rest of Columbus.

Coalition members state that improving the interstate highway project by adding capacity at the perimeter of the neighborhoods will not only reduce traffic impacts to the historic neighborhoods, but reduce traffic congestion in the Nationwide Arena District as well.

CBSS includes representatives from Dennison Place, Harrison West, Italian Village, Victorian Village, and Friends of Goodale Park.

On the legal front: An appeal of the Section 401 water quality permit issued by Ohio EPA to the Ohio Department of Transportation to relocate the Scioto River at the confluence with the Olentangy River,

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES August 13, 1998

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

The meeting started at 7:40 PM. Vice President Maddy Weisz presiding.

Two speakers from Quality Pest Control presented information on termites, ants, and other insects and treatments available.

Treasurer John Cowin reported a balance of \$4,800, with approximately \$2,950 allocated by previous votes.

Regarding last month's allocation of \$200 for tree watering, it has been determined that the trees are covered by the contractor's warranty. At the Treasurer's request, a motion was made to rescind the \$200 allocation for tree watering; Dimoff motioned; Frank Petruziello seconded; passed.

A motion was made to allocate \$21.44 to cover those expenses (in excess of previous allocations) which were recently incurred by Copeland for maintenance of the Harrison West Park at Fourth and Oregon; Cowin motioned; Sandy Woolard seconded; passed.

The Speaker Series will continue with presentations on gardening in September and public art in October.

Dimoff reported that the noisy venting at the AC Humko margarine plant at First and Perry the week of August 9 was caused by excess steam intentionally generated in preparation for tests of their boiler emissions. These stack tests are conducted per a US EPA consent order for previous air pollution violations. The Ohio EPA recently stated that Humko is currently in compliance with air pollution regulations.

The results of the stack tests are not yet known. The company apologized for the noise. Concerns with odors and truck traffic associated with the factory were raised by some attendees.

Regarding traffic problems, Dimoff and Weisz recounted the well-attended and entertaining July 17 meeting of the Victorian Village Society in which City officials were strongly challenged on many issues. Dimoff reported that efforts by members of several neighborhood groups continue to focus on the City's Thoroughfare Plan and the Spring Sandusky Interchange. Weisz requested block contacts for future distribution of information by the Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky Interchange.

Adam Clay Miller, Democratic candidate for the US. House of Representatives seat currently held by Deborah Price, attended and expressed sympathy for the neighborhood's traffic problems.

Petruziello reported that all seven parcels (on Oregon and Michigan) of Morretti's Poultry have been sold, that Morretti's moved approximately August 6, and that the new owners are considering the construction of multi-family housing. It is not known if the new units will be rentals or condominiums.

Maddy Weisz compiled and distributed a new HWS membership list.
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August Meeting Minutes

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Battelle Memorial Institute is preparing a Master Landscaping Plan. Comments should be directed to Copeland or Dimoff.

Regarding the HWS newsletter, Dimoff relayed concerns he's heard about recent issues, including that the four page issues were too short, forcing all of the advertisements onto two pages. Other questions were raised regarding the future of the newsletter given Editor Veda Gilp's recent leave of absence due to illness in her family. Dimoff will work with Editor Gilp and Acting Editor Copeland to re-establish a six or eight page newsletter and to manage Gilp's transition back to the editorship. HWS member Jerome Dailey has offered to handle the mailing of the newsletter to advertisers and politicians; Weisz has offered to distribute the newsletter to Short North locations; and Woolard has offered to assist in the billing.

A motion was made to pay the routine newsletter bills; Dimoff motioned; Cowin seconded; passed.

Previously raised concerns regarding publicity for large HWS budget allocations were discussed. A motion was made that all discretionary expenditures of \$500 and over shall be publicized in the newsletter prior to the monthly meeting; Dimoff motioned; Woolard seconded; passed. It was noted that, per Robert's Rules of Order, a majority at a future monthly meeting could suspend this motion and allocate an amount over \$500; thus, in practical terms, this resolution only serves as general guidance to the HWS.

A motion was made to allocate \$40 for a fruit basket to be sent to Steve Tway and Veda Gilp to show appreciation for their contribution to the HWS and to offer wishes for Tway's strong recovery from his heart attack; Woolard motioned; Petruziello seconded; passed.

A resident of Perry Street expressed concerns with noise and trash problems associated with a nearby apartment building and approached the HWS with the idea of paying for a privacy fence to be built in front of the apartment. He was given advice regarding code enforcement and record keeping. The fence proposal was discouraged. No motion was made.

Crime in Harrison West and adjacent streets was discussed. Several burglaries and attempted break-ins in the area of Harrison Avenue were reported, with single women apparently being targeted. Tom Paulus, the new Liaison Officer for Precinct #1, will again be invited to the HWS meetings and crime statistics will continue to be reported in the newsletter. Weisz will organize an *ad hoc* committee on crime.

A motion was made to adjourn; Dimoff motioned; Petruziello seconded; passed.

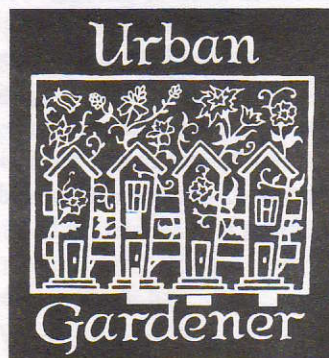


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The highlights of this year's include the famous "circus" house at Dennison and Buttlers and 937 Dennison Ave. Another unique home, 871 Neil at the corner of Wilber and Neil will be featured only on the preview tour, Saturday evening, September 19.

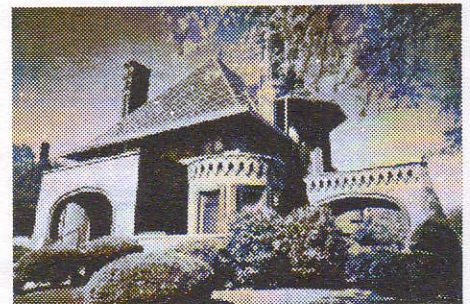
Call 228-2912 or 291-4555 for more information.

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT www.victoriantour.com for more tour details. All proceeds from this annual event go directly to neighborhood beautification projects throughout our historic neighborhood.

THIS YEAR'S TOUR FEATURES:

Number 1: 757 Dennison - David and Erica Brownstein

David and Erica very recently purchased this once-in-a Lifetime Victorian jewel. Local legend has it that Peter Sells reassembled his circus carrousel on the 3rd floor of his children. While this may or may not be true, it's truly and outstanding home. David and Erica are turning the home back to their private residence. Come share your ideas and memories about this landmark house.



The 24th annual tour of homes is a fun weekend for all, mark your calendars for September 20th and get your tickets in advance! For your sneak preview check out the Tour at www.victorian.com web page contains information about the event, brief descriptions of each of the stops and much more!

Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky Meet ODOT Lawyers

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fill wetlands along the river and build eleven more bridges of the SSI project in the rivers has been filed. This permit was granted by the director of Ohio EPA despite recommendations from his own technical staff for significant changes to the original ODOT proposal.

This permit does not pertain directly to neighborhood traffic impact issues; however, members of the CBSS coalition consider minimizing and mitigating the project's impact to the river critical. A pre-hearing conference with the Environmental Board of Review is scheduled in October.

CBSS representatives meet with the Ohio Department of Transportation on September 1. An alternative design that would return Neil Avenue to a local street and provide relief to the congestion on Third, Fifth and King Avenues was shown to ODOT lawyers. CBSS presented to them an alternate design for the portion of Spring Sandusky that is located immediately south of the Near Northside Historic District neighborhoods. The design combines an original ODOT alternative that was developed 15 years ago for the project with some refinements provided by the group's highway design consultant, Russell F. Crouse, P.E. Mr. Crouse is a retired highway engineer who is very well respected in his profession. His plan returns Goodale to a 2-way street, allows easy access via Michigan Avenue for semi-tractor trailer trucks heading to the manufacturing area along the east bank of the Olentangy River (so they won't have to cut through residential streets), and allows better flow into and out of the proposed Arena district.

Ms. Beth Brown of the CBSS states, "Russ's plan is a huge improvement over the current design

by ODOT and is WIN-WIN-WIN for commuters, the Nationwide Arena, and us." CBSS hopes to meet with Nationwide as well as the City to present this plan.

Beth stated, "However, we are still pursuing legal action and are consulting with an attorney with the National Trust for Historic Preservation on the lawsuit. We will be seeking an injunction to prevent the City and ODOT from spending any more of the taxpayers' money on design plans for SSI south of us until they have reviewed and considered our alternate plan and completed the entire historic review process that is required by law."

Beth continued, "Here's how you can help: WE NEED MONEY! Our lawyer is a great guy, but we do need to pay him! Also, we have hired a highway design consultant and a traffic consultant, and we will be hiring a historic resources consultant. This all takes money. Currently, we have about \$10,000; about half came from the neighborhood groups who will be plaintiffs in the lawsuit and the other half has been donated by your neighbors here in Victorian Village."

"We're going to need about another \$30,000 to \$40,000 for sustained litigation if ODOT decides to dig in their heels. We all have to pull together for the common good of our beautiful historic district. Please give what you can to the legal fund, being administered by Friends of Goodale Park. Please send your generous check to:

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Please include for 'legal fund' on your check," Beth added.

Last Chance to See Paintings of Local Scenes by Famous Artist

Wonderful paintings of our neighborhood are on exhibit at the Columbus Museum of Art, but you have to hurry. "Columbus Cornered: Paintings of Place by Felix de la Concha" runs through September 13.

The Spanish-born painter, our former neighbor, captured many scenes in our neighborhood in his meticulously created realistic works.

He painted one street corner—Michigan and Second—from eight contiguous views and through all the seasons. In his "Gates of Darkness as Mirrors of Light" he used Harrison and Second as his focal point.

The museum is located at 480 East Broad Street. For more information, call 221-6801.

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Wednesday	9:30 am	Homemakers
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Friday	6:30 pm	Women's
		Missionary Group

State Fair Septic Water Comes To Harrison West

Sewer water from the Ohio State Fair recently found its way again to the Olentangy River adjacent to Harrison West.

Historically, the Fair's drainage system combined sewage with storm water and part of the resulting mix would discharge into the Olentangy River at the "Fourth Avenue Outfall." \$3 million has been spent on a sewer separation project which has corrected some of the problem.

However, an August 20 inspection by Ohio Environmental Protection Agency environmental specialists conducting a stormwater inspection at the fairgrounds found "septic water" in a retention basin there.

Linda Oros, spokesperson for the Ohio EPA, said fair vendors at concession stands may have been confused about where to hook up their sewage

hoses and accidentally tapped into the fairground's stormwater sewer. The vendors should not have connected hoses to the sanitary sewer, she said.

Environmental specialists who inspected the retention basin have recommended that the fairgrounds adopt a plan to avoid stormwater pollution in the future.

A funding request for the next phase of the sewer separation project is expected to go to the state legislature in the next session.

Based, in part, on an August 27 article in The Other Paper



...And More Sewage Hits The Olentangy

Pump Station Backs Up

An August equipment failure at the City's pump station at the southeast corner of Third Avenue and Perry Street led to an overflow of untreated sewage onto the east bank of the Olentangy River.

A jammed grinder caused sewage to back up and discharge at the "Hill Avenue Overflow" approximately two hundred yards north of Third Avenue.

Matt Lovey, supervisor of the pump station, stated that the sewage on the river bank was "pretty bad" and that City crews would clean it up.

Signs at the discharge point warn of possible health risks during a release. Fisherman, children and others who walk along the river bank should avoid contact with any discharges.



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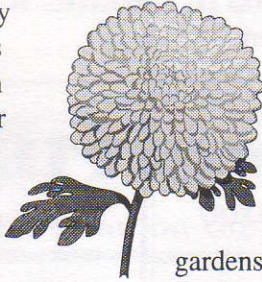
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Restaurant Review

Breakfast at Cap City Diner

The Cap City Diner, located across the river on Olentangy River Road, is within walking distance of the neighborhood. It is the 2nd best diner in Columbus according to the Grumpy Gourmet. He ranks the J&G on High St., in our area, as the best diner in the city. On the walk over to Cap City, you can admire the Third Avenue Bridge that provides a historic and appealing gateway to Harrison West.

The atmosphere at Cap City is laid back. We sat outside where there was a cool breeze blowing. Service was prompt and easy-going. There was a large variety of offerings including lunch items. The breakfasts were deluxe. They included specialized items such as rashers of caramelized bacon, pancakes with fresh berries and whipped cream and 7 grain cereal. The portions of these luscious offerings were large. They definitely would set you up for the day. The most fun were bite-sized donuts still warm from the oven served in place of bread. These donuts covered with sugar and a bit of cinnamon were addictive.

For jazz lovers, on Sunday nights Cap City has Lobsters and Jazz featuring local jazz bands.

Reviewed by Maddy Weisz



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