



The Harrison West Society's Holiday Potluck
Thursday, December 10, 6:30 to 9 PM at the
Harrison House, corner of Fifth & Harrison

Next HWS Business Meeting:
Thursday, January 14, 7:30 PM at the
Godman Guild, 321 West Second Avenue

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Holiday Lights Contest

Make sure your lights are turned on and your decorations are up by December 17. Judges will pick prize winners for each category: Traditional, Most Exuberant and Elegantly Victorian. Prizes include spring flowering bulbs for forcing from the Urban Gardener, gift certificates and more. Prizes and certificates suitable for framing will be awarded at the January Harrison West Society meeting.

Just to get you thinking, some neighbors are suggesting a neighborhood-wide Luminaria display along all the sidewalks.

Judges are still needed for the Holiday Lights Contest. Please call Veda Gilp at 299-6877 to volunteer. Judging is easy. Just walk or drive around the neighborhood at your convenience, decide which houses have the best decorations, then call Veda with your choices.

By Veda Gilp

Food, Drink, Neighbors & Fun

Holiday Potluck: Memories of Harrison West

Please join your neighbors at next Thursday's Harrison West Society Holiday Potluck. The Harrison House Bed & Breakfast, 313 West Fifth Avenue, will be decorated for the holidays and the HWS will provide turkey, music and punch. To top it off, Harrison West residents will relate memories of the neighborhood. Hope you can make it!

The December 10 party will start at 6:30 PM (please note that it starts an hour earlier than our regular monthly meetings), but feel free to show up later if it suits your schedule. And bring a potluck dish if you like; but please don't feel obligated to bring food.

Everyone is welcome; bring a friend. Dress is casual.

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES November 12, 1998

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

The meeting started at approximately 7:35 P.M. at the Godman Guild. Officer Tom Paulus, Community Liaison Officer for 1 Precinct, presented information covering many crime-related topics.

A motion was made to approve the last meeting's minutes as printed in the newsletter; Secretary Keith Dimoff motioned; Vice President Maddy Weisz seconded; passed.

The City's street sweeping program and the large number of towed cars was discussed. Complaints were made about the costs and inconvenience of the City's towing policy. Some attendees advocated changing the program. Some felt that the street sweeping program had harmed the image of the HWS, since the HWS had previously made a request for the street sweeping program.

Other attendees noted the positive results of clean curbs and the movement of long-term parked cars, stated that the sweeping days are publicized by signs, and supported the current program. Mary Funk recently checked with City Council members and found out that there may be options to the current towing program, such as sweeping around parked cars. Secretary Dimoff asked whether cars could be towed a short distance, then be returned, and the towing charge be greatly reduced; President Craig Copeland stated that this option is not feasible.

To work to resolve these issues before the next scheduled sweeping in May, a committee was formed, to

be chaired by Funk with assistance from VP Weisz and Secretary Dimoff.

President Copeland appointed Secretary Dimoff as Chair of the Newsletter Committee and Treasurer John Cowin as Chair of the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund Committee.

An overview of the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) was provided by Treasurer Cowin. Ideas were solicited and discussed. Purchase of the vacant lot at the southeast corner of the Third Avenue bridge would provide parkland and access consistent with the City's Riverfront Commons Vision Plan as well as the opportunity for a neighborhood entranceway. Other ideas included a staircase to the river, a walkway along the east bank of the river, purchase of land owned by Battelle on the northwest corner of Third and Perry for parkland, and improvements to the Third Avenue streetscape. Participation on the UIRF Committee was solicited.

A motion was made to approve the above ideas, with the ideas to be prioritized and the application prepared by the UIRF Committee; Dimoff motioned; Funk seconded; passed.

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Harrison West Society Minutes

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Treasurer Cowin reported approximately \$3263 "cash-in-hand." A motion was made to pay the routine newsletter bills; Cowin motioned; Dimoff seconded; passed. A motion was made to reimburse President Copeland for \$16 for blueprints and historical society expenses not previously allocated; Pastor Richard Morris motioned; Jerome Dailey seconded; passed.

Carol McCabe, longtime resident and neighborhood activist, attended and was recognized for the honor bestowed upon her in July as a Lifetime Honorary Member of the HWS.

Public Art guidelines from the Ohio Arts Council (OAC) are now available. The OAC grant application is due in March. The contacts are VP Weisz and Secretary Dimoff.

Plans for the December 10 Holiday Potluck were presented by VP Weisz. The potluck will be held

at 6:30 PM at the Harrison House Bed & Breakfast at the corner of Harrison Avenue and Fifth Avenue. A motion was made to allocate up to \$100 for the potluck; Weisz motioned; Cowin seconded; passed.

A traffic update was given by President Copeland. A public hearing is scheduled for December 3 at ODOT. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation are involved. Block captains to disseminate information for Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky are being organized by VP Weisz.

Articles and suggestions for the newsletter may be given to Secretary Dimoff or Editor Veda Gilp.

Preliminary plans by the City for the bike path's Fifth Avenue underpass were related by President Copeland and Secretary Dimoff. The underpass may be built in 1999.

A reminder of the Holiday Lights contest was given.

George Tabit of the Riverfront Commons Corporation presented information on the handbook to be completed by next Spring for private and public development in the river corridor. The handbook will include architectural guidelines and other design details and will be presented to the HWS for approval. President Copeland is the contact.

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



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Holiday Potluck

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The HWS has invited long-time residents to share their memories of our community. Not only holiday memories, but year-round Harrison West remembrances. And all attendees are invited to chime in with their own. Of course, if someone doesn't like to speak in front of a group, another person would gladly relate the story.

Barry Chern, a resident of Harrison Avenue in 1967 will play traditional blues and country based American music.

RSVP's are optional, but if you know you're coming, please call Maddy Weisz at 291-2285 to help her coordinate food. Also call her if you or one of your neighbors has a story to share.

It should be a fun time, one which we'll cherish as our own holiday memory. Please come to this special event.

By Maddy Weisz & Keith Dimoff

St. Francis of Assisi Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 5 from 10 to 4
Sunday, December 6 from 10 to 1
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Bake Sale, Snacks and Mulled
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Application filed for City capital funds

Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund

The Harrison West Society has submitted its 1999 Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) proposals to the City's Department of Trade and Development.

Based on the HWS' November 12 meeting and a subsequent committee meeting, the following four project proposals were submitted:

(1) Purchase the vacant lot at 579 West Third Avenue, to be held as green space (with a possible pocket park as a neighborhood entranceway in the future).

(2) Acquire easements and install handicapped access to the lower east bank of the Olentangy River near the Third Avenue bridge.

(3) Acquire easements and build a path along the lower east

bank of the Olentangy from First to Fifth.

(4) Purchase approximately five acres of land owned by Battelle to the north and west of Third and Perry, south of the new parking lot, to be held as open green space and for future park development.

A fifth proposal, to improve the streetscape along Third Avenue, was not included in this application, due partly to the need for coordination with sewer work and the large scale of such a project. Improvements to Third Avenue will be pursued separately.

The four proposals are consistent with the goals of the City's Riverfront Vision Plan to provide public access to the riverfront and to acquire parkland.

The list of projects to be funded will be presented to City Council in early 1999 by the UIRF Working Group.

Treasurer John Cowin (291-7063) is Chair of the HWS UIRF Committee.

By KD with John Cowin

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	6:30 PM Boys' Brigade
Friday	6:30 PM Women's Missionary Group

Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky

The effort by local civic groups to improve the design of the Spring-Sandusky Interchange project continues. December will see much effort on the part of volunteers and by legal counsel.

Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky is a coalition of representatives from Harrison West, Dennison Place, Italian Village, Victorian Village, and Friends of Goodale Park.

HWS President Craig Copeland (291-3737), Tim Wagner (291-3337) and Beth Brown (294-7441) are the contacts.

Donations (tax-deductible) can be made to Friends of Goodale Park, c/o Norm Dolder, 911 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215. A fund drive is expected soon.

A list of block captains is kept by HWS VP Maddy Weisz. If you're interested in helping to distribute information to a few of your neighbors every now and then, please call her at 291-2285.

For updates, keep an eye on future issues of the Harrison West News, come to an HWS meeting, or make a call.

By KD

Battelle draft landscaping plan available soon

A draft of Battelle Memorial Institute's master landscaping plan will be available on December 8. The plan by landscape architect Brian Kinselman is described in a November 25 letter by Battelle as a comprehensive landscaping plan "which is consistent with neighborhood goals for a beautiful and useful riverfront."

In July and October, Battelle met with neighbors, including Craig Copeland, Keith Dimoff, Veda Gilp, Frank Petruziello, Steve Shinn and Steve Tway. In September, the HWS compiled and sent many specific comments to Battelle.

Information on the draft plan will be published in the Harrison West News and the plan will be discussed at the January 14, 1999, HWS meeting. Please contact Keith Dimoff at 424-6798 with any questions or comments.

By KD

Bike path on the horizon

The City bike path on the east side of the Olentangy River between Third and King Avenues, including passage under the Fifth Avenue bridge, is on its way.

The Division of Recreation and Parks has a preliminary design for the Fifth Avenue underpass and has applied for certain environmental permits. The final design and a cost estimate are yet to be determined.

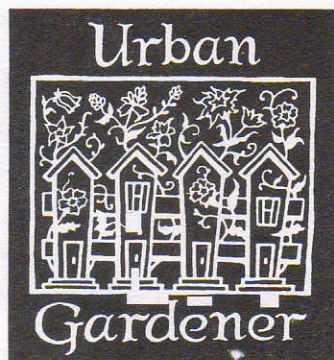
The construction schedule is uncertain, but it may be built in 1999 to coincide with the completion of the King Avenue bridge, which will also have a bikeway underpass.

A bicyclist heading east across the Third Avenue bridge will turn north, pedal along the treeline at the top of the embankment until Fifth Avenue is near, then descend under the bridge, avoiding cars while getting a view of the river.

Continuing north, the cyclist or walker will pass the Fifth Avenue dam, travel along the top (probably) of the levee until near King Avenue, then descend under that bridge, emerging on the OSU segment of the bikeway.

This information was obtained during a meeting on October 30 between Recreation and Parks' Alan McKnight and Molly O'Donnell and HWS President Craig Copeland and Secretary Keith Dimoff.

By KD



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Liaison Officer & Crime Info What you missed at the last meeting

Officer Thomas Paulus brought useful crime information to the November 12 Harrison West Society meeting. Officer Paulus is the Community Liaison Officer for 1 Precinct, which includes Harrison West. He works for the Strategic Response Bureau of the Division of Police. Paulus provided a computer printout of all crimes in our area in October which showed each crime, date and location. He stated that Harrison West experiences relatively low crime compared to city-wide statistics.

A pursesnatcher on a bicycle has been active in the south campus area as far south as Fifth Avenue, targeting woman walking alone. The suspect is a white male, 20-25, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, with long straight brown hair.

Paulus recommended that women not loop purses over the neck to avoid possible injury and that a victim not resist and concentrate on getting a good description. A useful technique to describe a suspect, taught to police re-

cruits, is the "head down" method. Start by describing the hat, then hair, then face (facial hair, complexion), shirt, pants, and shoes.

Since the September crime statistics in the Harrison West News for Cruiser District #12 showed two forcible rapes, HWS Secretary Keith Dimoff requested that Officer Paulus bring information to the meeting on these crimes. One occurred on the 1000 block of Neil Avenue at 3:30 AM at a residence; the suspect was apprehended. The second occurred on the 1100 block of Highland Avenue at 2:45 AM at a residence; that case remains open.

Paulus provided some crime-fighting tips for Harrison West residents:

- To reduce thefts from cars, park in a well-lighted area and do not leave valuables in view.
- Avoid keeping mace on a keychain, since the car may need to be stopped to use the mace.

Paulus shared the following information:

- No known gang initiations or other gang activity are occurring in the area.
- Cell phone 911 calls go directly to a highway patrol post, then are transferred to the proper jurisdiction.
- Disturbing the peace regulations can be enforced by the police after 10

PM, with no noise beyond 50 feet being the rule of thumb.

•Landlord drug seminars are available from the Division of Police. Officer Paulus delivered an informative half hour and the HWS appreciates his time. For more information on neighborhood safety issues, contact Officer Paulus at 645-1401.

By KD

Crime Report

The Division of Police's "Internet Substation" (<http://www.police.ci.columbus.oh.us>) breaks out the crime reports into cruiser districts.

Cruiser district #12 covers the eastern half of Harrison West and beyond, bordered by Michigan Avenue, First Avenue, Dennison Avenue and King Avenue.

Cruiser District #13 covers the western half of Harrison West and beyond, bordered by the C&O Railroad tracks (just west of Olentangy River Road), King Avenue, Michigan Avenue and First Avenue.

For October, Cruiser District #12 reported:

- 4 Robberies
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- 5 Burglaries

For October, Cruiser District #13 reported:

- 2 Other Assaults
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reviewed by Veda Gilp

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The Columbus Fish Market

Restaurant Review

A new restaurant has opened on Olentangy River Road between Third and Fifth Avenues-- The Columbus Fish Market.

The entrance is spectacular! There are two huge modernistic sculptures of fish guarding the front door. Inside, the glowing wood and clapboard walls lead to an eastern sea coast ambiance.

It is a handsome restaurant which seemed to be the place to be in Columbus that evening. It was mobbed with an hour and a half wait if you didn't have a reservation.

The service was cheery and efficient, but the food left something to be desired. Our meals were brought out promptly, but they were not what we ordered. So we had to wait for our dinner a second time.

We ordered scallops which arrived overcooked and unpleasantly tough. The side dish of a twice baked potato took some getting used to, and the other side of mixed vegetables was not memorable.

When we told the waitress about the rubbery scallops, she gave us two desserts on the house. It was a gesture of good customer service which was appreciated, but it didn't quite make up for the meal.

In the end, we felt the very best thing about the Columbus Fish Market is the creative sculpture out front.

By Maddy Weisz

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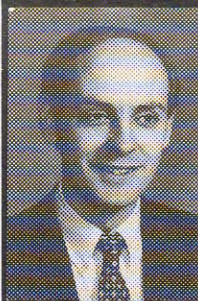
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