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Mike Mentel**

The Harrison West Society will meet Thursday,  
February 11, 7:30 PM, Godman Guild, 321 W.  
Second Avenue

☞ Early History of Goodale Park

☞ City Councilman Mike Mentel

☞ Updates on Public Art, Traffic, and more

# Harrison West News

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## February 11 HWS Meeting Mentel, Memories and Miscellaneous

At the February 11 HWS meeting, a neighborhood historian will speak, new Councilman Mike Mentel will meet the neighborhood and an efficient business meeting will follow. Everyone's welcome.

Terry Sherburn will kick things off with "A Stroll through the History of Goodale Park." Terry, a local historian, will speak on the park's early years.

Next up — Michael C. Mentel, who was appointed to City Council in January along with Charleta Tavares. Mike chairs the Judiciary and Parks & Recreation Committees. He also serves on the Finance & Administration and Development Committees.

Mike is a Columbus native with a long family history in public and elective service. His uncle Charlie Mentel was a city councilman for 16 years, his father worked on public-works projects, and another uncle was a police officer. An environmental attorney, Mike will run for one of the four council seats available in November. The HWS is pleased to host this opportunity to meet him.

During the HWS business meeting, you'll get updates on traffic fighting by Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky, plans and the schedule for the City's bike path along the river, and plans by our Public Art Committee to submit a grant application and to solicit local businesses for matching funds for the design contest.

## 579 West Third Avenue sold by Franklin County Sale of Riverfront Lot Questioned

The sale of a vacant parcel at the southeast corner of the Third Avenue Bridge has raised concerns. In a February 2 letter, the Harrison West Society questioned the Franklin County Commissioners about their sale of 579 West Third Avenue to local realtor and developer Joe Armeni.

"The sale of this public riverfront land is at odds with the County's Greenways program, the City's Riverfront Commons Vision Plan, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's proposed Waterways Protection Ordinance and common sense," wrote HWS Secretary Keith Dimoff. He also expressed concern that the transfer of the land contradicts a federal historic preservation agreement the county had signed.

The letter notes that "The county-owned lot, located at the southeast corner of the new Third Avenue Bridge adjacent to the Olentangy River, is such an asset to the neighborhood that the Harrison West Society last autumn developed a proposal for the city to purchase the land from the county as part of our annual Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) application."

The lot provides the only access along the eastern bank of the river south of Third Avenue. According to the letter, "This important access, along with its location as an entryway to Harrison West, its riverfront location and the lack of parkland in our area, make for a strong argument for its purchase by the city."

The UIRF application remains pending with the City of Columbus.

## At the February 18 Victorian Village Society Meeting Historic Preservation Officials Visit

Representatives from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and from the National Trust for Historic Preservation are expected to attend the Thursday, February 18 meeting of the Victorian Village Society. The meeting will be at the Goodale Park shelterhouse at 7 PM. Entrances for vehicles are located on Park Street and on Goodale Boulevard. Here's a great opportunity to learn more about these organizations.

The two officials will be in town for an all-day consultation meeting with City, State and Federal officials and representatives from local civic associations, including the Harrison West Society. This consultation, required by the National Historic Preservation Act, serves as a formal forum to discuss the impacts of the Spring Sandusky Interchange project on historic resources, including the impact of traffic on the historic Harrison West neighborhood.

# HARRISON WEST SOCIETY

## January 14, 1999

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

The meeting started at 7:40 P.M. at the Godman Guild. The winner of the Holiday Lights Contest for Most Exuberant attended and was awarded a prize and certificate.

Mark Mayes, a local fitness trainer, presented information on health and wellness.

A motion was made to approve the November meeting's minutes as printed in the Harrison West News; Dimoff motioned; Gilp seconded; passed.

President Craig Copeland established HWS Committees as follows: Audit Committee, Chair John Cowin  
Crime Prevention Committee, Chair Maddy Weisz

Harrison West News Committee, Chair Keith Dimoff & Editor Veda Gilp  
Government Relations Committee, Chair Mary Funk  
Meeting Programming Committee, Chair Sandy Woolard  
Membership Committee, Chair Maddy Weisz

Nomination Committee, Chair Ken Wightman  
Planning & Development Committee, Chair Keith Dimoff  
Public Art Committee, Chair Maddy Weisz

Street Sweeping Committee, Chair Mary Funk  
Traffic Committee, Chair Craig Copeland

Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund Grant Committee, Chair John Cowin  
Treasurer John Cowin reported that an end-of-year statement is being prepared showing approximately \$7000 "cash-in-hand" on January 1, 1998, and approximately \$2800 "cash-in-hand" on December 31, 1998.

A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; Dimoff motioned; Gilp seconded; passed.

The Public Art Committee meeting was well-attended and vibrant. The Committee supports a grant application to the Ohio Arts Council to fund a design contest. A motion was made to direct the Committee to prepare the application; Dimoff motioned; Woolard seconded; passed.

A traffic update was given by President Copeland. Two day-long meetings in December were attended by neighborhood representatives, the City of Columbus, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky is using river issues as leverage on traffic problems and is pursuing requirements that trigger mitigation such as traffic calming if traffic volumes remain high. Many neighbors testified at the December 3 public hearing held at ODOT.

The Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund application was filed with the City.

Battelle's draft master landscaping plan and their plans for vacant land were discussed, including a request by HWS that Battelle offer the neighborhood and the City the first opportunity to purchase the land if it becomes available for sale. The Planning and Development Committee will develop a letter to Battelle.

New City Council member Mike Mentel will be invited by Mary Funk to attend the next HWS meeting.

Dimoff motioned to adjourn; Cowin seconded; passed.

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Harrison West Society meets 2nd Thursday of each month at Godman Guild, 321 Second Avenue, 7:30 PM.

## Thanks for Holiday Lights

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Holiday Lights Contest such success. The lights this year were better than ever!

Special thanks to Judges John Cowin, Lauren Creighton, Jenny and John Gable, Molly Maccracken, Maddy Weisz, and Sandy Woolard.

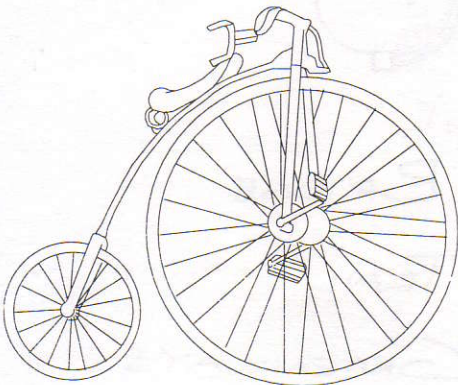
Thanks also go to Catherine Sindelar for getting prizes for our winners.

More thanks to our prize contributors: Aniara, Enlightenment Candle Shop, Mama Mia's Pizza, Urban Gardener, Manhattan Bagels, and JR Body Shop.

## New Code Inspector for Harrison West

Welcome to Sam Harachis, the new Code Inspector for Harrison West. Sam has been Inspector for Italian Village, so he's familiar with the problems facing our neighborhood. He has a wonderful attitude and lots of energy, so call or fax him with your concerns --645-5992 (phone) or fax 645-2462. Remember, until he really gets to know the neighborhood, he will need house numbers and directions.

Congratulations to Sue Carpenter, our former Code Inspector, on her promotion to Superintendent of the Central Area.



## Police Report and Crime Tips

The Police "Internet Substation" ([www.police.ci.columbus.oh.us](http://www.police.ci.columbus.oh.us)) breaks out the crime reports into cruiser districts and provides crime prevention tips. Among these home safety tips:

- Deadbolt locks should be used on all exterior doors.
- Make your home appear occupied by using a timer to turn on lights and a radio.
- Know your neighbors and keep their phone numbers handy for emergencies.


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

For November 1998 (the most recent statistics available), Cruiser District #12 reported:

- 2 Robberies
- 5 Other Assaults
- 2 Burglaries
- 1 Vehicle Theft

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The new 0.6 mile segment will run along the east bank of the Olentangy River, linking the Third Avenue Bridge with the Ohio State University. The path will wind underneath the Fifth and King Avenue Bridges.

The sketches on the right were adapted from preliminary design drawings by the city.

## Harrison West Society Treasurer's 1998 Report

*Submitted by Treasurer John Cowin*

Calculated on a Cash Basis

### Income:

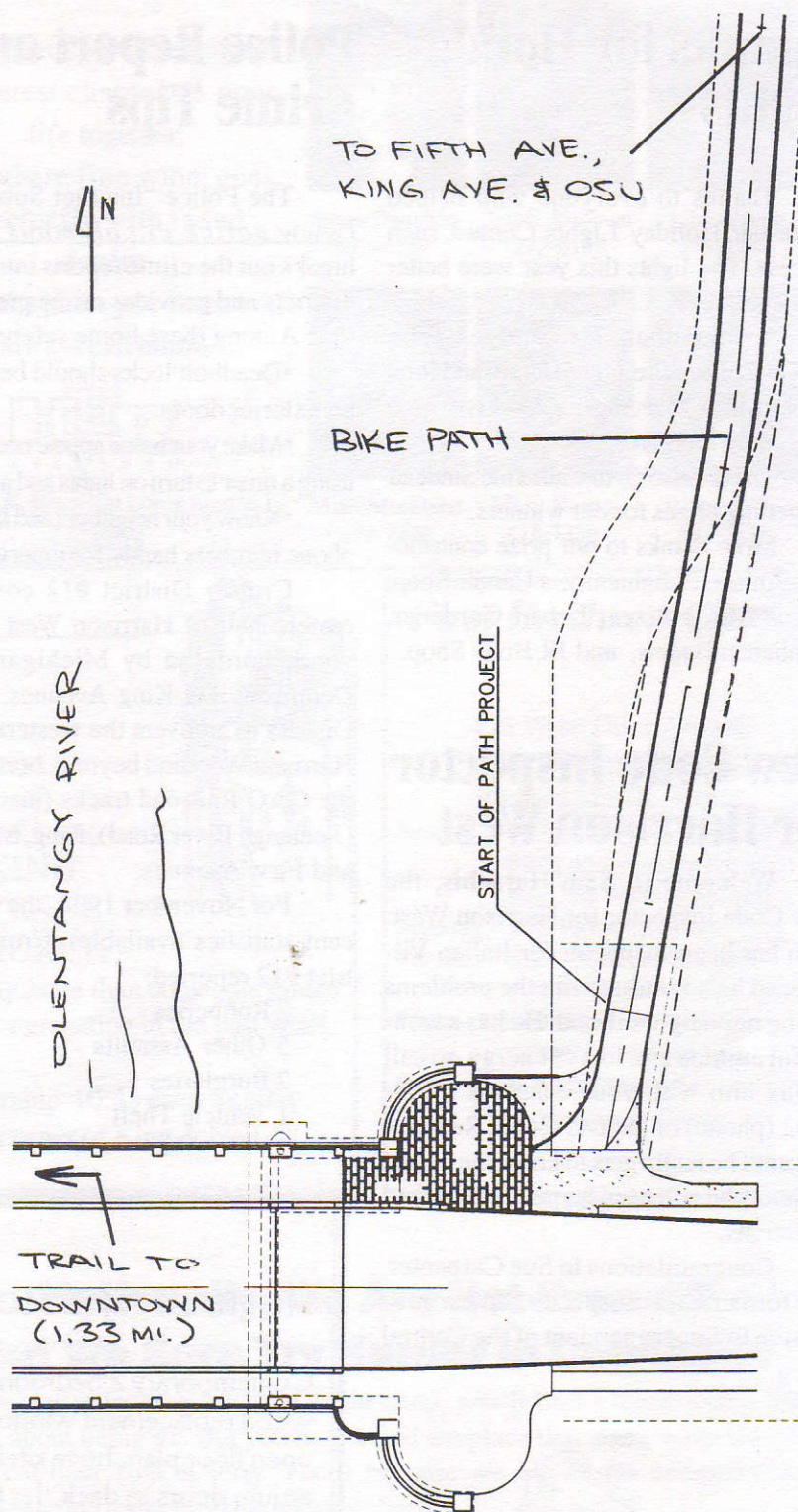
Newsletter Ads	\$5,155.00
Membership Fees	\$ 905.00
Garden Tour	\$1,505.00
Other	\$ 25.00
Interest Earned	\$ 108.24
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,698.24</b>

### Expenditures:

Newsletter	\$ 5,942.35
President	\$ 691.45
Spring/Sandusky	\$ 1,896.56
Attorney	\$ 500.00
Garden Tour	\$ 1,838.86
Park Beautification	\$ 630.24
Miscellaneous	\$ 578.03
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,077.49</b>

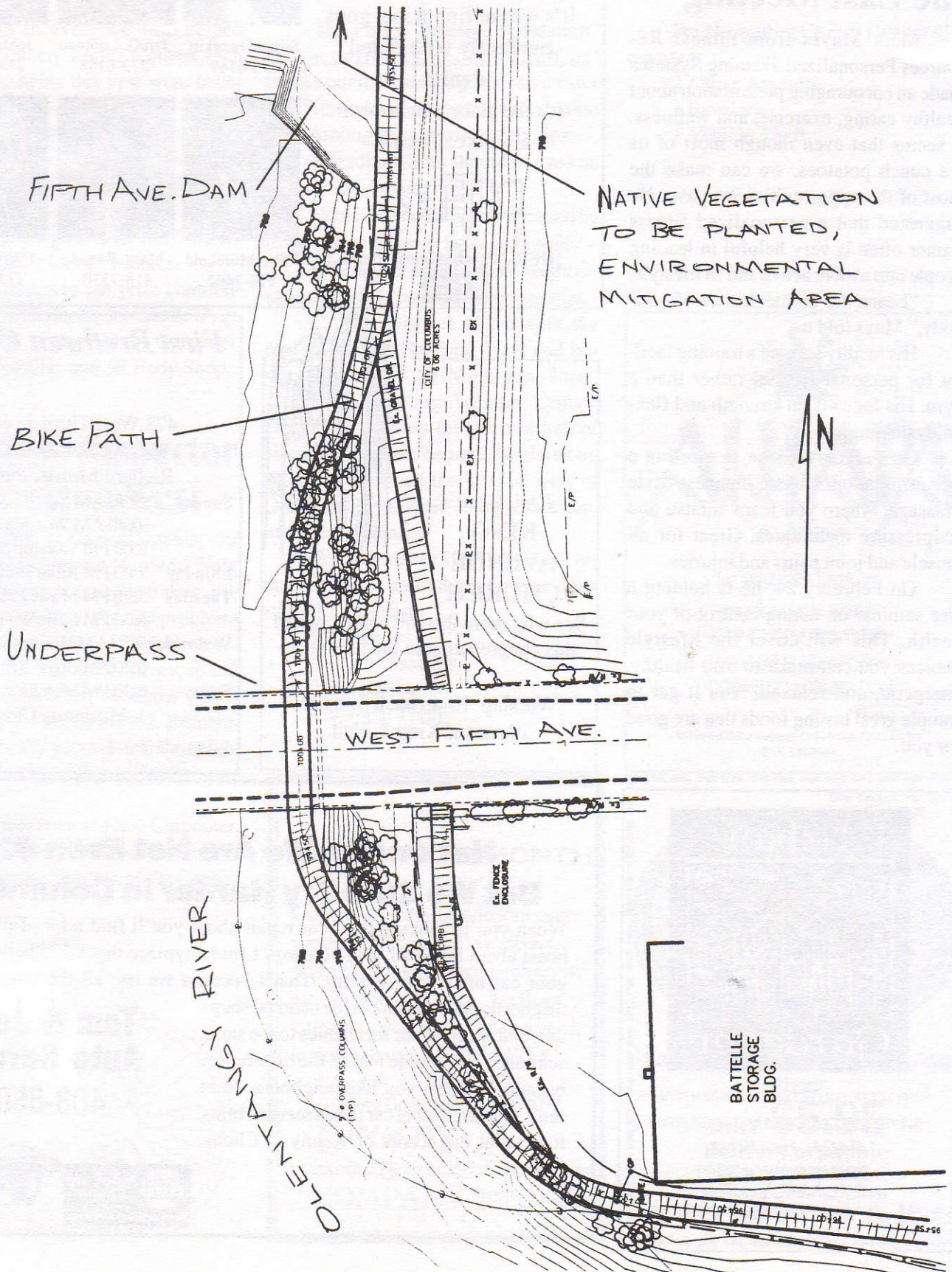
Gain/(Loss) \$(4,379.25)

End of Year Balance \$2,767.47



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# OLENTANGY TRAIL, COLUMBUS GREENWAYS FIFTH AVENUE UNDERPASS



## What you Missed at the Last Meeting

Mark Mayes from Fitness Resources Personalized Training Systems made an encouraging presentation about healthy eating, exercise, and wellness. It seems that even though most of us are couch potatoes, we can make the most of the opportunities we have. He suggested that a personalized fitness trainer often is very helpful in leading people into a more active and fit lifestyle.

"Learn the biomechanics of your body," Mays told us.

His facility is more a training facility for personal fitness, rather than a gym. His focus is on strength and flexibility training.

On February 15 he is offering a free seminar on Shiatsu, Japanese Style Massage, where you learn shiatsu and acupressure techniques. Great for all muscle and joint pains and injuries.

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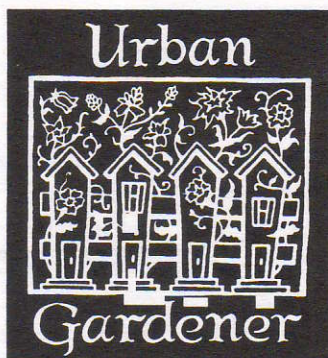
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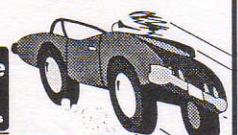
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## Haiku Restaurant Review

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Pad Thai noodles are extra flavorful with the exotic pungency of Thai food. Bean sprouts, egg strips, garlic, peanuts and cilantro team with your choice of beef, chicken or shrimp. Wonderful, but not for the faint of palate.

Haiku also serves big meals of braised veal shank on rice and greens, grilled Chilean

sea bass, grilled pork chop, fried rice, or soft tofu served with stuffed crispy tofu.

Desserts currently are limited to sugared pecans and coconut tapioca -- very off-beat with cucumber, white kidney beans, gelatin, sapota fruit, young coconut and tapioca. Not your mom's tapioca, this is a fitting end to such an intriguing and delicious meal.

Off street parking, attentive servers, and a creative touch with excellent, fresh ingredients make Haiku a major plus for the area.

Haiku jumped to the top of my list of restaurant favorites.

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# Haiku

poetic food & art  
restaurant review by Veda Gilp

Recently two neighbors invited me to the premier of the Short North's newest restaurant, Haiku noodle and sushi, with a Pan-Asian flavor. We predict this 800 North High eatery will be a hit, because the food was exquisite! The decor is serenely grey green, with original art and poetry framed on the walls. A flowing ceiling adds to the fresh ambiance of the long, narrow room, which confers a feeling of intimacy without crowding.

Owner Paul Liu has hired some incredibly creative chefs. Our group tried to sample something from every section of the menu. We began with a small dinner salad of mixed greens with a special Asian ginger vinaigrette. When you go, ask Paul if you can buy a pint of the vinaigrette to take home. It's that good -- light but complex, with a delicate blending of soy, ginger, and sesame.

Scallion pancakes were next -- crispy discs stuffed with braised scallions. These were best warm and cooled fast, so share with your dining partners.

Calamari has been hard to find in Columbus. Usually it's greasy deep-fried rings. Haiku's Asiana calamari is grilled tender baby calamari stuffed with seasoned tender-crisp vegetables and lapped with a robust black pepper sauce. The combination is perfectly balanced. Even the non-calamari eater at our table was impressed.

An order of tuna roll tekka sushi was excellent, very fresh and nicely presented. It's great to have good sushi so close to home.

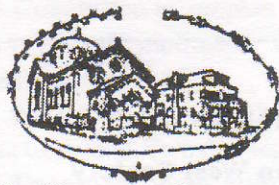
Noodles are the star of the show at Haiku. Siamese coconut curry noodles were a fine white Japanese noodle cooked with lemon grass, lemon leaves, fresh basil, bamboo, shallots and a spicy coconut curry broth. This is one of my personal favorites and it is wonderful. Ask for it extra spicy. Be prepared to swoon.

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Sunday: 9 and 11 a.m.

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