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**The Harrison West Society meets  
the second Thursday of each month  
at 7:30 P.M. at the Godman Guild,  
321 West Second Avenue**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 11**

# Harrison West News

March 1999

"A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places"

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## **Please Enroll by May 1**

## **1999 Harrison West Society Membership Drive**

It's time to sign up with your neighborhood civic association, the Harrison West Society! The membership form is located inside on page 7. To vote in the May elections, please enroll by May 1. Also, check out the related election article on page 3.

Many HWS members feel they got their money's worth this past year. The much-improved, redesigned Third Avenue Bridge opened. More street trees were planted. Morretti's Poultry moved away. Many efforts on traffic problems were mounted.

Community-building efforts were undertaken by the HWS, including river cleanups, the Harrison West Garden Tour, a candidates night, two neighborhood potlucks, the HW News, crime prevention, and the holiday lights contest. A strong effort to obtain a public arts grant has been made.

The HWS has advocated for the neighborhood with local businesses and government representatives on a wide range of infrastructure and planning issues. Positive relationships were built with Battelle. The Harrison West Park at Fourth and Oregon was spiffed-up.

To build on this momentum, the HWS needs a strong membership. Current members are encouraged to renew soon. New members are, of course, welcome and everyone is encouraged to join. The past few years have seen very successful membership drives. Let's make 1999 a success, too.

## **March 11 HWS Meeting**

## **CABS, Safety & Good Neighbors**

At the March 11 meeting of the Harrison West Society, representatives from the Campus Area Bus Service (CABS) will present a quick overview of their service. A CABS route runs on Neil Avenue between the Ohio State University and Thurber Village.

Also, a graduate of the local safety program "IMPACT" (formerly Fight Back of Central Ohio) will give a brief personal account of the tools to overcome violence that are provided by these self-defense courses and of the confidence-building that is supported.

Finally, a short business meeting will include updates on public art and other community efforts and a chance to talk with some good neighbors.

## **City Council to buy lot or negotiate easement?**

## **Riverfront Land Attracts Attention**

At the February 22 City Council meeting, President Michael Coleman asked for a report by the city administration on the vacant parcel at 579 West Third Avenue.

An application for funding for the city to purchase the lot or to acquire an easement has been pending since early December with the city's Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund program. A February 18 article in the Columbus Dispatch quotes the city's Department of Trade and Development as saying that the funding request had been tentatively approved. The article also notes interest by the Recreation and Parks Department.

The lot was sold by the county last year by bid to the New Victorians. In February the Harrison West Society complained to the county that the sale contradicts the county's Greenways plan and the city's riverfront plans.

In a follow-up article, the February 19 Dispatch reported that the new owner was offered the cost of the land, \$13,500, but the offer was rebuffed. The article states that Joe Armeni of the New Victorians is willing to work on providing other public access to the site. The Olentangy River is adjacent.

In a March 3 letter, the HWS urged the city to meet with the owner to resolve the future of the land. The letter asks Coleman, "Could the city make a substantial offer for the lot, or at the least negotiate an easement?"



# HARRISON WEST SOCIETY

## February 11, 1999

*Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary*

The well-attended meeting started at approximately 7:40 P.M. at the Godman Guild.

Mike Mentel, City Councilman, talked of his background and his priorities on city council. He answered questions from the audience, most of which concerned parks and traffic.

After a short break, the meeting resumed at 8:25 P.M. with Terry Sherburn, a local historian, narrating a slide show on the history of Goodale Park.

Introductions were then made around the table and the business meeting commenced at 8:55 P.M.

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

A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; Dimoff motioned; Weisz seconded; passed. A Treasurer's report was not given.

A Traffic Committee update was presented. Meetings and negotiations continue to be held on the impact of the Spring Sandusky Interchange. Representatives from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation will be in town this month.

A Planning & Development Committee update was presented. Preliminary plans by the city for the bike path along the river from Third Avenue to King Avenue are available.

A letter has been sent to Battelle regarding its draft Master Landscape plan. The letter supported some proposals but also emphasized the need for a schedule and other concerns.

Another letter will be sent to Battelle based on the discussions at the January HWS meeting and the P&D Committee meeting. The letter will address the future of Battelle's vacant land along Third Avenue and on the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Perry Street.

An Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund Committee update was presented. A letter has been sent to the county objecting to the sale of riverfront land at 579 Third Avenue.

A Public Art Committee update was presented. A grant application to the Ohio Arts Council to fund a community-driven design contest will be submitted.

The meeting was opened to the floor for new business.

Concern about a "mini-crime wave" was expressed. Reports of local crime included vandalism, a store burglary and a purse-snatching. The HW News will include an article on crime.

A motion was made to adjourn; Copeland motioned; Dimoff seconded; passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

## Welcome New Neighbors

The Harrison West Society welcomes these new neighbors to our wonderful neighborhood: Paul Heimann and Debra Little, 410 West Fourth Avenue; Doug Lantry and Peggy Lindsey, 537 West Third Avenue; Steve May, 484 West Third Avenue; Ray Sprungle, 1083 Harrison Avenue.

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## What You Missed at the Last Meeting

New Councilman Mike Mentel introduced himself to the neighborhood. He is an environmental attorney appointed to the Council; and chairs the Rec and Parks and Judiciary Committees.

He assures us he wants to work with all the city neighborhoods, and has special feeling for neighborhoods such as ours, as he grew up in the Hilltop.



Mentel lives in northwest Columbus and does not have immediate experience with transitional neighborhoods, so we will need to educate him about the issues facing Harrison West.

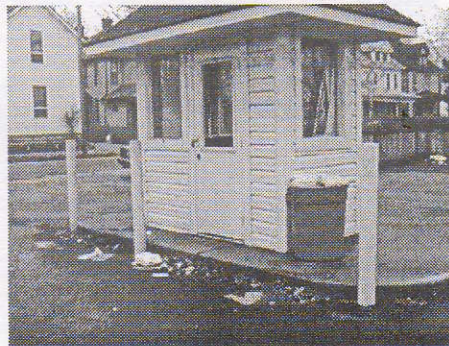
"My door is open" he promised at the meeting. Actually, his aide's door will be open. That's Bill DeMora. Both Councilman and aide may be reached at 645-8558.

During the second half of the meeting, Terry Sherburn, a local historian, narrated a slide show on the history of Goodale Park.

Sherburn distributed a source sheet about historic building research, which would be very handy to anyone looking for historic information about Columbus buildings.

## Time for Cleanup


Several people who walk in the neighborhood have remarked that the trash in the gutters, curb lawns, and along fences has gotten out of hand this winter. When your neighborhood looks like these pictures, it's time to plan a cleanup. Until the Society gets one scheduled, perhaps you and your neighbors could do some cleanup on your own, just for the good looks of your block.



## Election Coming

Be thinking about who you want to run the Harrison West Society, since nominations must be made at the April 8 meeting. Ken Wightman once again is the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Nominations can also be taken from the floor.

The election of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary will be held at the May 13 meeting. You must be enrolled with the Harrison West Society by May 1 to vote in the election.



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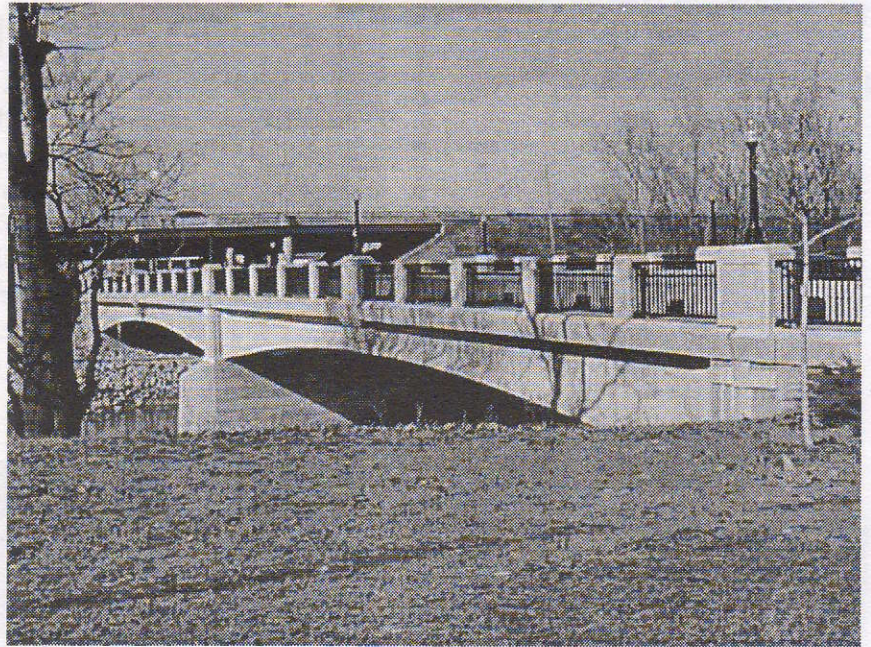
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## Public Art May be Coming to Harrison West

The Public Art Committee scouted the neighborhood last month, and determined that the following open spaces offered the most scope for any public art project. We show them here so you can see what they have in mind. As for the art itself, the Committee submitted its grant application on March 1. This application is for \$6,000 for a design competition. If we are awarded the grant, the committee will begin the process of selecting an artist.

The Public Art Committee is one of the harder-working committees in



*The bridge at Third Avenue*

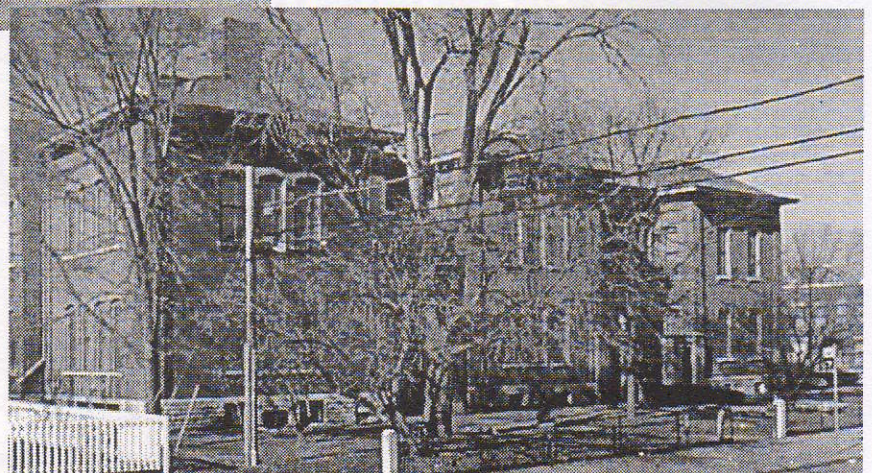


*The Senior Citizen Center on Fourth Avenue*

Harrison West. Thanks to Pat Seiber, Merrill and Denise Aldrich, Amanda Butler, and Maddy Weisz who worked so diligently on the grant application. Thanks also to the neighbors who helped get the process off the ground—Wayne Lloyd, Nova Couch, Mildred Todd, Linda Fowler, and Keith Dimoff.

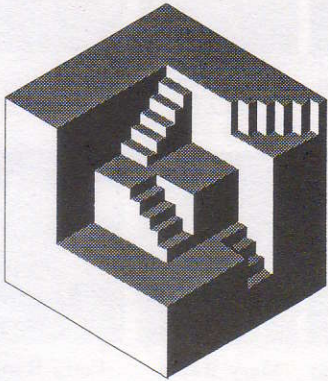


*The Office Complex on First at Harrison*





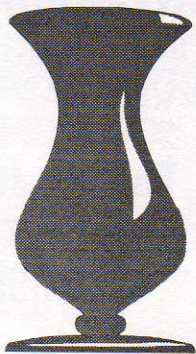
If "art" is in the mind, what do you consider "art" to be?



*Battelle's open space at Third and Perry*



*Vermont Place Pocket Park*

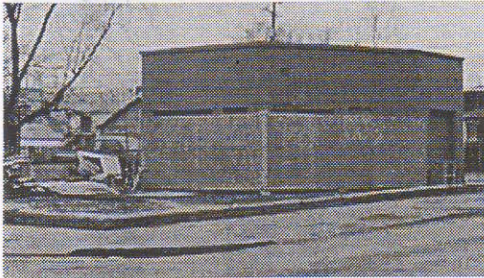


*Harrison West Park at  
Fourth and Michigan*





## Gas Station and Michigan Market Renovating



The dead gas station on the corner of Third and Pennsylvania has been purchased by Blunk Construction and is being renovated into storefronts for small retail service establishments.

According to Joe Armeni of the New Victorians, the company has a positive history of compatible renovations in Italian and Victorian Villages. Could it be that a coffee shop or fine deli is coming to Harrison West?

The Michigan Market has sold, closing in Mid-March, for the \$150's! Plans are to renovate it, possibly for a small restaurant or food shop. The architects already are talking to local realtors.

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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 December 1998 (the most recent statistics available),

Cruiser District #13 reported:

- 7 Other Assaults
- 1 Burglary
- 1 Vehicle Theft

Cruiser District #12 covers the eastern half of Harrison West and beyond, bordered by Michigan Avenue, First Avenue, Dennison Avenue and King Avenue. For December, Cruiser District #12 reported:

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- 6 Other Assaults
- 2 Burglaries
- 4 Vehicle Thefts



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by Veda Gilp

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Two soups, two salads, and seven appetizers, including the ubiquitous portabella mushroom cap, whet the appetite for the exotic flavors to come.

Basil, lime, ginger, chilies and cilantro are traditional Thai seasonings, and Lemongrass uses them expertly. The Cilantro Chicken wok fries marinated chicken and crisp asparagus and laps them in a creamy cilantro sauce. Asian, yes, but continents away from most of the oriental chicken dishes served in Columbus.

It's too bad more Asian restaurants don't serve fresh fish. The Lemongrass *fish de` resistance* is Choo Chi Fish, a 10 ounce filet of orange roughly sauteed in spicy chili paste (hot!) and finished with fresh lime leaves and broccoli. This dish would benefit from a more flavorful fish, but still is worth ordering if only for the tasty contrast of chilies and lime.

Dessert is equally intriguing. I ordered coconut flan, which came flaming to the table, having been doused with almond liqueur and rum. Let the flames burn out naturally, it takes only a moment, then savor the smooth tropical custard. The flan actually is much better than the liqueurs poured so generously over the top. Carry out orders are welcome 224-1414.

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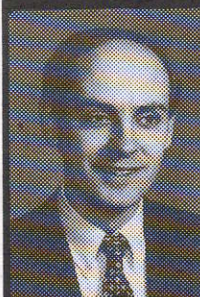
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