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Thursday, April 8, 7:30 PM, Godman Guild,
321 W. Second Avenue
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Election Nominations
Short Business Meeting

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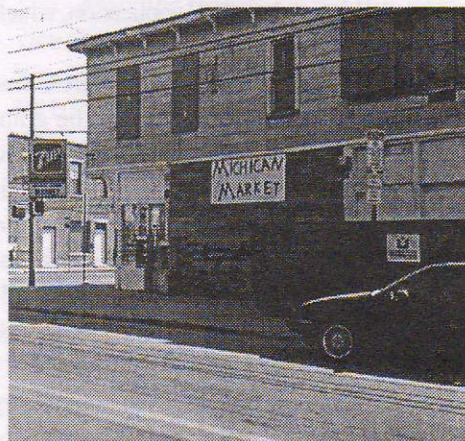
New Michigan Avenue Market Owners to Renovate, Seek Parking Variance

The Michigan Avenue Market's new owners are developers Dean Adamantidis and Jim Sekaris, partners in Victorian Community Developers. They own several properties in HW, including the Morretti's lots on Oregon and Michigan and the new condos at Third and Perry.

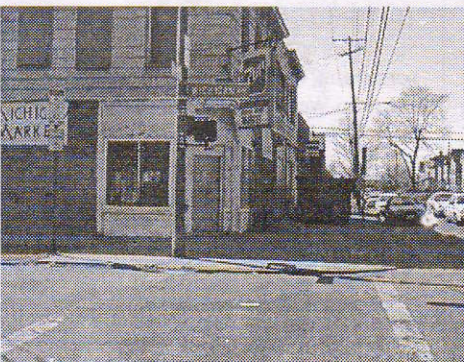
As explained to the Society, their initial plans are to close the Michigan Avenue Market and the pizza place and renovate the building. Upstairs, they'll put offices.

Downstairs, they plan a Greek restaurant with carry out and catering run by Peter and Jim Constantinidis. They've operated two restaurants in Chicago.

There have been problems with restaurants/bars in the past, including Zeno's, Dakota's, and the Avenue. Parking is a concern and permit parking has its downsides (costs to neighbors, lax enforcement). We'll discuss all this at the April 8 Harrison West Society meeting.



Could this really become an upscale restaurant? Plans are to open up the first floor with lots of glass. The shingles will be removed and the wood siding repaired. The upstairs window proportions would be retained. The dumpster and kitchen exhaust will be hidden from the street. Preliminary reports are that the developers are seeking a parking variance with the Board of Zoning Adjustment, with a vote scheduled for May 25. The property is zoned C4, so no variance is needed for the business itself other than parking. They expect a maximum occupancy of 80 and a beer/wine/liquor license.



Councilmember Charleta Tavares to Speak at April 8 HWS Meeting

New Columbus City Council member Charleta Tavares was recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of Les Wright, who recently retired from Council. Tavares' state and national reputation as a leader in the areas of health and human services was instrumental in her appointment to serve as the chair of Council's Health, Housing and Human Services Committee succeeding Councilmember Wright.

Prior to joining Columbus City Council, Ms. Tavares served 5 1/2 years in the Ohio General Assembly as the state Representative from the 22nd House District. Ms. Tavares was the first African-American female to serve in the legislature from Franklin County, and the first African-American woman ever to hold a leadership position in the Ohio General Assembly as Minority Whip.

Before her terms in the Legislature, Ms. Tavares served in the Ohio Attorney General's Office as the Chief of the Children's Protection Section. In this position she played a leadership role in developing and advocating for policy and legislative initiatives to protect the health, safety, education and security of Ohio's children.

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

March 11, 1999

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

The meeting started at approximately 7:35 P.M. at the Godman Guild. Introductions were made around the table.

A representative from the Campus Area Bus Service distributed bus schedules and route information for their Neil Avenue route.

Two graduates of a local self-defense class, IMPACT (formerly Fight Back of Central Ohio), presented an overview of that program.

Mike Mentel, City Councilman, returned to answer questions from the audience and to talk about his emphasis on parks and code enforcement.

The business meeting commenced at 8:30 P.M. Vice President Weisz presided in the President's absence.

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

Treasurer Cowin presented the Treasurer's report. Cash-in-hand is approximately \$3200. A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; Cowin motioned; Gilp seconded; passed.

The Chair of the Membership Committee, VP Weisz, reported that a membership renewal letter will be sent soon.

The Chair of the Planning & Development Committee, Secretary Dimoff, reported that the new owners of the Michigan Avenue Market had recently contacted the HWS and asked to meet to discuss a parking variance they will seek from the city. The P&D Committee will meet with the new owners, gather facts, and put an article in the HW News.

Questions were then taken from the floor regarding the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund application submitted by the HWS to the city last December. A HW resident who lives in a condo along

the river expressed opposition to the additional condos proposed for 579 West Third Avenue. He had previously been told by the builder of his condo that the 579 W. Third lot was a park; he also had other objections to the proposed condos. Secretary Dimoff said that he hoped the city would buy the lot or acquire an easement.

The resident also was upset with a rumor he had been told that the HWS wanted to build a bike path through his patio; he was given a copy of the UIRF application, which does not request such a path.

The Chair of the Public Art Committee, VP Weisz, reported that the grant application has been submitted to the Ohio Arts Council. A description of the application was distributed. The grant would be used to conduct an invited design competition as a first step towards the development and installation of a neighborhood-based public art project.

Under new business, a possible Alley Cleanup was discussed. The HWS may publicize an Alley Cleanup Day in the HW News.

A HWS member announced that a house on Harrison Avenue was recently burglarized and expressed support for better policing. Officer Tom Paulus is our precinct's liaison officer. The HW News will continue to print crime information.

A Second Avenue HW resident expressed concern with the lack of enough dumpsters at the ends of Bradley Street and Second Avenue, west of Perry Street. The resident was directed to the city's Division of Refuse.

Charleta Tavares, City Councilwoman, will speak at the April HWS meeting at the invitation of Mary Funk, Chair of the Government Relations Committee.

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

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Councilman Mentel Visits Again Thanks, Mike!

Mike Mentel attended the March HWS meeting, making it two straight months that the city councilman has visited to answer questions and to talk about his work on City Council. This month, Councilman Mentel emphasized code enforcement and park accessibility, then graciously answered questions from the floor. Mike can be reached at 645-8558. His aide is Bill DeMora. The HWS sincerely appreciates Mike making the time, twice, to visit Harrison West. Thanks, Mike!!!

Elections Coming in May

Be thinking about who you want to run the Harrison West Society, since the Nominations open at the April 8 meeting. Ken Wightman once again is the Nominations Chair. You must be a member of the Harrison West Society for a minimum period of three months before you may vote in the election, so if you want to vote, make sure you're a member.

Happy Birthday Enlightenment

Enlightenment Candle Making and Embellishments, located at 448 West Third Avenue, will be celebrating their one year anniversary April 3rd (during the Gallery Hop) with a celebration and workshop.

Between 7 and 10 PM, Enlightenment will be entertaining party-goers with a workshop on creating sand cast candles. Prize drawings every hour, plus refreshments, will make this a fun evening.

Franklin County Commissioners May Have Acted Inappropriately in Sale of 579 West Third Lot

Two questions concern the Harrison West Society about Commissioners Dorothy Teater, Arlene Shoemaker, and Dewey Stokes sale of 579 West Third at the Third Avenue Bridge.

First, when the historic Third and King Avenue bridges were being replaced, the Memorandum of Agreement between the County Engineers office and the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation included the parcel as part of the historic structure and the agreement called specifically for neoclassical landscaping in keeping with the history of the bridge. So how could the County Commissioners sell part of the Third Avenue Bridge?

Second, the Riverfront Commons Corporation Riverfront Plan calls for a bikeway on the east bank of the Olentangy and for Harrison West access to the river here. So how could the

Commissioners sell part of the bikeway and our neighborhood's access to the river?

We'll be discussing the Society's future course of action on this matter at the April 8 Harrison West meeting.



This lot at the Third Avenue Bridge was supposed to be retained as part of the historic Bridge and used as a bikepath in the Riverfront Commons Plan. County Commissioners Teater, Shoemaker, and Stokes sold it, and the Harrison West Society wants to know why and what can be done about it. What action should we take? Come to the April 8 meeting to help make this decision.

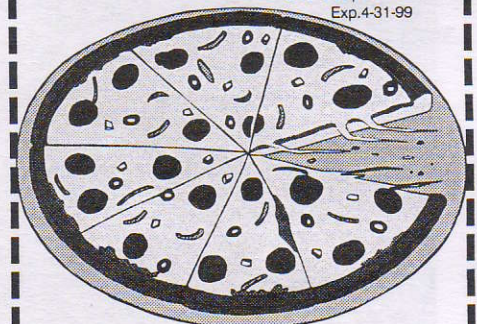
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Here are some of the fun events coming up in Harrison West this year:

- May Membership Potluck Dinner
- October Harrison West Yard Sale
- December Festive Holiday Dinner
- Holiday Lights Contest

This year, we're attempting to have an interesting speaker at each meeting presenting a wide variety of topics. So far, speakers have included City Council Members, our Police liaison Officer, a specialist in fixing old homes, a fitness expert, self defense class graduates, and a gardening expert who told us that cedar mulch deters slugs.

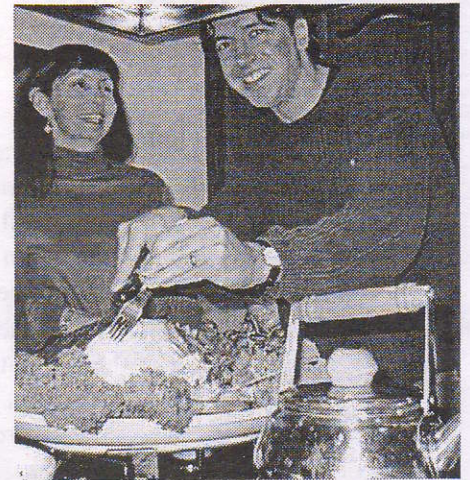
Several committees are very active in efforts to improve the neighborhood, including our anticrime committee, the Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky, the Traffic Committee to support traffic amelioration efforts, and the Public Arts Committee. This Committee has applied to The Ohio Arts Council to obtain a grant to develop Public Art in Harrison West. The Planning and Development Committee continues working with the City in negotiations for a park on Third Ave.

Our neighborhood newsletter continues to be one of the strongest and best newsletters in the City, regularly read by City Council members and other City Government types.

As you can see there is a place for everyone to get involved. So complete the form and mail with your check. You'll have a full year of activities and enjoyment.



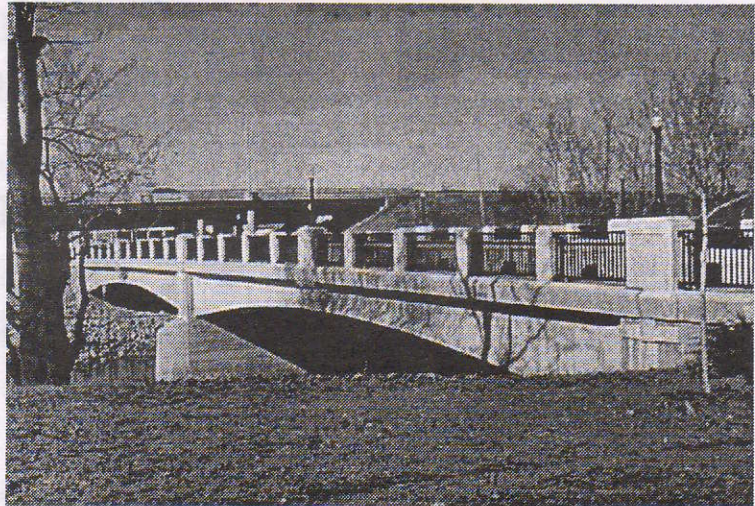
The River Cleanup with Battelle brought out lots of neighbors, who found that a few hours made a big difference.



The Holiday Dinner at the Harrison House was a festive success, with more than 50 neighbors eating and visiting and sharing memories of the neighborhood.



President Craig Copeland is working hard with the Traffic Committee and the Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky to ease traffic problems in our neighborhood. The Harrison West Society is the reason why the Third Avenue Bridge (right) and the new King Avenue Bridge (under construction above) are structures reflecting the architecture of our neighborhood, rather than the freeway-type bridges originally planned. When you ask why you should join the Harrison West Society, look at the historically accurate and aesthetically pleasing Third Avenue Bridge, and you have your answer. Because the Society and its members work tirelessly to improve our neighborhood.



The Harrison West News was bolstered by more volunteers than ever, as the newsletter once again enjoyed the prestige of being the best neighborhood newsletter in Central Ohio (according to some members of City Council).



The Holiday Lights Contest provided enjoyment for everyone in the neighborhood as more neighbors than ever before decorated with lights and greenery.

I want to Connect

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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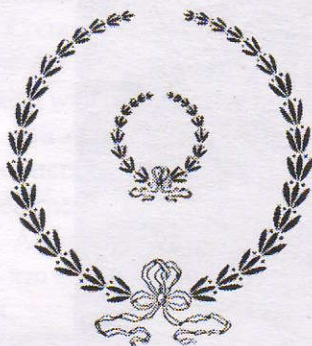
Neighborhood Interest Inventory
Please check those that apply to you

- ☐ Community Service Connections
- ☐ Gardening
- ☐ Public Art
- ☐ Home Maintenance
- ☐ Home Restoration
- ☐ Policing
- ☐ Traffic
- ☐ Planning & Development
- ☐ Neighborhood Image
- ☐ Neighborhood Historical Commission
- ☐ Other

Mary Funk Honored by City Council

The Columbus City Council recently recognized Harrison Wester Mary Funk as a leader in the neighborhood working "diligently with representatives from around the Columbus area to find solutions to the challenges that a neighborhood faces in a growing city." The resolution continued "That this Council does hereby recognize the month of March as Women's history month and commends our dedicated community and neighborhood women advocates who are leaders in their communities and a part of Columbus History."

Congratulations from all your neighbors, Mary. Harrison West is lucky to have you as an advocate and a neighbor.



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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.

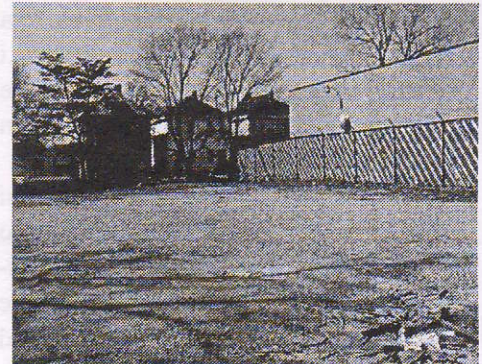
"My door is open" he promised at the meeting. Actually, his aide's door will be open. That's Bill DeMora. Both Councilman and aide may be reached at 645-8558.

Also, the Campus Area Bus Service representative invited all Harrison Westers to GET ON THE BUS for FREE! Neil, Harrison, First, Thurber Way, and Collins are included in the South Res route. Check out their web page at www.busmgt.ohio-state.edu/t&p/info.html. Or call 292-9341 for schedules.

Two graduates of the Fight Back of Central Ohio Safety programs addressed the issues of self defense and defensive living. Fight Back can be reached at 238-0450.

What's Going On Here?


Does anyone know what's planned for this stretch of vacant lots on Michigan behind the old Morretti's plant? Or for the Morretti's property itself? This is the largest undeveloped area in Harrison West, and it would be good to know what's planned for it. Call Keith Dimoff at 424-6798 if you know.




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by Veda Gilp

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My advice to breakfast eaters -- go for the omelets. Now the yoghurt and granola served in the giant martini glass with the seasonal fruit on the side was very healthy, I'm sure.

Trust me -- order an omelet. Eight different specialties, including what appears to be a neighborhood favorite -- Greek Omelet with gyro meat. This is three eggs, Greek Kalamata olives, feta cheese, tomatoes, onions, and tzaziki sauce. The tzaziki sauce is good! There must be a genuine Greek in the kitchen somewhere.

Also, several cups of really good hash browns -- real potatoes, cooked to brown crunchiness. Grilled pita bread triangles. Here's a tip -- whatever type breakfast you order, insist on the grilled pita instead of toast. It's that good.

Of course, the J & G also serves traditional eggs, hash browns, and toast breakfasts, and they will make you any omelet version you wish.

Service is relaxed and friendly, and even when they get crowded, they don't hustle you out the door.

The J & G has won a reputation for casual diner fare and desserts, too, making it a good choice any time of the day.



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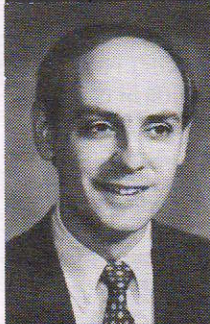
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