

June 10 Minutes -- full of info
Michigan Market on hold?
Harrison West T-Shirts at Comfest
Check out Tapatio when you're hungry
More on 5579 W. Third



The Harrison West Society will meet
Thursday, July 8, 7:30 PM, Godman Guild,
321 W. Second Avenue
Eco Team Speaker
Short Business Meeting
Please, someone bring cookies!

Harrison West News

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"A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places"

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Household Eco Team Speaker at July 8 Meeting

The Columbus Health Department is sponsoring the formation of household eco teams throughout central Ohio. A representative from this program, Global Action "Neighbor to Neighbor" will be at the July 8 Harrison West meeting to help set up the first team in our area.

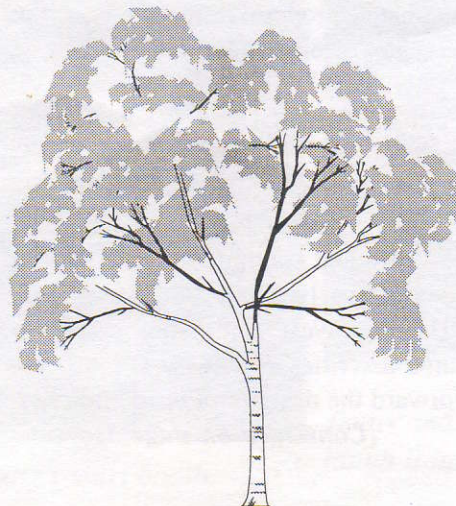
The way the teams work is representatives from several households in a neighborhood get together every week over a four-month period to choose practical actions that will lower our environmental impact on our earth.

This should be an interesting speaker with solid ideas on what we can do to help. Come to the meeting at 321 Second at the Godman Guild or call Barbara Williams at 291-5960 and leave your name.

Gasp! Our Street Trees Are Dying of Thirst

The Street Trees in Harrison West need your help. The City can't water all the new street trees on its own. Street trees need watering for the first 2 or 3 years, and most of the street trees in Harrison West have been planted within that time.

You can help by watering your street tree. The suggested amount is 15 gallons a week. An easy way to ensure you put the right amount of water on the tree so that it doesn't run off is to punch a small hole in the bottom of a 5 gallon bucket. Fill the bucket three times as the water runs out. Do it every week. Save your street tree so Harrison West will have beautiful street trees to enjoy in the years to come.



City Council Allots Funds to Buy 579 W. Third Lot

Led by President Michael Coleman, City Council recently authorized up to \$90,000 to develop the vacant lot at 579 West Third Avenue into a riverfront pocket park and bikeway. Council acted by resolution to approve the funding as part of the 1999 Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund projects.

Coleman asked the City Administration to communicate with the owner of the lot, The New Victorians Realty, to determine if they are willing to sell the lot or grant an easement for bikeway and riverfront public access. He urged that "we work (to) acquire the property in a timely, cooperative, and cost-effective manner before the present owner proceeds with development."

The parcel was purchased by the New Victorians in 1998 from Franklin County, whose sale of the land contradicted the Riverfront Vision Plan and a federal historic preservation agreement. Joe Armeni, local realtor and developer, is a shareholder with the New Victorians. Earlier this year, Armeni reused to sell the property to the Riverfront Commons Corporation, according to articles in the Columbus Dispatch.

The Harrison West Society has not been informed of Armeni's response to the City's offer to purchase the land from him.



HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

June 10, 1999

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40 P.M. at the Godman Guild by Vice President Funk in the absence of President Weisz. Introductions were made around the table.

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

Treasurer Cowin presented the Treasurer's report. Cash-in-hand is approximately \$5000. A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; Cowin motioned; Gilp seconded; passed.

For the Membership Committee, VP Funk reported that although the annual drive is completed, non-member Harrison West residents are encouraged to join throughout the year by contacting President Weisz.

For the Newsletter Committee, Editor Gilp noted that the deadline is the third Friday of the month.

For the Planning & Development Committee, Secretary Dimoff gave an update on the application submitted to the city by the new owners of the Michigan Avenue Market. The owners were not in attendance. The application for a parking variance would allow the building at the corner of Third Avenue and Michigan Avenue to be used as a restaurant with no parking provided. At the May 25 hearing of the city's Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA), the city staff recommended denial of the application, Officers of the HWS were on hand, and the applicant's attorney, Fred Simon, requested that the application be tabled. The BZA granted the request for tabling; thus, the application may or may not yet be heard in front of the BZA at a future hearing.

A resident of Second Avenue objected to the lack of parking for the proposed restaurant. He stated that parking is a big problem in the area and suggested that a petition be circulated. A Pennsylvania Avenue resident questioned the use of the old carry-out as a restaurant. Another HW resident said that he was told by the owners of Zeno's that they had not been contacted by the Michigan Market owners about leasing parking spaces. The Michigan Market owners have previously said they have talked with Zeno's owners. Secretary Dimoff reviewed the previous position of the HWS. In May, the HWS voted to oppose to the variance as applied for (with no parking provided at all). The HWS also voted to make funds available to the HWS Officers to hire an attorney. According to the City, the case could be heard at the June 22 BZA hearing, but it is very unlikely. The new owners of the Michigan Market, Dean Adamantidis and Jim Sicaris, have not been in contact with any HWS Officers since May 18, despite their earlier statements and the testimony by their attorney at the May 25 BZA hearing. The HWS has asked several times to see any alternative proposal from the owners but have not received anything.

For the Public Arts Committee, VP Funk reported that the HWS will have a booth at the Community Festival and T-shirts will be sold. Volunteers are needed; contact President Weisz. A HW resident submitted a great T-shirt idea, cleverly using "Go west" with "Harrison West" and listing neighborhood activities. Secretary Dimoff will forward the design to President Weisz.

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Harrison West Society Minutes

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For the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund Committee, Treasurer Cowin reported that the City has proposed changes to the UIRF guidelines which would not approve funds in future years for pocket parks or replacement lighting. VP Funk reported that City Council has approved funding to purchase the land at 579 West Third Avenue, which was proposed by the HWS as part of last year's UIRF application. The City is planning to meet with the property owner, Joe Armeni, but Armeni is reportedly refusing to sell.

For the Planning and Development Committee, Secretary Dimoff reported that Battelle does not yet know its schedule for the master landscape plan due to its budgeting schedule. Battelle has recently said they will invite HWS members to meet to discuss the draft landscape plan soon. Contact Secretary Dimoff for more information.

Under new business, two HW residents reported that their garage was hit by an arsonist in May. They were encouraged to work with the Columbus Police's Precinct Liaison Officer and the landlord. Steve Smith is the new Precinct Liaison Officer.

A shortage of dumpsters was reported by residents from Pennsylvania and Michigan Avenues, south of Second Avenue. They were encouraged to contact the City's Refuse Division and City Councilwoman Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Chair of the Public Service Committee.

A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting; Dimoff motioned; Gilp seconded; passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Michigan Market Zoning Variance Hearing Postponed

At the request of the owners, the June 22 hearing on the application for a zoning variance for the Michigan Market property at Third and Michigan has been postponed indefinitely, although it could be heard as early as the July 27 meeting of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA), according to City zoning staff.

The owners have proposed conversion of the carry-out to a restaurant. New construction of such a restaurant would require 52 on-site parking spaces. The City has calculated that 36 spaces are required under city code, taking into account a "16-space parking credit" for the existing market. The variance application requests permission for the restaurant to operate with no parking provided.

In May, City staff recommended denial of the application, citing concerns that often "'neighborhood' restaurants become 'destination locations'..." and that the City has no control over the possibility that this site might "at some future time become a tavern or similar use."

Faced with the City staff's recommendation to deny the application, the owners requested to table the application and further have stated that they may lease spaces from the lot on the southeast corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and West Third Avenue, owned by Zeno's. No written proposal or lease has been received by the City.

The Harrison West Society, which voted to oppose the "Zero Parking proposal," has not heard from the owners since a May 18 meeting.

The BZA meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Dave Reis, 645-7973, may be contacted to determine if the case has been placed on the agenda again.

1997-1998 Crime Statistics Available

The Columbus Division of Police "Internet Substation"-
<http://www.police.ci.columbus.oh.us> -breaks out the crime reports into cruiser districts. The web site now contains totals for 1997 and 1998. Monthly totals for 1999 are not yet available.

ATM Safety Tips

The Police web site also has these safety tips for users of Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs):

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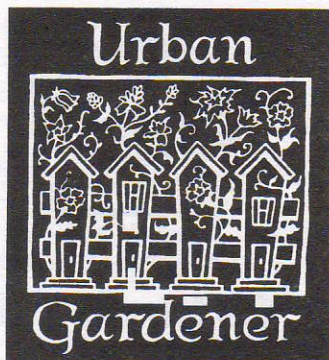
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out At Tapatio

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You might not have thought it, but this is a good place to eat meat. Tapatio serves up a wonderful sauteed beef tenderloin stuffed with roasted garlic and served with shiitake mushroom bacon demi glace. It's a trendy approach to an old favorite, but the resulting mix of flavors proves that trendy is good.

More meat -- grilled ribeye steak with blue cheese roasted nut "salsa," fresh vegetables and chipotle mashed potatoes. The steak was tender and flavorful, the "salsa" was wonderful, the mashed potatoes different and good.

The desserts looked delicious and inventive, but we were too full of bread, squid, meat, and shrimp to try anything. Next time.

Tapatio is a great place to people watch, the service is good, prices are in line with other neighborhood eateries, and they do carry out when all you want to do is go home and veg in the AC. Call ahead 221-1085.

Inspiration Available at Urban Gardener July 3

Meet artist Tony Piehowicz from 7-9 P.M. at Urban Gardener, 940 North High, and take home some inspiration. Tony carves sandstone foundation blocks from old barns and houses into birdbaths and planters. Each piece is unique and ideal as a garden focal point. His craft is a beautiful blend of old and new giving renewed life to an otherwise discarded piece of history.

300 Gallon? 90 Gallon?

The question has been brought up in the Society meetings about asking the City to replace the 300 gallon trash containers with 90 gallon containers throughout the neighborhood. The thought is that this would eliminate most of the "Midnight Dumper" trash and make people feel as if they "owned" their trash receptacle. This might result in cleaner alleys. What do you think? Do you wish you had the individual trash containers? Do you like and appreciate the 300 Gallon containers? Call the newsletter editor at 299-6877 and let us know.

Harrison West Society Membership

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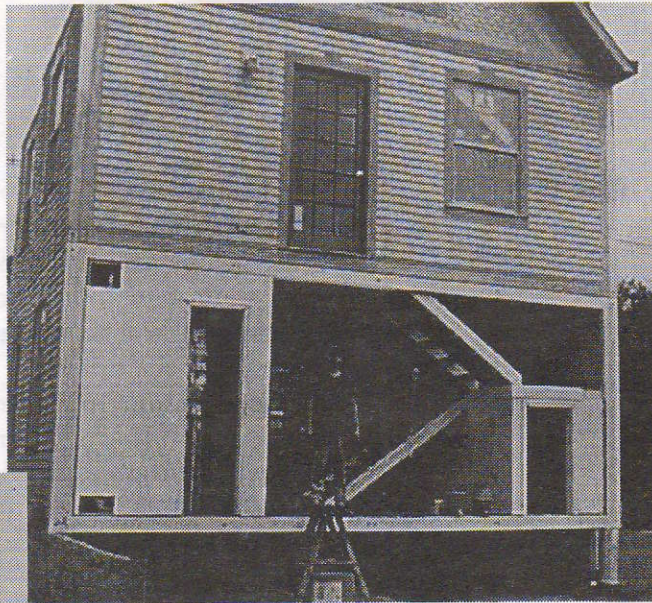
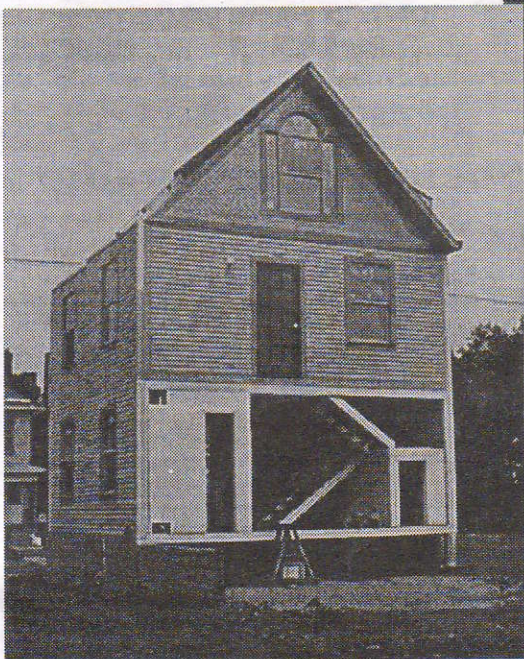
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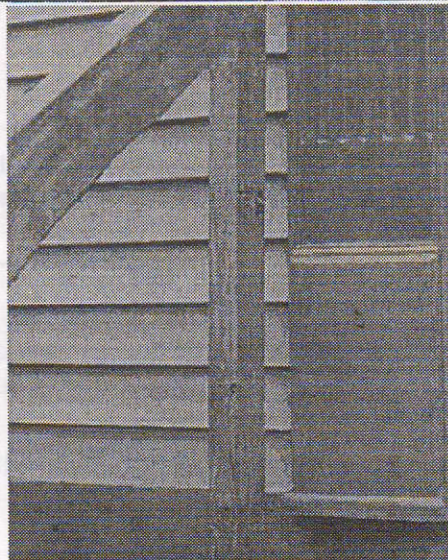
Factory-built Victorian drops into Place on Michigan

It went up so fast, it seemed to drop fully built from the sky, but it really took about two days to erect the 2 1/2 story, three-bedroom Victorian-style house at 1081 Michigan Avenue.

The house came in on the back of a tractor-trailer in ready-made sections.



Is this the look of new Victorian homes in Harrison West? It might be, if the PDG Domus company's first manufactured Victorian home is a hit with home buyers.



All the design details from the knots in the clapboard siding to the carvings in the doorframe are molded into dyed ceramic laminate. According to inventor Nathan Pingel, the color goes clear through the laminate, and won't fade, peel, crack, or need repainting.

Columbus inventor Nathan Pingel created and built the house. He plans to put similar manufactured houses across the US.

"It's a good way to get quality housing at affordable prices into neighborhoods such as these," he told the Harrison West News. "I worked hard so the Victorian design elements were right."

According to Pingel, the house is made with super durable resin of ceramic laminate built onto a steel skeleton. Details of a Victorian house, from the slate roof to the stone foundation and clapboard siding, are molded and dyed into the resin.

Pingel isn't selling the 1,400 square foot house yet, but anticipates a \$90,000 asking price when he does. Other Pingel houses will run from \$50,000 to \$300,000.

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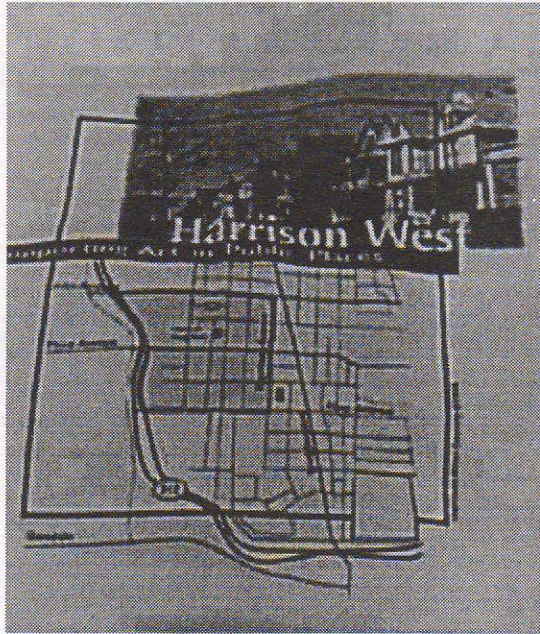
Slogan on the shirt was, "supporting art in public places, Harrison West."

The design committee, chaired by President Maddy Weisz, included Amanda Butler, Denise and Merrill Aldrich, Pat Seiber.

Among others, shirt sellers and booth staffers included Keith Dimoff, Shirley Tobias, Amanda and David Butler, Mildred Todd, Nava Couch, Molly Maccracken, Sandy Woolard, John and Jenny Gable, Denise and Merrill Aldrich, and Maddy Weisz. The Booth Roadie was John Cowin.

Thanks also to Al Johnson for his Harrison West t-shirt design. Unfortunately, the Design Committee had decided on a direction by the time they received his design.

It was really hot out there, but these dedicated volunteers stuck with it for the good of Harrison West.



The t-shirt design is blue and black on a white shirt.

There's a photo of Vermont Place houses and a map of Harrison West and nearby neighborhoods. Shirts are \$12. If you didn't get yours at Comfest, Maddy Weisz will sell you one at the meeting Thursday at the Godman Guild.



Harrison Wester Lauren Creighten tries to sell a t-shirt. The map on the shirt was a winner, it appeared, as people stopped to look and buy.



Roadie John Cowin set up a great looking t-shirt booth.



Jenny and John Gable and Lauren Creighten laugh it up at Comfest.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out At Tapatio

by Veda Gilp

Tapatio, 491 Park Street in the Short North, bills itself as the "hottest spot in town." With the weather these days, that makes it HOT! But good.

Some neighbors and I strolled over there the other evening when it was too hot to cook but not too hot to walk through the park. The food is worth the walk.

First, eat bread. Tapatio's bread is coarse, studded with pieces of peppers, and tastes wonderful. The fluffy butter is flavored also, and the combination is quite spicy.

You know me, I love Calamari, and the calamari at Tapatio is lovely. It's spiced with enough hot to make it worthwhile, then quick fried and served with Chipotle Aioli -- hot, smooth, and cool all at once.

OF course, you could choose the gulf shrimp sauteed with Chipotle Butter on Scallion Corn Cakes. Neighbor Molly Maccracken ordered this and raved about it. She generously offered me a taste, and I raved, too. The corn cake is a lovely fritter dense with corn, and the shrimp were large and plentiful.

The Tapatio Salad of lettuces, oranges, sweet peppers and toasted sunflower seeds in citrus dressing was a great use of lettuce. A nice juxtaposition of crunch, cool, and sweet.

Try the Cuban Style Black Bean Soup. My bowl was thick, hot with heat and spice, and flavored with an elusive taste I couldn't put a name to, but liked anyway.

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Thirsty Street Trees
Eco Speaker
Michigan Market
Update on 579 West Third
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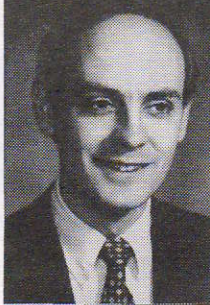
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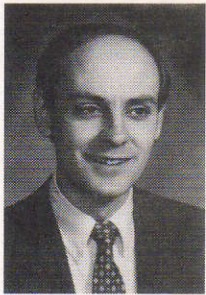
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<i>B. Hampton's on Third</i>	335 W 3rd Ave	299-6999	Pastas, pizzas, pool tables
<i>Brian Boru's</i>	647 N High St	221-1250	Irish pub spirits/ provisions
<i>Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe</i>	1421 Olentangy	291-2233	All things Buckeye
<i>Cap City Diner</i>	1299 Olentangy	291-3663	Upscale, fun diner w/ outdoor patio
<i>The Coffee Table</i>	731 N High St	297-1177	Coffees, expresso, desserts
<i>Dagwoodz Diner</i>	660 N High St	228-5004	Huge stacked sandwiches
<i>Estrada's</i>	240 King Ave	294-0808	Good Mexican / outdoor patio
<i>The Fish Market</i>	1245 Olentangy	291-3474	Indulge in seafood & sculpted fish
<i>Flaherty's Thirsty Ear</i>	1200 W. 3rd	299-4987	Neighbor owner for your ears & thirst
<i>Fresno Eclectic Kitchen</i>	782 N High St	298-0031	Upbeat European pizza, pasta
<i>Japanese Steak House</i>	479 N High St	228-3030	Japanese cooked right at your table
<i>King Avenue Coffeehouse</i>	247 King Ave	294-TCUP	Vegetarian restaurant/organic tea
<i>K2U</i>	641 N High St	461-4766	Bar/cafe with soup to seafood
<i>L'Antibes</i>	772 N High St	291-1666	Contemporary French cuisine
<i>Libertys</i>	3rd & Olentangy	291-8284	Neighbor owner-Am. Eclectic fare
<i>Lost Planet Pizza & Pasta</i>	680 N High St	228-6191	Lo fat, no fat, lotsa fat
<i>Mac's Cafe</i>	693 N High St	221-6227	Wee bit of bonnie Scotland
<i>Manhattan Bagels</i>	767 Neil Ave	280-1044	Neighbor owner-bagels, lunch & more
<i>Martini's</i>	445 N High St	224-8259	Every martini imaginable + great food
<i>Phillip's Coney Island</i>	747 N High St	294-1251	True coney island diner of yesteryear
<i>Pisa Pete's</i>	811 Highland St	294-7383	Hot, crusty pizza & subs delivered
<i>Rigsby's Cuisine Volatile</i>	698 N High St	461-7888	Ever-changing, eclectic cuisine
<i>R. J. Snapper's</i>	700 N. High St	280-1070	Fresh gourmet seafood on High St
<i>Roadhouse Annie's</i>	895 N High St	298-9959	Old fashioned, filling food
<i>Short North Tavern</i>	674 N High St	221-2432	A Short North institution
<i>Strada dell 'Orto</i>	106 W Vine St	228-8244	Contemporary Italian specialties
<i>Tapatio</i>	491 N Park St	221-1085	Innovative cooking from the Americas
<i>Union Station Cafe</i>	630 N High St	228-3546	Neighbor owner/fantastic Sunday brunch
<i>Victorian's Midnight Cafe</i>	251 W. 5th Ave	299-2295	Relaxed coffeehouse /artsy atmosphere

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