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The Harrison West Society will meet
**Thursday, October 14, 7:30 PM, Godman Guild,
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Public Art
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October 16 Harrison West Yard Sale



Last Call for the Yard Sale Sign Up. Call Maddy Weisz at 291-2285 to sign up and get your address on the Yard Sale Map.

Last time, Neighborhood Yard Salers made a mint. So clean out your attics, basements, and garages -- it's the Harrison West Neighborhood Yard Sale. The fee is \$10 (Senior Citizen's Discount available) to cover the advertising.

Don't want to deal with items you don't sell? Shirley Tobias came up with a great idea and Maddy Weisz arranged it: the Kidney Foundation will be through the neighborhood on October 19 to pick up leftovers.



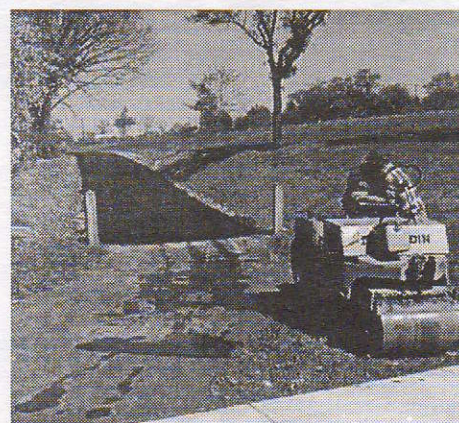
Public Arts Artist Search Underway

The competition for an artist for Harrison West's public art has begun. A call for artists to present samples of their work has gone out to newspapers, magazines, arts organizations, and individual artists.

These samples are due October 15. A jury of Harrison West residents will narrow these artists down to three finalists.

In January, all Harrison West residents will be invited to vote for the final design.

If you are interested in how Harrison West is going to put itself on the map as an innovative neighborhood that creates Public Art, come to the next meeting this Thursday, October 14, 7:30 PM, Godman Guild, 321 West Second.



The Bikepath is coming to Harrison West; it's under construction and making progress.

October 14 HWS Meeting Durable Slate Co. Rep to Speak

A representative of the Durable Slate Company will speak at 7:30 P.M., before the next Harrison West Society business meeting. This local company specializes in the traditional crafts of slate and metal roofing. The talk will address roof repair and restoration, copper and box gutters, and slate and metal roofing, as well as a comparison of the cost of maintaining slate versus installing shingles. Come ask your roofing questions.

HWS Feeds Candidates Night

The Council of Historic Neighborhoods hosted Candidates Night September 29, and the Harrison West Society was involved in providing the food. We also provided questions to which the candidates responded.

Here are some ideas presented at this well-organized event:

Michael Coleman, Mayoral candidate, supports systematic code enforcement; feels police substations should be actively staffed 24 hours a day; and believes in rebuilding old neighborhoods.

Matt Habash, Council candidate, feels programs for low-income housing should include input from all members of the community so historic districts and affordable housing are compatible; and believes in retaining brick streets.

Angela Bosworth, Council candidate, feels that each historic district has been a success story.

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

September 9, 1999

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

The well-attended meeting was called to order at approximately 7:35 P.M. at the Godman Guild by President Weisz. Introductions were made around the table.

The HWS Public Arts Committee spoke on their efforts. Presenters included Merrill Aldrich, Pat Sieber, Amanda Butler, Laura Shinn and Nava Couch.

The Call for Artists will end on October 15, followed by the selection of three artists by the jury. The three artists will then prepare proposals, with one project to be selected by the neighborhood. The Committee has met with the City's Recreation and Parks Department, who is supportive. The location of the artwork is flexible; three possible locations are the Third Avenue bridge plazas, the Vermont Place island and the HW Park at Fourth and Oregon. Fundraising and publicity plans continue.

Establishment of a "501(C)(3)" organization is a possibility.

Next, Angela Bosworth, candidate for City Council, spoke on her ideas on traffic solutions, a strong downtown, and riverfront development. Bosworth, who sits on the Historic Resources Commission, supports historic preservation and reinvestment in the core neighborhoods.

The business meeting commenced at approximately 8:10 P.M. A motion was made to approve the August 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 \$4,250, with \$450 reserved for the public arts fund. A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; Cowin motioned; Gilp seconded; passed.

For the Membership Committee, Weisz reported that the membership list will be available soon.

For the Newsletter Committee, Editor Gilp welcomed comments on aesthetics and content to help with her ongoing redesign of the HW News.

For the Planning & Development Committee, Secretary Dimoff reported on the construction of the City's bike path. A motion was made to sponsor a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the City and Battelle; Dimoff motioned; Funk seconded; passed.

A meeting with Battelle will be held soon on their master landscaping plan and related issues. Dimoff is the contact.

In other P&D business, a draft of the City's Handbook for Private Development and Public Improvements in the Riverfront Corridor is available.

For the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund Committee, Treasurer Cowin reported that he welcomes ideas and volunteers to contact him. An article will appear in the next HW News.

For the Strategic Planning Committee, Vice President Funk reported that local sewers were built in approximately 1901 and have an average life span of 120 years. Funk would like to hold small meetings of neighbors to generate a list of ideas, such as one generated by residents on Fourth Avenue who are interested in ornamental lighting. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Funk is the contact.

For the Traffic Committee, Craig Copeland reported that the MOA process with the City has slowed. The City has raised the possibility of bricks in parking lanes. Citizens for a Better Spring-Sandusky continues to prepare legal issues.

Copeland also reported that the bricks on Pennsylvania Avenue will be paved over soon by the City's contractor. A motion was made to oppose the paving of bricks on Pennsylvania Avenue; Dimoff motioned; Gilp seconded; passed.

A motion was made to support that the money budgeted to replace existing asphalt be used to install bricks; Copeland motioned; Aldrich seconded; passed.

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Harrison West Society Minutes

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Copeland also reported that street corner work on Michigan Avenue is being done to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act prior to paving. One attendee expressed concern that sandstone curbs were being removed unnecessarily.

A Candidates Night is being sponsored by the Council of Historic Neighborhoods on September 29. A motion was made to allocate \$50 to the CHN for this event; Weisz motioned; Funk seconded; passed.

The HW Yard Sale will be held October 16. President Weisz noted that many residents are signing up and that a tent will be set up to sell t-shirts to possibly sell baked goods and listen to music. A motion was made to allocate funds for one hour of live music; Weisz motioned; Aldrich seconded; passed.

Under new business, Weisz and Sieber of the Public Arts Committee reported on the need to establish a 501(C)(3) organization to help with fundraising. Discussion followed. Concerns were raised on the implications of such an organization. The possibility that the HWS should change from a 501(C)(4) was raised, as was the need to see the draft bylaws of the proposed organization. A motion was made to require the Public Arts Committee to proceed with preparation of the paperwork (including the bylaws) for a 501(C)(3) organization in consultation with the HWS Officers and subject to the approval of the HWS; Cowin motioned; Funk seconded; passed.

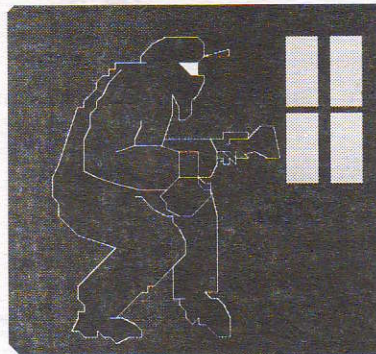
Volunteers for the Victorian Village Tour of Homes were solicited. A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting; Dimoff motioned; Aldrich seconded; passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 P.M.

Short North Crime Alert

Beth Brown, who lives on Neil Avenue, was kind enough to send this heads-up alert to Harrison Westers. The description matches that of the man caught trying to get into a Harrison West house several weeks ago. Lock those doors and windows, folks.

On Sunday afternoon, we had a suspicious visitor, who came up to the front door, and when met by Arthur, wanted to know if he bought antique windows, indicating the one in our front window (I was washing windows and the front door was open, we were both out of sight, inside, as he approached).

Neither of us had ever seen him around before. Arthur called the police a few minutes later because of the suspicious nature of the visitor and his appearance.



Shortly thereafter, a police van and TWO cruisers showed up at our door, looking for our "guest" and more info!!! We've called on other occasions, but have never gotten quite this intense a response.

It turns out that there have been a couple of recent burglaries on 2nd Ave., and the police are looking for someone who apparently fits the description of our visitor. Also, remember Eva's (3rd Ave. just east of Neil) troubles from just a few months ago—two consecutive break ins, back to back, in broad daylight, with her in the house.

The police told us to make sure our windows & doors were locked. They thought, as we did, that our house was being cased—rather boldly—by a criminal.

Here's his description: 5'10", 30-40, African-American, short hair, slender to medium build, we vaguely recall a very short beard/moustache. He wore new baggy clothing, including black warm-up pants, dark purple and black running shoes, tan (wool?) sport jacket, flat cap, and had a dark nylon zippered carry bag on a shoulder strap worn UNDER the jacket. (Bag was roughly 10"x5"x2"). Big wraparound sunglasses. The ensemble was entirely too warm for the day (80+ at 1 PM on Sunday); and many distinguishing features were covered up.

Please remember what the police said: make sure your windows (and doors) are locked. Sometimes they break in, but other times, they just look for the easy opportunities. I recall about 20 years ago noticing someone on Smith Place at 2:30 AM walking along the street, trying each car door—he didn't break any windows, just kept looking systematically. Even crooks have to keep their noses to the grindstone.

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The Harrison West Society would like to build a list of such ideas to help coordinate City projects over the long-term. Why invest in sidewalks if the sewer will be torn up in a few years?

You can help! Call Mary Funk at 291-9545.

FYI

- King Ave. bridge to open mid-November
- Pennsylvania Ave. bricks to remain
- Michigan & Pennsylvania paving to be completed this Fall
- Street corner work in neighborhood being done to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act before paving

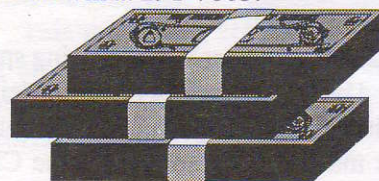
River Cleanup

Battelle and Harrison West are sponsoring a joint River Cleanup on October 30. Meet at Battelle's parking lot by the bridge on Fifth Ave. Cleanup runs from 9 to 11 with a Battelle-sponsored cookout from 11 to noon. An educational program will entertain the kids while you're doing your bit to clean up our river bank.



Bring In the Bucks for Harrison West

Here's your chance to help your neighborhood get the capital improvements it needs: join the Urban Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund Committee. Just a few hours a month will make all the difference in your neighborhood. Call John Cowin at 291-7063.



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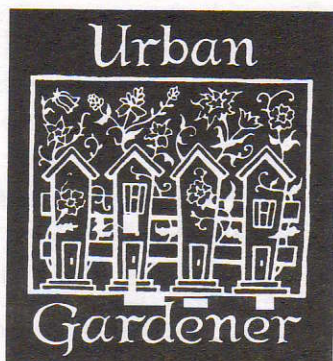
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Michigan Market & Moretti Lot Update

There's been no new word on the variance request for the Michigan Market. The application remains tabled with the City's Board of Zoning Adjustment. The BZA meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the City's Dave Reis at 645-7973 to keep abreast of the case.

The owner of several lots on Oregon and Michigan Avenues, formerly owned by Moretti's Poultry, has recently applied for a variance. Call the City's Wil Preston Jr. at 645-7563 for information.

Harrison West Society Membership *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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Harrison West EcoTeam Tips



by Sandy Woolard, Barbara Williams, Jane Wasman, and Betty King.

Our team name is Hearth, for Harrison West's Concern About The Earth.

Each EcoTeam must decide upon a Mission Statement. Collectively, we decided on: We will apply ecologically-sound principles in our own homes and lives, thus positively impacting our neighborhood and the world.

The mission statement of the whole EcoTeam program: *"Never doubt that a small group of committed individuals can change the world - indeed it's the only thing that ever has."* Margaret Mead

Here are some tips we have learned about garbage and water use and recycling:

Garbage

1) Recycle - just about every possible type of container can now be recycled. Rumpke's services are available, or the Kroger on High at King and the one at Chambers have containers for glass, plastic, cardboard, metal and aluminum cans.

2) Bring your own bags to the grocery store. Nice, inexpensive net bags are available at the North Market, or make your own cloth bags.

3) Eliminate the use of styrofoam containers. They are used almost exclusively for carry-out food items. Encourage the stores involved to switch to paper containers. Take your own containers to carry food home from the restaurant.

4) Use both sides of writing paper. Bring scrap paper home from work and place by your phone for messages, etc.

5) For all those unwanted solicitations for new charge cards, write across the application form, asking to be removed from their mail list, and return this in their own postage-paid envelop.

6) Start a compost pile.

7) Use cloth napkins.

8) Whenever possible, repair items instead of replacing them with new ones.

9) Become involved in Garage Sales and let your trash become some one else's treasures.

10) When you entertain, limit your use of plastic, disposable containers and silver ware. Borrow from a friend if you do not have enough of your own.

11) Plant as many trees and shrubs as possible on your own property to help replace what you yourself will use in your lifetime.

Water

1) Check all faucets for leaks, and repair them

2) Check all toilet tanks for leaks, and definitely insert a solid object to take up space in the tank so less water is used each time it has to refill.

3) Install low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators for sinks.

4) DON'T let the water run while you brush your teeth, wash your hands, or wash the dishes.

5) Keep water in the refrigerator for cold water to drink, instead of letting the water run at the sink until it is cold.

6) Cut a few minutes off your shower.

7) Water your lawn with only 1 inch of water a week; use the new round sprinkler hoses which use 50% less water than an actual sprinkler attachment.

8) Water your lawn in the early morning to avoid water evaporation during the heat of the day. A mulch cover on the gardens helps conserve water, also.

9) Call 645-3847 and ask for your free water-saving kit from the Columbus Water Division.

We have details on each of these topics if anyone is interested. We would also like to hear from Harrison West residents if they have any other tried and proven methods to conserve on the amount of disposable garbage from each household, or the amount of water used by each household. Send your ideas to our Editor.

Crime Hotline Email

victorianvillage@hotmail.com

Victorian Village President Gavin Armstrong has set up a crime hotline email account for the Short North area. Use this address to report info on crime and as a clearinghouse for spreading this information through the neighborhood.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out At Shoku

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I had the shoku beef. Thin-sliced sirloin with the bone in was marinated, grilled, sauced, and dusted with sesame seeds. The presentation was lovely, but the food unfortunately didn't live up to it. The beef was all gristle and sinew. The vegetables -- sauteed green beans, steamed potatoes, and kimchee -- could have used some heat. A better cut of meat and vegetables that hadn't stood so long would have greatly improved this \$9.95 entree.

The vegetable tempura served at the next table looked very tasty. It was sweet potato, onion, mushrooms, eggplant, and snow peas lightly battered and fried, served with rice. The diners pronounced it airy and non-greasy.

If you like sushi, order the Ship O' Sushi. Not on the menu, it's a wooden ship about two feet long, filled with sushi. Several tables were having fun with it.

Shoku also serves a variety of bento boxes and many kinds of sushi.

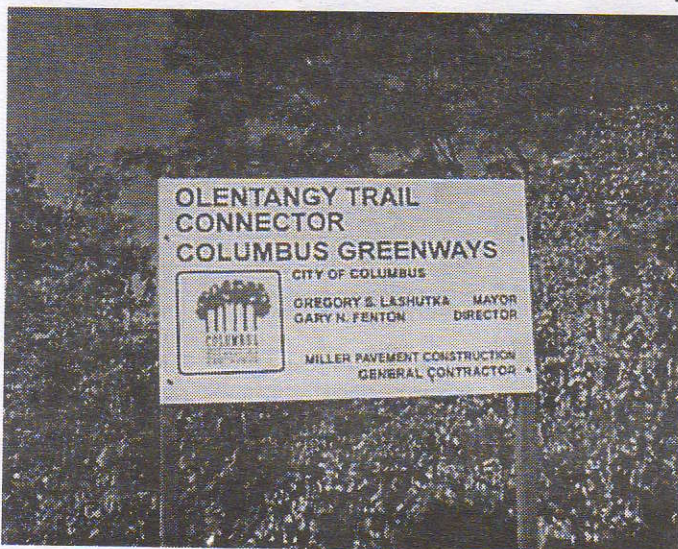
Of course, it wouldn't be an Asian restaurant without a selection of sake, Japanese beers, and plum wine, all of which are served with great ceremony. Try the cold ozeki ginjo sake in the wooden box.

Oriental palates don't usually focus on dessert, so the sweets listing is limited. We ordered the mango sorbet just to try it. Maddy thought it was too tart, John thought it was OK, and I loved its sweet-tart taste.

The decor is minimalist, with old-yellow walls, exposed bricks and beams, and a polished concrete floor. The tables are wooden and the servers invariably are young girls, thin to emaciation, dressed in black. Very trendy. Ask to sign your check with the special Viagra Pen. Carryout available: 485-9490 or fax 485-9491.



Almost Time to Ride the Bikepath



Eadie Gourmet Eats Out At Shoku

by Veda Gilp

Maddy Weisz, John Cowin, and I tried Shoku, a trendy Asian venue at 1312 Grandview Avenue. Though our meals ran the taste gamut from "outstanding" to "OK," if you order carefully, you'll get a lovely meal here.

Don't bother with the house salad, an uninspired mix of iceberg lettuce, cucumber and sprouts topped with peanuts. If you must have greens, try the roasted seaweed served with sesame oil. Other starters include the traditional miso soup; seafood soup with clam, shrimp, crab, seaweed and radish sprouts in a light broth; and seaweed salad with crab and seasoned seaweed in a vinaigrette.

Maddy pronounced her vegetable eggroll very good, with a nice balance of vegetables and a sweet-sour dipping sauce with a hint of hot pepper.

At another visit, I found the gyoza, a selection of steamed vegetable, shrimp and meat dumplings, to be excellent.

John ordered the garlic chicken for his entree. His verdict: "OK, but it should have been served at a warmer temperature." The chicken was garlicky, but the red and green peppers, onions, been sprouts, and mushrooms didn't taste of garlic at all. The chicken and vegetables obviously hadn't been cooked together, which accounted for the blandness of the vegetables.

Maddy ordered udon sukiyaki, noodles with beef and seasoned vegetables in a light broth. It was an entire meal in itself, and the best entree at the table. At only \$8.95, this is good value, being more noodle and vegetables than broth.

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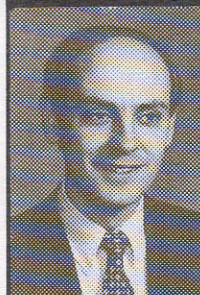
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