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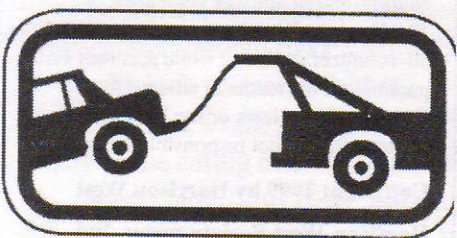
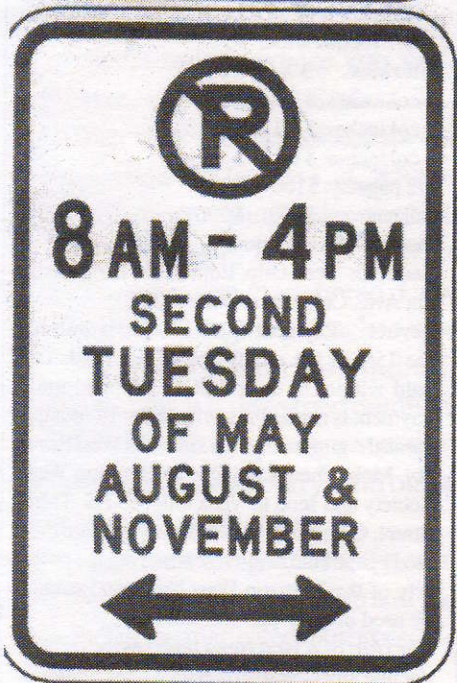
The Harrison West Society will meet  
**Thursday, November 11, 7:30 PM,**  
**Godman Guild, 321 W. Second Avenue**  
**Olde Towne East Insider Tips and Info**  
**UIRF**  
**Riverfront Development**  
**Public Art**  
**Short Business Meeting**

# Harrison West News

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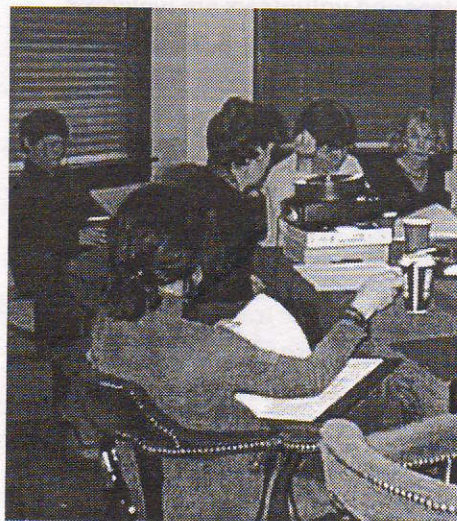
## Public Arts Gets \$3,600 Grant

The Public Arts Committee has received a \$3,600 grant for the Artists' Competition from the Greater Columbus Arts Council. Many thanks to Pat Sieber, Grant Writer Extraordinary!

On October 24, the Arts Jury met to select three artists from the 22 who had presented their work for consideration.

Nancy Recchie from the Benjamin Rickey Company, Historic Preservation Specialists, was the Facilitator for the process.

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*The jury selected three artists and two alternates to be invited to submit proposals.*

## Thursday Meeting Highlights

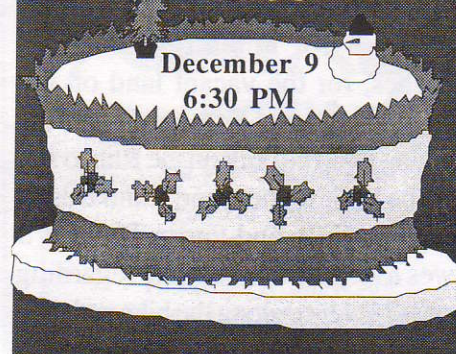
The Olde Towne East Association is sending a speaker who will discuss how to include and empower the various factions of a diverse neighborhood into a cohesive, powerful organization to benefit the entire neighborhood.

We'll begin discussing plans for the Riverfront Corridor.

We'll hear more about traffic in our neighborhood.

This should be an excellent meeting for everyone interested in improving Harrison West. Don't miss it -- November 11, 7:30 at Godman Guild.

## Holiday Potluck at Harrison House



Wanted: a chef to cook a turkey for the Potluck. Call Maddy Weisz at 291-2285.



## HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

October 14, 1999

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40 PM. by President Weisz. Introductions were made around the table.

Karla Eldridge, a family violence prevention professional, spoke and distributed information on Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Michael Chan of the Durable Slate Company spoke on roof restoration and maintenance and gutter systems.

The business meeting commenced at approximately 8:20 PM. A motion was made to approve the September minutes as printed in the Harrison West News; Dimoff motioned; Morris seconded; passed.

Treasurer Cowin presented the Treasurer's report. Cash-in-hand is approximately \$3,742, with \$450 designated for public art. A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; Cowin motioned; Gilp seconded; Passed.

For the Planning & Development Committee, Secretary Dimoff reported on the recent meeting with Battelle. The HWS had hoped for improvements to Fifth Avenue soon; however Battelle has not included the work in this fiscal year. Battelle remains committed to the improvements to the streetscape.

Battelle offered a \$5,000 grant to the HWS for amenities, such as benches, for the vacant land on the southeast corner of Fifth and Perry. The parking lot to be built on the Ranco site will be built to the same standards as the lot at Fifth and Perry. The HWS owes a response to Battelle regarding a possible fence along the bike path and the possible closing of the Fourth Avenue access path.

Dimoff reported that the bike path ribbon-cutting ceremony is being organized with the City and Battelle. Ideas and contacts for the event were solicited.

An application to the City has been submitted by the owners of the lots on Oregon Avenue, south of Third, formerly owned by Morretti's Poultry. The case is scheduled for November 23 at the City's Board of Zoning Adjustment. A copy of the variance request was passed around.

Copies of the draft Riverfront Design Handbook and related information on possible commission status are available. The City Council is expected to address these in early Spring of 2000.

The Public Art Committee reported on their recent fun-filled tour of public art in the Columbus area. More activities, such as an art jury, are scheduled.

For the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund, Treasurer Cowin reported that the application is due to the City in early January. A committee meeting will be held October 26. All ideas and volunteers are welcome.

For the Strategic Planning Committee, Vice President Funk reported that focus groups will be held.

For the Traffic Committee, Craig Copeland reported that the federal 106 process continues, but the City does not want to give the neighborhoods the power to reduce traffic to pre-1993 levels. An increase of five thousand cars is expected on Neil Avenue. Copeland is pessimistic regarding the 106 Memorandum of Agreement and urged that HWS money be spent on an attorney.

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## Harrison West Minutes

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Copeland is concerned with the Victorian Village Society's recent proposal to the City of a \$1.8 million project for Neil Avenue and with the lack of cooperation by Victorian Village.

Treasurer Cowin expressed frustration with the lack of Committee reports from Copeland. President Weisz scheduled a Traffic Committee meeting for October 19. Secretary Dimoff offered copies of the latest Memorandum of Agreement and noted that the HWS will be asked to sign such a document at some point.

President Weisz reported that the Candidates Night sponsored by the Council of Historic Neighborhoods was a success. The HWS provided the food.

The Harrison West Yard Sale is set, with 38 families signed up.

A Gardening Club is in the works, with Nava Couch hoping to draw upon Harrison West and Vic Village residents.

The HWS Holiday Potluck will be held at the Bed & Breakfast at Harrison and Fifth on December 9 at 6:30.

We need a designer for a website.

A motion was made to adjourn; Dimoff motioned; Gilp seconded; Passed.

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## Yard Sale Successful

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*Big smiles all around for the bargains these yard salers found at the Harrison West Yard Sale.*

## Public Arts Gets \$3,600 Grant

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The dedicated volunteers on the Public Arts Committee have spent many hours bringing us to this point.

On Saturday the Jury went to work. The Jury includes: Jackie Calderone, who works with CAPA and lives on Oregon Avenue; Linda Fowler, who is an artist and lives on Vermont Place; Laura Shinn, who is an architect with OSU and lives on Fourth Avenue; Nava Couch, who is



*Facilitator Nancy Recchie, Historic Preservation Specialist, did an excellent job helping us through the Jury process.*

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## Cookie Thanks

Mildred Todd brought a huge plate of wonderful homemade peanut butter cookies and coconut cookies to the last Harrison West meeting. Many thanks from everyone. And just one question: "Care to do a replay, Mildred?"

a Social Worker with the Department of Mental Health and lives on Harrison Avenue; Pat Sieber, who is a professor of Chinese at OSU and lives on Delaware; and Merrill Aldrich, who is an architect with NBBJ and lives on Harrison. Thanks to all of them.



*This Committee likes to eat, so every meeting involves food of some sort. The Jury was no exception. Barb Austin provided an excellent lunch for everyone.*



## Harrison West EcoTeam Tips

by Betty King, Jane Wasman, Barbara Williams, and Sandy Wollard

We are a group of your Harrison West neighbors who have formed a team whose goal is to learn to apply ecologically sound principles in our own homes and lives. We don't expect to make major changes in our lifestyles; we simply plan to make a few subtle differences in our day-to-day habits. In the process, we will be kinder to our world and will save ourselves a few dollars, too.

Here are some conservation tips:

### Energy

- When you leave a room, turn things off. If you have trouble remembering to turn off lights, consider installing a timer.
- Set your thermostat lower at home and wear a sweater. At night, lower the temperature even further.
- Ensure your air conditioner is the correct size for the space you are cooling, situate it in a shady spot, keep the filter clean, and set the thermostat no lower than 78 degrees.
- Seal air leaks around doors, windows, electrical and plumbing outlets, and cracks.

- Make sure your refrigerator door seals tightly and keep the condenser coils clean. Set the temperature at 38 degrees in the fridge and 5 degrees in the freezer.

- Have your furnace cleaned and adjusted. Seal and insulate heating ducts.

- Change to compact fluorescent light bulbs. They last about 8 years and use 70 % less electricity.

- Set your water heater at 120 degrees and install an insulating blanket.

- Insulate your windows with storm windows, insulated drapes, thermal shades, blinds, or plastic.

- Do laundry in cold water; wash full loads only. Clean the dryer lint filter

after each use; dry full loads. Use a clothesline or drying rack when possible.

### Transportation

- Join or form a car pool.
- Look for opportunities to walk or bicycle instead of driving.
- Take the bus.
- Have your car serviced regularly.
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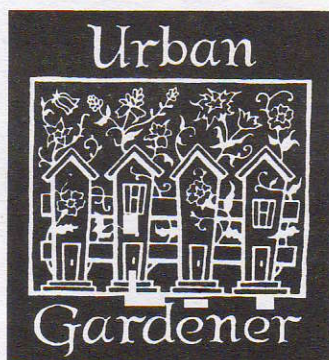
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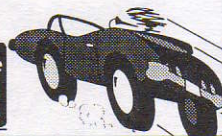
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## UIRF Committee Selects Six Projects for Consideration

The Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) subcommittee of the Harrison West Society (HWS) met on Tuesday evening, October 26, 1999.

The committee reviewed a number of proposals, compared them to the program's standards, and made a preliminary decision to pursue additional information on six possible projects.

In alphabetical order, these initial six projects are:

- 1) Seek matching funds for the HWS Public Arts Program;
- 2) Place benches in the neighborhood, most likely in park settings and COTA stops;
- 3) Establish brick crosswalks similar to the downtown High Street pattern;
- 4) Build a Bridge Plaza at the West edge of the Fifth Ave. bridge similar to the East-side of the Third Ave. bridge;
- 5) Decorative lighting for the Vermont Place island similar to the lighting used in Harrison West Park;
- 6) Improved signage which designates the neighborhood's boundaries.

Full grant proposals must be developed and presented to City officials by January 4, 2000. Before submittal, all projects must be prioritized by the HWS. Although time is short, additional projects can be considered if submitted at the November HWS meeting or by contacting John Cowin at 291-7063.

The Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) was created in 1993. Designated neighborhoods can petition the City for funds to support community reinvestment projects, housing initiatives, local job creation, and infrastructure improvements.

Harrison West is a qualifying neighborhood for this program and has successfully applied for funds in 1999 (Third Avenue pocket park - \$90,000) and in 1998 (lighting - \$85,000).

## Morretti Lot Building Needs Rezoning, Variance

The proposed construction of a six-unit building on Oregon Avenue is not consistent with the neighborhood's current zoning, according to the City.

The owners of the lots formerly owned by Morretti's Poultry, south of Third, recently applied for a variance with the City's Board of Zoning Adjust-

ment (BZA). The owners portrayed the variance as only a change to the requirement for a five-foot side yard.

City staff, however, have determined that the owners basically proposed a six-unit building in an R-4 zoning area and that such construction can only be allowed with a City Council variance or a rezoning.

Consequently, the case will not be heard at the November 16 BZA hearing as originally scheduled. Denise Powers at the City is the contact -- 645-1788.

### Harrison West Society Membership *Sign me up with the Harrison West Society*

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## Olentangy Trail Dedication

Bikepath opens through Harrison West

The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, in cooperation with the Harrison West Society and the Battelle Memorial Institute dedicated the Harrison West Section of the Olentangy Trail bikepath on October 28.

The popular Olentangy Trail features a new connector from the Third Avenue bridge to the King Avenue bridge. Battelle Memorial Institute has provided the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department an easement for the .72 mile trail as part of the eventual 12 mile Olentangy Trail from Worthington to downtown. The beautiful scenic path winds along the river from Harrison West, past Battelle to the south end of OSU.

The ten-foot wide asphalt trail is designed for recreation activities such as biking, jogging, walking and rollerblading. An underpass beneath Fifth Avenue ensures that users do not have to cross against busy traffic. The Harrison West Society was instrumental in persuading the City to build the underpass.



photo courtesy Department of Recreation and Parks

## Seat Cover Campaign



New Life United Methodist Church is asking for donations of new socks and underwear for men, women, and children for their 7th annual Christmas underwear project. Donations will be received any Tuesday or Wednesday between 9 and 11:30 AM and on Saturday, November 20 from 10 to 1.



photo and information courtesy Department of Recreation and Parks  
The Bikepath dedication drew quite a crowd of dignitaries. (Left to Right) Tom McClain, Battelle Corporate Communications; Ralph Smithers, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Ron Snyder, Battelle Facilities Group; Maddy Weisz, President of the Harrison West Society; Matt Habash, City Council; Mary Funk, Vice President of the Harrison West Society; Michael Mentel, City Council; Gary Fenton, Director of Columbus Recreation and Parks.



## 3rd Annual Holiday Lights Contest

**Get the lights and ladders!** It's time for the Harrison West Holiday Lights Contest. Make sure your lights are turned on and your decorations are up by December 17.

Judges will select prize winners for each category: Traditional, Most Exuberant and Elegantly Victorian. The Traditional category is lights and decorations. The Most Exuberant category is LIGHTS LIGHTS LIGHTS! We're talking serious wattage for this category. The Elegantly Victorian category should involve a strong sense of Victorian design and decoration.

Prizes will be awarded.

Is this the year Harrison West will do a neighborhood-wide Luminaria display along all the sidewalks?

Judges are needed for the Holiday Lights Contest. This year, we're thinking of setting an evening when the judges get together in one vehicle and cruise the neighborhood looking at displays. Someone even suggested champagne for everyone but the driver. So, if you're not putting up lots of decorations this year, think about being a judge. Please call Holiday Lights Chair Nava Couch at 299-5830 to sign up.





## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out At the North Market

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The Heil Family Deli generally has hearty soups going, and a variety of subs and turkey sandwiches.

Tapatio Bread Company not only makes wonderful bread, they offer delicious veggie roll-ups, foccacia, rolls and cookies. The foccacia is especially good, being strong on garlic and cheese.

Pastaria offers so many different pastas, you could eat every meal here for two weeks and not get through them all. Try their artichoke and gorgonzola cream over bowties if you want something wonderful. Fattening, but wonderful. Serious macaroni and cheese with meat sauce is one of their biggest sellers.

Sarefino's is where you go for calzones, stromboli, and pizza. They also offer sandwiches, including a work of art called the Green Cat, which is avocado, pesto, sunflower seeds, tomato, provolone, black pepper and cayenne on seven grain bread. Check your teeth before you go back to work.

Stop by Flavors of India for Samosa, which is deep fried dumplings stuffed with mildly spice green peas and potatoes or chicken curry with onions, rice and two vegetables.

For something lighter, try casual cuisine for gourmet vegetable and pasta salads. Try the marinated mushrooms and vegetables. Just wonderful.

Best of the Wurst offers deli meats in overstuffed, custom-made sandwiches, many of which you can order hot.

Now, let's talk serious desserts. Many of the eating establishments offer cheesecake, both New York and French style. Several offer baklava. But

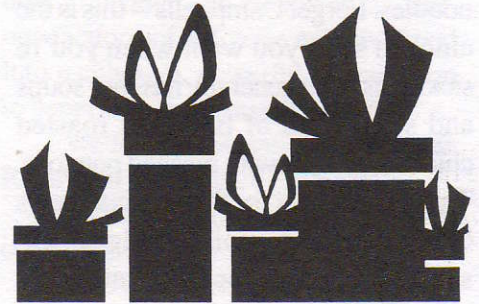
if you're looking for serious calorie overload, you gotta go to Cake & Co. First, have a piece of their speciality -- strawberry cake. This is two heavenly layers of gold or chocolate chiffon cake, stuffed with whipped cream and fresh strawberries. Then think of the people at the office, and take back a box of sticky cakes, brownies, cookies, and muffins.

What's cake without ice cream? And the place for ice cream is I Scream for Ice Cream. Unique is not sufficiently descriptive of their ice cream flavors. Their pumpkin 5 spice ice cream is like pumpkin pie in a cone. Lavender Tangerine is delicately lovely and tastes just like its name. Sweet Basil Pistachio actually tastes great -- fresh and green and slightly nutty. No plain vanilla, but their French Vanilla is so rich, it should be wearing diamonds.

Not all stores are open every day, and hours vary, but it's worth making the effort.

## St. Francis Holiday Bazaar Dec. 4&5

Here's your chance to do your holiday shopping, support a good cause, and eat well. The 3rd Annual Bazaar runs 12 am to 4 PM Saturday and 10 to 2 on Sunday. Crafters from all over the city provide great items. Gift items donated by Short North businesses and crafters are raffled on Sunday. One special attraction is the baked goods table displaying the extraordinary efforts of St. Francis parishioners, who are well-known for their superb baking abilities. Lunch definitely is worth the visit, especially if you arrive before the homemade pierogies are sold out. All proceeds from the Bazaar benefit St. Francis of Assisi Church.



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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out At North Market

by Veda Gilp

I recently tried the eat-it-there food at the North Market. All those people who crowd the Market during weekday lunch times know a good thing when they taste it. I found the food uniformly good, reasonably priced, and interesting.

Next time you have a cold or the flu, send a friend over to the North Market Poultry and Game stand for a big bowl of their chicken noodle soup. It's chunks of chicken, carrots, onions, celery and wide, homemade-style noodles. Forget Campbells -- this is the chicken soup you want when you're sick. This shop generally has four soups and some kind of baked or roasted chicken, usually with mashed potatoes. They are famous for their unique stews of ostrich, rabbit, venison, alligator, bison, pheasant, elk, or other game.

After your chicken soup, wander over to the Rhodes Side Organic Market for fresh juices and an organic salad with organic dressing. Pretty good.

Next up is Barry's New York Style Deli, very authentic, except the proprietor is Midwestern polite and helpful. His sandwiches are overstuffed, and worth the \$7.95 price tag. If you are a "real" cheesecake fan, sate your craving here -- they had SIX cheesecakes when I was there, from classic plain to Buckeye to Reese's Cup.

Firdous offers eight different lunch plates every day -- everything from shawarma to Jerusalem salad. Their pita bread is made fresh daily in Firdous ovens, and tastes like it. Here's where you get your baklava fix, if you can bear to choose just one piece from the variety they offer.

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