



The Harrison West Society will meet
Thursday, December 9, 6:30 PM,
Harrison House, 313 5th Ave., corner 5th and Harrison
Holiday Potluck
No business meeting
President's Surprise
Be There

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Lights Up for the 3rd Annual Holiday Lights Contest

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 at the January meeting.

John Cowin, Maddy Weisz, Gene Roe, and Sandy Woolard are judges.



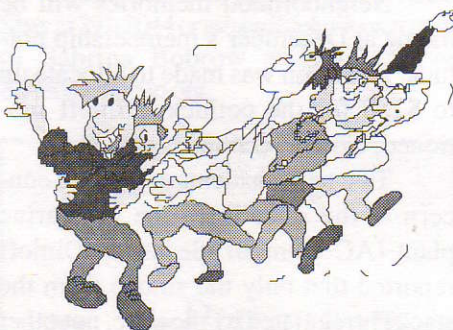
Last year's Traditional Winner.

Holiday Potluck at Harrison House Dec. 9, 6:30

Bring a covered dish and an appetite to the December potluck. You'll find lots of conversation, a beautiful restored home, and some great stories about the neighborhood in years past.

Call Maddy Weisz at 291-2285 to RSVP.

Last year more than 50 Harrison Westers turned out for a great evening. President Maddy Weisz promises some surprises this year, so come prepared....



Public Art Celebration Planned for Jan. 22

See story on Page 6.

Thanks for the Benches, Battelle!

See story on Page 3.

Celebrate...

Words from the President

by Maddy Weisz

It is time to celebrate both the winter Holidays and the new millennium. My best wishes to everyone. We also have a lot to celebrate in Harrison West. We are working in a coalition with the other near north neighborhood groups to develop a much-needed plan for traffic calming.

The Public Arts project is moving full steam ahead. (All three of the artists working on proposals will be at the Holiday Potluck.)

We have been active in influencing zoning and variance issues that effect the quality of life in our neighborhood.

We are developing requests for Urban Infrastructure funding from the City that incorporate new ideas and improvements for the neighborhood, such as bus benches and planters. I could keep going....

Most importantly to me, we are getting many more people involved in a variety of ways that compliment their interests and enrich the neighborhood.

So as you see, we do have much to celebrate!

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

November 11, 1999

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40 P.M. at the Godman Guild by President Weisz. Introductions were made around the table. Al Waddell of the Olde Town East Neighborhood Association spoke on his experience building their membership and organizing their committees.

The business meeting commenced at 8:10 P.M. A motion was made to approve the October meeting's minutes as printed in the Harrison West News; Dimoff motioned; Woolard seconded; passed.

Treasurer Cowin presented the Treasurer's report. Cash-in-hand is approximately \$6400. A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; Cowin motioned; Williams seconded; passed.

For the Planning & Development Committee, Secretary Dimoff reported that the owners of the four lots on the 1100 block of Oregon Avenue have been told by the City that their variance application could not be approved as submitted; a rezoning or council variance is necessary. Battelle has offered to fund \$5,000 worth of improvements on the land on the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Perry Street. Volunteers are needed to oversee this project. The HWS owes Battelle a response on other questions about a fence along the bike path and the access path. These will be discussed at the next P&D Committee meeting on November 16. Dimoff also reported on the City's draft Riverfront Development Handbook and offered it for review upon request. The newsletter, P&D Committee meetings and the January meeting will be used to inform residents and determine HWS support for the Handbook.

For the Public Art Committee, Pat Sieber reported on the status of the grant and the selection of the artists.

For the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund Committee, Treasurer Cowin reported that the Committee generated six ideas for further development, as reported in the Harrison West News. The deadline is prior to the January HWS, so a motion to authorize the HWS application was deemed necessary. A motion was made to empower the UIRF Committee to compile ideas, prioritize projects, and prepare and submit the application; Cowin motioned; Woolard seconded; passed.

Regarding traffic, Craig Copeland gave a summary of the Spring Sandusky Interchange. President Weisz solicited volunteers and reported on recent meetings with the other neighborhood representatives.

The Yard Sale was deemed a success, but several good ideas were offered for improvement next year.

Volunteers to judge the Holiday Lights Contest were requested to contact Veda Gilp.

Neighborhood memories will be theme at December's membership potluck. A motion was made to allocate up to \$250 for the potluck; Dimoff motioned; Cowin seconded; passed.

Two new residents expressed concern at the odor from the margarine plant (AC Humko). Secretary Dimoff reported that only the smoke from the stacks is regulated by the state, not other odors which can only be addressed under nuisance regulations. The residents were encouraged to document the time and date of the odors. Dimoff has additional information.

A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting; Cowin motioned; Sieber seconded; passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

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"Thanks Battelle!"

Battelle Offers \$5,000 for Park Benches at Fifth and Perry

Battelle Memorial Institute has offered \$5,000 for improvements to their land on the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Perry Street. And you can help spend it, so to speak, because Battelle asked the Harrison West Society to create and implement a plan for the vacant parcel.

The recent offer was made in the latest of a series of meetings between neighbors and Battelle management. Many productive "breakfasts" have been held over several years, with discussion ranging from the design of parking lots to a master landscaping plan.

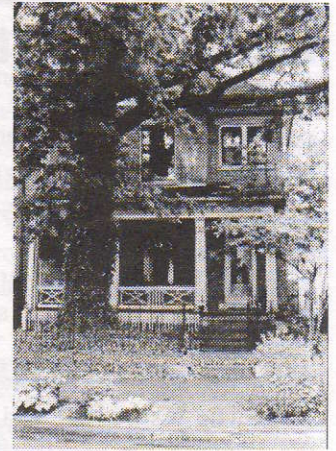
In 1998, the Harrison West Society gave a list of suggestions to Battelle, one of which was to make this corner more park-like with benches and light fixtures. Now, Battelle has graciously provided the funds.

Members of HWS have already expressed interest in this project. If you have ideas and would like to help improve this corner of Harrison West, call HWS volunteer Michael Duffy at 297- 1070, or come to the January 13 meeting of the Harrison West Society.

Garden Tour 2000

It's almost Garden Tour time again. The 1998 Garden Tour was the most successful ever, with several hundred people touring Harrison West. Even the sudden downpour - remember when the skies opened? - could not "dampen" the enthusiasm of the people touring our gardens. As it was, we still made money and showed many strangers just how beautiful and friendly our neighborhood can be.

This year, we're starting early. We're looking for someone to sell ads. And GARDENS! LOTS OF GARDENS! Gene Roe is the Chair 299-1073. Call him to sign up your garden or to help. Watch for the Garden Tour 2000 Website, too!



Welcome New Resident



August baby Owen Shellhammer is our newest Harrison Wester. Owen's mom and dad are Gina and Tom.

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.

This needs your cooperation. Report all suspicious and criminal persons and activities you see to victorianvillage@hotmail.com.

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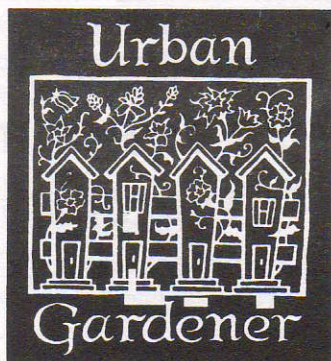
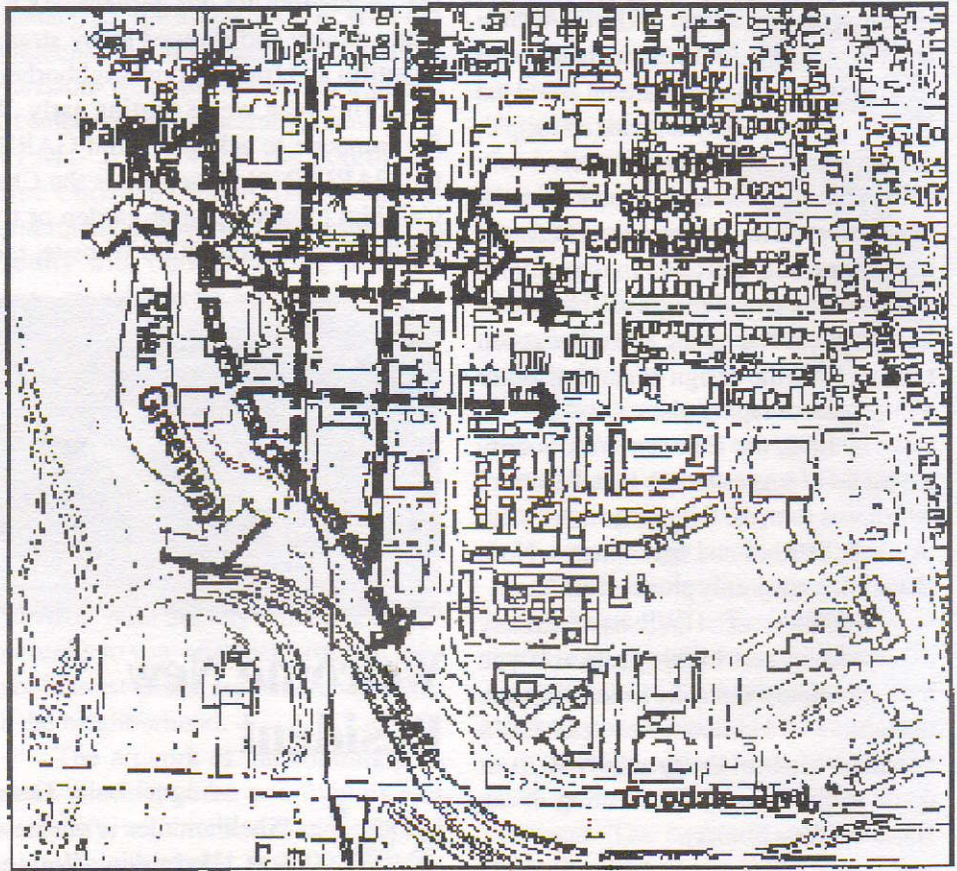
City's Riverfront Corridor Handbook— What's it mean for Harrison West?

The City wants us to vote to support the Riverfront Corridor Handbook, so here is a quick rundown of the salient points as relating to our neighborhood.

The City's draft Riverfront Corridor Handbook fleshes out some design ideas from the Riverfront Vision Plan which was approved by City Council in 1998. The Vision Plan had established the strategy for parkland and urban re-development in a nine-mile corridor along the river, from Ohio State through downtown and south to Frank Road.

Now the Handbook builds on that plan. Examples in or near Harrison West include:

** The pattern of development and the layout of streets south of First Avenue (see sketch to the right). A tree-lined "Parkside Drive" with ornamental lights will separate a riverfront park from the "redevelopment area". The redevelopment area, currently mostly parking lots and warehouses, will have an urban grid of streets and alleys.



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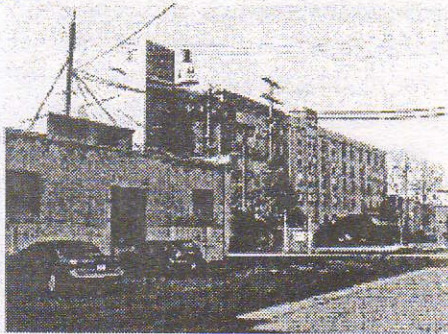
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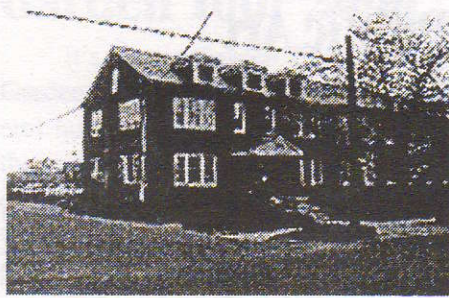


****Guidelines for new buildings.** Construction in the river corridor will be subject to architectural guidelines such as the relative size of the building and its relationship to the street. These design guidelines try to ensure a healthy density and urban character, sometimes referred to as "New Urbanism". Residences would be mixed in with limited retail and offices.

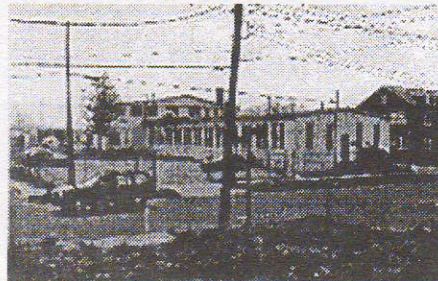
**** Historic Preservation.** The five-story brick AC Humko building and other opportunities for reuse are called out as special. The guidelines want new buildings to "look new and reflect contemporary design" and at the same time "be compatible with nearby historic structures."



AC Humko Building slated for reuse. Has anyone told Humko?



This brick 2 1/2 story office building from the 1930's at 525 West First is described as residential in scale and detailing, indicating that the RCC believes it could be converted to historically compatible housing.



This one and two story turn-of-the century painted brick factory building being used as AC Humko offices at the southwest corner of First Avenue and Oregon Avenue is also touted as prime for reuse.

When???

When will you see changes on the ground? The "Harrison West Reach" of the Vision Plan was looking ahead twenty-plus years, so don't hold your breath. When will the City take the next step? City Council is expected to consider the proposed Handbook and Commission changes for adoption in 2000.

Commissions to Change

Up and down the river corridor, the City's Development Commission would apply the Handbook guidelines (except where the Brewery District Commission or the Downtown Commission has jurisdiction). In and near Harrison West, it is not yet clear where the boundaries lie.



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Wrapping up nearly a year of planning and related activities, Phase One of Harrison West's public art initiative is close to completion. In response to an open call for artists publicized by the public art committee, 22 candidates submitted their qualifications to the competition.

A jury, comprised of arts professionals, neighborhood residents and several committee members, met on October 24 to select three finalists. By all accounts, the decision was not an easy one due to the caliber of talent present in the artists' applications.

The three finalists are Jon Hudson, Charlotte Lees and Barbara Vogel. They will each submit detailed, commissioned proposals to the public art committee by mid-January.

All Harrison West residents and Harrison West Society members will have an opportunity to cast their votes for the winning proposal at a neighborhood celebration on Saturday, January 22.

Phase One of the project was made possible through Ohio Arts Council and Greater Columbus Arts Council grants; and contributions from APCO Industries, Culpeppers General Store and the Harrison West Society.

For more information or to join the public art committee, please contact Maddy Weisz at 291-2285.

Crime Report

Don't get so caught up in the holiday spirit you forget that Harrison West is having its own mini crime wave. Here's the latest report from October.

Auto Theft 4

Burglary 10

Robbery 1

Theft from Auto 10

What this says is to lock your car and your house. Don't leave anything visible in your car.

Public Art Celebration Planned

Mark your calendars now for January 22 for an evening of true excitement. All residents and friends of Harrison West are invited to a public art celebration on Saturday, January 22, 5 P.M.- 7:30 P.M., at the Fourth Avenue Christian Church (the church has generously offered its Fellowship Hall facility with on-site parking so that a large crowd can be accommodated in close proximity to the Harrison West neighborhood).

For the first time, the commissioned proposals developed by the public art competition finalists Jon Hudson, Charlotte Lees, and Barbara Vogel will be on display.

Residents and members of the Harrison West Society will have an opportunity to vote on which proposal they would most like to see become a reality in the neighborhood.

The artwork of the winning proposal, pending phase two funding and feasibility, will be created and installed in the neighborhood in 2000-2001 — don't miss your chance to contribute your input and to meet the artists! (For those of you who will be unable to attend the celebration, you will be able to vote for one week after the event — watch for further details on post-celebration voting opportunities.)

Other event attractions will include refreshments, live entertainment and children's activities. For more information or to join the planning committee, contact Amanda Butler at 421-7157. There are many ways you can get involved.

Holiday Food Fight by Jim Slone and Patrick Barney

It that time of year when we begin to think of the holidays with friends, family and food. We also begin thinking of the dreaded holiday weight gain: those extra pounds that we gain from too much holiday food.



This three-part series will provide you with some tips on keeping those extra pounds at bay and to lose those you might gain should your resistance to one more sugar cookie fail you.

First, check with your physician before beginning any new exercise or diet. He or she will make sure that you won't need to take any additional precautions on your journey to the new you.

Second, to lose weight you will need to burn more calories than you consume. The best way to do this is through moderate exercise three days a week for at least 30 minutes and to eat fewer carbohydrates and more protein and vegetables.

The best exercise for beginners is a brisk walk around the block. Not only will you burn more calories but you will also reduce stress and get to enjoy our beautiful neighborhood!

Remember to always eat sitting down to prevent overeating. Standing encourages grazing! When you're seated, you can better track how much you have eaten because you'll know when you have gone for seconds!

We'll have more helpful tips in our next article in the January issue of the *Harrison West News*.

Eadie Gourmet Eats Out At Braddock's Grandview

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I ordered the fresh halibut on risotto with steamed broccoli. This sounds like a simple meal. But the tastes! The halibut was very fresh and had been grilled perfectly. The risotto had been baked til it was slightly crispy on the outside, but nutty and creamy inside. The tomato coulis upon which the lot was served was wonderfully fresh tasting, again, very simple but a perfect balance of tart and herb.

My dining companion had the Lake Erie Walleye. Again, a simple preparation which depended upon the freshness of the fish and the care in the cooking to succeed, which it did. She loved the rosemary roasted potatoes which were very buttery and aromatic.

Vegetarians can delight in the Braddock's Vegetable Platter, which is roasted seasonal vegetables with fresh herbs and olive oil. The vegetables change every few weeks, but always include onions, potatoes, and something green such as asparagus or broccoli, as well as special tidbits. There's also a Vegetable Pasta, usually with seasonal vegetables and goat cheese tossed with sea shell pasta in a light tomato cream sauce.

Save room for dessert! It changes frequently, but pray they still have the chocolate cake with white chocolate chip ice cream on the menu. It's so rich, you can share it easily. The cake is densely chocolate, not so much cake as pate. A creamy glide of icing. A dollop of real whipped cream. A few berries. Perfection. Other desserts include lowcountry authentics such as bread pudding, warm fruit cobbler or crisp, and a nut pie. Have it all with the white chocolate chip ice cream. Go ahead — live a little.

Call 487-0077 or visit their website at braddocksgrandview.com.

Midtown Parents & Kids School Symposium Jan. 15

The Symposium offers parents of preschoolers an opportunity to talk with parents who already have children enrolled in local private and public schools about the various schools' attributes to determine which schools would work best for their children.

The elementary schools under discussion are Douglas, Duxberry, Fifth Ave., Hubbard, Indianola, Kenwood, Learning Unlimited, Second Ave., and St. Joseph Montessori. All preschool parents and parents of school age children are encouraged to attend. Snow date is January 22.

More than 11150 families from Victorian Village, Italian Village, Harrison West, Dennison Place, Necko, and Weinland Park belong to Midtown Parents & Kids, an organization that supports family living in our historic neighborhoods by offering a variety of ways to meet one another, play, and share information.

The MP&K membership drive is underway. Anyone who knows of a new family or new family member in the area should contact MP&K Director, Sabrina Bobrow, at 297-1152, for a Welcome Gift Bag full of family-friendly coupons.

For more info, please contact Anne Shay at 291-2044 or ashay@columbus.rr.com or Sabrina Bobrow at 297-1152 or Sabrina@kilcup.org.

St. Francis Christmas Bazaar Dec. 4&5



Shop for all your holiday gifts at the annual St. Francis Bazaar this Saturday, December 4 from 10 to 5 and Sunday, December 5 from 10 to 2 at the church at 390 Buttles Avenue. All colors and sizes of poinsettias, crafty crafts, collectibles, and stocking stuffers. Raffle. Bake Sale. Snacks and mulled cider. What a wonderful start to the holiday season.



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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Braddock's Grandview

by Veda Gilp

Braddock's Grandview, 1470 Grandview Avenue, the elegant but casual representation of a southern seafood restaurant, cooks low country like you would get in Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, S.C.

A friend and I had dinner there a few Fridays ago, and liked everything we ate. Save room for dessert. But I always say that, don't I?

Lowcountry sounds as if it should be heavy and greasy, but Braddock's avoids those demons. Even the fried offerings are done so well the oil is only a whisper. Service is not as attentive as it should be, but that's increasingly the case no matter where you go. Nothing at Braddock's is inexpensive, but the quality justifies the cost. So go, and enjoy.

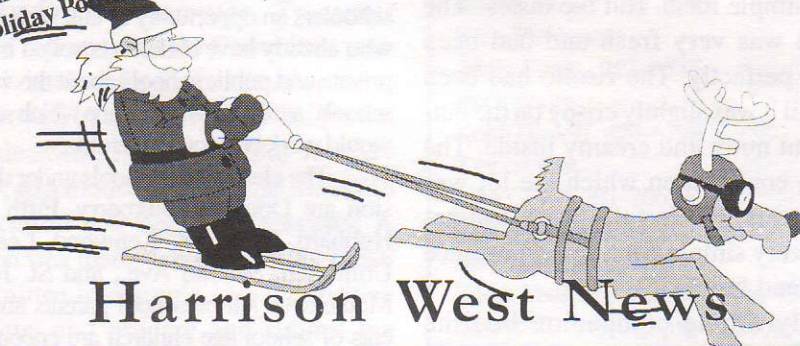
First, the appetizers. As usual, I went for the Calamari, crispy fried and served with key lime mayo and piquant tomato coulis. Really good, and enough to share with a friend. The Maryland Crab cakes served on tomato tarragon cream sauce were lovely. And the Lowcountry Fried Shrimp are large shrimp dusted in seasoned cracker crumbs and fried, served with Lowcountry tartar sauce. Save this appetizer just for yourself.

Be adventuresome! Try the Charleston Shrimp & Grits, pan seared shrimp, shitake mushrooms, caramelized onions served atop old-fashioned stone ground whole heart grits with melted white cheddar cheese and red-eye gravy. This is genuine lowcountry cooking, but better. It will make a grits fan out of you.

Braddock's boasts about their pork dishes, with reason. The Cinnamon Grilled Pork Chops served with peach jalapeno preserves are earning rave reviews from everyone.

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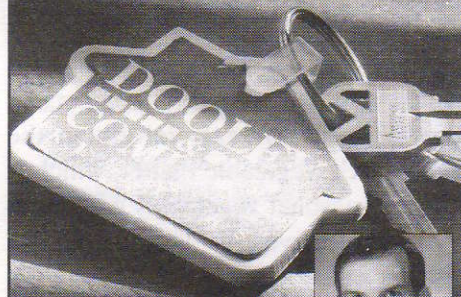


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