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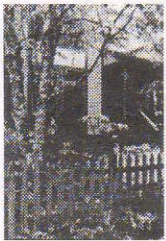
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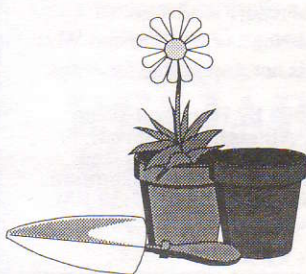
Think Garden Tour. Gene Roe is looking for gardens for the Harrison West Garden



Tour, slated for June 18. Call him at 299-1073. Your garden needn't be finished or elaborate, just a work of love.

Garden Club

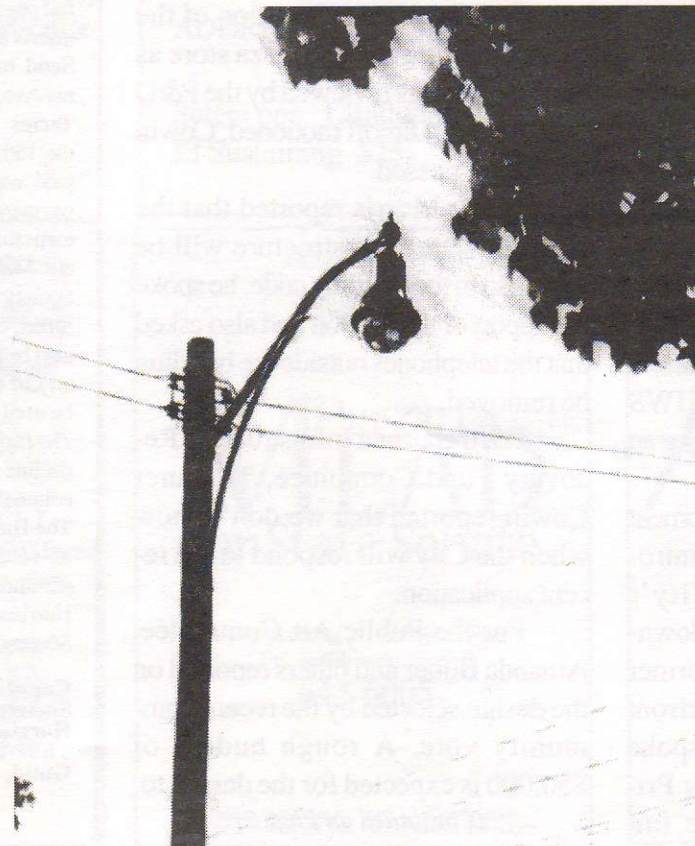
A group is getting together a Harrison West Garden Club. It's not a committee, and most of the meetings probably will be about plants and soil. The Garden Club still is in the discussion stages, so you have time to get in on the roots. Come to the March 9 meeting for more info. If you're interested in plants and gardens, join the HW Garden Club.



Lights Lights Lights for Harrison West

The new alley lights are a done deal. The City has surveyed the alleys throughout the neighborhood to determine where lights are needed and will begin installing them this spring. We've had the Urban Infrastructure money available for some time, but nothing happened until President Maddy Weisz said "Do it now!"

Next on the agenda: what to do with the rest of the money slated for lighting in the neighborhood. At the last meeting, members discussed installing decorative lighting along our major arteries -- Third beginning at the bridge, for instance. We're considering the lights shown below, which are getting good reviews in German Village. More discussion is planned for the March 9 meeting. Come make your views heard.



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Coming Up In March

If you have interests or concerns about how the Olentangy River impacts our neighborhood, come to the March 9 meeting. The Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed, "FLOW," are going to present a short slide show: "Our River, Our Community, Our Future." It will include history, definitions, threats, successes and forecasts for the future.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Thursday, March 9,

7:30 PM,

Godman Guild
321 W. Second Avenue
FLOW
Street Lights

INSIDE

Michigan Market
Drawings
Crime Report
Traffic Report

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 2000

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

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

The City's representative on street lights, Linda Scothorn, 645-7295, and President Weisz spoke on the City's street light program. They reported that alley lights would be installed this year, funded by the City's Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund, and a map of the alley lights was passed around. The HWS had previously voted to apply for the alley lights. The remaining funds (approximately \$55,000) are available for other streetlight improvements in HW, to be publicized in the HW News.

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

Treasurer John Cowin presented the Treasurer's report. Cash-in-hand is approximately \$4,481. A motion was made to pay the various HW News bills; Cowin motioned; Gilp seconded; passed.

For the Membership Committee, President Weisz named Mark Hamsher as the Chair.

For the Newsletter Committee, Editor Veda Gilp promoted the HWS web page, and Barb Williams gave an overview of the web page.

For the Planning & Development Committee, President Weisz introduced Lori Baudro, the City's riverfront planner for HW and downtown, and Cleve Ricksecker, former Executive Director of the Riverfront Commons Corporation. They spoke on the proposed Handbook for Private Development and Public Improvements in the Riverfront Corridor

("Handbook"). They answered questions on the guidelines and whether zoning changes were possible. Secretary Keith Dimoff noted that there is an opportunity for the City to work with A.C. ... Humko to purchase land. He also reported that the P&D Committee had not made a recommendation, and that Committee generally supported the Handbook although there were concerns about street widths and curb cuts. A motion was made that the HWS endorse the Handbook; Morris motioned; A. Butler seconded; passed.

Next for the P&D Committee, Dimoff reviewed the status of the Michigan Market parking variance request made by the owners to the City, as reported in the HW News. A committee motion was made that "the HWS supports the parking variance for four cars with the understanding that the variance includes complete renovation of the whole building and the pizza store as per the drawings reviewed by the P&D Committee"; Dimoff motioned; Cowin seconded; passed.

Pastor Morris reported that the City has stated the structure will be rehabbed to the building code; he spoke in support of the motion and also asked that the telephones outside the building be removed.

For the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund Committee, Treasurer Cowin reported that we don't know when the City will respond to the recent application.

For the Public Art Committee, Amanda Butler and others reported on the design selected by the recent community vote. A rough budget of \$50,000 is expected for the design to

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Harrison West Minutes

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be built and installed, with grants and private money to be sought. The Summer of 2001 is a goal. Treasurer Cowin noted that a possible allocation of \$1000 to \$1500 was brought up at the last HWS meeting. A motion was made to allocate \$1500 to the Public Art Committee; Cowin motioned; Gilp seconded; passed.

For the Traffic Committee, Dimoff reported on the recent City Council resolution as reported in the HW News. The traffic and design task forces convene in April. Interested HW residents hope to meet in March to prepare. President Weisz presented a profile of the type of people needed for the task forces.

For the Council of Historic Neighborhoods, President Weisz reported that the St. Leo's proposed demolition south of German Village in Merion Village was a hot topic. She's seeking an alternate to attend CHN meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

On the A.C. Humko plant, Dimoff repeated that he has info on the ammonia tanks and their possible risks.

Census jobs are available to Harrison West residents.

The death of a young HW woman spurred a discussion on how to convey sympathy and whether money should be donated or collected, with the issue remaining open.

A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting; Cowin motioned; Gilp seconded; passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

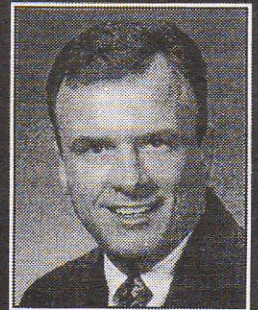
City Resolves to Buy Lot

On February 14, City Council passed a resolution to take another step towards buying the vacant riverfront land at 579 West Third Avenue. The City wants to buy the lot as part of the City's Riverfront Vision Plan.2285.

VOTE

Pat McDonald

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Michigan Market Rehab Shaping Up to Look Great

It's been a long time coming, but the new owners of Michigan Market and the Moretti's lots have told the Harrison West Society that the rehab and building plans are ready. In fact, a drive down Michigan Avenue will show you that the condos on Michigan are moving along rapidly. We have secured architect's renderings of the facades of the Market from both Third Avenue and Michigan Avenue and of the condos on Michigan. If all goes as the renderings indicate, these will be buildings of which the neighborhood can be proud.

Owners Jim Sicaris and Dean Adamantidis have told the Harrison West Society that:

- The northeast corner of the building would be a coffee shop with 15 or so small tables, a display case, restrooms and some retail space.
- The rest of the building's first floor would be a separate retail space, while upstairs would likely be apartments.
- They plan to renovate the exterior of the building and the adjacent pizza shop, restoring the wood exterior

and preserving the upstairs window proportions, as well as complying with structural building codes.

At the last Harrison West meeting, members were impressed with the plans for the building, and voted to "to support the parking variance for four cars with the understanding that the variance includes complete renovation of the whole building and the pizza store as per the drawings reviewed by the P&D Committee."

Architect's rendering of the rehabbed Michigan Market from Third Avenue. The building would be taken back to the original siding and proportional windows. Colors have not yet been revealed.





Architect's rendering of the Michigan Avenue condos shows a building in scale with its lot and street.

The rehabbed Michigan Market from Michigan Avenue shows the former pizza shop as a free-standing facility whose use is yet to be announced.



Traffic Update

Todd Law

Secretary, Victorian Village Society
and The Traffic Committee

With the recent signing of the Memorandum of Agreement with the City, we are now on course to resolve some major issues relatively fast. Accomplishing this will require many individuals uniting to press the issues central to maintaining the unique character of our Historic Near North Side. Communication is key to making this happen, and as a result communication issues filled most of our last meeting on 2/20/00.

The committee has determined that the best way to keep people informed is through articles like this one in each of the community papers that shall function as the official record of all proceedings. We shall keep people informed of what was discussed in the last meeting as well as when, where, and what is to be discussed at the next meeting through these articles. By releasing information in this way, committee members no longer need to respond to all inquiries individually.

Of course the committee is made up of people who are representatives of larger groups, so it is hoped that any questions or comments about the pro-

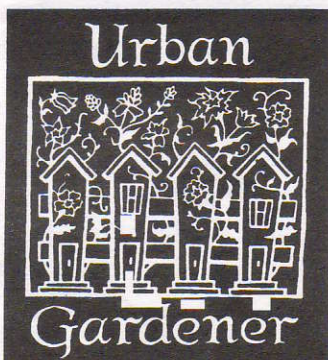
ceedings can be brought to your representative at your neighborhood society meetings for discussion. Anyone can come to the traffic committee meetings as well if he or she feels compelled to bring up a point to the entire group. The committee feels all opinions are important and is willing to listen to anybody who is honestly trying to help make this process work for everybody. Personal attacks, however, have no place in this discussion and all such attacks will eventually be routed to those being attacked. Be mindful that if you don't want your words heard by EVERYONE, don't put them in an email. The committee has agreed to limit the dissemination of information that may be injurious to our negotiating stance and hopes that all others will do the same.

The committee feels that our legal fund is still needed and has set up procedures for making sure that it is used only on approved expenditures. Any outstanding invoices should be turned in as soon as possible. Stan Sells, Tim Wagner, Keith Dimoff, and Gavin Armstrong are the designated stewards of the legal fund, with Stan acting as the final signatory to release funds. However it is important to remember that this is a democratic process, and no individual has veto power over the use of the fund.

The committee is preparing for its first meeting with Mayor Coleman's new administration, hopefully on or about March 16th. We will be emphasizing our desire to preserve the historic nature of our neighborhoods by protecting Goodale Park, limiting cut-through traffic on our streets, and keeping the unique atmosphere of the near north side intact. Stay tuned for updates on this "get acquainted" meeting as soon as they become available.

The next committee meeting will be 4:30 Sunday, March 5th at Suzanne's house. The proposed agenda includes:

- 1) Continued discussion of the future of the legal fund.
- 2) Clarification of the role and function of CBSS and how we communicate that to all of our neighborhoods.
- 3) Status of the Design and Traffic task forces, (i.e. meeting dates).
- 4) Update on scheduling of the get acquainted meeting with Mayor Coleman's team.



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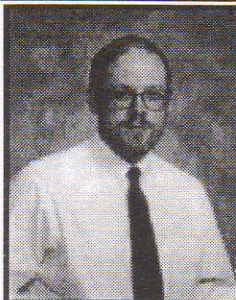
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EADIE GOURMET EATS OUT AT MANHATTAN BAGEL

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Their soups are really good. They have a chunky spicy chili every day with just the right degree of hot. I loved their Italian wedding soup with tiny meatballs and streamers of spinach. Soups change daily.

I've fallen in love with their premium coffee. Usually they offer a variety of flavors from French Roast to Chocolate Raspberry. It's serve yourself, so you can get wild with flavor mixing.

You know no restaurant review of mine would be complete without mention of dessert, so here goes. Manhattan Bagel isn't into New York style cheesecake yet, so go for one of their giant sugar glazed muffins. You'll get a real sugar high. Not as good as cheesecake, but

Manhattan Bagels also does carry out and caters all sizes of party platters. Call them at 280-1044.

Crime Wave

January was a good month for crime in Harrison West: 17 burglaries, auto thefts, robberies, malicious destruction, and thefts from autos. Our quiet little neighborhood suffered 9 burglaries in 27 days!

Officer Steve Smith, our neighborhood police liaison, counsels us to lock our doors, keep outdoor security lights on, remove valuables from cars, and generally make it harder for criminals to victimize us.

Harrison West Society Traffic Committee Meeting

The Traffic Committee has scheduled a meeting for 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 21 at President Weisz' home, 1219 Harrison. If you're interested in working on Traffic in Harrison West, please join them.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Manhattan Bagel

by Veda Gilp

Manhattan Bagel, near Big Bear on Neil, has come a long way beyond bagels. Far enough, in fact, that if you haven't been in for a sandwich or soup, you should stop by today.

The bagels are New York City-style, chewy and flavorful. Nothing starts the morning like a toasted cinnamon raisin bagel with a cup of their excellent coffee.

Actually, last time I ate there, I had the breakfast bagel with ham and egg. Yum. OK. Yum that's high on cholesterol, but every once in a while you just gotta forget healthy.

Manhattan Bagel has added wrapps (that's sandwiches in tortillas) and rolls (that's an onion dill round roll, French roll, or multi grain roll), as well as soups, specialty coffees, and chillers.

I like the Mediterranean, which is oven roasted turkey breast, feta cheese, lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes and red onions on a bagel.

Here's a switch on the traditional pastrami sandwich -- the Ellis Island, which is hot pastrami, melted Swiss cheese, onions, and grey Poupon Country Dijon mustard on a bagel. Not bad, and their pastrami is 97% fat free.

Tortilla wrapps run to a chicken breast topped with Caesar dressing, tomatoes and lettuce, or white tuna salad with tomatoes, lettuce and alfalfa sprouts.

Vegetarians -- head for the delicious Vegetable Garden Wrapp, which is overstuffed with tomatoes, lettuce, green peppers, cucumbers, alfalfa sprouts and vegetable cream cheese.

I haven't tried their Rolls, but the Bronx Bomber looked great -- roast beef and melted Monterey jack cheese topped with onions on a French roll.

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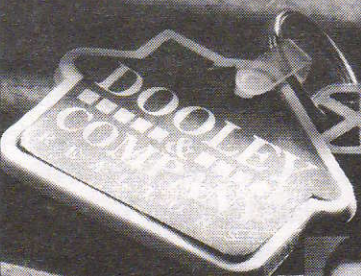
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Our Website is up and running. Please check it out and use it to communicate your concerns and issues.

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