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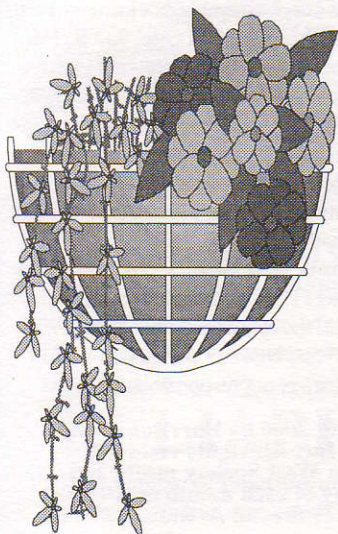
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## Harrison West Garden Tour Date Changed to Sunday, June 25

Gene Roe reports that the City has asked that the Garden Tour be moved back to June 25 to avoid scheduling conflicts with other tours. The later date gives everyone more time to get their gardens up to spec.

This year Gene is including a few gardens from Victorian Village to widen the scope of the Tour. Call Gene now with your garden if you want to get in on the June 25 Garden Tour 299-1073.



## Walking Paths, Burglaries, Fences and Soot

At the June 8 meeting of the Harrison West Society we'll cover a lot of ground, and get you home by 9 PM.

We'll interact again with the OSU students who are working with Battelle and the Harrison West Society on plans for the green space at Fifth Avenue and Perry Street.

We'll get to talk with our regular visitor, Officer Steve Smith, the police liaison officer, who will have some tips to help us counter rising crime.

We'll prepare to meet with Battelle on their master landscaping plans and their next fiscal year budget.

And we'll learn about the old air pollution enforcement action against A.C. Humko.

How can you resist all this? Hope to see you at 7:30.

## Battelle Park Plan Landscaping Process off to Winding Path

### Plans to be presented to HW on June 8

The first stage in a three-part planning process to make land improvements on Battelle's property on the southeast corner of Perry Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue garnered at least one consensus at the May 11 meeting: members really liked the concept of winding paths.

Members rated 7 examples of landscaping designs to determine what we would like to see in the park. Winding paths seemed to be No. 1, with special use areas No. 2. Special use areas would be a paved conversational area set off from the larger space by plantings, a picnic shelter, a gazebo, and clusters of benches along the paths.

These ideas will be presented to Battelle this week.

In the second stage, the top three graphic examples will be used as guides in developing two designs for landscaping and improvements at the 5<sup>th</sup> and Perry site. At the June 8<sup>th</sup> HWS meeting, these designs will be presented to the members, who will have the opportunity to suggest any further changes.

## Harrison West Society New Officers

At the Society meeting on May 11, Keith Dimoff was elected President, Mary Funk Vice President, John Cowin Treasurer, and Karla Eldridge Secretary.

The election was uncontested, and the slate was elected unanimously by acclamation.

## NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet  
Thursday, June 8,  
7:30 PM,

Godman Guild  
321 W. Second Avenue

Humko  
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# HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

## May 11, 2000

Submitted by Keith Dimoff with Karla Eldridge

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

The printed agenda scheduled the annual elections at the end of the meeting. A motion was made by VP Mary Funk to change the agenda to hold the election earlier in the meeting, immediately following the presentation on the park space at Fifth and Perry. Discussion followed, including a side discussion on the voting privileges of members. The motion passed 6 to 4.

A presentation on the green space at the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Perry Street was given by Mike Duffy and Brian Forschner. Seven photographs of design concepts were shown to the attendees, with many written and verbal comments given. The HWS will develop the proposals in coordination with the property owner, Battelle.

President Weisz stated that the question of voting privileges was to be addressed next. Discussion followed, with many opinions expressed. A motion was made that the Executive Board convene immediately to decide the voting status of members who renewed after May 1 and of non-HW residents who were active with the Public Art Committee. Amanda Butler motioned. The motion passed 7 to 1.

The Executive Board convened and voted 4 to 1 to allow members who renewed after May 1 to vote and voted 3 to 2 not to allow the non-HW residents to vote (i.e., to place the non-HW residents into the Honorary Member category).

The elections were then held at approximately 8:45 PM. The nominations made at the April meeting were read: Keith Dimoff for President; Mary Funk for VP, and John Cowin for Treasurer. Secretary Keith Dimoff noted that the April meeting's nominee for Secretary had declined the nomination. A motion was made to nominate Karla Eldridge for Secretary; Keith Dimoff motioned; it passed without objection. No other nominations were made from the floor for any office. A motion was made to vote by acclamation for the four nominees; Ken Wightman motioned; it passed without objection. Maddy Weisz turned the meeting over to Keith Dimoff.

President Dimoff asked the committee chairs and attendees if, due to the late hour, reports could be postponed to June; there were no objections.

A motion was made to approve the last meeting's minutes as printed in the HW News; Ken Wightman motioned; it passed without objection.

A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; Veda Gilp motioned; it passed without objection.

Treasurer John Cowin reported cash-in-hand as approximately \$3000.

A motion was made to install tear-drop light fixtures on Fifth and Third Avenues; Maddy Weisz motioned. A motion to amend was made to add that the fixtures also be installed on First Avenue if excess funds are available; Karla Eldridge motioned; the motion to amend passed without objection.

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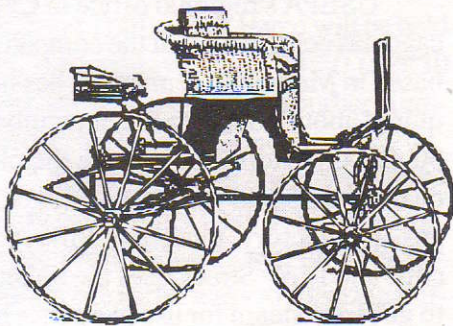


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A motion to amend was made to include decorative post-top light fixtures on part of Third Avenue; Craig Copeland motioned; the motion to amend was defeated 8 to 2. After discussion and amendment, the main motion was considered as follows: the HWS will request the city, using the previously budgeted UIRF funds, to install teardrop light fixtures on Fifth and Third Avenues, and, if excess funds are available, on First Avenue. The motion passed 8 to 1.

A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting; Lauren Creighton motioned; it passed without objection. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.



## Crime UP in Harrison West

April was a high crime month in Harrison West and nearby, as 14 burglaries, robberies, and auto thefts were committed in our neighborhood alone. Robbers hit Michigan Avenue twice, car thieves hit Oregon, and even Vermont Place suffered two car breakins!

Burglars recently entered a house on Neil Avenue through a basement window in the middle of the afternoon.

Another home on Buttles Avenue was also burgled midday. Here are a few personal safety tips from the police:

- \* Use deadbolts on all exterior doors. Keep your doors locked at all times, even when you're inside.
- \* Protect windows and sliding glass doors with good locks or other security devices.
- \* Make your home appear occupied when you go out by using a timer to turn on lights and a radio.
- \* Don't hide extra house keys under a doormat or other obvious spots.
- \* Get to know your neighbors and keep their phone numbers handy for emergencies.

## Just a few hours of your time

The Harrison West Society is looking for neighbors who want to contribute a few hours of their time on projects in which they are interested. That's all the Society wants. Not your first born. Not your Friday and Saturday nights. Not all your time. Just a few hours and your interest in working to make the neighborhood better. Call Keith Dimoff at 424-6798.



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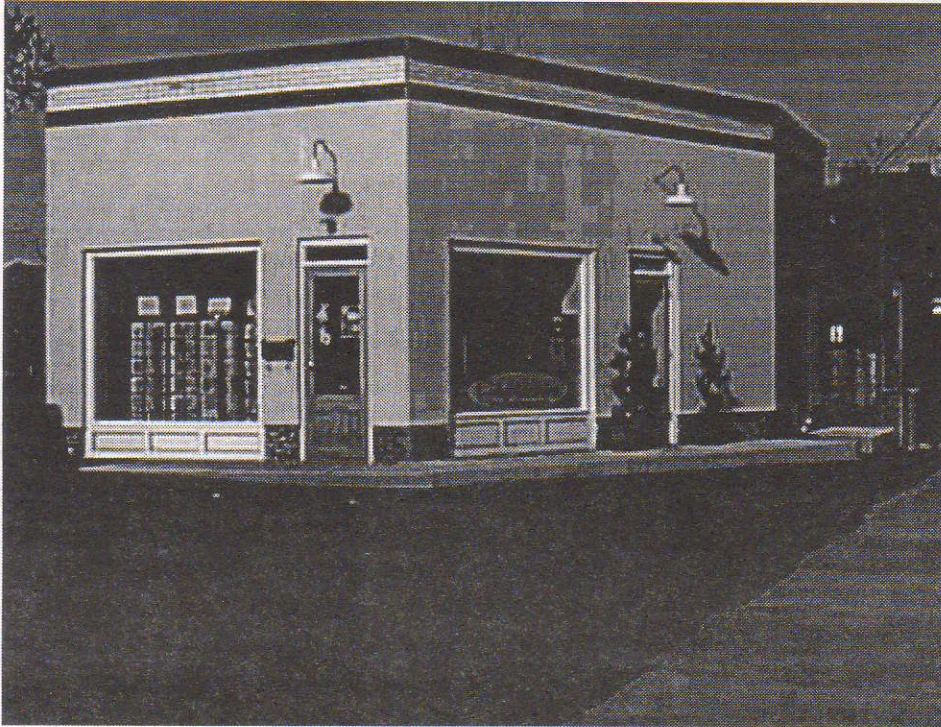
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## Welcome to Your New Building Enlightenment

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## A.C. Humko Margarine Plant No Delay on Cleaner Smokestacks, USEPA Says

In 1996, Harrison West got a dose of cleaner air thanks to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and its successful enforcement action against A.C. Humko for air pollution violations.

But recently the company raised the possibility of asking for a delay in a key milestone. The good news for our neighborhood—USEPA has said they have no intentions to renegotiate the administrative consent order.

USEPA's regional office in Chicago has confirmed that the company, based in Memphis, Tennessee, has inquired about a delay to the September 30, 2000, deadline to replace the old coal-fired boilers with cleaner natural gas. The factory, located at First Avenue and Perry Street, uses the boilers to generate steam for use in a series of vats filled with food oils.

If the coal boilers are used after September 30, USEPA says the company will be out of compliance and likely would be referred to the Department of Justice.

The factory has been the target of some complaints by neighbors over the years on topics such as odor, truck traffic, soot and noise. The City's approved Riverfront Vision Plan calls for a riverside park on part of the A.C. Humko property. The Plan also envisions the reuse of the historic brick factory building and additional mixed-use, residential and commercial, development in the area.



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## National Traffic Consultant Wants You!

### Summer Neighborhood Workshop

A three-day design workshop will be conducted this summer to prepare a neighborhood traffic management plan, and the general public is key to its success! The workshop, to be held in late July or August, will be run by a nationally-recognized traffic consultant.

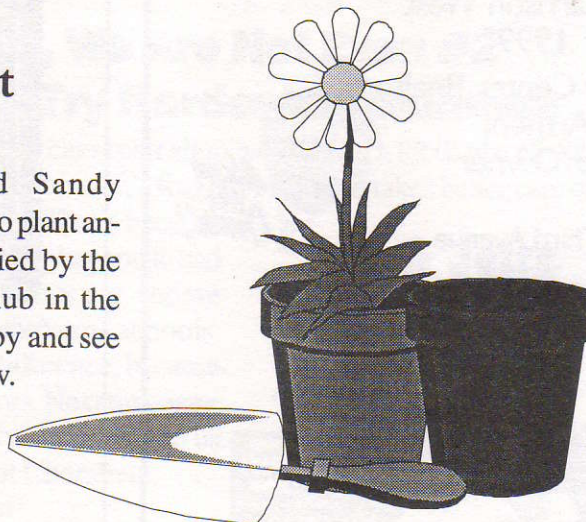
The City recently hired the professional to prepare a plan for the Near Northside Historic District, including Harrison West. He will work with the Spring-Sandusky Traffic Task Force, which includes neighborhood representatives and the city, state and federal governments. The initial consultation with the Traffic Task Force will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 4:30 to 6:30 PM. at the Westminster Thurber Auditorium at Neil and Goodale.

Keep your eyes open. We'll publicize the summer workshop in the *Harrison West News*. It will be your opportunity to offer ways to solve our traffic problems.

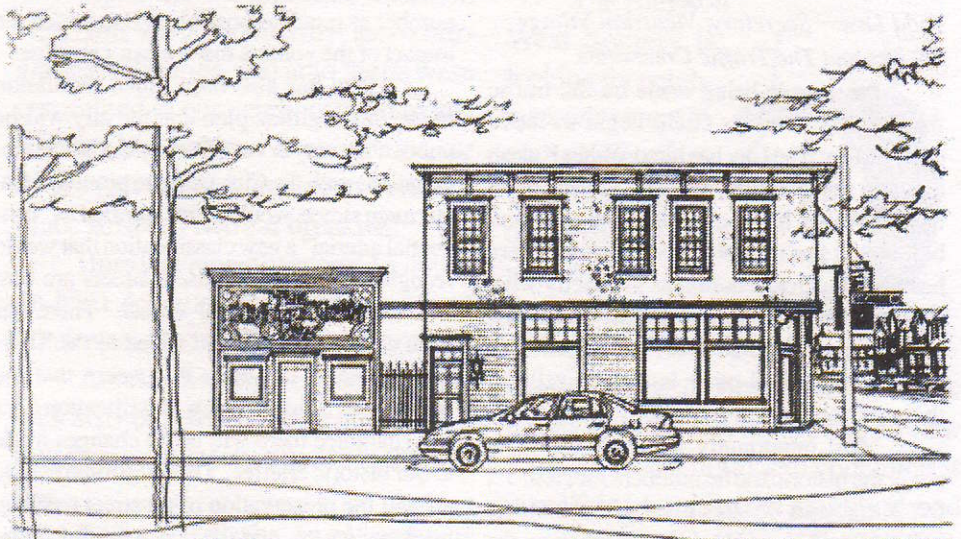
If you have any questions, please contact Keith Dimoff at 424-6798 or Dave Butler at 421-7157.

## Harrison West Park Planted

Maddy Weisz and Sandy Woolard took two evenings to plant annuals and perennials supplied by the Martha Walker Garden Club in the Harrison West Park. Walk by and see how nice the park looks now.



## Michigan Market Update



*The Michigan Market as its new owners envision it after Renovation*

*The owners of the former Michigan Market have received approval of their request for a parking variance from the City's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). At their March meeting, the BZA approved the application, with conditions that the interior and exterior of the building must be renovated. The owners are now allowed to use a limited part of the first floor for a kitchen and eatery seating. The remainder of the first floor can still be used for retail. In early 1999, the owners had applied for a much larger variance from parking requirements. After the City and the HWS objected, a scaled-down application was submitted. For more information on this project or other neighborhood projects, you can contact the City's building department info line at 645-7314.*

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## Neighborhoods Traffic Report

Todd Law Secretary, Victorian Village Society and The Traffic Committee

Progress is being made on the traffic front and now things could begin to move quite rapidly. The City has hired Walter Kulash to study the situation, and that is very good news. Walter has looked into our situation before and has reinforced our claims. There has been much discussion as to exactly what we want Walter to do, but it centers on a few main points. Of course Walter will be asked to help us on several other issues as well but these are the most important.

Most importantly we want Walter to study the historic traffic numbers for Neil, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, King, and 4<sup>th</sup> and give us an historic baseline traffic growth, or decline, that we can project into the future. That baseline will be crucial in determining how much of our current traffic volumes can be blamed on SSI.

Once these baseline numbers are determined, we want Walter to determine actual numbers on these same streets. The list of proposed study points did not include any points east of High Street in Italian Village so there is a movement to add some points, particularly on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The 4<sup>th</sup> Street numbers will help determine the impact of the proposed 4<sup>th</sup> Street ramp addition.

Comparing the baseline and actual numbers will give us an idea of the increase in traffic volume that can be blamed on SSI. Once

we have calculated that number Walter will be asked to come up with ways to reduce that number as much as possible and to lessen the impact of the volume that we can't remove.

There has also been much discussion of the thoroughfare plan that the city will be publishing very soon. During the MOA negotiations with the City, we were promised that our main streets would be reclassified as "residential arterial" a new classification that would recognize the fact that these streets are first and foremost residential streets. There has been a new classification added to the Thoroughfare plan but there is concern that the fine print defining this new classification does not guarantee there will be no changes made to our historic arteries. The questions revolve around the preservation of on street parking, brick pavement, and the possibility of future widening.

The Design task force is also getting into some important issues as well. There has been discussion about the fencing that will go around the roadway and what we can do to make that look better. There are two kinds of fencing to discuss, limited access fencing and vandal fencing. Limited access fencing is used to keep people, animals, and trash from finding its way onto the roadway. Vandal fencing is used only where people might be able to throw things down onto the roadway. Currently the bridges over 670 at Goodale and at High have vandal fencing in place and it is not exactly pretty. There are better looking op-

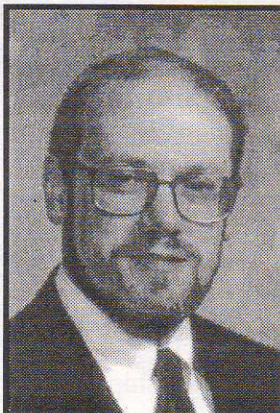
tions available and we are hoping that we can get one of those installed.

We also talked at length about the lights to be used on the freeway. The current plans call for the standard "Cobra Head" lights on standard poles on both the roadway and the ramps. We are trying to get the more appropriate "Acorn" lights installed, or something similar, hopefully on a better looking pole.

There was also discussion on what we can do to improve the look of the Goodale bridge by adding flower beds, like on High Street by the convention center. We also discussed treatments for the concrete that would help beautify the Goodale and Neil overpasses as well as the retaining walls along the freeway itself.

There are several issues to be resolved regarding the end of Pearl Alley at the freeway as well, and we are trying to keep that route open to High Street and keep it looking good too.

Our next traffic committee meeting is June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Suzanne's house and we encourage anybody interested in these issues to attend. We will be finalizing our agenda for the task force meetings scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the Thurber Village meeting room near the chapel. The times for these meetings are still up in the air but we have been told that Walter Kulash will be attending these so you can get some firsthand information on what is going to be happening. See you there!!



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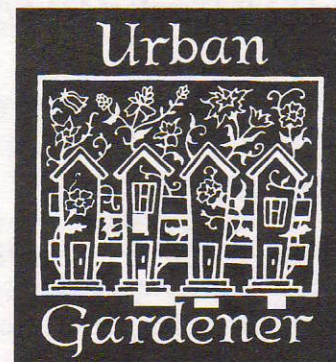
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## EADIE GOURMET EATS OUT AT CAP CITY DINER

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The lobsters were perfect. My lobster was a prime hard shell, packed with sweet, tender, firm lobster deliciousness.

One of our group ordered the grilled 12 oz. New York strip steak with skillet beans and cheddar-chive twice-baked stuffed potato. She pronounced her steak "wonderful." I noticed she practically licked the potato skin clean, so I deduced that the stuffed potato was up to Cap City standards, too.

One of the joys of eating at Cap City is the house bread, which is buttery-rich dinner rolls brushed with more butter. Definitely not good for you, but, oh! the melting-in-your-mouth taste. Eat one while it's still warm, and then do your arteries a favor and forego another basket. Our grandmothers never made anything so good.

Speaking of arteries ... Sunday was an artery-clogging day at Cap City. Not only were people going overboard for the potato chips, the lobsters, the

mile high meatloaf, and the steaks, they were diving headfirst into the biggest strawberry shortcakes I ever saw in my life! Mounds of vanilla ice cream, clouds of whipped cream, and lakes of fresh strawberries in a bowl the size of a baby bathtub. Not to mention the Seriously Big Chocolate Cake Or the Hot Fudge Turtle Sundae with caramel sauce, whipped cream and candied pecans. You knew I would get to the dessert sometime, didn't you? I must confess, we were too stuffed to indulge. Next time, for sure.

## Harrison West Online

[www.neighborhoodlink.com](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com)

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

You will also soon be able to read the Harrison West News online. Barb Williams of Pennsylvania Ave. has volunteered to take charge of the HW website. Call her with any and all ideas 291-5960.

## Midtown Parents & Kids Play Date

Midtown Parents & Kids encourages all families of the Short North with kids of all ages to come meet and play at Italian Village Park on Saturday, June 10th from 10 am - noon. Bring a ball or a blanket and come make friends. MP&K will supply a snack. The park is 2 blocks east of High street and a block south of 1st Ave. on the corner of East Hubbard Ave and Kerr St. See you there!

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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Cap City Diner

by Veda Gilp

Several neighbors and I made it to Cap City Diner, 1299 Olentangy River Road, for the Sunday blue plate special -- the \$14 lobster. What a bargain! Jazz in the background, too.

If you have eaten at Cap City, you know the portions are huge, the food is excellent, and the wait is long.

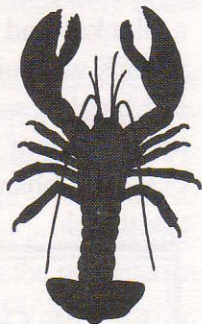
We had called ahead (291-FOOD), so our wait was under 10 minutes.

We started with the housemade potato chips with melted Maytag bleu cheese. Even better than it sounds, with big chunks of really good blue cheese and crispy potato chips. Well, most of them were crispy. Some of the chips could have used a little longer in the grease. That was ok with us, because this starter is so rich and filling (not to mention caloric and cholesterol heavy), the three of us could eat only about half of it anyway. You really need at least four to share this appetizer.

Cap City does several really good salads, including the lemon Caesar and the grilled portabella mushroom salad on field greens. Of course, there's always someone who would rather have a wedge of iceberg, and that's exactly what they offer up, complete with cherry tomato.

The 1 1/4 pound lobsters came with side tubs of garlic mashed potatoes and slightly sweet cole slaw. The potatoes are wonderful; the cole slaw good, but nothing to bring the nearby Olentangy out of its banks.

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