

# HARRISON WEST NEWS

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## Harrison West SIDE-by-SIDE Public Art Project Progresses

Excitement for the Harrison West SIDE-by-SIDE project continues to build as neighbors enjoy the lazy, hazy days of summer along the Olentangy Trail bike path. In approximately one year, artist Charlotte Lee's proposed two-piece stainless steel sculpture will flank each side of the path, close to where the trail meets the Third Avenue Bridge. As reported in the May issue of the Harrison West News, the installation will occur on the Recreation & Parks trail easement with Battelle.

Although the actual fabrication and installation of the artwork may seem far away, the Harrison West Society's Public Art Committee remains active in its planning activities. The committee will continue to coordinate site details, the design and engineering aspects of the project, and neighborhood events including a ground breaking and an educational workshop.

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## Speakers, Public Art & How 'Bout a Yard Sale

At the July 13 meeting of the Harrison West Society, we'll start off with an open discussion on the types of speakers to invite to the monthly meetings. Do you want to hear about homeowner issues, like loan programs or plumbing tips? Would you like to meet some candidates running for office in November? Or do you favor shorter meetings over speakers in general? Come let us know.

We'll also hear updates from the committees, including the HWS Public Art Committee's plans to see the sculptures by the river come to fruition.

We'll vote on a proposed change to the HWS Constitution (see related articles to the right and below). And we'll look ahead to the calendar for the rest of 2000, including a possible Harrison West Society Yard Sale in the Fall. Hope to see you there!

## What's Up With the Constitution?

*by Keith Dimoff, HWS President*

Dear Harrison West Society members,

The HWS Constitution & By-Laws will be on the agenda for the next few months for two reasons. In April, the HWS passed a motion that the next HWS President should establish a committee to review several specific areas of our Constitution. I view this as an opportunity to hold an orderly debate on voting privileges and to clear up some of the vague language in the current Constitution. I envision proposals by the committee being made in September, with a vote held in October.

On a separate track, a proposal was made at the June meeting to extend voting privileges to some non-Harrison West residents. Please attend the July 13 meeting to hear both supporters and opponents and to vote on this proposal.

Only HWS members with current voting privileges may vote. Our Constitution states that new members must wait 60 days before voting privileges are granted, so please note that people who have joined after May 13 cannot vote on July 13. You must be present to vote. And a two-thirds majority of those voting is necessary for the proposal to pass. I hope this information is helpful. Thank you for your support of the Harrison West Society.

## Vote July 13 Constitution Change?

At the June meeting of the Harrison West Society, Treasurer John Cowin proposed a change to the HWS Constitution & By-Laws. A vote by eligible HWS voting members must be taken at the July 13 meeting on this proposal.

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## NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet  
Thursday, July 13,  
7:30 PM,  
Godman Guild  
321 W. Second Avenue  
Constitution  
Public Art  
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Yard Sale Planning

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# HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

## June 8, 2000

Submitted by Karla Eldridge

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. at the Godman Guild by President Keith Dimoff. A quorum was present. Approximately 21 people attended, including new members Steve Schab and Tom Maxwell. The printed agenda and the sign-in sheet were circulated.

A very professional presentation on Battelle's green space at the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Perry Street was given by OSU students Mike Duffy and Patrick Duchene. They reviewed the history of this project and the ranking conducted at the May HWS meeting, and opinions were solicited.

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

Treasurer John Cowin reported cash-in-hand as approximately \$3,800. A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; Veda Gilp motioned; it passed without objection.

The Planning and Development Committee report was given by Keith Dimoff. He distributed a map of Battelle, reviewed the history of their master landscaping plan and parking lot, and solicited opinions.

On other P&D business, Keith reported on the status of AC Humko's consent order with USEPA that requires a change over to less polluting natural gas boilers. He distributed a copy of the consent order and a map of the Humko area. A motion was made that the HWS supports the deadline for the conversion to natural gas boilers and that the HWS should send a letter to USEPA stating this support; Ken Wightman motioned; it passed without objection.

The Public Art Committee report was given by Amanda Butler. She reported that we should soon know the actual amount of the Ohio Arts Council Grant, that educational activities related to the upcoming sculpture installation are being planned, and that an article will be prepared for the HW News.

On the topic of crime, Officers Steve Smith and John Marshall presented helpful crime prevention tips and answered many questions.

On the topic of the HWS Constitution & By-Laws, Keith Dimoff reviewed the motion passed in April to form a committee to review certain sections of the Constitution and he explained his intent to gather information from other civic groups for review by interested HWS members. The goal will be to pull together proposed changes within a couple of months and present them to the HWS, with votes to be taken one month later.

For the HW News, Veda Gilp announced the deadline and solicited opinions.

On the topic of traffic, Keith Dimoff reported that City Council has offered their support for a professional traffic consultant to work with the Spring-Sandusky Interchange Traffic Task Force, which includes the HWS. Keith and David Butler serve on the task force. Opinions were solicited, to be forwarded to the consultant who will prepare a comprehensive traffic management plan. We also discussed the related topics of on-street parking.

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On the topic of the Council of Historic Neighborhoods, Keith Dimoff reported that City Council Member Fred Ransier attended the last meeting and answered questions. Fred is the chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee.

Keith led a brief discussion about the HWS Website, speaker ideas, the calendar for upcoming events, and membership drive activities. He requested that neighbors e-mail or call or write to share their ideas, and that involvement need not take more time than anyone wants to offer.

Under New Business, Keith first noted that "New Business" can be items that one would like to add to next month's agenda.

John Cowin introduced in writing a proposed amendment to the HWS Constitution for the membership to consider. The proposal would create a class of members called Non-Resident Contributing Members and will be voted upon at the July meeting. Opinions were solicited on whether the proposal must

be distributed by mail or whether the HW News will suffice. It was noted that the complete proposed amendment, as written, will be voted upon; no amendments to the proposal can be made at the next meeting.

Announcements were made for several upcoming events.

A motion was made to adjourn; Ken Wightman motioned; it passed without objection. The meeting adjourned around 9:10 P.M.



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## Constitution Change?

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The current Constitution limits voting privileges to Society members who are Harrison West residents, to non-residents who own property in Harrison West, and to businesses, churches and other institutions located in Harrison West. The proposal would create a new category of HWS membership called Non-resident Contributing Members and thus extend voting privileges to a new class of members.

The proposal would change Article III of the HWS Constitution & By-Laws as follows: "To create a new membership classification known as Non-resident Contributing Member by adding: (A)(6) Non-resident Contributing Membership is open to individuals eighteen years or older who reside outside the boundaries the Society as described in Article I of the Constitution and By-laws. Non-resident Contributing Members shall be granted voting rights when and if all of the following criteria are fulfilled: (a) Be a member in good standing as defined in Article III Section C; (b) Attend a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the Society's regular meetings during the preceding twelve months; and (c) Be a participating member of a duly recognized Society committee."

## FLOW ON!

Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, July 11, at the Whetstone Library, 3909 North High Street. A professional photographer will take you on a virtual canoe tour of the Olentangy River and a regional planner will discuss floodplains. The contact is Erin Miller at 487-7506.

## New Community Arts Organization To Partner With Harrison West Society On Public Art Project; Assist With Fundraising

BrickStreet Arts Association, a community arts organization filing for 501-C3 non-profit status, plans as its first major initiative to partner with the Harrison West Society on the Harrison West SIDE-by-SIDE public art project.

BrickStreet's objective will be to raise an estimated \$15,000 for the project, representing 25 percent of the project's overall budget.

BrickStreet organizers, including Society members Pat Sieber and HWS immediate Past President Maddy Weisz, have been instrumental in bringing the SIDE-by-SIDE project from infancy to its current success.

"I really see our involvement in the Harrison West Society's public art project, and now also with BrickStreet, to be a natural progression of events. What you have is a group of people with a keen interest in art and their community. It became clear that the creation of a non-profit arts organization would assist in the fundraising aspects of SIDE-by-SIDE, and would provide a creative outlet to develop other arts-related projects in the future," said Sieber.

BrickStreet plans to focus on community-based arts projects, including tours, educational workshops, exhibitions and performances in Harrison West and other urban Columbus neighborhoods. The arts organization will complement existing civic and non-profit organizations concerned with improving and maintaining the quality of

life for residents and workers in the area through urban renewal efforts. To learn more about BrickStreet Arts Association, contact Pat Sieber at 294-1028.

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In addition to the above efforts, a major focus will be on the public and private fund-raising initiatives. To date, \$25,000 in Urban Infrastructure funding has been designated toward Harrison West SIDE-by-SIDE. The committee has applied for an Ohio Arts Council grant, and will hear the outcome in mid-July. Other public funding possibilities are currently being researched.

Organizers of BrickStreet Arts Association (please see adjacent article), a soon-to-be-formed community arts nonprofit (501-C3) organization, have volunteered to take on the time-intensive private-sector fund-raising duties for the project.

"It would be very difficult to raise the necessary funds to complete the project without a tax-deductible organization like BrickStreet Arts to receive private donations," said Keith Dimoff, HWS President. "I think we're on track to make this sculpture a reality for many generations of neighbors to experience and appreciate."

To learn more about Harrison West's public art initiative, or to join the Public Art Committee, please call Maddy Weisz at 291-2285 or Amanda Butler at 421-7157. New members are always welcome and needed!



## Do You Have the Welcome Sign On for Burglars?

If you think house burglars are professional criminals, experts at defeating the most elaborate security measures, think again. In most cases, residential and auto burglary is a crime of opportunity committed by amateurs looking for easy targets.

This is the word from our Police Liaison, Officer Steve Smith. Therefore we should not leave valuables visible in our cars. He advised calling police if anything suspicious happens, no matter how minor, because the incidents add up and a pattern or evidence can be discerned from even minor events. The regular Non-Emergency police number for such calls is 645-4545 and for reporting misdemeanors that you don't need or want an officer for --645-4717. When reporting, remember we are in Precinct One.

Smith says you can make things harder for these opportunistic burglars by making your home as difficult as possible to enter. Here are some of his suggestions:

1. Trim shrubs so windows and doors are in full view from the street.
2. Maintain and use adequate lighting, especially at entry points. The power company will install a yard/alley light for a reasonable monthly charge.
3. Don't leave ladders and tools lying around outside where burglars can use them to enter your home.
4. Lock up valuables such as lawn mowers and bicycles.
5. Always keep your garage door closed and locked.
6. Make sure your house numbers are big, well lighted, and easily read from the street so police can find your home fast.
7. Make sure all your exterior doors lock with a double cylinder deadbolt.

## Battelle Wins 3 Keep Columbus Beautiful Awards

Battelle's recycling efforts were recognized May 3 when it received three Keep Columbus Beautiful awards at the group's 16<sup>th</sup> annual awards ceremony. Keep Columbus Beautiful is an organization that promotes recycling, litter prevention, beautification and neighborhood revitalization. It's an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., a national non-profit group dedicated to the same environmental causes.

Battelle, and its staff volunteer group Team Battelle, received one award for beautification efforts and another for education. In addition, Regina Kight, a master research technician at Battelle's West Jefferson office, received the Volunteer of the Year Award. Kight serves on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Advisory Council and was honored for her contributions to the program's success.

The Beautification Award (in the business category) recognizes Team Battelle's Rivers and Streams Beautification group for its efforts in planting and gardening, litter cleanup and other beautification activities.

The Education Award recognizes Battelle for its overall efforts in promoting recycling in the workplace and for buying recycled-content materials.

"We're honored to accept these awards that recognize dedication to improving the environment," said Frank Hood, Battelle Columbus Operations VP for Environment, Safety and Health. "It reflects well on the individual Battelle staff members who contribute a great deal of time and energy on environmental efforts. Also, it reflects well on all of the Battelle family for our stewardship to the environment."

## Thanks From Past President Weisz

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to support the Harrison West Society when I was President. I greatly appreciated all your efforts. You helped make the Harrison West Society a lively proactive civic association initiating change and improvements. Your help made it both productive and enjoyable leading the group.

## The Dusty Millers Were Free

In June, Jane Martin from Franklin County Extension, spoke to a group of 20 Harrison Westers on planting perennials. She showed slides and discussed 31 easy-to-grow and colorful plants. This program held at the Fourth Ave. Church was an excellent learning session for all the gardeners present. The results are evident this summer throughout the neighborhood. It was a relaxed evening spent with neighbors who shared a similar interest. Just to get everyone started, each participant went home with a ready-to-plant Dusty Miller.

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## What is Neighborhood Link?

By Barbara Williams

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**Q** I'm not a Computer Wizard. How do I find it?

**A** Harrison West Society's site is [www.neighborhoodlink.com/columbus/harrison](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/columbus/harrison). Bookmark it. OR, call up just neighborhoodlink.com and you'll get the national site which has a space to put in your zip code, whereupon you'll see us listed among 14 neighborhood organizations activated in the 43201 area. Click on Harrison West.

**Q** What's important and interesting on the Harrison West Society home page?

**A** Click on whatever is important or of interest to you! The first two are interactive -- you can put in your own information.

Click on **COMMUNITY CAL-NDAR** and you can both view what anyone else has entered AND enter an upcoming neighborhood event that's important to you. A pull-down menu is there for you to use. Just answer the questions or fill in the blanks! Or maybe you'd like to click on **TALK ABOUT IT**, where you can discuss any local issues or ask folks to help find your kid's lost iguana.

**Q** We've got a great newsletter; why do we need this, too?

**A** Neighborhoodlink gives you another forum to discuss any neighborhood issue, have your say or start a discussion about anything from how to build a scarecrow to public art. You can either remain anonymous or be more effective and give your name.

**Q** I'm not set up at home with a computer. How can neighborhoodlink be useful to me?

**A** Can you use the computer at work or at your church? How about your neighbor's? Public libraries have computers for all to use—and free classes for learning how!

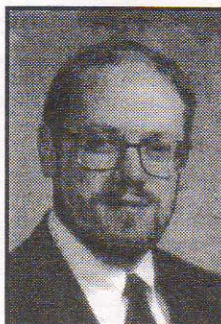
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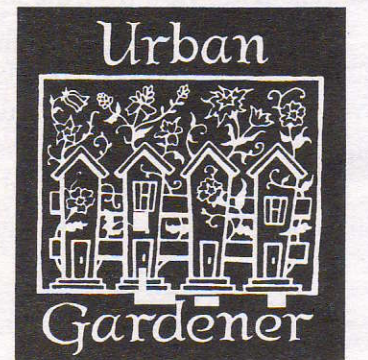
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## Traffic Report

by Todd Law, Secretary Victorian Village Society and the Traffic Committee

The time has come for us to tell the City where the traffic problems are, and time is running out!

At the last traffic task force meeting, our newly hired traffic consultant, Walter Kulash of Glatin-Jackson, was introduced to all of the parties. He then went on to tell the neighborhoods that we have to supply him with a list of traffic problems that we are currently experiencing. This list of problems will be the basis of all the remedies that are going to follow, so it is CRUCIAL that all current problems are documented now.

The idea is to break down the morning and afternoon rush hour traffic flows and try to pin down the problem areas and devise remedies that will take care of the problems without creating new ones. The things we are looking for are problems with traffic congestion, cut-through routes that are used to by-pass congestion, and any other traffic and safety issues people are currently experiencing in our historic neighborhoods. If you notice increases in traffic volumes or speeds on the streets or alleys around your house during any particular time period of the day, document it and send it to [copeland@columbus.rr.com](mailto:copeland@columbus.rr.com). All of these problems will be finalized at the traffic committees meeting to be held at Suzanne's house at 6:30. The final list will be presented to the City and Mr. Kulash at the next traffic task force meeting.

I know that there are a LARGE number of people out there with traffic problems that they want fixed and instead of griping to your neighbors about it, it's time to put it in writing and we will deliver it straight to City Hall. Now it's time to make it count!!!

The design task force has agreed to hire a consultant as well. This consultant will help provide us with options for beautifying the freeway and the fixtures that go with it. The traffic committee is drafting a letter to Council woman Maryellen O'Shaughnessy's office to formally request that the City hire a design consultant.

The next task force meetings have been rescheduled for August 1st and 2nd at the Thurber Towers chapel. Stay tuned for possible changes to these dates!! The City has really been dropping the ball on organizing these meetings and getting information from them is like pulling teeth. Both meetings are scheduled to start at 4:30 P.M. and everyone is STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Comments from the audience are encouraged; so don't miss your chance to speak up!

## Garden Tour Cancelled

It wasn't to be, it seems. Despite all his hard work, Harrison West Garden Tour organizer Gene Roe had to cancel this year's event for a variety of reasons. Thanks to everyone who wanted to participate.

## Victorian Village Tour of Homes Cancelled

VV President Gavin Armstrong called off the famous and profitable Tour of Homes because the huge undertaking required more volunteer hours than Villagers could supply this year.

## Traffic Task Force Meeting Cancelled

The City has cancelled the July 5 meeting of the Traffic Task Force in order to accommodate the schedule of the national traffic consultant who will prepare our comprehensive traffic management plan. The next meeting will be held on August 2 or 3, followed by a workshop in mid-September. Stay tuned to the Harrison West News for more information. Please send any opinions on the traffic from the freeway project to David Butler at 421-7157 or Keith Dimoff at 424-6798.

## Design Task Force Cancelled

The Spring-Sandusky Design Task Force meeting scheduled for July 6 has been cancelled. The City plans to pursue contracting with a design firm

to develop a comprehensive design approach to the portion of the freeway project near Goodale Park. The Design Task Force will reconvene once the contract is in place. Steve Shinn is the Harrison West Society's representative to the Design Task Force. He may be reached at 299-0227.

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by Veda Gilp

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Tacos here are mini soft corn tortillas, not the fried kind that disintegrate with the first bite. I tried their Taco Combo Plate with chicken and fish tacos. The fish is fresh snapper, lightly breaded, deep fried but not greasy, topped with cabbage, pico de gallo salsa Baja dressing and a squeeze of lime. Definitely good!

The chicken taco was charbroiled chicken, chopped onions, and cilantro to which I added the house salsa (excellent! The dark color comes from roasted peppers. Full of flavor!), and lime. Yum! This combo is a healthy meal, and leaves space for a pretty good guacamole and some chips and salsa from the salsa bar.

Other goodies include the better-than-average rice and black beans.

Vegetarians can opt for the grilled vegetarian burrito, a mixture of spicy grilled peppers, chilies and onions, with black or pinto beans, cheese, lettuce, sour cream and Pico de Gallo salsa.

Unfortunately, Baja Fresh doesn't run to desserts, so when you eat there, you eat healthy. Go figure!

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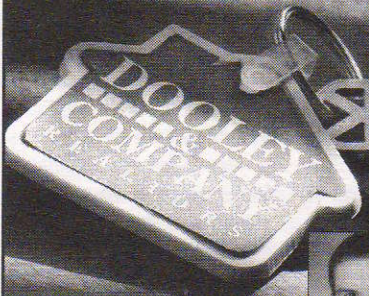
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