

## HARRISON EST NEWS

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Meeting:
\*AC Humko
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\*Downzoning
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Planning

Exciting things coming up at the August 10 meeting. The news about Humko is making realtors and home owners salivate. We're hoping to have more info at the meeting. We'll be discussing the way Harrison West is zoned and the possibility of changing it from R-4. Of course, there's always the Yard Sale. Come on by. We're getting tons done and beating the 90 Minute Meeting Guarantee! August 10, 7:30 PM, Godman Guild, really casual dress.



### City and Harrison West Society to Lead AC Humko Site Future?

AC Humko plans to close the plant at 525 West 1st Avenue within the next year. Great news for the neighborhood, because this 13.5 acre site at Perry and 1st Avenue is vital to the positive redevelopment of our neighborhood.

HWS President Keith Dimoff was quoted in a July 26 *Dispatch* article on the plant closing, saying that the Humko site redeveloped within the guidelines of the Riverfront Commons Vision Plan would create "high-quality new urbanism."

At the last meeting, the group decided that the official Harrison West Society position would be that the neighborhood should seize this opportunity to tell the City what we want. To that end, the Society sent a letter to Mayor Coleman conveying the Harrison West Society's intent to take a leading role with the City Administration and City Council in the future of the area, and to reiterate our strong support for the Riverfront Vision Plan.

See Page 4 and 5 for more Humko info.



The 13.5 acre Humko site at Perry and West First Avenue includes an 1880s factory; a five-story brick building; several one-story brick buildings; an elevated, black-topped parking lot; and railroad tracks. What could it be in the future? And what would redevelopment mean to Harrison West and you?

### Ready, Set, Yard Sale September 23

Clean out your attics, basements, and garages -it's time for the Harrison West Yard Sale. The fee is \$10 (Senior Citizen's Discount available) to cover the advertising. Last Sale, everyone who participated made a ton of money. You can too! Call Keith Dimoff at 424-6798 and start collecting your merchandise.



The Harrison West
Society will meet
Thursday, August 10,
7:30 PM,
Godman Guild
321 W. Second Avenue
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Downzoning to R4?
Yard Sale Planning

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### HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES JULY 13, 2000

Submitted by Veda Gilp

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. at the Godman Guild by President Keith Dimoff. A quorum was present. Approximately 30 people attended. The printed agenda and the sign-in sheet were circulated.

Keith Dimoff presented pros and cons of guest speakers and invited discussion. Consensus was that we should have speakers frequently but not at every meeting.

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

Treasurer John Cowin reported cash-in-hand as approximately \$2,870. A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; John Cowin motioned; it passed without objection. A motion was made to pay the reproduction and mailing costs of the Constitution amendment notice; Debbie Colvin motioned; it passed without objection.

The Planning and Development Committee report was given by Keith Dimoff. The Battelle meeting about landscaping and the Fifth Avenue park has been rescheduled.

On other P&D business, Keith reported on the news that AC Humko plans to close the plant within the next year. Discussion of the plant closing relating to the Riverfront Vision Plan for the space. The group decided that the official Harrison West Society position should be that the neighborhood should seize this opportunity and get to the City now to tell them what we want. A motion was made to immediately write an official letter to the City council and the Mayor emphasizing HW support of the vision Plan and asking the City to con-

tact the Company about HW control of the site; Mary Funk 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 \$25,000 in UIRF funds are in hand, and that educational activities related to the upcoming sculpture installation are being planned. She mentioned that the BrickStreet Arts Association is filing for 501-C3 status. BrickStreet will assist the Public Art Committee with private fund raising.

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.

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

On the topic of traffic, Keith Dimoff called for information on traffic problems we are encountering on our streets and reported that the next Traffic Meeting will be in early August or September.

For the Membership Committee, Chair Mark Hamsher reported 106 paid members and suggested contacting lapsed members by mail. A motion to pay the expenses for a membership mailing for lapsed members was made; Craig Copeland motioned; it passed without objection.

On the topic of the Constitutional amendment proposed by John Cowin in June, Keith Dimoff asked John Cowin to discuss the amendment. Then the floor

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was opened for discussion. A motion to vote by secret ballot was made; Lauren Creighten motioned; it passed with two in opposition. After discussion, the vote was taken: 6 For, 17 Against. Amendment defeated.

Under New Business, Keith Dimoff suggested having a neighborhood Yard Sale this fall, perhaps in conjunction with a Public Art event. Opinions were solicited on whether the Sale should be in September, what the charge should be, and where to advertise. The Yard Sale was reserved for discussion at a later date. Keith agreed to ask Battelle if the Society can use their land at 3rd and Perry for the Yard Sale.

Mary Funk reported that both the Harrison West Garden Tour and the Victorian Village Tour of Homes were back on, but did not have particulars.

Members who live in the riverfront condos asked the Society to help them get the City to repave the alley next to their buildings. Mary Funk agreed to report to the City about this problem. It also was referred to the P&D Committee.

Keith Dimoff made the announcement that Pastor Richard Morris was celebrating his 48th wedding anniversary.

A motion was made to adjourn; Shirley Tobias motioned; it passed without objection. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.



### Harrison West Society -- More Than 100 Members Strong!

After two years of building, the HWS is stronger than ever and just in time for the exciting Humko, Public Art, Battelle, and Traffic developments. Join a strong team that's making a big difference in your neighborhood.

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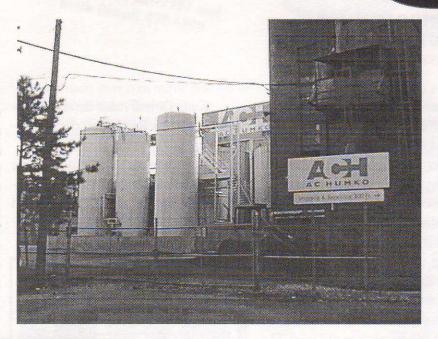
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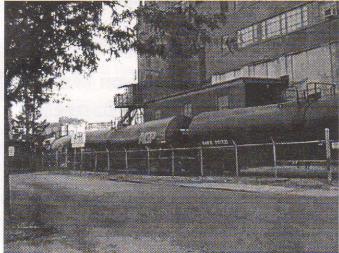
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# City and Harrison West Society: Our Park After Humko?

These pictures of the Humko property and buildings show that the plant occupies considerable acreage at the southwest corner of Harrison West next to the river. HW President Keith Dimoff and VP Mary Funk are representing the Society's interests in their approaches to Mayor Coleman and the City Council and are reporting that the City is responding positively to the Society's concerns.





The Harrison West Society is concerned that the property could be sold out from under the neighborhood to a commercial developer who would not develope the site to fit into our neighborhood.

Dimoff also is worried that such development would

ignore the Riverfront Vision Plan, which the Harrison West Society has endorsed, and which promised the neighborhood a park on the river at the Hunko site. Dimoff was quoted by the *Dispatch* in a July 26 article as saying about the Humko site and the Riverfront Vision Plan, "We fear the plan will sit on the shelf. ... This is sort of a test for the city. ... This is the kind of opportunity envisioned in the plan to achieve city goals of revitalization and green space."

The Harrison West Society is asking the City to purchase the site, turn part of it into a riverside park, and resell the rest for quality development fitting within the neighborhood building parameters of narrow streets and lots and small houses.

Council President Matt Habash has agreed to work with Harrison West residents.

The City's Recreation and Parks Director, Wayne Roberts, would also work with the neighborhood, but isn't sure where the money for the park would be found.







### HWS Letter to Mayor Coleman About Humko Site Asks for Partnering Role in Process

Following is the text of the letter written to Mayor Coleman and City Council at the direction of the Harrison West Society Membership. The opening up of the Humko property is one of the most positive and exciting opportunities afforded our neighborhood in years. Working together with the Mayor and the City Council, all of whom have expressed interest in helping our neighborhood, should help bring real progress to Harrison West.

July 19, 2000

Mr. Michael B. Coleman Mayor of Columbus 90 West Broad Street, Room 247 Columbus, Ohio 43215

AC Humko to Close; Harrison West Society Votes;

Yes for the City to Take a Lead Role at AC Humko;

Yes for the Harrison West Society to Lead with the City;

Yes for the Riverfront Vision Plan's call for Urban Revitalization & Greenspace.

The "AC Humko plant closing" article in the July 13 Columbus Dispatch highlights a critical opportunity available to the City and to Harrison West. The future of the AC Humko site was a hot topic at the July 13 meeting of the Harrison West Society, attended by 30 people, resulting in a unanimous vote to take action to ensure a strong role by our neighborhood and by the City Administration and City Council in the

The 13.5 acres are key to urban revitalization and to the Olentangy River. The City's adopted Riverfront Vision Plan champions the potential for high quality, "new facility. urbanism," mixed-use redevelopment of AC Humko and surrounding land. The Riverfront Vision Plan also promotes the renovation of the historic factory building and calls for part of the site to become parkland and riverside greenspace.

The Society voted to send a letter to you (with a copy to many key individuals) to convey the Harrison West Society's intent to take a leading role with the City Administration and City Council in the future of the area, and to reiterate our strong support for the Riverfront Vision Plan.

Please take this action into account. This opportunity can result in a true success story for our neighborhood and for the whole City of Columbus. We would like to meet with you and others soon to discuss the potential of this partnership.

Sincerely, Keith Dimoff

cc: City Council: Matt Habash, Rich Sensenbrenner, Fred Ransier, Charleta Tavares, Jennette Bradley, Mike Mentel, and Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Mark Barbash, Dir. Trade & Development; Lori Baudro, Trade & Development, Wayne Roberts, Dir. Recreation & Parks; Alan McKnight, Recreation & Parks, Dan Antonelli, AC Humko President & CEO

### 26th Annual Victorian Village Tour of Homes -Back on Track for 2000!

by Gavin Armstrong, President Victorian Village Society

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce that the 26th Annual Victorian Village Tour of Homes will be taking place - AS SCHEDULED - on September 17th. You may have read the announcement in the July issues of the Harrison West News and Village Vibe which indicated that the Annual Tour had been cancelled due to lack of involvement and volunteerism.

Many of you read that indeed! After the printing of the articles, there was a very humbling "call to arms" from many of you who have helped with the Tour in the past years. I thank everyone who has offered to assist again this year. Things are coming together quite well.

As it looks now, the Tour will have an excellent number of houses which represent the diverse architecture of our neighborhoods - as well as our eclectic styles of decorating. Many of our neighbors have offered their homes for the Tour and this out-pour of support is no less than awesome.

We could still use some help, however, with this annual event. Please consider taking some time, if you can, the weekend of September 16th and 17th to assist with this showcase of our homes, neighborhods and area.

The Tour annually brings many, many people from around Central Ohio (and many from beyond our immediate locale) into our neighborhoods. It's our opportunity to showcase us - please help if you can. If you have helped in the past and would like to help again this year - that's great! If you've never had the chance to be a part of this Tour, this is an excellent opportunity. Volunteers for this event are always invited to tour all the homes for free. Please call 228-2912 if you wish to help. Thanks, and keep an eye out for Tour posters and another article in the September issue of the Harrison West News with more information about this year's 26th Annual Victorian Village Tour of Homes!

### Traffic Update

Todd Law

Secretary, Victorian Village Society and The Traffic Committee

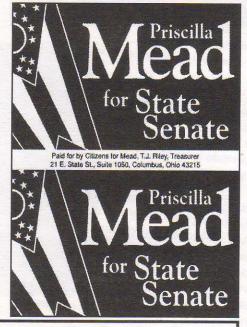
It's time to make our pitch to the City on how to change our traffic situation. We have developed five different plans employing various traffic calming devices we discussed. Some ideas involve methods as simple as part-time, one-way streets, while some use more "concrete" methods, such as traffic diverters. We are refining some of our suggested remedies into presentations for the August 2nd traffic task force meeting. If you would like to see all of our proposed remedies, they are posted on the web www.geocities.com/nnhist dist/ taskforce/input.html. All these plans have the same aim as the MOA-- reducing traffic in our neighborhood to pre-SSI levels.

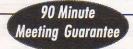
We hope our ideas can form the basis of a comprehensive traffic mitigation plan that will bring this long-running battle to an amicable end. But these are first steps in a long progression of events and are still going to require a lot of discussion. Walter Kulash will be reviewing our suggestions and hopefully incorporating some of them into his recommendation to the City sometime late this year. To make sure our suggestions are given serious consideration, the traffic committee has been studying these options closely and is prepared to defend our ideas from all of the naysavers

Keith Dimoff 424-6798

that still insist there is no traffic problem in our neighborhood to begin with.

Now we should be able to determine if the City is ready to make real changes that will effect a serious reduction in the amount of cut-through traffic in our neighborhoods. If you have any other cut-through traffic problems that have not been added to our maps we want the Traffic Task Force to know about it! We will be discussing this in detail at our next meeting, August 2nd at 5:30 in the Thurber Towers chapel, and we want to see you all there.





### Midtown Parents and Kids

Summer is a great time to visit your neighborhood parks to meet your neighbors and enjoy the variety of cultures our unique area of Columbus offers.

With summer being such a transitional time, we should be on the look out for new people moving into our neighborhoods. When you see a new family or individual moving in, feel free to welcome them and offer a helping hand. We know that the Midtown area of Columbus is a wonderful place to live, so we should not be shy about sharing this knowledge with our new neighbors. Be sure to let Midtown Parents and Kids know when a new family moves in or when a family has a new baby arrive, so they can deliver our "Welcome to the Neighborhood" gift bag filled with gifts from area merchants and organizations to our new neighbors.

MPK has a number of activities planned throughout the year. If you want to attend an event or want to learn more about Midtown Parents and Kids, please feel free to contact the director, Sabrina Bobrow at 297-1152 or by e-mail at sabrina@kilcup.org.



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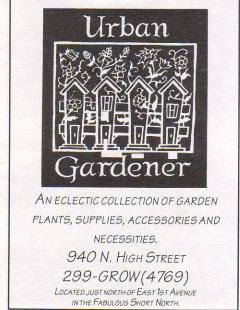
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### Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at La Tavola

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The Marinara sauce served with the Fritto Misto was excellent – fresh, bursting with robust country flavors of tomato, garlic, basil, onion, and good olive oil.

The House salad was romaine lettuce, real croutons, leeks, gorgonzola, red peppers, and herbed red wine vinaigrette. Delicious as it was, a half portion was more than enough, since we decided we were into serious gustatory exploration.

Besides, we were saving ourselves for **dessert**, **dessert**, **dessert**!

Before we got to dessert, though, all three of us had one of those epiphanies of fine dining. At our first bite of our entrees, we looked up in unison and breathed, "My God, this is good!"

Randi selected the Frutta di Mare Fettuccini, so simply prepared with shrimp and scallops tossed in a lemon parsley olio sauce with garlic. Did I say simple? Try incredible wedding of rich scallops and shrimp touched with lemon and bathed with garlic. Perfectly prepared, the shrimps snapped sweetly in your mouth and the scallops melted. The half portion was huge, by the way.

I ordered the famous veal dish, Saltimbocca la Tavola, tender slices of veal loin pounded thin with prosciutto di Parma and fontina cheese grilled with lemon, olive oil and butter with sauteed greens. The veal was delicate; the prosciutto was crispy and salty; the fontina cheese robust. I couldn't get enough of the combination and contrast of flavors and textures.

Outstanding as our entrees were, however, Jeff was served the evening's star dish. He ordered the dinner special of Salmon Risotto with spinach and longstemmed artichokes. This dish is what risotto was created to be. Perfectly creamy rice, studded with pieces of rich pink salmon and slightly briny artichokes, adorned with spinach braised just to tenderness. If you have eaten risotto anywhere else, come try it here. If you never liked it before, try it at la Tavola. If you love risotto, you'll love it more at la Tavola. What can I say? They can cook rice.

You never have heard me say that something was too much chocolate. Just enough chocolate, perhaps, or wonderfully chocolate, but never too much. I met my chocolate match at la Tavola. Chocolate walnut pie was an incredible moistness of flourless chocolate cake, deepest fudge, walnuts, honey, and whipped cream. Two cups of coffee each weren't enough for the three of us to finish one piece. But we had a great time trying! I just hate to leave great chocolate on the plate!

We agreed that the panna cotta was the best we ever had. Custard of snowiest white, infused with the lightest of lemon, garnished with perfect strawberries, it was the perfect finish for a heavy pasta meal.

However, the Tiramisu won our hearts. Such a light and rich, sweet and delicate, ladyfingers, expresso, and cream confection we all but licked the plate. You heard it here — this Tiramisu could lure me away from chocolate.

No reservations, open only until 9 (10 Saturdays), call 848-4231, go with friends and talk and eat and talk some more. Ciao!

### June Crime in HW

Not bad -- one robbery, four burglaries, one auto theft, two thefts from auto, and one malicious destruction of property. Just keep in mind that these are crimes of opportunity. Turn on your lights, clean out your cas, lock up your toys, and be safe.

### Congratulations John B. Sindelar

We've heard from proud Mom, Catherine Sindelar, that son John graduated in June with honors from North Education Center High School. He's planning a career in graphic arts at CCAD in Columbus or the Academy Art College in San Francisco.

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# Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at La Tavola

by Veda Gilp

Veda Found Chocolate Overkill?

Neighbors Jeff and Randi Love and I dined, make that swooned, at La Tavola last week. This unpretentious little family restaurant at 33 Beech Ridge Drive in Powell is a delicious addition to the wonderful restaurants in Columbus.

They concentrate on the food here, so you don't get a chain-store sized menu. The basics are done beautifully, and the specials are worth bragging over. The kitchen that night was stellar, and from the conversation around the room, I gathered that this is the norm in this fine restaurant.

The comprehensive wine list is all Italian, with excellent choices both in bottles and by the glass. Randi enjoyed a Pinot Grigio that looked and smelled like a cool Summer morning. I savored a glass of Dolchetta rich with berries and shadows. Jeff chose a Cataldi Madonna Montepulciano d' Abruzzo, a robust country wine with class and sophistication. (Can you guess Jeff is a wine seller at the Brown Bag in German Village?)

We started with Fritto Misto, mixed fried appetizers, enough for three or four to share. All excellent, the calimari was the best. Light, almost tempura-like batter, not greasy, so the delicate taste of the calamari could be savored. The fried mozzarella was wonderful. Lightly breaded and fried, it came in squares, with the cheese still runny and warm inside. Fried rounds of eggplant were perfect, again, lightly breaded, not greasy, and wonderfully flavorful.

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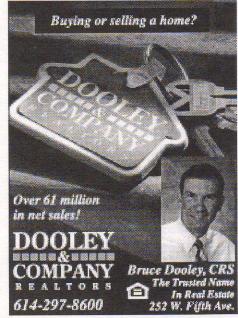
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