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Society Seeks Area Rezoning & Urban Commercial Zoning Overlay

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The HWS has also asked the City to develop an Urban Commercial Zoning Overlay for Harrison West. Such zoning standards have been put in place in several areas of Columbus to protect the character of central city commercial areas.

Please see the articles on page 4 or attend the September 14 HWS meeting for more information.

Harrison West Yard Sale Saturday, September 16, 9:00AM-2:00PM \$10 to sign up— small price, big payoff

It's time for the Harrison West Yard Sale. Last time, Neighborhood Yard Sellers made a mint. So clean out your attics, basements, and garages.

The Yard Sale is sponsored by the Harrison West Society. The Society will advertise the event in the *Columbus Dispatch* and will prepare a map of all participating neighbors. Copies of the maps will be made available at each participant's home on the morning of the sale so that once shoppers stop, they'll know where all of the other sales are located.

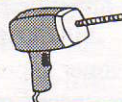


The fee is \$10 (Senior Citizen's Discounts available) to be included on the map. The last date to sign up is September 14 at the Harrison West Society meeting. Call or e-mail Keith

Dimoff at 424-6798 (kdimoff@aol.com) and start collecting your merchandise. The fee helps to cover the cost of advertising.



The Society will also arrange for the city's trash trucks to come through on the following Monday to empty the dumpsters. This is a great opportunity to clean up our alleys and clean out your homes!



Correction: The August issue of the *Harrison West News* reported the date for the Yard Sale off by a week. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Next Meeting: *Speaker from City's Planning Office *Area Rezoning *Urban Commercial Zoning Overlay *Yard Sale Planning

Exciting things coming up at the September 14 meeting. Come on by. We're getting tons done in 90 fast, full minutes. Bring your own refreshments. Casual dress. September 14, 7:30, Godman Guild.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West
Society will meet
Thursday, September
14, 7:30 PM,
Godman Guild
321 W. Second Avenue

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

August 10, 2000

Submitted by Karla Eldridge, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Godman Guild by President Keith Dimoff. A quorum was present, with 29 people in attendance, and over 20 voting members. An agenda and a sign in sheet were circulated. Attendees introduced themselves and just for fun, told where they were born. We come from all parts of the U. S.!

Barbara Williams passed a copy of the HW Web page around to show people where to go to post comments and read about issues of concern to all of us.

A quick presentation on Victim's Rights was given by Karla Eldridge. She gave HWer's a booklet from the State's Attorney General Office entitled "Your Rights & Responsibilities as a Crime Victim". She briefly discussed Victim notification rights and Crime Victim Compensation services. If you were unable to attend the meeting and want further information contact the AG's office at 1-800-582-2877 for victim services information.

Keith led the discussion on routine business. Barbara Williams motioned that the minutes of the previous meeting, as printed in the August newsletter, be approved. It passed without objection.

John Cowin gave his Treasurer's Report of cash-on-hand of \$5,000 and motioned to pay outstanding newsletter bills. Motion passed without objection.

Keith Dimoff reported for the Planning & Development Committee. He met with Battelle Community Liaison Tom McClain to discuss landscaping plans, sidewalk repair on Third Ave., the walk through from Perry to the Bike path, and dying trees along the river that were planted by Battelle, and perhaps should be replaced. Keith also broached the subject of using Battelle property for the upcoming yard sale in some manner. Keith informed Battelle of HW active interest and participation in the upcoming AC Humko closing.

Regarding the AC Humko closing, Keith then distributed copies of the HWS' July 19 letter to the city and newspaper articles. He reported that the HWS continues to press this issue with the city and AC Humko.

Mary Funk and Rob Harris presented their research and conversations with the city on rezoning the neighborhood to R-2 from its current zoning of R-4. They had a meeting with the Columbus Development Dept. and the Dept. of Zoning. The city is open to working with the neighborhood to "clean up the uses of the land" and agreed that HW currently may be zoned inappropriately. They will be working with the planner Steve McCleary. After discussion of all the benefits, there was a motion made by Debbie Colvin to write a letter to the city to start the rezoning process. The motion directed the letter to "support revision of Harrison West's zoning to be more appropriate for the existing neighborhood, which is predominantly one and two family residential, while respecting our commercial neighbors. The motion passed without objection.

The City will work with the residents to explain the process. Rob and Mary will continue to be the HW liaisons for this process.

Urban Commercial Zoning and acquiring a Commercial Overlay was discussed. The purpose of the Overlay is to have future businesses match the current style and look of the community. This would affect items such as where the parking lots are located and the distance from streets. The City of Columbus has to be asked to consider this change. Pastor Morris motioned to send a separate letter to the city on this topic. It passed with verbal vote with one objection. The motion directed the letter to "ask the City to develop an Urban Commercial Zoning Overlay for Harrison West." More information will be provided to residents as this initiative progresses.

Mike Duffy, Patrick Duchene and Brian Forshner reported for the Fifth & Perry Greenspace Committee. They presented the proposed plan, including budget estimates. They reviewed the history of this project. Then they discussed the voting by HW Society attendees during the previous meetings and the materials suggested for the paths and benches.

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Some questions and comments and further suggestions were made. Due to time shortage, it was recommended that HW members talk to the presenters after the meeting to provide further feedback on the layout of the mini-park.

The Public Arts Committee reported that \$12,900 was received from the Ohio Arts Council. A grant was submitted to the Columbus Foundation requesting \$15,000.

Officer Steve Smith discussed and acknowledged the homeless situation in the area. Reminded us again to not have objects in sight in our cars.

For the Traffic Committee, Keith Dimoff reported that the previously scheduled September Traffic Workshop with the City was delayed, and the July meeting was cancelled.

For the Newsletter Committee, Veda Gilp reported that the deadline remains the third Friday of each month.

For the Membership Committee, Mark Hamsher reports we currently have 109 paid memberships.

Old Business: Yard Sale Planning
The official date of the neighborhood sale is corrected to be Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00. The price to be included in the ads and on the neighborhood map is still only \$10.00. Flyers will be sent out as a reminder. Contact Keith Dimoff, (424-6798) to sign up. You may

send your \$10.00, or pay at the Sept. 14th meeting.

New Business: Suggestions for the next meeting included a discussion of the process to report possible code violations of homes in the neighborhoods, and whether or not such complaints should be done individually or under the HW Society's strength.

Also - Victorian Village tour of homes is the weekend of Sept. 16 - 17th which should help the yard sale people.

Mary Funk motioned for Harrison West to be included in the city's Neighbor-

hood Pride pilot cleanup program and the motion passed without objection.

Motion to adjourn made by Ken Wightman. Adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

**Harrison West Yard
Sale September 16,
9:00-2:00**



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WINNING
TEAM**

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SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

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Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to **Harrison West Society, Membership Committee, 344 W. Fourth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201.** Membership dues are paid annually.

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Urban Commercial Zoning Overlay: What Does It Mean To You?

In August, the Harrison West Society voted to ask the city to develop an "Urban Commercial Zoning Overlay" for Harrison West.

These types of "overlays" are part of a zoning program that the Columbus City Council adopted in 1999 "to protect, reestablish, and retain the unique aesthetic and architectural character of central city commercial areas." The city has put these new zoning standards into place in several areas in Columbus, including Clintonville and the Hilltop, with support from the business community and neighborhood groups.

The overlay establishes standards for new construction of commercial buildings that are consistent with a pedestrian orientation, such as how far the building would be set back from the street and where parking would be provided. The overlay also calls for new storefronts to have retail display windows and to face the main street.

A good example of an existing building that accomplishes these goals is the Aniara Salon building at the northwest corner of Michigan and Third. Like the other original businesses in the neighborhood, it sits right on the sidewalk and showcases itself with big retail windows.

The overlay would prevent future suburban-style development without affecting existing buildings.

Harrison West Area Rezoning

In cooperation with the city's Department of Trade and Development, the Harrison West Society has just initiated an area-wide rezoning process for the Harrison West neighborhood. The Society is seeking, through the rezoning, to preserve opportunities for home ownership and strengthen the low-density residential character of the neighborhood.

A land-use inventory has just been completed and additional data is currently being gathered. Over the next few months, the city's Neighborhood Planning staff will be assisting the Society and area residents with the application and approval process. A final hearing with City Council is expected in early 2001.

If approved, the area wide rezoning would downzone residential properties currently zoned R-4 and C-4 to R-2F. Commercially used properties within commercial zoning districts would not be affected. The A.C. Humko site, the M/I apartment complex, the Broad Street Management properties and several parking lots have also been excluded from the proposed rezoning.

Definitions:

- R-2F One - Two Family Residential
- R-4 One - Four Family Residential
- C-4 General Commercial

Harrison West Rezoning=Win-Win

Many opinions have been voiced in the HWS in support of the rezoning. Here's a sample.

1. It will help to conserve the existing development pattern of the neighborhood, of which 92% of the buildings are one and two family dwellings. The current R-4 zoning allows someone to buy an entire block, or just a few lots, demolish the homes and build multiple-unit apartments. Should this happen often enough, the character of the neighborhood would change.

2. It will make the new zoning more consistent with the existing neighborhood. The current R-4 zoning is an artifact of the late 1970's, when large tracts of apartments were envisioned.

3. It will help to ensure and preserve the diversity that has makes our neighborhood so viable.

4. It will help to protect Harrison West's homeowners from nearby rezonings.

5. It will protect the investment that property owners have made in Harrison West.

6. It's a Win-Win proposition. For everyone owning and living in the neighborhood, there isn't a downside. The rezoning process isn't directed at any current residences or businesses. Culpepper's and other businesses won't notice any difference. Nor will any apartment buildings.

Rezoning=Win-Win.

Harrison West Yard

Sale September 16

9:00-2:00



PUBLIC ART PROJECT AWARDED \$12,911

In more great news about Harrison West's SIDE-by-SIDE public art project, the Ohio Arts Council recently announced a grant award of \$12,911. This funding, with other monies raised, will help make the creation and installation of the two stainless steel sculptures near the Third Avenue bridge a reality in our neighborhood in Spring/Summer 2001.

Funds raised for the art initiative total \$39,411. This includes the above-mentioned grant award, \$25,000 in Urban Infrastructure funding, and a \$1,500 contribution from the Harrison West Society.

In addition, the public art committee has filed an application with the Columbus Foundation for a Neighborhood Partnership Grant. The outcome of the application will be announced later this fall. We are over halfway to realizing the estimated \$60,000 project budget! While this is a fantastic accomplishment, much work still lies ahead that will require the neighborhood and community's support and involvement!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 14. The public art committee is cooking up a fun, educational art activity. While the details are still being ironed out, it is sure to be a memorable occasion. Watch the next issue of the *Harrison West News* for more information on this free community event.

To learn more about the Harrison West SIDE-by-SIDE project, 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! You do not need to have an art background to participate, share your ideas and have fun with the project!

Victorian Village Home and Garden Tour: Tapestry of the Centuries

**Saturday, 9/16/00 6:30- 10pm:
PREVIEW TOUR**

**Sunday, 9/17/00 10am - 6pm:
GENERAL TOUR**

by Gavin Armstrong, President Victorian Village Society

The Victorian Village Society announces its 26th Annual Home and Garden Tour, planned for Sunday, September 17 from 10 AM to 6 PM. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 on tour day.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Dooley & Company Realtors, Victorian Village Carry-out, Grandview Mercantile, Mary Catherine's Antiques, Urban Gardener, Coffee Table, Union Station, Market Blooms (in the North Market), and the Haf Brau Haus (in German Village).

Day of tour tickets will be available at Manhattan Bagel, Battelle Memorial Institute and St. Francis of Assisi Church.

A special Preview Tour will be held on Saturday, September 16 from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM, and tickets for this event are \$65 per person or \$120 per couple. This special catered evening is NOT TO BE MISSED! To reserve tickets, please call 228-2912. The evening includes wonderful *hors d'oeuvres* and beverages and a relaxed preview of all the houses on the tour PLUS - a special opportunity to see the Freshwater House on Goodale Park, which is not on Sunday's tour.

Named by the Ohio Division of Travel and Tourism as one of the "Top 100 Events to Attend," Victorian Village rolls out the red carpet and celebrates its span of three centuries with the theme "Tapestry of the Centuries."

The neighborhood has withstood the test of time, from its emergence in 1870 through deterioration in the 1960s to the revitalization of the 1980s, it continues to flourish in 2000.

This year there are 12 homes on the Tour, and plenty more to experience, including;

- ⌘ two homes with beautifully landscaped in-ground pools.
- ⌘ beautiful ponds with fountains, statuary, lights and more.
- ⌘ third floor master suites
- ⌘ a desk from the estate of Governor Bushnell (Ohio Governor from 1896 to 1900)
- ⌘ one of last large Queen Anne-style homes built in Columbus.
- ⌘ a concrete block warehouse turned into stylish offices plus a beautiful home
- ⌘ a glass addition to a 1872 Italianate
- ⌘ a walled garden with entry pavilion
- ⌘ a hidden home with a "seaside" cottage atmosphere
- ⌘ beautiful porches, mantles, stained glass and more
- ⌘ a glass garage
- ⌘ a home with a matching bird house
- ⌘ industrial gutters used as a chandelier
- ⌘ galvanized metal walls
- ⌘ a bronze satyr newel post from Florence, Italy

The House and Garden Tour is a fund raising event for the nonprofit Victorian Village Society, a volunteer organization made up of area residents, landowners and businesses. The money raised from the tour is put back into the neighborhood through continued preservation and enhancement of this historic district and Goodale Park.

For more information visit www.victoriantour.com or call 228-2912.

Traffic Update: City Takes Over Traffic Task Force

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

The SSI Traffic Task Force is a Federally sanctioned forum where all the government agencies involved are supposed to work by consensus as equals with the "Consulting Parties" that represent the historic neighborhoods. The task force process may have begun that way but at the last meeting, all of those who believed in it were astonished by the city's surprise power play.

The consulting parties, working with the task force's nationally recognized consultant Walter Kulash, spent well over 100 hours putting together a presentation of ideas for traffic calming and management in the historic neighborhoods.

While setting up for the 25-minute presentation, everyone, including Mr. Kulash, was shocked to learn that it had been completely and unilaterally dropped from the published agenda. Task force chair Linda Page loudly proclaimed that she was in control of the meeting and its agenda, and she would decide who was

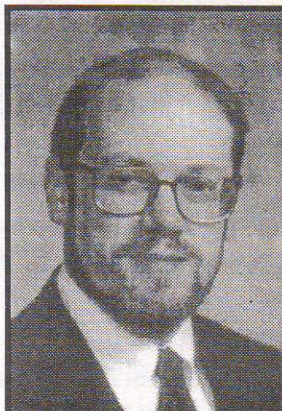
allowed to speak and when! After much begging and pleading, an abbreviated version of the presentation was permitted but none of these transactions were mentioned in the official minutes of the meeting.

Task Force members were also stunned by new a timeline, which clearly shows the Overall Traffic Management Plan, or OTMP, being a low priority item with no foreseeable end. This is contrary to the minutes of the May meeting, which clearly state the same OTMP was given, by consensus, the highest priority with an October completion date. By making these changes, the city has unilaterally gone against the will of the task force.

The consulting parties are sending a memo to the members of the task force expressing their concerns over these matters and methods to remedy them. This memo will also be added to the minutes stating our concerns in the legal record of the proceedings. Community members have also had face-to-face meetings with Maryellen O'Shaughnessy and Richard Sensenbrenner stating their dismay with the current course of the task force. These talks have resulted in promises that calls will be placed to Mayor Coleman, Director Page, and the other parties involved. It is hoped that this will result in the task force getting back on track.

If you want to see an end to these tactics, now is the time to speak up! Show your concern over these most important issues by attending the task force meetings. To get the very latest developments, log onto geocities.com/nnhist_dist/ updated regularly with all the items related to your task force.

The Harrison West Society has printed these monthly traffic updates as part of its partnership with several other neighborhood groups. The HWS representatives to the Traffic Task Force are David Butler, 421-7157, and Keith Dimoff, 424-6798.



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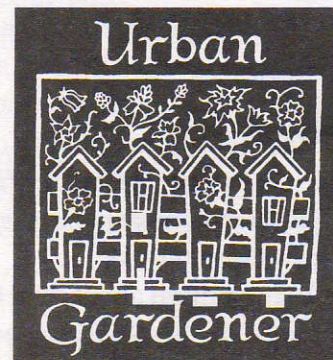
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at First Watch

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Belgian waffles are zephyr-light. For sweet teeth, try Libby's Favorite, topped with berries and clouds of whipped cream.

I ordered blueberry pancakes. If you order pancakes, ask for a box first. You'll need it. My three pancakes hid the plate and were each about 1/2 inch thick. Perfectly cooked, they were tender, light, delicate, and delish! The box? I needed it to bring home half my pancakes. Get the box early so your take-home pancakes don't have syrup on them. (Syrup does nasty things to the inside of your toaster!)

Try their unique *crepe* eggs. These are a thin, sweet crepe combined with fluffy whipped eggs and add-ins such as turkey, ham, avocado, cheese, or hollandaise sauce.

Intent on a light breakfast? Order cold cereal with raisins and fruit.

For brunch and lunch, First Watch does great sandwiches, including a wonderful Chicken Salad Melt, which is chicken salad with water chestnuts, raisins, celery, and white-meat chicken on grilled multi-grain bread topped with melted cheese and tomato. I know what you're thinking, "raisins, melted cheese, and tomato?" It works.

Salads looked good, too, with piles of varied lettuces and greens; add-ins like avocados, pecans, tomatoes, veggies, and croutons.

I saw no chocolate anywhere. That was the only defect in the entire place.

Crime Prevention Alert!

Residential burglary is a national, rapidly growing, costly and potentially dangerous crime. When your home is burglarized, you'll lose your peace of mind, and the sense of safety your home brought to you.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at First Watch

by Veda Gilp

If the sign in the window says *Egg*, exalt. If it says *Not Egg*, you're out of luck for one of the best breakfasts in town. Neighbor Sandy Woolard and I took our nonstop talk to First Watch last Sunday, and found the perfect breakfast place for eating *and* talking.

First Watch, 490 High in the Brewery District, styles itself as the "Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch" place. It has my vote.

First off, just in case you're one of those people who can't function without your first cup of coffee, this is your place. The minute your seats hit the chairs, your attentive server appears tableside with mugs and a carafe of coffee. And your own pitcher of cream.

Since breakfast is more than just coffee (incredible as it seems), let's talk food. First Watch has so many eggs, omelettes, scrambles, crepeeggs, waffles, pancakes and healthy offerings that it's very difficult to make up your mind. Perhaps another cup of that really good coffee would help.

Consider this artery-stopper which I saw served to a very trim, fit man next to our table: "The Works" omelette with ham, bacon, sausage, mushrooms, onions, melted cheeses, diced tomatoes, sour cream, and chives with potatoes and English muffin. The platter held enough food to share with friends!

Sandy ordered the breakfast special: three scrambled eggs loaded with feta, black olives, green peppers, and onions, served with toasted English muffin. It was almost more than she could eat. But she tried her best, because it was great.

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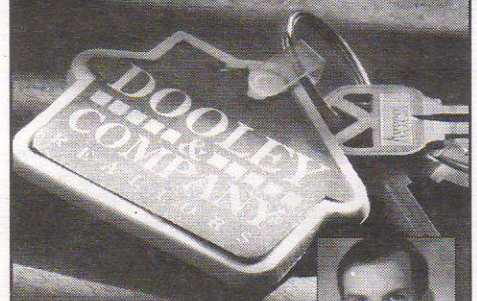
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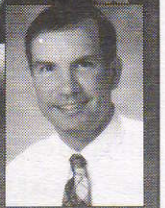
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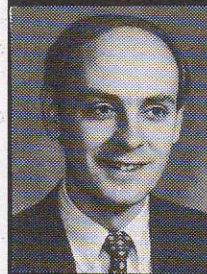
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