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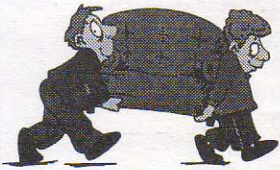
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# HARRISON WEST NEWS

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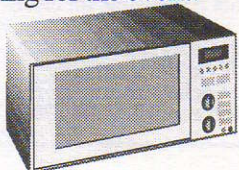
## Yard Sale Saturday, September 22, 9 - 4 Your Front Porch, Yard, Garage, or Driveway

Sign up by September 19, by calling Sandy Woolard at 291-0440, or 297-8600 ext 110.



Your \$10 will put your address on the neighborhood map that will be available to shoppers at all participating garage sale locations. The day of the sale, you will be provided with purple balloons to attach to the front of your house, and maps showing the location of all homes participating in the sale.

The Harrison West Society is arranging advertising for the event.



## Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, City Council, To Be Guest in Harrison West



City Councilmember Maryellen O'Shaughnessy will be a guest at the September 13 meeting of the Harrison West Society. She was elected in 1997, becoming the third generation of the O'Shaughnessy family to serve in public office, and has focused on the improved delivery of city services.

As Chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, Maryellen plays a key role in the future of traffic planning for our area. She has been active with the Traffic Task Force and with the City's hired national traffic expert who authored the traffic plan for Harrison West and other historic neighborhoods.

Maryellen is a Columbus native, a graduate of Ohio State University, a business person, and a resident of the Discovery District in Downtown.

## September 13 Meeting at First Brethren Church, 3rd & Oregon



## Next Meeting: HW Intersection Designs Maryellen O'Shaughnessy Public Arts

At the September 13 meeting of the Harrison West Society, we'll have the pleasure of meeting City Councilmember Maryellen O'Shaughnessy. We'll see more of the designs for traffic calming in Harrison West. And we'll hear an update on the soon-to-be-installed Side-By-Side sculptures in the Third Avenue Bridge Park. We hope you can stop by.

## NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West  
Society will meet  
Thursday, September  
13 at 7:30 PM  
First Brethren Church  
Third and Oregon

## INSIDE

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## HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

August 9, 2001

By Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 with a quorum of voting members present; President Keith Dimoff presiding.

The Liaison Officer from Clintonville and two bicycle policeman from our neighborhood attended in place of Officer Steve Smith, who is injured.

**Routine Business**

Mary Funk made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report** Tom Maxwell reported that the Treasury balance is \$5,275 and gave details on income and disbursements. Veda Gilp motioned to pay the regular expenses of publishing the newsletter. Passed.

**Planning and Development:** A.C. Humko President Dimoff reported that the property could be under contract soon, slated for high density residential contingent on rezoning.

**Old Business and Committee Reports:**

**Membership Committee** Chair Mark Hamsher reported 96 renewals or new members.

**Yard Sale** Sandy Woolard motioned for \$100 to pay expenses, passed.

**Newsletter** Editor Veda Gilp reported the deadline for news and advertising submissions is the third Friday of each month. Also asked for input from members for articles.

**Public Art Committee** Co-Chair Maddy Weisz reported that the city is to begin excavation for the sculptures soon. Still need \$2,000.

**Traffic Committee** Craig Copeland reported on the Traffic Calming Plan, which will place traffic calm-

ing on most Harrison West street corners. The system will enhance the quality of life in the neighborhood while discouraging cut-through traffic. It will include self-enforcing speed limits of 15 to 20 m.p.h., with 25 m.p.h. on third, Fifth, and Neil Avenues.

**New Harrison West Park Name**  
An informal vote of 10 to 5 was in favor of naming the park the Third Avenue Bridge Park.

**New Business & Announcements:**

Maryellen O'Shaughnessy will be the speaker for the September meeting.

The attendees agreed that the new location at the church was comfortable and convenient.

Tom Maxwell motioned to adjourn the business meeting at 9:00 P.M. Passed.

Coming Up in  
Harrison West**September 22**

The Harrison West Garage Sale

**October 11**

Rich Sensenbrenner, City

Councilmember, Attends Harrison West Society meeting

**October (Date TBA)**

Public Art ribbon-cutting for the Side-By-Side sculptures

**December 13**

Harrison West Society Holiday Potluck

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## 27th Annual Victorian Village Home and Garden Tour to Coincide with Goodale Park Sesquicentennial Celebration September 16

This year's tour will be particularly noteworthy as the community recognizes the 150th Anniversary of the city's oldest public park. The celebration will include an antique car show, ice cream social, and Victorian music in the gazebo.

Tickets for the Home and Garden Tour are \$8 in advance and \$10 on tour day. Purchase advance tickets at Dooley and Company Realtors, Grandview Mercantile, Urban Gardener, Antiques and Eccentricities, Market Blooms, Union Station Video Cafe, Hausfrau Haven, and Manhattan Bagel. Day of tour tickets will be available at Battelle, Manhattan Bagel, and the Goodale Park Caretaker's Residence.

The Preview Tour will be held Saturday evening from 6:30 to 10. Tickets are \$75 per person; call 228-2912. The evening will begin at the home of Ray Hanley, and feature hors d'oeuvres

and beverages courtesy of Rigsby's, followed by a relaxed preview of all homes on the tour. The evening will wrap up with desserts and coffee at the home of Bruce Dooley and Paul Cianelli.

This year's tour, "Urban Legends," celebrates the notion of city living combined with the unique century homes found throughout Victorian Village. Today, the Village stands as the grande dame of urban neighborhoods and shares the tale of central Columbus -- from growth and prosperity at the turn of the 20th century to decay and disrepair in the 1960s and 1970s, and finally renewal in the late 80s and resurgence at the beginning of the 21st century.

This year's homes are clustered around the Park on Buttles and Dennison, and on West Russell Street and Neil Avenue.

For more information, call 228-2912.

## Crime in HW

July crime in Harrison West was down, with only seven events reported to the police, and most of those were thefts from cars.

### Reasons to Join Harrison West Society #859

*The Society makes things happen! Look at the new Third Avenue Bridge Park, the Side-by-Side Sculptures, the traffic calming coming throughout the neighborhood, street cleaning, curb trees, and the general spiffing up of the entire area.*

## Jeffery D. Ginther

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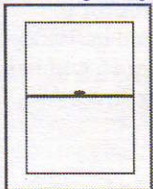
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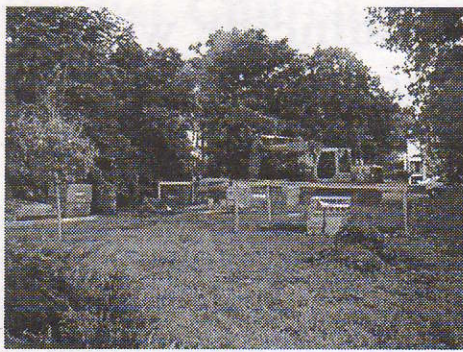
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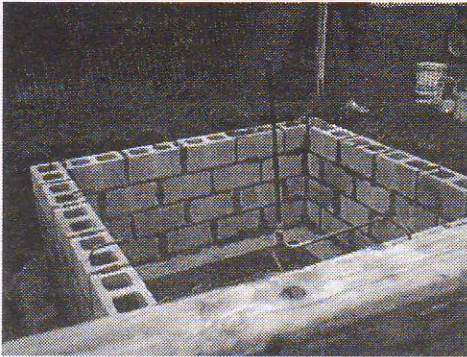


## SIDE-by-SIDE Installation in Progress

After two-and-a-half years in the planning, the long-awaited installation of the SIDE-by-SIDE public art sculptures is about to become reality for Harrison West. Signs of life will be evident throughout September and early October at the newly named Third Avenue Bridge Park, where the sculptures will be installed. Holes for the foundations have already been dug, and both of the stainless steel sculpture pieces are being fabricated this week in Solon, Ohio.



*From the bridge you can see the equipment and the holes in the ground where Side-by-Side will go in the new Third Avenue Bridge Park.*



Although the Public Art Committee has raised an impressive amount of more than \$50,000 to finance the project, we are still in need of donations to help fund the final details of the initiative. If you would like to support the project, please send donations to BrickStreet Arts Association, 1077 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH, 43201. All contributions are tax deductible, and individuals giving at least \$100 or businesses giving at least \$250 by September 15 will be recognized on a permanent plaque placed at the site. Thank you to the businesses and residents who have already contributed – it is much appreciated.

If you would like more information, or would like to assist with the fund-raising or celebration planning, please call Maddy Weisz at 291-2285, Pat Sieber at 294-1028 or Mandy Butler at 421-7157. It's not too late to get involved!



*A neighborhood celebration to commemorate the installation of SIDE-by-SIDE is in the works ... please mark Saturday, October 20 on your calendars. The weather in October is usually gorgeous, and we made sure not to schedule the event on a football Saturday for all of you Buckeye fans. More details on the celebration will follow soon.*

### ☐ Yes! I'm Supporting Side-by-Side

Your contributions still are needed to finish the Side-by-Side sculptures for the new Third Avenue Bridge Park. All contributions are tax deductible, and individuals giving at least \$100 or businesses giving at least \$250 by September 15 will be recognized on a permanent plaque at the site. Send donations to BrickStreet Arts Association, 1077 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH, 43201.

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## Traffic Plans Look Good for Harrison West

Big news for Harrison West and other northside historic neighborhoods! The "Spring Sandusky Mitigation Report," prepared for the City by the national traffic engineering firm Glatting-Jackson, **was highly critical of past City administrations: "The neighborhood streets are now in a state where years of inappropriate policy and neglect need to be corrected through a thorough and systematic policy shift and renovation over time."**

The report reviews the "Memorandum of Agreement" (MOA) negotiated in 1999 under federal historic preservation law, then lays out the "mitigation package" that would satisfy the MOA. The HW Society is a consulting party to the MOA.

Here's what the traffic expert says Harrison West needs:

**No more "Arterials"!** He says the current "arterial" classifications, such as for Third and Fifth, should be changed soon in the City Thoroughfare Plan to allow these roads to be redesigned into safer, traffic-calmed, liveable streets.

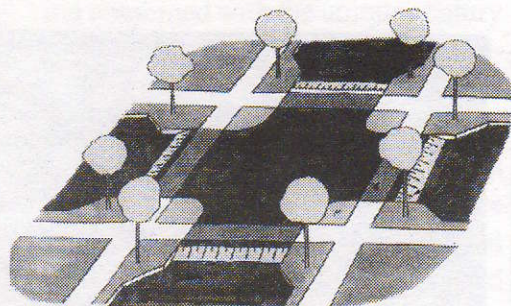
**No more trucks!** He wrote that "Through truck routes are neither necessary nor desirable in the neighborhoods." Today, a through-truck route snakes through Harrison West. He wants the route to be moved outside the neighborhoods in the short-term. He also designed a special traffic calming device for Michigan at Buttles Avenue to help keep trucks from heading north into Harrison West, to be constructed by the end of the freeway construction in 2005, "and ideally sooner".

**Real-world results!** He wants to use traffic calming to self-enforce speed limits by renovating our street system,

the framework streets like Third and Fifth, and all other side streets. Michigan Avenue would be a non-framework street.

**Entrance Features!** As part of the "fair short term package," entryways would be built at Third at the bridge, Fifth just west of Perry, and Michigan just north of Goodale.

**New side street intersections!** Intersections will be rebuilt a bit higher



and with bulb-outs (*see drawing*). He says that by 2005 they should be renovated, including Fourth at Perry, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Harrison, and the same throughout southern Harrison West along Second and First.

**Brick streets!** Restore all of Harrison West's streets (except for Third and Fifth) to brick as part of the City's regular maintenance program, "over the next several decades", "starting in the short term."

**Safe speed limits!** Explaining why speed limits should be changed to 20 m.p.h. on the side streets (non-framework streets) and 25 to 30 on the framework streets, he writes "Speeds higher than that are dangerous to pedestrians, noisy, and not in keeping with the neighborhoods." All speed limits in Harrison West would be lowered soon.

**A safer Third Avenue!** There's no 2005 deadline here, but he provided a detailed design for Third to achieve a 25 to 30 mph design speed and said it "should be done as part of the City's transportation construction program starting now and extending over the next several decades." (Perhaps when the Third Avenue sewer main is worked on?) Fifth Avenue also will get its own design.

The next Traffic Task Force meeting will be September 12 at 5:30 at Westminster Thurber Auditorium at 717 Neil Avenue.

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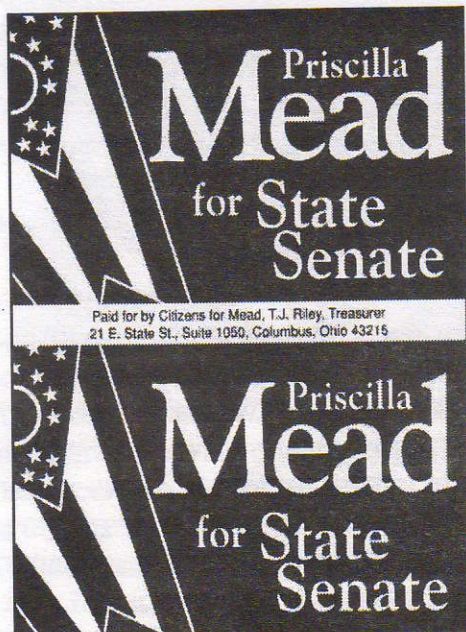
## New Life United Methodist Church Celebrating Special Anniversary September 9, 10 AM

Twenty years ago, the Fifth Avenue and Third Avenue United Methodist churches merged to form New Life United Methodist Church. The Reverend Jennifer Kimball Casto is inviting the community to the anniversary celebration this Sunday at 10 AM.

Ten years ago, the church began its breakfast ministry, serving at least 175 people each Sunday. Community outreach has become a calling. Ministries now include a clothing room, family dinners, reading programs, and a computer lab for neighborhood children. The

church runs the popular Christmas Seat Covers Campaign, which provides new underwear for the homeless.

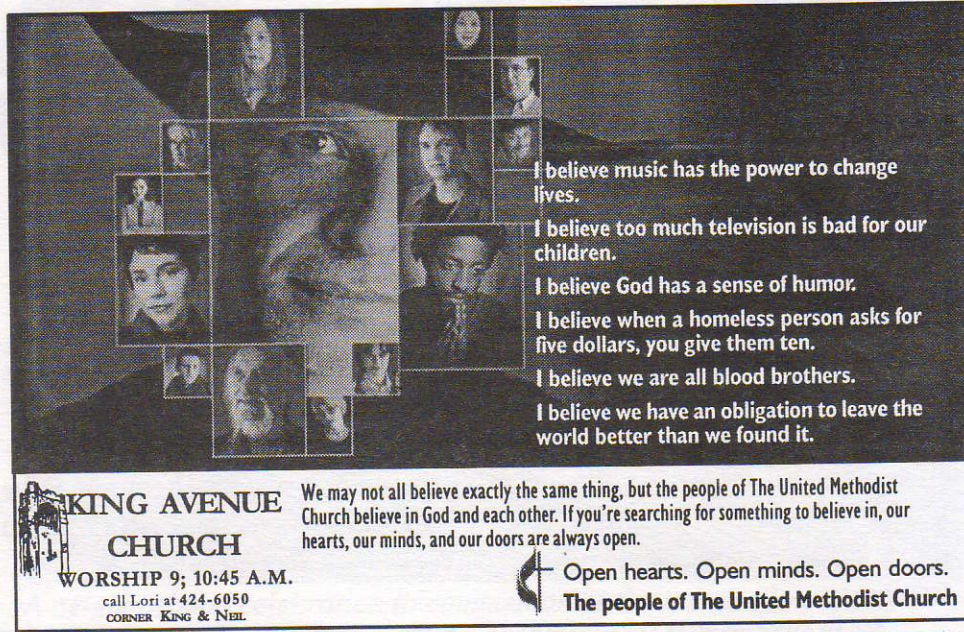
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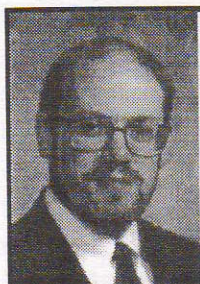


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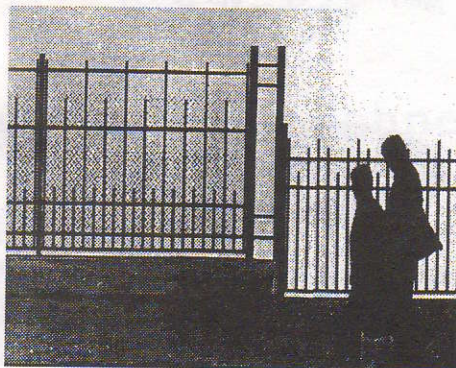
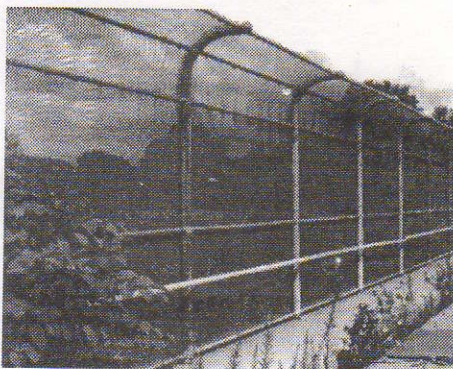
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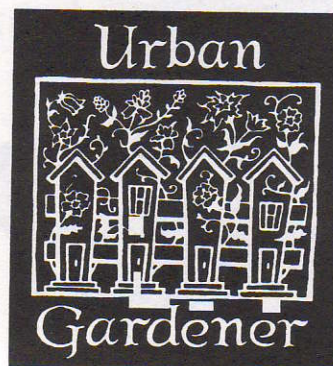
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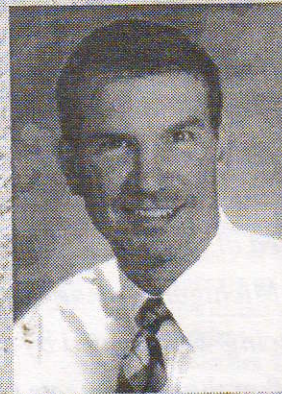
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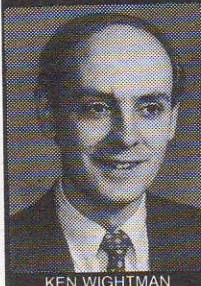
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