

# HARRISON WEST NEWS

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## Harrison West Elections May 9

The Harrison West Society's officers will be chosen by the Society's voting membership at the May 9 meeting's annual election. The current slate includes Dave Butler for President, Mary Funk for Vice President, Tom Maxwell for Treasurer, and Veda Gilp for Secretary. Nominations for any of the four offices may be made at the meeting. If you're a member in good standing, come vote.



TUESDAY, MAY 8;  
WEDNESDAY MAY 14

## Neighborhood Pride Week in Harrison West May 13 - 17

**Kickoff Day May 11 with Tree Planting and Alley and River Cleanup**

This year Harrison West has been selected for a Neighborhood Pride Week. It's a big deal to Harrison West because for a week, we get the concentrated attention of six City Departments, including Development, Safety, Service, Health, Utilities, and Recreation and Parks to fix what's wrong with our neighborhood. They will clean alleys and streets, tend our parks, check and repair street lights and hydrants. They will also be identifying safety and health hazards, finding code problems, and helping people find answers and resources to fix those problems.

For the rest of the story, and what you can expect for your property and street, read *HW Pride Week* and related articles on Page 4.

### Neighborhood Pride Week Calendar

- May 9 Neighborhood Pride Info
- May 13 - 17 Neighborhood Pride Week
- May 11 Tree Planting; River & Bike Path Cleanup
- May 11 Alley Cleanup
- May 11 HW & Kroger Picnic, Noon, Battelle
- May 13, 14, 15 Lowe's Fix Up Workshops
- May 14 Keep Columbus Beautiful Trash Tips
- May 16 Community Night

## Harrison West Society Tree Planting May 11

As part of the upcoming Neighborhood Pride program, we're planting the final group of street trees in Harrison West next Saturday.

The "Flash" coffee shop, next to the Subway, is the 10 AM rendezvous for the tree planting effort with coffee and baked goods for the planters to get you all revved up.

Battelle's Adam Wagenback can spare a couple of people from the concurrent river cleanup he's organizing to help plant. If we can get 10 to 20 folks with shovels from Harrison West, we can easily be done before noon. To volunteer, please call Craig Copeland at 299-3737.

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## Next Meeting: Elections Neighborhood Pride Week Tree Planting River, Alley Cleanup

At the May 9 meeting of the Harrison West Society, we'll elect the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We'll also discuss Neighborhood Pride Week and the May 11 tree planting and alley and river cleanup. The meetings are friendly, well-paced, and rewarding way to spend a Thursday evening. Come on down!

## NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet  
Thursday, May 9 at  
7:30 PM  
First Brethren Church  
Third and Oregon

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# HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

## April 11, 2002

*Submitted by Matt Tangeman for Veda Gilp, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with a quorum of voting members present; President Keith Dimoff presiding.

Representatives of the City presented information and answered questions regarding the Neighborhood Pride cleanup project scheduled for May in Harrison West.

### **Routine Business**

Tom Maxwell motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; passed.

*Treasurer's Report* Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$6,934.

*Audit* Keith Dimoff reported that the Audit Committee had reviewed the Treasurer's report for 2001 and there were no outstanding questions or concerns. Rick Kobee motioned to approve the 2001 audit; passed.

*HWS Officer Elections* President Keith Dimoff opened nominations to the floor. Chair Bob Mangia nominated Dave Butler for President, Mary Funk for Vice President, Tom Maxwell for Treasurer, and Veda Gilp for Secretary.

### **Planning and Development:**

*Campus Partners and Broad Street Management* Craig Copeland reported that the transfer of ownership is expected to take place on July 1. Mary Funk motioned to support keeping the Fourth Avenue School as Senior Section 8 housing; passed. Pastor Morris motioned to support local management that is responsive to tenants and neighbors through means such as a good neighbor agreement between Campus Partners and the HW Society; passed. Ken Wightman motioned to support investment by Campus Partners in a high level of maintenance, such as new windows; passed. Mary Funk motioned to reduce

the concentration of Section 8 housing in Harrison West by turning the following apartments into non-Section 8 units — the two story brick building on Third just west of Michigan, the units on the east side of Michigan between Third Avenue and the Fourth Avenue School, the brick apartments on the southwest corner of Fourth and Michigan, and Helen Court on Oregon; passed.

*Truck Traffic* Keith Dimoff distributed copies of his April 9 letter to the City with the Society's input on truck routes and other traffic calming issues.

### **Old Business and Committee Reports:**

*Membership Committee* The HWS brochure was reviewed and approved. Membership renewals total 56.

*Crime Liaison Officer* Steve Smith attended for the first time since his accident and was warmly welcomed.

*HWS Garden Club* Keith Dimoff reported that tree planting events are planned on April 13 and May 11.

### **New Business & Announcements:**

Craig Copeland motioned to support the construction of the "High Street Cap" over I-670; passed.

Barbara Austin reported on the status of finances for the Public Art project. There is a current net balance of approximately \$300. The plaque is estimated to cost \$1000. Corporate donations have not been coming in. A possible donation by the Society will be considered at the May meeting.

Keith Dimoff presented information on the Mayor's Downtown Plan and the City's graffiti removal program.

Pastor Morris motioned to adjourn at 9:10 PM; passed.

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## A Few Last Words from the President

Dear Neighbors—Harrison West is a wonderful neighborhood in which to live, work, raise a family, take a stroll, host a cookout, walk your dog, and do all of the other good things in life. I'm proud of our neighborhood, and I'm especially proud of our civic association, the Harrison West Society.

It has been my pleasure to serve as an officer for the Society and to see the hard work of its members result in many improvements to the physical and social fabric of the neighborhood.

If you've been a member of the Society, or have found other ways to contribute your talents to Harrison West, thank you. If you haven't yet, please consider looking for opportunities. I got started in the early 1990's simply by attending a City Council meeting with other neighbors concerned with an unfriendly chicken packing plant. It was easy. It was fun.

Other opportunities presented themselves over time, and I found them rewarding time and time again. Tree plantings. Alley cleanups. Public hearings. Not everyone can spend as much time as I then started to spend, but no matter how much time you have, jump in!

Our civic association proved to be a great place for me to push for more parkland. To sponsor legislation that

changed our residential zoning to a class that promotes single-family homes. To clean up the river banks. To build relationships with the local police precinct. To plan yard sales, parties and potlucks. To achieve the commercial zoning overlay that prevents suburban strip malls. To stop truck routes and improve pedestrian safety. To help get the public art project started. To inform the neighborhood with the Harrison West News. To better light our alleys. And, most recently, to fight for future redevelopment of the old Humko factory site in a manner that benefits Harrison West.

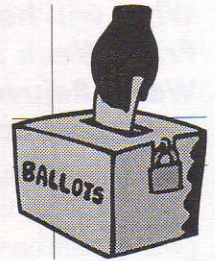
It's been a fun and rewarding run, and I've never felt better about the neighborhood and the Society. Our group is in good shape, with revamped bylaws, a strong Long Range Planning and Development Guidance Document, and consistent membership. Our monthly meetings are fair, efficient, fun, and regularly attended by at least 25 neighbors!

I've chosen to end my tenure as an officer. There are many talented people ready to bring a bright future to our civic association. Please join them if you haven't yet. And thank you for the opportunity to serve as an officer.

Sincerely, Keith Dimoff, President

## Introducing HW Officer Nominees

The following biographies are of people who have expressed interest in serving as officers of the Harrison West Society. Nominations for all positions may be made from the floor at the May 9 meeting.



Since the current nominees for Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer have been serving in those positions for at least one term, we're passing on their bios because their actions speak for them. The nominee for president, however, may not be well known to Harrison Westers.

Dave Butler, candidate for President of the HWS, and his wife Mandy have lived in their house on 4th Avenue in Harrison West since 1998. Dave has been an active member of the HWS working on the Traffic Task Force and Planning and Development Committee.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Dave is an attorney at the law firm of Chester, Willcox & Saxbe LLP where he specializes in civil trial practice (which essentially means any type of case except criminal matters).

Dave serves on the Board of Trustees of the Columbus chapter of the American Heart Association and is involved in various legal associations.

Even though Dave grew up in the suburb of Westerville, he and wife Mandy truly enjoy living in Harrison West and the urban "vibe" it offers.

If elected President, Dave looks forward to working with his Harrison West neighbors on social functions and promoting the interests of the neighborhood on a variety of important issues.



## HW Pride Week Happenings

**What will happen during Pride Week in Harrison West? Rejuvenation of the neighborhood.**

For instance, if you have a letter from the City Code Inspector about peeling paint on your house, the Inspector will be visiting you during the week to make sure you are painting. If you can't afford to paint, the City Pride Week fund will help. One way or another, though, the painting will be done.

Among other things the City will be doing during Pride Week is:

**\*Street Sweeping:** Wednesday, May 8, north and east sides of the streets in the Pride area: Tuesday, May 14, south and west sides of the streets.

**\*Bulk Collection Services:** Monday through Friday during Pride Week—Dispose of furniture, mattresses and non-refrigerated appliances. Please call 645-TRSH to schedule pickup.

**\*Neighborhood/River Clean-up:** Keep Columbus Beautiful and the Harrison West Society have organized a neighborhood clean-up and beautification event Saturday, May 11. Join other volunteers for this event!

**\*Neighborhood Beautification Workshop:** Keep Columbus Beautiful staff will provide free advice for battling litter, graffiti and trash. Tuesday, May 14, 7-8:30 P.M., First Brethren Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Oregon Avenues.

**\*Lowe's Neighborhood Pride Partners:** Free home repair and improvement advice from the professionals at Lowe's, a proud Neighborhood Pride Partner. Monday-Wednesday of Pride Week, First Brethren Church, Third and Oregon Avenues, 7-8:30 PM.

## Lowes Conducts Neighborhood Pride Home Fix Up Workshops May 13, 14, 15

**Got a question about fixing or building something at your house? Ask the experts from Lowes**

They'll be at the First Brethren Church basement Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during Pride Week from 7 to 8:30 to tell and show how to do what you want to get done around your house.



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## Battelle Hosts Neighborhood Pride Week Service Center

The Service Center will be the base of operations for the Harrison West Neighborhood Pride Week. That's where you go to get information about Pride activities, literature, or get help with mandated repairs or clean up. If you have questions, stop by Monday through Friday 9-4 during Pride Week.

## Keep Columbus Beautiful Offers Graffiti, Trash Battle Tactics May 14, 7-8:30 PM

If the people who vandalize with graffiti and make a mess with trash would attend the Pride Meetings and learn to change their ways, no one else would need to do a thing differently. But they won't and don't, so it's up to everyone else to clean up after them. On the 14th, from 7 to 8:30 PM at the First Brethren Church corner of Third and Oregon, Keep Columbus Beautiful, one of the sponsors of Neighborhood Pride Week, will dispense tips, advice, and battle plans to combat graffiti and trash.

**For questions about Neighborhood Pride call the Mayor's Action Center 645-CITY (2489) (General Pride questions) or 645-7561 (Homeowner Assistance Program)**



## Harrison West Society Tree Planting May 11

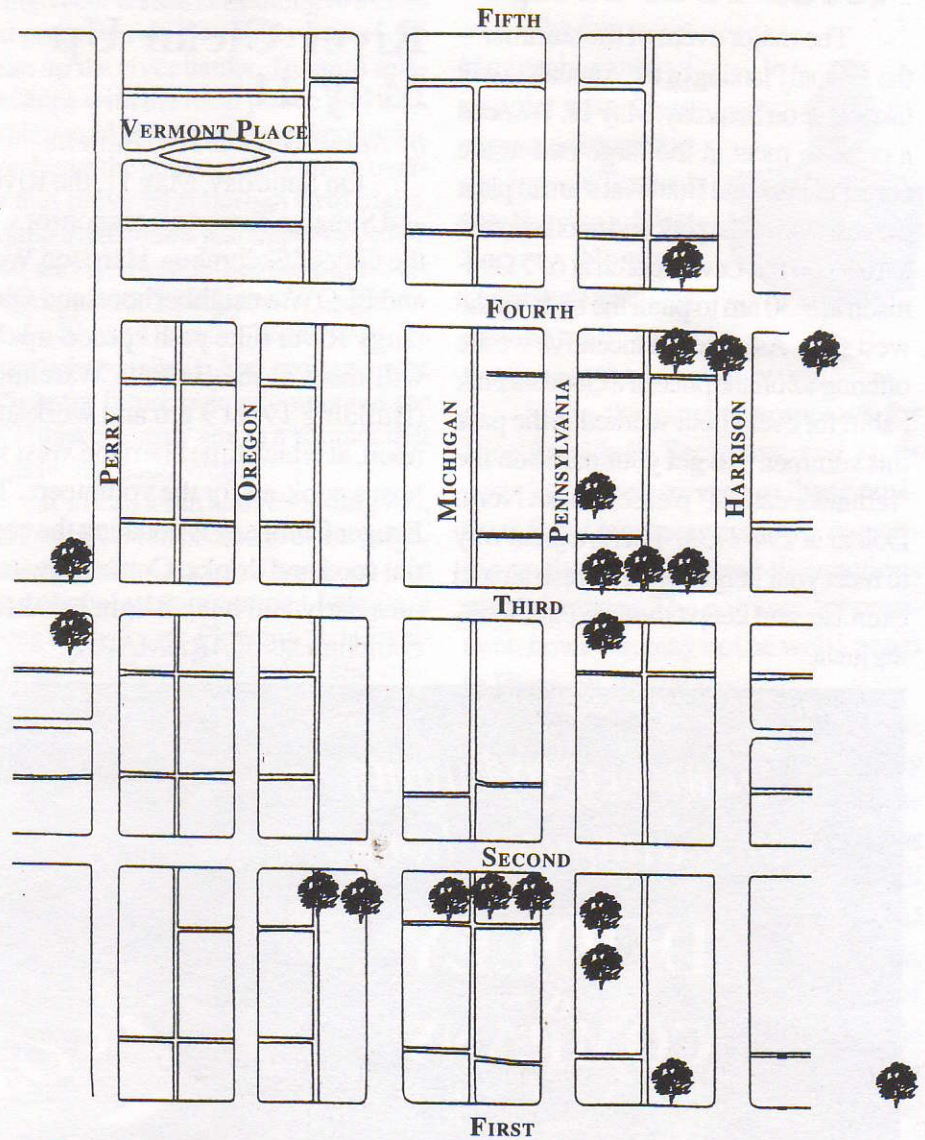
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Bring your shovel! We have about 20 trees to plant, and they each need a two-foot hole. A few hours of your time should get the job done.

This will finish up a tree-planting effort that began about 10 years ago. In that time the Harrison West Society, the City Forester, and Harrison West residents have planted hundreds of trees in Harrison West.

City Forrester Jack Lowe will provide the following trees: 300 and 350 W. 1st -- 2 Japanese Tree Lilacs; 387, 389, 411, 441 W. 2nd -- 4 Swamp White Oak; 350 W. 3rd (Cullpepper's) -- 1 Red Oak; 384 W. 3rd (Zeno's) -- 1 Korean Callery Pear; 3rd Avenue Bridge (west) 2 Korean Callery Pear; 311, 331, 335, 336 W. 4th -- 4 littleleaf Linden.

Battelle will help out with \$500 to purchase these trees: 358 W. Third -- 1 Aristocrat Callery Pear; 980, 984, and 1171 Pennsylvania -- 3 Armstrong Maples; 399 W. 2nd -- 1 Armstrong Maple.



*Tree placement is approximate. If we misplaced trees, the editors apologize.*

### A Tree Grows in Harrison West

By 1989, there were few street trees remaining in Harrison West. Then President Sandy Woolard began the planting along Fourth Avenue. At about the same time, Craig Copeland began planting Hawthorns and Honey Locusts on Vermont Place.

When Craig became President in the early 90s, he and City Forrester Jack Lowe forged a neighborhood con-

cept of tree-lined streets for Harrison West. Their plan involved trees chosen carefully for aesthetics and for practicality -- species which would create beautiful streets, but not be too large for the curb lawn or break up the sidewalks.

About 500 trees have been planted in Harrison West since 1989. For instance, Michigan and Pennsylvania are planted in maples, Second is planted in oaks and service berry, Third is planted in flowering pear.



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## Goodale Park Needs Your Help

The major event of the summer -- the Annual Planting of the Annuals -- will take place on Saturday, May 11. We need a crew to meet at the large bed at the corner of Park and Buttles at 9 am to plant the east side of the park and another crew to meet on Pat Lewis' porch at 677 Denison at 9:30 am to plant the beds on the west side. As a special incentive we are offering \$2 off the price of a Goodale Park t-shirt for every hour worked in the park this summer. To get your name on the "reminder call list" please contact Norm Dolder at 294-2733. This is a great way to meet your neighbors, get fresh air and exercise, and keep Goodale Park looking great.

## Battelle Tree Planting and River Clean Up May 11

by Adam Wagenbach, Battelle

On Saturday, May 11, the Rivers and Streams Team will cosponsor with the City of Columbus, Harrison West, and FLOW a neighborhood and Olentangy River bike path spruce-up. We will meet at the Battelle Warehouse (Building 19) at 9 am and work until noon, at which time Harrison West will host a cookout for the volunteers. The Kroger Company is donating the cookout food and drinks. Come a few minutes early and have a light breakfast, compliments of ARAMARK.

We will work on a number of tasks, including weeding and mulching (Buckeye Landscaping is donating the mulch) the bike path planted islands by the 5th Avenue bridge, pick up litter along the bike path, help the neighbors plant some street trees in Harrison West, and perhaps help with some other tasks in the neighborhood. We will also check on the seedlings and trees that we have planted over the past 3 years. Please bring your own planting, weeding, and mulching tools.

Families are welcome, but all children (under 18 years of age) must be under the direct supervision of an adult during the entire event. Carol Zerucha will have some information for the children (and the young at heart) on recycling.

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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out in Japan

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The best sushi I had was at a restaurant with a blue cloth over the door. That's the best I can do for a name, and it may have nothing to do with the name at all. The sushi chefs worked at a big island in the middle of the room. Around the island ran a two level conveyor belt, with sushi on the top and cups and plates on the bottom. You picked up the sushi you wanted and ate it. When you were finished, the manager came to your table and counted the plates and handed you the bill. Very expensive.

My favorite was a thin slice of pink salmon on rice. It was the essence of salmon flavor, but very delicate and light and fresh.

Raw squid tentacles sticking out of roll sushi stopped me cold, but once I managed to eat one, there was no stopping me. I thought these were fun to eat, plus they tasted great. Again, the flavor was that of the cooked fish, but much more delicate.

Sushi and sashimi can contain almost anything -- fish, roe of all kinds,

raw beef thinly sliced, cooked egg, and some type of brown custardy-stuff that I ate but could not identify. Since no one else in the restaurant spoke English, that sushi will remain nameless. I just hope it wasn't a joke played on me!

Gyozas are the chicken/pork/vegetable-stuffed dumplings which are steamed, then fried. To eat them, you dip them in a sauce of soy sauce, garlic, and chili oil. Outstanding! I ate them everywhere, and all were good, but the very best I found were in a genuine

truck stop where no one spoke English and I ordered by pointing to other peoples' plates or to splashes on the menu.

In Japan, everyone eats noodles. I never had a bad noodle dish, no matter where I ate, including the airport. Usually, they begin a noodle dish with a meat- or miso- (seaweed) base broth, into which they pile a heap of noodles. Then they place steamed vegetables, bits of meat or seafood, or batter-dipped mixtures on top. You eat the topping with chopsticks, then stuff the noodles into your mouth and slurp them up. Then you drink the broth. While I liked the miso and the meat broths, and the noodles were excellent (and yes, I did learn to eat spaghetti with chopsticks), the best part of this soup was the vegetable tempura I learned to order for the topping. You had to eat it fast or it would get soggy, but it was worth the speed. The best tempura I ever had, it invariably was cloud-light, delicately flavored, and crunchy with vegetables.

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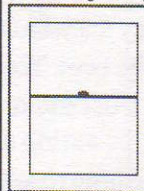
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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out in Japan

by Veda Gilp

I just got back from a few weeks in Japan and thought you would be interested in and intrigued by some of the foods I found there.

First, I had the best french fries ever at a McDonalds in a tiny traditional city called Ome. (We were traveling with 3 kids under 12.) Not only were the Big Mac's even better than I remembered, the fries were cooked in beef fat, spooned in solid hunks from giant tubs into the friers. Took me right back to my teen years!

Now, back to Japanese food. Japan is the land of vending machine food. Yes, you can get sushi from vending machines, but I didn't meet anyone with enough foolhardiness to try it! What Japan does eat from vending machines are corn dogs with hot mustard, fish croquettes, fried potatoes, rice, hot and cold noodles, candy, cookies, and french fries. The corn dogs are ok -- hot and not gooey. The hot dog itself has a lot of grain filler, but the coating is better than you would expect from a vending machine. The french fries are not bad, either. Not crispy, but hot enough and still tasting of potato.

At the same bank of vending machines, you could buy a clean shirt, underwear, and a necktie!

I had all kinds of tea from vending machines, including a barley tea which tastes just a very little like lite beer. You can get it hot or cold, but trust me on this -- cold is better.

Experience taught me how to tell which bottle was cold -- a red line under the price means hot; blue means cold. Simple once you know the code, but I had some weird drinking experiences until I learned.

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