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# HARRISON WEST NEWS

*A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places*

## City Missed the Light on Traffic Calming for HW Again

Looks as if the City of Columbus missed a golden opportunity for traffic calming for Harrison West.

Seems it would have cost \$27,000 for engineering drawings that would change the new Michigan Connector from ordinary turn into potential for a gateway feature. The City passed on spending that money.

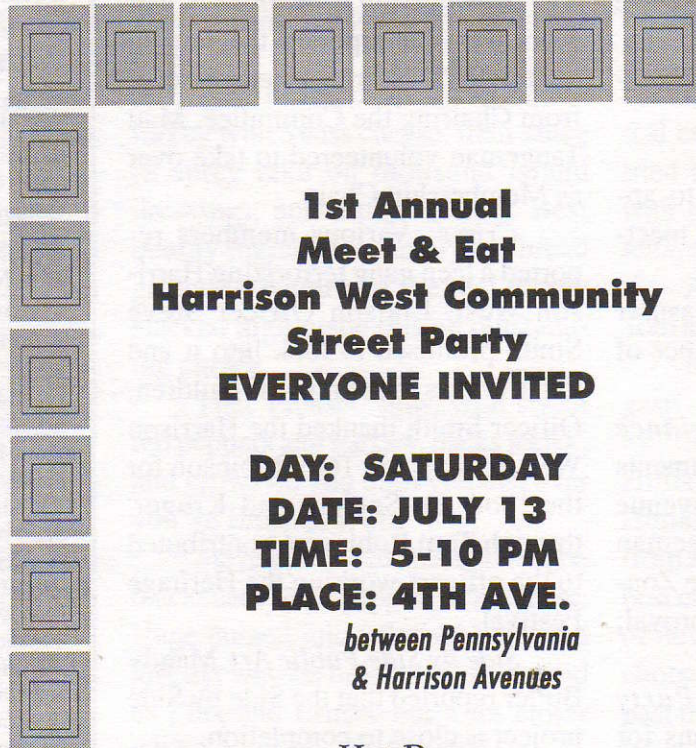
The cost of the concrete is the same in what ever configuration it's poured.

Now if the City decides to make a gateway feature at the new Connector, they'll need to tear everything out and begin again.

Once again the City missed the opportunity to plan for the future.

See related article and pic on Page 4.

**HW Society  
July Meeting  
Wednesday, July 17**



## **1st Annual Meet & Eat Harrison West Community Street Party EVERYONE INVITED**

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## **Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 17**

**Crime  
Neighborhood  
Commission  
Humco  
Traffic**

At the July 17 meeting of the Harrison West Society, we'll discuss the feasibility of forming a Harrison West Commission, talk about the City's lost opportunities for traffic calming, and put together a Crime Hotline. The meetings are friendly, fast, and a rewarding way to spend a Wednesday evening.

## **NEXT MEETING**

**The Harrison West  
Society will meet  
Wednesday, July 17 at  
7:30 PM  
First Brethren Church  
Third and Oregon**

## **INSIDE**

**Traffic  
Crime Tsunami  
HW Website**



# HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

## June 19, 2002

HWS July Meeting Changed to  
Wednesday, July 17

*Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary*

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

Manhattan Bagel provided summer drinks for everyone.

### Routine Business

Bob Mangia motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; passed.

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$5,033.

**1004-1006 Zoning Variance** David Perry presented the arguments for the 1004-1006 Oregon Avenue Zoning Variance. Matt Tangeman motioned to send a letter to the Zoning Board voicing our disapproval; passed.

**Neighborhood Street Party** Jenelle Nagy reported on plans for the HW Neighborhood Summer Street Party. Mary Funk motioned to have the Harrison West Society sponsor the annual neighborhood summer street party; passed. Tom Maxwell motioned to allot from \$250 to \$400 for expenses; passed.

**Yard Sale** Chair Mandy Butler motioned to select September 21 as the date; passed.

### Planning and Development:

**Traffic** Dave Butler and Veda Gilp reported that the City is reneging on its promises of traffic calming for the neighborhood.

Next P&D meeting will be at the Corner Cafe June 26.

### Old Business and Committee Reports:

**Membership Committee** Chair Mark Hamsher reported that renewals total 67. He requested removal from Chairing the Committee. Matt Tangeman volunteered to take over as Membership Chair.

**Crime** Various members reported a teen gang terrorizing Harrison West. Liaison Officer Steve Smith promised to look into it and make efforts to restrain the children. Officer Smith thanked the Harrison West Society and Tom Robinson for the food the Society and Kroger, through Tom Robinson, contributed to the officers working the Heritage Festival.

**Side by Side Public Art** Mandy Butler reported that the Side by Side project is close to completion.

### New Business & Announcements:

**Neighborhood Pride** Mary Funk motioned to pay Neighborhood Pride expenses of \$158.15; passed.

**HWS Meeting Date** Dave Butler requested that the next HWS meeting date be shifted to Wednesday, July 17 because of a scheduling conflict.

**Announcements** Barbara Williams reminded everyone of the Senior Salute downtown on July 26.

Pastor Richard Morris motioned to send a letter of thanks to Manhattan Bagel; passed.

Bob Mangia motioned to adjourn at 9:15; passed.

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## Here are the Facts About Neighborhood Link

Neighborhood Link is an Internet-based community network that enables every neighborhood in participating metropolitan areas to create their own free, interactive Web sites.

It's mission is helping build stronger communities by serving as the primary resource for civic communication.

Its goal is to become fully integrated into the community through strategic partnerships with local governments, neighborhood groups and community organizations such as public schools, libraries, police departments and community newspapers.

Neighborhood Link enables neighborhood associations to create and maintain their own Web sites quickly and easily by entering information into simple forms, which automatically and instantaneously create or modify Web pages. No knowledge of html or any programming language is necessary.

## What's New at Our Web Page

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/columbus/harrison](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/columbus/harrison)

Have you clicked on "Personal Service Marketplace" in the Neighborhood Information list? When you do, you find that it's a handy way to find someone to do an odd job for you and/or to offer any services you might have.

You can be either a Time Buyer or a Time Seller. Here's what some Time Buyers have requested recently:

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- Handywork needed

If you're a Time Seller, you might want to offer things like

- pet walking
- baby sitting
- food preparation
- plumbing

You can ask for help anytime from the pros at Neighborhood Link. There's a place to click for that, too. (It's on the far left column of our home page.)

You can get on the Internet at a public library; though you can't put anything IN, like on this new Personal Service Marketplace or on the interactive Community Calendar or Talk About It.

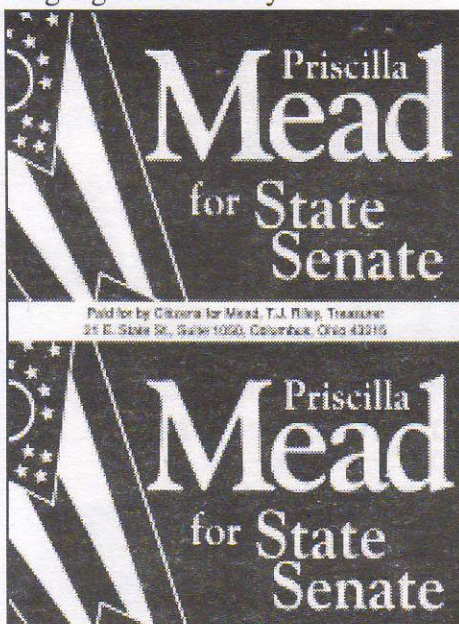
## Harrison West Crime Spree

After all these months of low crime or no crime, Harrison West has been flooded with a regular tsunami of crime. Victim reports indicate that most of it seems to be perpetrated by a group of 6 to 10 preteens and teens with no respect for persons or property and way too much time on their hands. Incidents of racist and homophobic name calling; threats against dog walkers; egging of cars; vandalism, spray painting, and graffiti against cars, fences, and buildings; car break-ins ... the list seems almost endless and downright frightening in our small, friendly neighborhood.

Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith tells us to report the crimes to the police as soon as they occur. Just because it's "only" graffiti on your garage door or egg on your car doesn't mean it shouldn't go into the police data base. Call 645-4545. Officer Smith says the neighborhood must be proactive about stopping this mini crime wave before it escalates into something much more serious.

The Harrison West News has been printing lists of crimes reported to the police, but we've missed many of these crimes because they haven't been reported. If you don't report it, we can't print it, and your neighbors won't know to watch out for similar instances. You also can email reports of criminal actions to the *HW News* Editor at [Editor@vedagilp.com](mailto:Editor@vedagilp.com).

## HW Society July Meeting Changed to Wednesday, July 17



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## City Disappointing Harrison West on Traffic Calming Again

After more than 22 months of meetings and work, after about \$100,000 in fees to nationally-recognized consultant Gladding Jackson, after miles of promises to Harrison West and all the Near Northside neighborhoods, after a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the City, after approving the Gladding Jackson plan on January 30, 2002, it looks as if traffic calming is on hold. Again.

The City is rethinking the cost. Again.

The City is coming back to Harrison West on July 10 with prices and options. Again.

The City is telling all the Near Northside neighborhoods that their own traffic consultants' (that would be Gladding Jackson) plans are too expensive. Again.

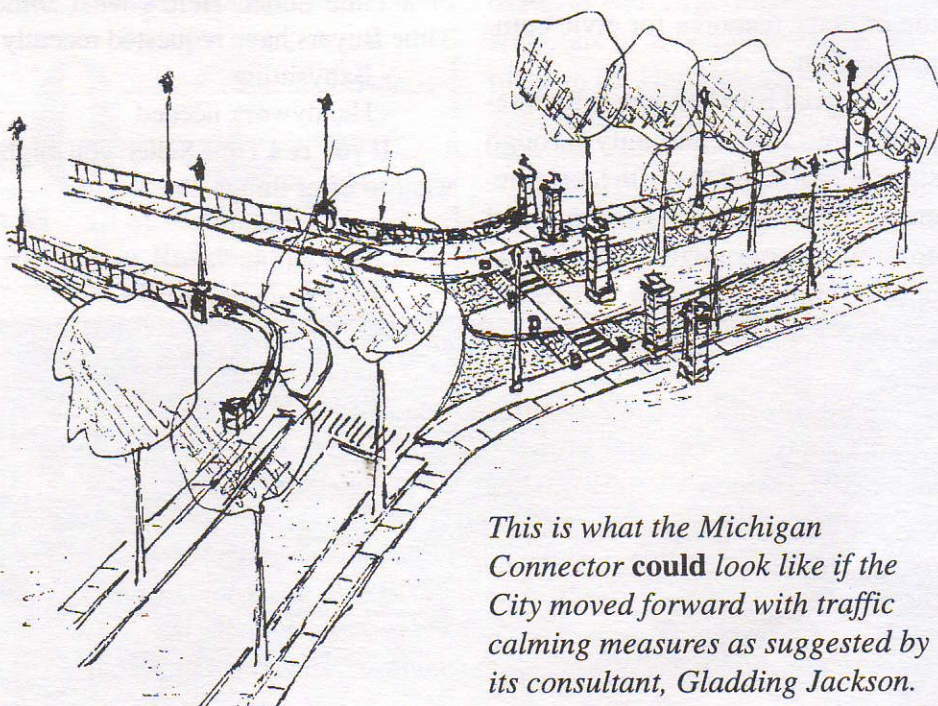
The Harrison West Traffic Committee offered to work through the technical reasons why the consultant's plan is too expensive. Again.

Is Harrison West asking too much?

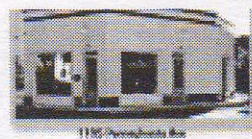
Gladding Jackson didn't think so. Gladding Jackson, the City's own consultants, thought Harrison West and all the Near Northside neighborhoods deserved even more than we were asking.

We want traffic calming fixtures that are architecturally appropriate to our 120-year-old National Register of Historic Places neighborhood. We want materials that fit into our historic neighborhood. Not mounds of asphalt.

Let's see what the City brings to the table on July 10.



*This is what the Michigan Connector **could** look like if the City moved forward with traffic calming measures as suggested by its consultant, Gladding Jackson.*



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## What Do You Think About Commission Status for Harrison West?

If you've looked around the neighborhood recently, you've noticed that there's a good deal of building and sprucing up going on. Sooner or later, AC Humco will sell and that land will be developed, right on our southern border.

In light of all this, the Planning and Development Committee voted on June 26 to pursue a fact-finding effort to become more informed on the various commission options that may be available to the Harrison West neighborhood.

The Committee felt that there may be a lot of misinformation and misconceptions out there from the stories some have heard about other commissions in Victorian and German Villages. The Committee wanted to determine what the pros and cons are of having a commission

here in Harrison West so that an informed decision could be made. The hope is that a Commission would prevent things like an absentee landlord replacing the one-over-one windows in a building with side-by-side sliders. Or a Commission might be able to prevent a motel-style apartment complex from being built on one of our vacant lots.

Commission status will be discussed at the July 17 Harrison West Society meeting so anyone with feelings one way or the other should plan to attend. Thanks go to Holly Stein for graciously "agreeing" to lead this fact-finding effort.

## Computer Help Wanted

The Harrison West Society needs someone with computer savvy to take charge of the Neighborhood Posts website for us where people could report crime or other news in the neighborhood. Contact President Dave Butler at 421-7157 or email [dbutler4@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dbutler4@columbus.rr.com).

## Yard Sale 9 - 4 on Saturday, Sept. 21

The Annual Yard Sale is coming, so save up your good stuff you no longer want.

Chair Mandy Butler, 421-7157, says you can sign up to be on the official map by calling her.

The cost is \$10 to defray expenses.

The Harrison West Society is arranging advertising for the event.

## More Reasons to Join the Harrison West Society and Attend Meetings

"I didn't know the Harrison West Meetings were so interesting and so much fun. And you get to know people in the neighborhood you might never meet otherwise. I met one of my neighbors at a meeting, and now we talk to each other almost every day." Jason Huddleston

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## HW Society June Meeting Changed to Wednesday, July 17, 7:30 PM

Remember the just-this-summer-Wednesday meeting date. The meeting will be in the basement of the First Brethren Church, corner of Third and Oregon, as usual.

We'll be discussing business as usual, as well as getting into the pros and cons of a Neighborhood Commission for Harrison West. We need your input. Please join us.



### Harrison West Society Membership

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to **Harrison West Society, 1069 Harrison Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201.** Membership dues are paid each calendar year.

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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Brazenhead

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Tom and Steve decided that when in an Irish pub, one drinks ... beer. They ordered a Blue Moon ale and an Arrogant Bastard beer, both on tap. My, my. If American beer tasted this good, I'd probably drink it. About 10 beers and ales are on tap at Brazenhead, with another 30 in bottles. Yes, you can get a Bud Light. But who would want to, when you could be diving into the rich, hoppy, wheaty, dark smoothness of an Arrogant Bastard with its head of luscious amber foam?

Remember that this is a bar serving bar food: appetizers, salads, and sandwiches. That said, I'm happy to tell you it's about the best bar food I've ever had!

We started with grilled tomato and black bean vegetarian soup. A very southwestern taste, with definite smoky grill flavor, cilantro, and a hint of spicy heat to finish. Excellent!

Only one thing remains of the Gottliebs which once occupied this

space, and that's the 5th Ave. classic house salad with bacon and blue cheese. It tastes almost the same, too.

Once you've had your fix of the Gottliebs salad, though, venture further afield to the truly fine balsamic and gorgonzola salad with mesclun greens, sundried tomatoes, and pine nuts.

Tom ordered the Irish Ruben turkey with Swiss cheese, Irish sauce (a spicy take on thousand island dressing), and Tabasco slaw. Best quality ingredients; hearty rye bread grilled in butter and the real turkey stacked high made this an outstanding choice.

That Tabasco slaw, with sweet red peppers and parsley, packs a kick, and grows on you until you discover you've finished it off.

Steve ordered the Mondo burger, blackened, with pepper jack cheese. Huge burger, juicy, flavorful, cooked just the way he ordered. Not as good as Max and Ermas, but a lot closer when you need a big burger fix.

Brazenhead touts its fish and chips basket of Guinness-batter dipped Atlantic cod served with house-made potato chips. Unless you have a real

man-sized appetite, this basket will be too much of a great thing.


Go with the fish sandwich with chips. Five ounces of batter-dipped fish makes a hand-sized slab of fish on a big, rich egg bun. Crispy batter; firm, moist, flaky, great-tasting fish ... this is my new favorite fish sandwich.

Brazenhead sandwiches include corned beef on rye; chicken salad on a real croissant; a stacked turkey club; fried bologna; and a portobella melt with grilled onions, arugula, mozzarella, and aioli.

As for those housemade chips, Tom and Steve ate every last crispy bit.

Brazenhead does not offer – gasp – dessert!

So I took us all out to the Rome-Hilliard exit off I-70, where Handels Homemade Ice Cream, a newcomer from Akron, is dishing up the world's best chocolate ice cream to long lines of new devotees. Their speciality is chocolate pecan, but I never can get past the incredible Chocoholic Chip. If you're especially in luck, they'll also be making cherry cordial ice cream and you can sate your ice cream cravings with a scoop of each under a giant Western sky.



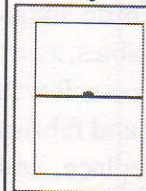
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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Brazenhead

by Veda Gilp

Brazenhead Irish Pub, 1027 W. 5th, looks great on the outside, but I've had reservations because (A) Irish pubs are not known for their gustatory delights and (B) the buzz is that it's a meat market.

Last Thursday, neighbors Steve Schab and Tom Maxwell and I set out to see what Brazenhead was all about. My initial fears were realized as we pressed through the crowds of attractive, firm, gym-toned young flesh (whew! forgot what I was reviewing!). Brazenhead is a meat market.

If you go to eat and talk, avoid the large central bar areas on both floors and look for the tables tucked away in the corners. If you want to drink, see, and be seen, stand in front of the bar, which approximately about 300 beautiful 20-somethings were doing. Another 200 were on the patio.

Parking, even in crowded Grandview, was easy. Brazenhead has signs everywhere directing you to lots that during the work day would be filled with factory-worker cars. By the time we got there, the pickups and vans were gone, replaced by Jettas and Jeeps.

Tom found us a place way in the back in one of their little snugs just large enough for two tables, away from the bodies and the noise. It was delightful, all dark wood and fabrics and a minuscule gas fireplace, and the noise level was just fine for our delicate middle-aged ears.

Heather, our perky, very attractive waitperson, appeared almost immediately with menus and offers to take our drink orders.

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