

HARRISON WEST NEWS

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Why get Involved In Harrison West?

by Dave Butler

Now more than ever, the Harrison West Society needs your participation. There are many important things going on in Harrison West that will shape, literally and figuratively, our neighborhood for decades to come including:

1. the amendment of the Harrison West boundaries;
2. the redevelopment of the AC Humko site;
3. the addition of a riverfront park to Harrison West;
4. the inquiry by the Commission Committee into whether we should form an area commission, a conservation district or an historical architectural review commission for Harrison West;
5. the revitalization and change of ownership of the majority of the subsidized-affordable housing in Harrison West;

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Wendy's Bike Race in Harrison West Is Getting Up to Speed



The volunteers are pounding the pavement getting signatures. Waterworks has come on

board as a major sponsor by contributing \$1000.00. Four homes have offered the riders a place to stay. Wendy's assures us that their end of the race is geared up and ready to ride. It's an exciting event for Harrison West.

BUT... we need more volunteers, more sponsors, more homes eager to house riders. We need more people to get signatures THIS WEEK! That means door-to-door on every block affected by the race. Time is TIGHT, so call Debra Heimann at 614 297 0946 or cell 580 7044 to volunteer a few hours of your time. If you're new to the neighborhood, this is an excellent way to meet people.



Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 18

Constitutional Amendment Bike Race Planning Neighborhood Commission

Neighborhood Commission formation, the Wendy's Bike Race, extending our boundaries -- so much to discuss in just 90 minutes. Be there for a packed meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet Wednesday, June 18 at 7:30 PM First Brethren Church, corner of Oregon and Third

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES May 28, 2003

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with a quorum of voting members present (34); President Dave Butler presiding.

Routine Business

Minutes Pastor Richard Morris motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$7,653, with current bills paid.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Traffic Task Force Dave Butler reported. Pastor Morris motioned to accept the plan as offered, with the condition that the fencing and lighting at the Michigan connector be upgraded to match that at Victorian Village; Passed.

Wendy's Bike Race Chair Debra Heimann reported; still looking for sponsors, people to gather signatures.

Commission Committee Chair Rob Harris reported, asked for volunteers.

Humko Dave Butler reported that Humko is the #1 Columbus project in line for Brownfield funds; should know answer by end of year.

Crime Report Officer Steve Smith reported domestic disturbances with gunfire and charges filed at Helen Court.

Constitution Amendments Pastor Morris motioned to table the amendment on boundary extension until the next meeting; passed. Chris Ruder motioned to vote on Items 2, 3, and 4 of the amendments; Passed. Amendments approved.

Election Debra Heimann withdrew her application to run for Treasurer; Matt Tangeman decided to run for Treasurer. Stephanie Celebrezzie motioned to accept the slate of 3 non-contested positions by acclimation; Passed. Tom Maxwell was re-elected by a vote of 24 to 2.

Planning and Development The next P&D meeting will be June 9 at 7 PM at Cafe Corner.

New Business & Announcements:

River Cleanup Mary Funk reported on the upcoming June 7 River Cleanup.

HWS Meeting Date The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 18.

Announcements Chris Ruder announced the St. Francis Rummage Sale June 7.

Pastor Morris motioned to adjourn at 9:05 PM; Passed.

Pontormo's Pink

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Time to Vote on Harrison West Boundaries

Proposed change to the Harrison West Society Constitution & By-Laws

The following change to the HWS Constitution & By-Laws (“Constitution”) was proposed at the April HWS meeting and carried over to June:

1) Amend Article I B to read:

B. The boundaries of Harrison West are: The north shall be West Fifth Avenue, the south shall be I-670 and Goodale Boulevard, the east shall be Harrison Avenue and Harrison Avenue extended to the south boundary, and the “and the west shall be (the railroad track west of the Olentangy River) or (the 315 freeway) or (the Olentangy River) or (the Olentangy River Road).”

You must be present to vote. No voting by proxy is allowed.

Alpha State Opens on Third

Relax, breathe, focus, smile

Alpha State, a new kind of healing and movement arts studio, has opened in Harrison West at 433 West Third Avenue.

According to co-owner Lori Guth, the studio features a fusion of Yoga, Pilates, Massage and a variety of movement arts, all under one roof. Classes are tailored to acquaint the new mover to a variety of movement possibilities.

Whether your fitness level ranges from “truly sedentary” to “yoga diva,” there is something for everyone. She suggests that if you haven’t moved in a while, you try one of the hottest fitness trends - Pilates or the New York City Ballet Workout.

If you just want to breathe, keep your heart rate up and work on loosening stiff joints, try Zen Cardio - a gentle fusion aerobics and eastern movement forms.

And if all of this activity makes you sore, Alpha State has massage facilities on site. All of this at competitive prices and flexible schedules.

Instructors at Alpha State include: Alexandria Cree, Margaret Lane (yes the bootylicious babe you’ve read about in Alive), Susan Hamilton, as well as owners Lori Guth and Lee Kelly. Between them, they have over twenty five years of experience in the movement and healing arts. Check them out. Relax, breathe, focus, smile.

For more information, call 299-6636. Class schedules will be on the voice mail.



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Olentangy River Bike Path Spruce Up Rained On But Not Out

by Adam Wagenbach

Janice Fry and I would like to thank all of the dedicated (and probably a little wacky) volunteers who came out on a rainy Saturday morning for our neighborhood spruce-up and bike ride. Despite the rain, we were able to weed and mulch the 5th Avenue bridge island and surrounding areas and pick up litter along the bike path. The area looks 100% better.

The volunteers removed a pickup load of weeds from the area and picked up about 17 pounds of litter that was recyclable and several trash bags of litter that could not be recycled. Great job, and we could not have gotten all of this work done without the help of a couple of very industrious children, Joe and Forest!

Despite the wet conditions, Leslie Tackett and her friend Rebecca (two of our especially wacky volunteers) did ride their bicycles downtown.

A special thanks to our donors: ARAMARK (breakfast for the volunteers); Battelle (“thank-you” cookout for the volunteers); Buckeye Landscaping (mulch); Keep Columbus Beautiful (planting tools, giveaways, trash bags,



Adam Wagenbach, Officer Steve Smith, and Debby and Jerry Colvin accept praise for a job well done on the bike path.



Feeding the hungry, wet, and hot weeders after the event took lots of hot dogs.



Debby and Jerry Colvin moved on from the bike path weeding to weeding and transplanting in the crosswalk gardens at the Third Avenue Bridge ARt Park.

(left) The weeded and cleaned up bike path is attractive even in the rain.



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- 6. solving traffic problems in Harrison West that may arise when the I-670 freeway reopens this fall;
- 7. the beginning of a spectacular summertime neighborhood event in the Wendy’s Bike Race.

Getting involved and becoming a member of the Harrison West Society will assure your voice in these neighborhood issues. It’s also a great way to meet your wonderful neighbors. Everyone would agree that there are some great people here in Harrison West and that our historic neighborhood is a treasure to be proud of and protect.

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- 6:30 PM Gym (3rd. Wed.)
- 7:30 PM Harrison West Meeting
- Thursday 6:00 PM Little Women (5-18)
- Friday 7:00 PM Open Prayer

**Our church is open to all.
Please come.**

Harrison West Parks Are Neighborhood Gems

by Debby Colvin

The Harrison West parks are a neighborhood resource worth cherishing. Both the Third Avenue Bridge Art Park and the Harrison West Park on Fourth Avenue provide open green spaces and contemplative areas. Soon a larger River's Edge Park at the old Humko site will provide space for picnicking and access to the river.



Probably few of you know the City no longer provides maintenance for these parks. This means mowing, weeding, planting, mulching, and all types of general maintenance fall to Harrison West volunteers. It takes a lot of hard work to keep these parks looking nice.

The parks belong to Harrison West, and a strong volunteer effort is required to manage them.

The Martha Walker Garden Club is being considered as a paid-for resource to help maintain these parks, but this would cover only mowing and general weeding at best. Harrison Westers will be required for everything else.

We need a process in place to keep all these areas well-tended. As with any volunteer effort, if enough

people get involved, this will work and be almost painless for everyone involved.

These questions will be addressed at the June 18 Harrison West meeting. Come contribute your opinions and suggestions.



On Mother's Day, the Martha Walker Garden Club gave Harrison West Park five large Toyo Nishiki flowering quince bushes and 20 bags of hardwood mulch. Volunteers have worked hard to cut the grass, weed the beds, mulch, and plant the bushes.



Humko Disclosure Meeting July 23

It's a done deal. Humko officially is sold, and it's time for the public disclosure meeting that anyone can attend. It will be held at the Northside Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, 1423 N. High Street, on July 23, between 6-8:00 PM.

At the meeting, the new owners will disclose environmental information, where any contamination is on the property, and what they plan to do about it. You may ask any questions you have. According to the information the *Harrison West News* reporter received, by law they are required to answer.

The City will take minutes of the meeting and insert them into its application for brownfields cleanup funds for this site.

Here's the project information which now is public record:

Development Partner: Royal Tallow Holdings, Ltd. (This is Gary Baas' group. Baas owns Inland Products, the rendering plant on the south side.)
 Contact : Mark Wagenbrenner
 Address: 1289 Grandview Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212
 Phone Number: 614-488-0671
 Email: mark@wagco.com

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project: Harrison West/A.C. Humko
 Former Name: A.C. Humko
 Acreage: 14 acres
 Census Tract: 1840-39-0490032.00
 Amount Requested: \$3,000,000
 Match: \$4,627,074
 Total Project Costs: \$7,627,074

Harrison West Commission

by Robert Harris, Commission Committee Chair

Work on a Harrison West Commission is proceeding with 14 Harrison West residents active on the Commission Committee. Whatever Commission option the Harrison West Society members select, the goal of the Committee is to create a **Commission that is a tailored product that serves and protects the residents of Harrison West.**

At the last Harrison West meeting, members heard about and discussed the three options available to the Society.

Those three options are:

- Area Commissions
- Conservation Districts
- Historic Architectural Review

Public presentation of comments will be reserved until they are validated, dispelled, or aligned with factual information.

Monica Kuhn, Preservation Officer for the City of Columbus, has shared options information and has commented on direction. Monica stated, "...residents need to decide on the direction that works best for their needs; then the City will try to facilitate in a program that meets those needs."

Neighborhood residents should gain information, engage in intelligent dialogue, and make their

opinions known to the Committee.

City Councilmember Rich Sensenbrenner is working with Roxyanne Burrus, Director of Neighborhood Services, on our options for preservation and conservation. Rich is a strong supporter of Harrison West and will work with us and for us.

The formation of a Commission should serve not only the residents of Harrison West, but also fit into the City's overall plan for neighborhood services.

Please attend the next Harrison West Society meeting to engage in an exciting and important discussion on the future of our great neighborhood.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at The Riverview

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The calamari was very tender and the sweet squid was nicely complemented by the spicy dipping sauce.

The pot stickers, little dumplings which are steamed then fried, were filled with a ground fresh ginger and veal mixture which was more than tasty. The Asian slaw was also delicious. Unfortunately, they were drizzled with too much sesame oil.

The Greek spinach salad boasted excellent ingredients, except that it was missing its promised kalamata olives and red wine vinaigrette. Again, too much oil. The pistachios were a pleasant addition.

The entrees include a trio of petite tenderloin sandwiches on mini buns, fresh Boston Cod with thick cut fries, Souther fried chicken, and Cajun dusted chicken breast. The people around us who were eating them seemed to enjoy greatly.

We ordered the grilled pork tenderloin with sundried cranberry-orange compote. Very tender and cooked perfectly. The cranberry-orange compote was a welcome sweet-tart surprise.

The Jamaican grilled shrimp was excellent. Ten big shrimp had been dipped in jerk seasoning, then grilled until they were bursting from their shells with juicy flavor. The Caribbean rice was good, and interesting with beans and vegetables. The pineapple salsa partnered the sweetness of pineapple with the bite of jalapeno. Excellent!

The special that night was pan-seared walleye with mango salsa. The cooks certainly know their way around meat and fish. The nice-sized filet of sweet walleye was lightly dusted with crumbs, then fried to perfect tender doneness. I don't know if anyone could improve on this fish.

However, the kitchen could improve! The cook needs to learn how to cook vegetables and pota-

atoes. All specials are served with parsleyed red potatoes. Don't bother. Bland, boring, nearly tasteless; the only parsley was dried fragments from an old can.

And unless you like your green beans to *crunch*, better pass on the vegetable, too.

There's no bread service yet, and the best they can do in that line is some bread sticks served in a water glass. No butter, of course.

And the service sucks! It was very slow, our waiter was forgetful (had to be asked for water four times!), and he knew next to nothing about the food. Be warned.

Dessert includes pistachio gelato, fresh strawberries, and chocolate mousse cake. You know me -- I opted for the chocolate mousse. Such a disappointment! We all agreed that this tasted as if the kitchen had mixed up a Jello pudding and charged \$4.50 for it.

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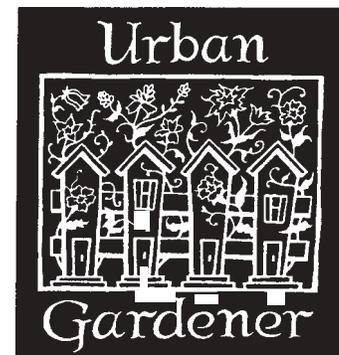
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at The Riverview

by Veda Gilp

The Riverview, 6125 Riverside Drive, is a mixed bag. It can be good food, a beautiful view, and good company. Or, depending on what you order, where you sit, and how many people are packing the room, it can be a place you stalk out of muttering promises never to return.

When Tom Maxwell, Steve Schab, and I dined there several Fridays ago, it was mostly very good. We had reservations for a table by the window, and we got there just as dusk was falling on the river. From our perch high atop the cliff, we could see pleasure boats zipping along the Scioto. The room was not crowded, so we could converse comfortably.

Between courses, we were able to wander out to the uncrowded deck overlooking the river to enjoy the lush green of a perfect June evening.

We decided we felt as if we were on vacation.

For those of you who remember this place as Gibby's Riverview, it's recently changed hands and is now affiliated with Bexley's Monk. The menu has changed accordingly. The lunch menu still features sandwiches and such, but dinner has gone upscale.

We began with calamari served with spicy Szechwan dipping sauce, pot stickers with Asian slaw and Tamari ginger vinaigrette, and Greek spinach salad.

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