

HARRISON WEST NEWS

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A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places

2nd Annual Harrison West Summer Party Was Delightful

The evening was balmy. The bugs weren't biting. The horses had big teeth and bigger feet. The food was good. The company was even better. What more could anyone ask of a neighborhood party?

If you missed the second annual summer party, you missed a really good time. This year, people were tired after the big bike race, so the party was low key. People sat around in chairs and or stood around talking. Some of our oldest and most long-term residents came, with great stories about the mansions that once lined the river. See all the pictures in color at harrisonwest.org. See Page 5 for more photos.



Wendy's Harrison West Classic Bike Race Raced Into HW History

It was a fun event, and put Harrison West out in front.

For a first race year, it wasn't a bad race. The racers gave the 1 mile course through Harrison West all they had, pushing the pace so they took only about 2 minutes to come around the course. The crowds weren't huge, but they were acceptable. And the traffic problems were manageable. Looks as if we might want to do it again. See all the pictures in color at harrisonwest.org.

There was some excitement. John Cowin was watching from the corner of Vermont and Michigan when a woman racer skidded down. Another racer ran over her, then two more crashed. Those women are tough! They all peeled themselves off the pavement and got back in the race.

In the final lap for the men, there was a crash coming off the last turn, making the conclusion of that race pretty exciting.

Look on Page 4 for more pictures.



Everything was SPEED during the Harrison West Bike Race (above) and fun and flavor at the Harrison West Summer Party (left). If you missed either, you missed a fun event.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 20

**Bike Race Recap
Neighborhood Party Recap
Humko Update
Membership Drive
Yard Sale**

At the next Harrison West meeting, we'll relive the excitement of the Bike Race, rehash the Summer Party, talk about the progress on the Humko site, begin the Membership Drive, and plan the Yard Sale. It will be a busy, fast meeting. See you there.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Wednesday,
August 20
at 7:30 PM
First Brethren Church, corner of Oregon and Third

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES July 16, 2003

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with a quorum of voting members present (27); President Dave Butler presiding.

Routine Business

Minutes Rick Kobee motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$6,878.48, with current bills paid.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Wendy's Bike Race Chair Debra Heimann motioned for up to \$75 to do a flyer to be distributed just before the race; Passed. It was agreed that the HWS would reserve 25 Race t-shirts.

Harrison West Summer Party Mary Funk reported that the party would begin at 7 PM, just after the bike race. Lauren Creighton motioned to allot up to \$500 for the party; Passed.

Society Insurance Veda Gilp reported that she has found insurance for the Society officers and for Side by Side for about \$1,500 a year. Matt Tangeman motioned to spend up to \$1,500 on insurance, and that officers be authorized to spend up to \$500 for all events they take on for the Society; Passed.

Harrison West Parks Parks Chair Debby Colvin reported that Martha Walker Garden Club is willing to mow or weed Harrison West Park for \$50 each time and Third Avenue Bridge Park for \$20 each time. Debby Colvin motioned to table the issue and take it to P&D to discuss; Passed.

Council of Historic Neighborhoods Events Dave Butler reported that the September 10 CHN Kaufman's Event tickets are \$10 each and the proceeds

will pay for the CHN brochure. He motioned for the Society to purchase 10 tickets to give away; Passed. He reported that the Monica Kuhn Event is July 23, and that Harrison West should contribute. Matt Tangeman motioned to appropriate \$100 for each event; Passed.

Crime Report Officer Steve Smith reported 2 robberies, 4 car thefts, 5 burglaries, 2 thefts from autos.

Planning and Development The next P&D meeting will be August 4 at 7 PM at Cafe Corner.

New Business & Announcements:

HWS Meeting Date The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 20 at 7:30 PM.

Alpha State Lori from Alpha State invited all members to attend a free session and reported on the Funky Friday \$8 dance class on July 25.

Yard Sale Stephanie Tresso is seeking a co-chair. Call her at 294-7814.

AC Humko Public Meeting is July 23 at 6 PM at the Short North Library.

Mary Funk motioned to adjourn at 9:00 PM; Passed.

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7:30 PM Harrison West Meeting

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Friday 7:00 PM Open Prayer



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Design for Greenwood Pocket Park Chosen

Two years ago, when BrickStreet Arts Association conducted public art quizzes at the Gallery Hop, passersby seemed surprised that Columbus had any public art. At the Bicentennial Hop, when the Art for Parks Committee invited the public to indicate their preference among three artists' designs for the proposed Greenwood Pocket Park (the green space adjacent to the parking lot just south of Fifth Avenue on N. High Street), Columbus residents were eager to express their opinion. Over seven hundred people commented.

The three projects on display were Joan Damankos' "A Victorian Park," Robert J. Huff's "Limestone Couch," and Andrew Lidgus' "In Dreams Again."

"A Victorian Park" was characterized as a classy and elegant garden oasis that would resonate with the atmosphere and architecture of Victorian Village. The "Limestone



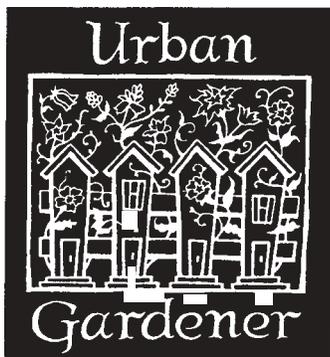
Couch" was said to be a simple, yet uniquely original design that combined history, humor, functionality and site-specificity in one. "In Dreams Again" elicited admiring comments about the beauty of its colors and of its symbolism. Some writers declared that any of these projects would be a tremendous asset for the as-yet unimproved Greenwood site.

The jury chose Robert Huff's Limestone Couch for the Greenwood Park and proposed that Andrew Lidgus' totem be realized in the pocket park at Poplar Street.

With the artist, the Art for Parks Committee, a collaboration between the Short North Special Improvement District and BrickStreet Arts Association, is working on fine-tuning the Greenwood Park design and on raising the funds for its realization. If you want to lend a hand, please contact Maddy Weisz at 291-2285 or Tim Wagner at 224-3600.

Senior Citizens Recycling for Dollars

John Fuller, head of the 1200 Michigan Avenue Activities Committee, will be canvassing Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Perry during the week of August 18 to collect your pop and beer cans. He's planning to recycle them to earn money for the Committee's activities. If you have cans, call John at 291-1968 to let him know, or just set them out for him at the curb.



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Harrison Westers Enjoyed First Harrison West Classic Bike Race

The first annual bike race was a major event for the neighborhood. Come to the Harrison West meeting August 20 to let us know if you want to do it again next year. Meanwhile, here are some pictures of the event and Harrison Westers enjoying it.



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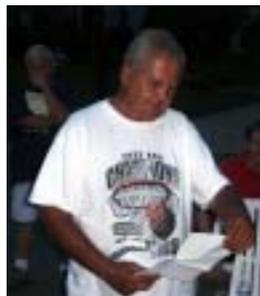
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Harrison West Summer Party Ballooned into Fun and Food

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Humko Disclosure Meeting Was a Love Fest

The public meeting July 23 where Royal Tallow (Mark Waggenbrenner's financial partner in the Humko site development) shared its application for 2003 Clean Ohio Revitalization Funds for the site proceeded to close with no acrimony. The presentation by the development group was straight forward, laying out the environmental, health, and safety hazards on the site.

Here are the high points. For the entire publication, please see the Harrison West web site.

1. The goal of the Harrison West/A.C. Humko project is to utilize a \$3

million Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund grant as a catalyst for the redevelopment of the vacant former industrial site.

2. The Remedial Plan calls for demolition of all existing buildings and the remediation of all hazardous substances and petroleum.

3. Hazards include open pits, abandoned storage tanks, friable asbestos, fuel oil, sulfuric acid, hydrogen sulfide, methane gas, arsenic, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, fuel, and contaminated ground water.

4. Confirmatory Sampling will be performed on the site after remediation to demonstrate that the site has been cleaned up to meet standards that will be protective of the new homes and the adjacent neighborhood.

During the remediation, methane gas will be burned off in flares such as you see at landfills. Also, beginning immediately, trucks will be bringing clean fill dirt to replace the contaminated soil which will be removed.



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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Columbus Brewing Company

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I ordered Penang Chicken, a breaded chicken breast topped with a spicy Malaysian dressing. The strong fish sauce tasted almost spoiled and much too salty. I thought it was just me, until Pat, who has eaten in Malaysia, tasted it. "Too strong even for Malaysia," she said. "It pushes you over the edge."

The chicken was tough and dry, too. Plus, the presentation was ugly -- just a tarnished orangish mess.

Pat ordered the Orange Shrimp, which is a departure from the Orange Beef popular in the better Oriental restaurants. Her plate was pretty with about 10 big pink shrimp in redish sauce surrounded by tons of bright green steamed broccoli. The broccoli was good. But the orange sauce was way too sweet, with an overwhelm-

ing taste of hoisin (bean) sauce and not a hint of orange. The shrimp were OK, but a bit dry. Not the disaster of our appetizers, but no winner in the palate-pleaser category, either.

Because neither entree came with many vegetables, we also ordered Sichuan string beans. These were the best things about the meal, though they were not great. The perfect Sichuan string bean is plump and moist; popping with green bean, garlic, and chili flavors; and hot as an Ohio August. When you order it very spicy, as we did, you should need a few minutes to isolate the jalapena peppers. This had so few peppers and NO pickled cabbage, we could have blendered it up as baby food.

One thing we did like about Shanghai Lily is the decor. The napkins matched the wall color, and panels of calligraphy adorned one side of the dining room.

But the waiter argued with us about the food, was an indifferent server, and didn't notice our

glasses were empty until he brought the check.

If you must eat at Shanghai Lily, make sure Chef Kevin Wong is cooking.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Shanghai Lily

by Veda Gilp

The local restaurant critics have blessed Shanghai Lily when chef Kevin Wong is there, and cursed it when he isn't. Trust me, they aren't kidding.

Pat Sieber (Professor of Chinese Literature at OSU and one of the neighbors who brought us Side by Side) and I ventured all the way up to 6161 Glick Road (past the Zoo!) to try out what purports to be an Asian Restaurant for the New Millennium.

The menu sounds wonderful: Sichuan, Mongolian, Vietnamese, Malaysian, Shanghai, Penang, Beijing, Thai -- you should be able to get a great meal here. HAH!

One of the benefits of visiting an Asian restaurant with someone who actually has lived in Asia is that they KNOW WHAT THEY ARE EATING!

Pat really had eaten a Scallion Pancake and knew what a crispy delight they should be. The deep fried, tough, gluey disk Shanghai Lily tries to pass off as a scallion pancake is nothing like the real thing. Avoid it.

Avoid also, the Shanghai Dumpling Soup, which boasts that it is pork dumplings with Asian mushrooms, cilantro and onions. No cilantro and no onions, plus no flavor to the watery chicken broth, and a mushy texture to the sure-to-be-store-bought-dumplings.

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