

# HARRISON WEST NEWS

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## Top 6 Reasons to Join the Harrison West Society

- 6 Your neighborhood needs you.
- 5 Membership is cheap -- only \$10 a year - \$15 for couples.
- 4 Neighborhood parties, yard sales, and potlucks are a good time.
- 3 The more members the Society has, the better the City treats us.
- 2 The Society makes good things happen for the neighborhood -- the parks, the street lights, the Humko development, the Neighborhood TIF.
- 1 Society members vote on projects which affect the entire neighborhood, such as the Neighborhood Architectural Review Commission and residential rezoning.



## Please Join Us for the 7th Annual Harrison West Society Holiday Potluck



Wednesday, December 15, 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.  
(in lieu of regular HWS meeting)  
at The North Market

*the Harrison West Society will provide  
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## Time to Join the Harrison West Society – the Best \$10 You'll Ever Spend

It's time to renew your membership in the City's most active, most professional, and best neighborhood group – the Harrison West Society.

The Society's goal is to improve our membership by 10 percent over 2004. With 256 members, that means we need to renew everyone and get 25 new members. Sign up your neighbors, get to know the folks across the street, and don't forget those new people who moved in down the block.

For 2005, the Society is offering something new: Household Memberships. For two people residing in the same household who want to be members, the cost is only \$15. It applies to spouses, partners, friends, siblings, parent/child – if you live together on a longtime basis and both want to be members, take advantage of this new membership category.

Tony Celebrezze is doing a great job as Chair, but he depends on the rest of us to help.

Why the big push to get members? Because the more members the Society has, the better the City treats us.

## Holiday Party Wednesday, December 15

It's the Holiday Potluck, so bring a covered dish and your festivity and join your friends and neighbors at 6:30 for holiday Good Eats at The North Market, 2nd floor.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 19 at the First Brethren Church.

## NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet  
Wednesday,  
December 15 at 6:30 PM  
The North Market,  
2nd Floor

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## HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES November 17, 2004

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with a quorum of voting members present (24); President Dave Butler presiding.

### Routine Business

*Minutes* Craig Copeland motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting with corrections; Passed. The amendment was to correct "Molly, Randy Black, and Susan" to Mollie O'Donnell, Design Manager for Recreation and Parks, Randy Bowman, Columbus City Engineer, and Susan DeLay, UIRF Program Manager.

*Treasurer's Report* Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$2,234, with current bills paid.

### Old Business and Committee Reports:

*Membership Drive* In the absence of Chair Tony Celebrezze, Dave Butler reported that the Society is planning to mail a postcard to all current members. Jim Slone motioned to allocate up to \$100 for the mailing and to make household membership available to 2 people for \$15; Passed.

*Holiday Party* Scott Robinson reported that he and Janelle Nagy are working on the Holiday Party. Several venues are being explored, including the Third Place and the North Market. The Party will be from 6:30 to 9 on December 15; the Society will supply meat trays, rolls, sodas and water, and plastic ware. Veda Gilp motioned up to \$500 for the party and a mailing to the Society members; Passed.

*Humko Update* Rob Harris reported that Outland is gone except

for the caboose, which will be removed and scrapped. Rockford Homes will begin building houses on Perry in the next month or so, weather permitting. Half of the new homes will be brick. Rockford plans to have 11 units ready for sale by April. Perry Street will not be rebuilt to accommodate the island until Spring. Wagenbrenner Realty received a Council variance to allow it to build 8 months early. The Community Center will be built in the Spring, and the Harrison West Society has a permanent place there.

*Crime Report* Community Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith reported that there were 3 stolen cars, 3 burglaries, 7 malicious destructions, 7 thefts from cars, and one sex crime (at Outland) during October.

*Planning and Development* The next meeting will be December 6, at 6 PM at the First Brethren Church.

### New Business & Announcements:

*HWS Meeting Date* The next meeting will be January 19, 7:30 PM at the First Brethren Church. The Holiday Party on December 15 will take the place of the regular December meeting.

*Announcements* Scott Robinson motioned to buy 2 tickets to the Friends of Goodale Park fund-raiser at Coco Manor for \$35 each: Passed. Craig Copeland reported that the Fifth and Perry park space is finished and requested a thank you letter from the Society: Passed.

Scott Robinson motioned to adjourn; Passed. Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Harrison West Society meets 3rd

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Responsibilities include attending all Harrison West events and meetings; taking pictures and PhotoShooting them for the publication; writing the articles; designing and putting together the newsletter; working with the printer; selling and invoicing advertising; keeping a data base of politicians and friends of Harrison West and mailing the newsletter to them each month.

Applicants should be skilled in desktop publishing, reporting, and photography. Reasonable expenses are reimbursed by the Society. Apply to David Butler, 421-7157 or [dbutler4@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dbutler4@columbus.rr.com).



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## Holiday Specials at Caffe Apropos

Anton Woods tells the *News* that in honor of the holiday season, he's offering very special and tasty treats: carrot cake, warm apple pie ala' Mode, warm pecan pie ala' Mode, a mint-mocha Latte, and hot Spiced Cider. It all sounds yummy.

For December he's offering wines to get you into the holiday spirit: Menage a Trois – Red and Menage a Trois – White (this is French for “blending of three” and is a selection of 3 varietals creating a full-bodied, rich and flavorful wine with well rounded tannins.

## FLOW's Upcoming Monthly Meetings 2005

**Tuesday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed meeting** 7:30-9:00pm at the Northwood High Building, 2231 N. High St. (Free-open to public). For more information call 267-3386, email [flow2004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flow2004@sbcglobal.net) or go to website: [www.olentangywatershed.org](http://www.olentangywatershed.org)

### **“Ecological Assessment of the Olentangy River”:**

Holly Tucker, Environmental Specialist from the Ohio EPA Ecological Assessment Section, will be sharing photos and results of the Olentangy river samples taken in 2003 and 2004. These are the same results that will be used in the Ohio EPA Technical Support Document scheduled for publication by the end of 2005 and the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study (draft) due to the US EPA by the end of 2005.

**Tuesday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed meeting**

### **“Stream Ecology in the Winter”:**

Dr. Lance Williams, Assistant Professor of Fisheries Ecology & Management from OSU School of Natural Resources, will be sharing insights to winter stream ecology of the Olentangy River and local streams. On the surface, it may look like a bunch of snow and ice. But underneath the winter chill, there is a whole other world going on! Come find out what's really happening in the watershed this time of year!



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## Your Best Reason to Join the Harrison West Society

You can vote! These days, being able to vote on neighborhood issues is especially important, as the Society members are making decisions that will reshape the neighborhood and affect what it will be for years in the future.

The Neighborhood TIF is a reality, and the Society members are the people deciding where and how the money should be spent.

Harrison Park, the development on the former Humko

factory, will add hundreds of new residents and homes to our neighborhood. The Society has worked closely with the developer to ensure that the final results are good for Harrison West.

The Riverfront Vision Plan is being revised for the Harrison West Reach. Harrison West Society members are working with the City to determine what changes for the neighborhood go into these revisions.

Either a Neighborhood Commission or an Historical Commission or an Architectural Review Commission is coming to Harrison West. Society members will determine the kind of Commission we get and how it will affect Harrison West.

Being able to have a vote in these neighborhood-changing events is important. Join the Society so your vote counts.

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## Aniara Salon Back in Business After Election Day Disaster

Lynn Merkle wants the Harrison West neighborhood to know that the scissors are flashing and the dryers are drying in her Aniara salon at Third and Michigan after an Election Day crash.

“We were closed for two weeks because everything had to be replaced,” she says.

On Election Evening about 7 PM, a car driving East on Third slammed into two cars parked in front of Caffe Apropos, then careened across the street into the Aniara Salon.

When the glass, framing timbers, hair styling products, and chairs had finished crashing to the floor, the young man who was driving got out, surveyed the damage, made sure no one was behind him, and backed out to race away down Third Avenue.



*“I want to thank the neighborhood for being so concerned about us,” Lynn Merkle, Aniara owner, says. “We’re back in business and looking even better than before.”*



*“My landlord Joe Armeni has been great,” Merkle says. “He got people out here right away to board up the broken windows and the doorway, and he’s been helpful in every way since then. His crews have the building almost finished.”*

He left behind a license plate which appeared to be stolen. He has not been found.

Merkle speculates that he either was high, drunk, or fleeing from a crime scene.



*A customer was sitting here just before the car came through the window. No one was badly hurt in the bizarre accident.*



## All That Remains of Outland



*Outland, and the whole block between First and Second Avenues, is gone. All that remains is the caboose, which is waiting to be taken apart for scrap. According to the Wagenbrenner Realty, building will begin on the site soon and progress through the winter, weather permitting. The first houses should be available in April, 2005.*

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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at R. J. Snappers

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Snappers' winter menu boasts potato-crusting grouper. This was one of the best presentations of grouper that I have ever had (though Kristi ordered it). It was coated in shredded potatoes and sauteed until golden. It was simply splendid. It ravished the taste buds. The red wine butter sauce on the plate was so good, we surreptitiously soaked it up with bits of bread. I ordered Lake Victoria Perch. A large piece of delicate perch was coated with parmesan and perched on a mound of lobster-mashed potatoes with grilled asparagus and chive beurre blanc.

The fish was excellent; very flaky and full of flavor.

The mashed potatoes were not excellent. Sure, they had pieces of lobster in them, but so what? They were just mashed potatoes. I found the smoky roasted vegetables on Kristi's plate to be much better.

The grilled asparagus was, I'm sorry to say, uneven. Two of the three pieces were grilled with that accompanying smoky flavor, but the third would have benefited from some knife work in the kitchen before they started cooking it.

The chive beurre blanc sauce was excellent with just a touch of heat.

Next time I want to try the Ahi Tuna. Listen to this description "coriander seared with a ginger sticky rice cake, cucumber avocado salsa and pineapple chili

sauce." Doesn't that sound like heaven on a plate?

Snappers also is known for their lump crab cakes and their coconut fried shrimp.

They offer steak, but as I didn't see anyone eating meat, I cannot comment on it.

Snappers has a nice dessert list, and the crowning glory is the Chocolate Goopy Cake Souffle. Yeah, that's what they call this ambrosial hot-cold sweet-tart dessert. (You knew I'd get to the chocolate, didn't you?)

A scoop of 5 bean vanilla ice cream nestles next to an upside down chocolate souffle, the whole floating in a cool, tart raspberry sauce.

That souffle. Now that was a treat. It's cakey-fudgey on the outside, but when your spoon hits the middle, hot, rich, dark chocolate oozes out. Scoop up the warm chocolate and some of the cold ice cream. Chew. Swallow. Groan with pleasure. Do it again. Kristi and I finished the whole thing, and nearly wept when it was finally gone. This is going on my list of favorite desserts.

Snappers itself is going on my list of favorite restaurants. 700 North High at Lincoln, 280-1070.

## Gateway Features Being Designed

The Harrison West Park Committee, an exceptionally hard-working and dedicated group headed by Mary Funk and Rob Harris, has been meeting for months to work on plans for all the Harrison West Parks, improved streetscapes, and for gateway features in Harrison West.

The work is paying off in a splendid new Harrison Park along the river, in upgrades and finishing touches at the Art Park at the Third Avenue Bridge, and in improvements (hopefully, water) at the Harrison West Park.

Bo Sun, Landscape Architect with Schmidt Landesign, has created interesting and aesthetically pleasing gateway features for Harrison West as part of the Park planning process.

In the next few months, the park designs, the gateway features, and some streetscape features will be unveiled for the Society. Watch these pages.

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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at R. J. Snappers

by Veda Gilp

My sister-in-law, Kristi Tway, and I had an excellent meal at R.J. Snappers recently. We both recommend it highly.

Their menu promises "fresh fish with imagination." I can vouch for the freshness and the imagination. Everything we had was pretty, delicious, and full of flavor. They obviously have taken a great deal of care with the menu and the preparation. Every bite you take tells you they have succeeded.

Really important in the Short North, Snappers has valet parking for only \$3. It's a good investment.

Snappers offers sushi. Suit yourself, but I don't eat sushi at a place that's not Japanese.

What I did eat was the lobster bisque, with was very good with small succulent pieces of lobster floating in a rich cream, brandy, and sherry sauce. Had I not thought it would embarrass my favorite sister-in-law, I would have licked my bowl, it was so good.

Kristi ordered the Snappers house salad, which is mixed greens (no iceberg, thank you) tossed in a maple balsamic dressing, topped with feta cheese, candied pecans, and fresh beets. The beets, nuts, and cheese add just the right touch of sweetness. An excellent salad, and she let me share.

Snappers also offers Manhattan fish chowder made, they swear, with real salt pork.

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