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If you've ever had a desire to run a big yard sale, come to the Harrison West Meeting February 21 and step up to the (used) plate.

## 2007 Elections for Officers of the Harrison West Society

*by Sandy Woolard and Bob Mangia, Elections Co-Chairs*

At the May meeting each year, the Harrison West Society bylaws require members to elect officers for the upcoming year.

For 2007, we are looking for candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This is an excellent opportunity to use your acquired management and negotiating skills to work for your very own neighborhood. "powers-that-be" at City Hall.

Our bylaws simply state one must be a member of Harrison West Society for at least 45 days to run for office. We would like for folks who have been in the neighborhood for a while and have somewhat of an understanding of where we are in relation to our neighboring communities and an awareness of the growth of our area over the last couple of years. We would like someone who wants to make this your home for a few more years. This is an opportunity to interact with leaders at City Hall. Quite frankly, it would look great on your resume.

If you have an interest in our neighborhood and/or also an interest in being an officer, do attend our February and March meetings... then let us know if you are interested in becoming more involved. I have lived in Harrison West over 20 years. Personally, I can attest to the fact that there is a great group / community atmosphere in Harrison West which allows neighbors to know each other, speak to each other by name, even borrow an egg, etc. when needed.

My co-chair, Bob Mangia has lived in the neighborhood for 10 years and can be reached at 291-3727. Please feel free to call me (297-8600, ext 119) or Bob to even casually discuss these opportunities.

## Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 21

Kick Off Planning  
for Spring Yard Sale and  
Summer Block Party  
See you there.

## NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet  
Wednesday,  
February 21 at 7:00 PM  
First Brethren Church, Third & Oregon

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New meeting  
time is 7 PM.

# HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES January 17, 2007

Submitted by Jim Slone, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of voting members present (20); Vice President Mary Funk presiding.

## Routine Business:

**Minutes** Chris Ruder motioned to approve the minutes of the November meeting as posted in the December newsletter. Passed.

**Treasure's Report** Treasure Becky Borlaza reported \$1,669.42.88 in the checking account. A total of 742.61 was spent on the Holiday Party. The sponsors provided \$300. Victorian Café was paid \$400 plus an eight percent tip.

## Old Business and Committee Reports:

**President's Report** Mary reported that our president Rob Harris was back in the hospital. He is unable to have visitors at this time. Please keep him and his partner Tim in your thoughts and prayers.

**Audit Report** Tom Maxwell had nothing to report.

**Budget and Finance** Scot didn't attend so no report was given.

**Conservation** Pastor Morris reported that a meeting is scheduled for the Historical Commission on January 31. A meeting will be schedule for the Conservation Committee soon. Nothing else to report.

**Constitution and By Laws** Chair Chris Ruder reported that a copy of the second Report to the Executive Committee has been delivered. The final draft proposal will be presented to the membership on February's meeting for approval. Chris then discussed the boundaries for HWS and the relationship between them and the surrounding areas.

There was discussion about the boundaries of North Grandview. The submitted papers to the city differed from the description on the petitions that was circulated. The city attorney has ruled on the discrepancies and the filing will be corrected. Chris will talk to Mike Puckett (City Council Development) and Guy Worley (Downtown Commission) about the boundaries for HWS and the areas in question. Chris will then update the proposal once all parties agree to where the areas in question should be before submitting it to the membership. As such the final draft proposal may not be submitted at the February meeting.

**Elections Report** Sandy Woolard reported that the deadline for putting your hat in the ring for officer is April. Veda Gilp needs the names by the third Friday in March to get them into the newsletter.

**Membership Report** Becky reported that we have over 300 members. We had a new

member and a renewal after the meeting.

**Parks** Chair Bob Mangia reported that he is waiting to hear from Metropolis regarding cleaning the statue. Sandy Woolard asked about the traffic islands. Mary stated that Bill Lewis is handling them for the City.

**P & D** Chair Jacob Sukosd reported that demo for the property at 422 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave has been submitted to the City. The city tends to approve these quickly so we won't be able to stop the demo. The plans will have to be approved by HWS so we are waiting to see what is submitted.

This lead to a lengthy discussion about whether we should look at becoming an Area Commission and a Conservation District. Jacob proposed that we look at becoming a Conservation District as well as a Area Commission and what would be the difference between the two. Mary stated that the city has already told us that they would not support us becoming both, although there is no legal reason we couldn't. Craig pointed out that it wouldn't hurt to explore the possibility. It was asked what is the difference between a Conservation District and an Area Commission. At a very high level, a Conservation District deals with historical architectural details and seeks to preserve an area's character. An Area Commission deals with zoning issues and new construction and seeks to ensure that the standards set by the Commission are followed. Both are administered by the same department but are in different divisions. While the city is not bound by the decisions of either body, they are rarely denied.

**Social** Sandy Woolard reported that the Holiday Party was a great success. Gil and Sandy will be hand delivering "thank you" notes to the sponsors. We spent \$400 on the heaters for the outside patio and Sandy suggested that we might want to consider if that was necessary for this year's party. Pastor Morris stated that we should be in the new Harrison Park Community House so it would probably be unnecessary. It was agreed that we would consider options when we got closer to the Holiday party. The next major social event will be the Summer Picnic/Block party.

**Crime** Officer Steve Smith reported that unfortunately December was much worse for crime in our area. We had 1 car theft, 3 burglaries, 2 malicious destruction of property, 7 misdemeanor theft (downspouts), 4 felonies (2 at Zeno's), and 2 aggravated robberies both at Subway. There is a warrant out for the arrest of the robber.

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Harrison West Society meets 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM.

## New Business & Announcements:

The Harrison Park Flats are getting dry walled.

Sandy thanked Veda for the photos in the newsletter of the Holiday Party. Veda clarified that the picture identified as Jim Slone was in reality Larry Elovitz. Veda suggested that we print them in color for next year.

Pastor Morris made a motion for adjournment. Passed. Meeting ended at 8:00 PM.



New meeting  
time is 7 PM.

## Don't Leave Yourself Open to Crime

As Neighborhood Liaison Police Officer Steve Smith reported at the last meeting, December was bad for crime in our area. (Bad being a relative term, as Harrison West still boasts one of the lowest crime raters per capita in the City.)

We had 1 car theft, 3 burglaries, 2 malicious destruction of property, 7 misdemeanor thefts (downspouts), 4 felonies (2 at Zeno's), and 2 aggravated robberies-- both at Subway by the same man! That's either a very dumb criminal or a very assured one. There is a warrant out for the arrest of the robber.

Officer Smith advises to lock your doors and windows, leave your outdoor lights on to discourage burglars, clean out your car if you street-park it, and arrange with your neighbors to watch out for each other.



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## Garden Views: Time to Dream

By Tim Prince

Now is the time to dream about the upcoming gardening season in Harrison West. While many of us enjoy growing perennials, I feel that in our small spaces, nothing achieves masses of color over longer periods than do annuals. In sunny beds, the spreading petunias or new zinnia varieties can't be beat. For shade, impatiens and coleus are perfect. For spots near our houses that start sunny but drift to shade as summer wanes, nothing is more adaptable than annual salvia.

Most of us will buy plants in May at any of our fine local garden centers. However, all of these plants can be grown from seed indoors for less money and more fun. To buy your seed, get on-line or request catalogs from Park, Burpee, Jung, Thompson and Morgan or Harris seed companies, to name a few.

For spreading petunias, look for "Wave," "Easy Wave," "Tidal Wave" or "Avalanche" types. All are superior to standard petunias in their flower power, but each differs in height and spread. For all of these, make sure you get pelleted seed for ease of sowing.

Gone are the days of mildew-covered zinnia plants. The "Profusion" series offers hundreds of small flowers on clean mounding plants that hide their old blooms. The newest colors — deep apricot, double cherry and coral pink —

have expanded this series to eight colors. "Magellan" zinnias produce large flowers on dwarf plants. Coral is the best color in this group. I've grown it twice myself to great effect. For taller plants with medium-size blooms try the new "Zowie" zinnias.

Impatiens are available in many types. I've recently grown the new "Peach Butterfly" with peach



blooms and large orange-butterfly centers. To go with impatiens, consider the large-leafed "Kong" coleus. For a chartreuse and purple

theme in the shade this year, I'm growing "Limelight" and "Palisandra" coleus.

I'll be growing three kinds of salvia this year: "Hotline" pink and violet as well as the tricolor Blue Streak. The latter has two colors of purple as well as ivory in the same flower spike. If spent spikes are removed early and often, they will provide color until hard frost.

So get on-line or peruse those catalogs. Next month I'll tell you how I plant seeds. To get prepared, secure a couple of 4-ft double fluorescent-tube light fixtures. More expensive grow-light fixtures are not really necessary for growing bedding plants. Consider that one double fixture will grow two flats of bedding plants.

If you do a little prep work now, next month you can stop dreaming and start gardening!

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Lots going on, and you don't want to miss a minute of it.

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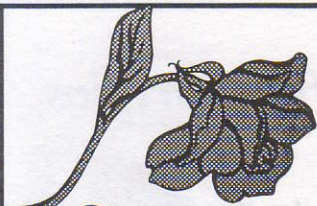


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## OOPS!

Last month we mis-identified Harrison West Holiday Party goers Larry Elovitz as Jim Slone and Diane Plunkett as Barbara Wyrick. Obviously, they are them-



*This is new neighbor Diane Plunkett with realtor Ken Wightman.*

selves, and here are their pictures to prove it.

We also slipped up and left the Rusty Bucket in Lane Ave. Shop-

ping Center off our list of prize donors to the 2006 HW Holiday



*This is Larry Elovitz, who works at National City Bank in the Thurber Center and who is a big booster of the Society.*

Party. They gave us two gift certificates.

We apologize to all involved.

## A Few Words From President Rob Harris

*Rob Harris*

I would like to express how much I have missed my neighborhood friends and loved ones over the past months. Pulled from my day-to-day life in a battle with unexpected illness, I now understand what truly is important in life. Tim and I greatly appreciate the heartfelt outpouring of support and prayers from everyone.

I know that our Society is running smoothly, with strong established leadership and community support. Mary Funk, Jim Slone and Becky Borlaza are doing a fine job keeping the Society on course, backed by the hard-working Executive Committee.

I wish the best to all and look forward to getting back to our beloved neighborhood. I expect to see everyone shortly.

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by Jacob Sukosd

The Harrison West neighborhood saw a flurry of real estate transactions happen in 2006. There were a total of 68 home, condo and multi-family units sold in 2006. Here is a breakdown.

Harrison Park Place should help push neighborhood prices up, as 13 units sold, at an average price of over \$370,000. Additionally, another 22 condo units sold, that included Renaissance condos, the Courtyard at Harrison Park, and many more units in 2-6 unit developments, at an average price of \$200,000. Also, 27 units of detached single families homes sold. Rounding out the total, included the Harrison House Bed and Breakfast, and a few multiunit rental properties.

As for the single family homes (exclude Harrison Park Place, and other condos) the average selling price was \$223,000.

I broke this down further into those that are already fixed up, and those that need rehabbed. Homes that were considered move-in condition, sold for an average of \$255,000 (\$163/square foot) and homes that needed either updated, or totally rehabbed sold for an average of \$160,000 (\$112/square foot).

Harrison West truly has something for everyone, from \$130,000 fixer upper, to \$500,000 new builds.

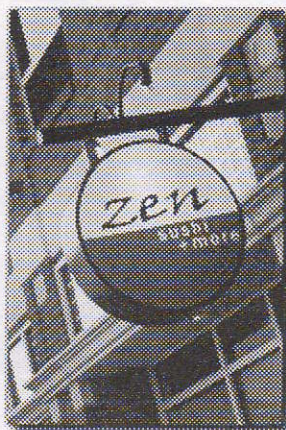
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## Bread-Buying Tip

by Jim Slone

When you go to buy bread in the grocery store, have you ever wondered which is the freshest, so you "squeeze" for freshness or softness. Did you know that bread is delivered fresh to the stores five days a week -- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday?

And that each day has a different color twist tie. They are:

Monday - Blue

Tuesday - Green

Thursday - Red

Friday - White

Saturday - Yellow

So if today was Thursday, you would want red twist tie - not white which is Friday's (almost a week old)!

The colors go alphabetically Blue - Green - Red - White - Yellow, Monday thru Saturday. Very easy to remember.

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## FLOW and the Fifth Avenue Dam

by Sandy Woolard

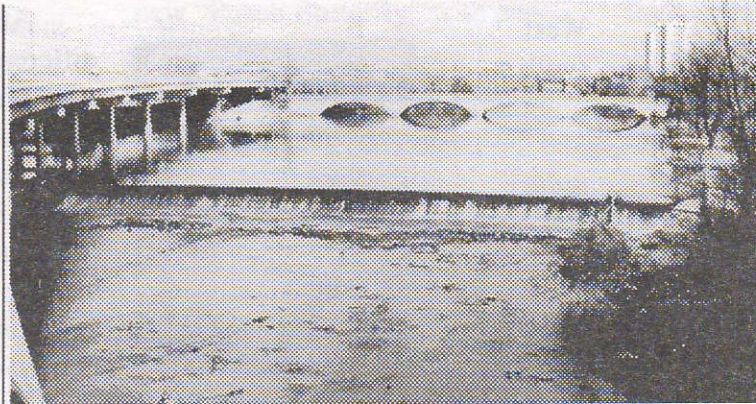
The Fifth Avenue dam is one of six lowhead dams on the Franklin County portion of the Olentangy River. The Columbus Department of Public Utilities is working in conjunction with the US Army Corps of Engineers to restore the ecosystem of the area around the Fifth Ave. dam. The dam is an eight-foot high, 475-foot wide structure built in 1935, and at one time provided a source of cooling water for the OSU power plant. This

power plant is no longer in use, and because this dam negatively affects water quality and contributes to biological habitat degradation, the City is considering either removal or modification of the dam

Heather Dean from FLOW

will be at our March 21 meeting to discuss this situation and answer questions you may have.

She says to "expect big changes on the Olentangy in 2007/2008 as the Fifth Ave. dam is removed or modified. Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) is seeking your input for community education programs related to the dam project. Call 267-3386, e-mail [flow2004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flow2004@sbcglobal.net), or look for more updates in future issues of *Harrison West News*."



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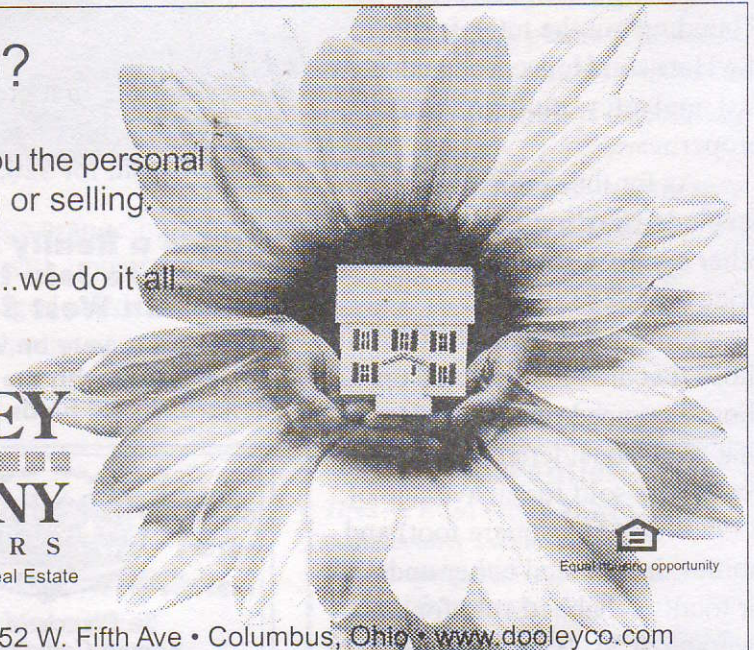
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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Fabian's

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I thought it was pretty good soup, until Steve opened the shaker of Parmesan cheese and dumped about a quarter cup into the bowl. Then it was really good. All the usual minestrone dried beans plus lentils, celery-- all that good veggy stuff.

Next up was the large house salad, which turned out to be enough for four, and good, even though it mostly was bagged salad. The house dressing is a very good bottled vinaigrette.

We also ordered a large Chicago-style vegetarian pizza, which is more like pizza in a bowl than a regular pizza. One of the reasons I don't care for most Chicago-style pizzas is that the crust is so thick and doughy. This crust was thick on the edges, but thin and crispy on the bottom. The filling must have been nearly two inches thick. Really good sauce over mushrooms, onions, peppers, roma tomatoes and black olives. I took a leftover piece home for lunch the next day, when it was almost as good.

They also offer Stromboli -- those folded-up pizzas, linguini with tomato sauce or with meatballs and tomato sauce, which probably are as good as the pizza.

Sandwiches come with a choice of side -- chips, side salad, or pasta salad. Stick with the side salad or the chips because the pasta salad is not worth the calories and fat grams. Can you say BLAND?

The Italian sub is six big inches of capicola, pepperoni, Italian dressing, mozzarella, lettuce, tomato and hot peppers, and the bread is

really good -- toasted, but still easy on the mouth. There's a meatball sub and Italian Beef with mozzarella cheese.

The booze -- lots of imports and microbrews, domestic and premium drafts and bottles, and many, many speciality martinis. Plus Pepsi products, tea, and Red Bull.

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For dessert, we went to Buca Di Beppo, where we sat at the bar and shared a huge slice of really rich chocolate cake with sambuca sauce. After all that food, I could eat only a few bites of my 1/4 slice, but it was great the next day.

*Eadie Gourmet does not represent the views of the Harrison West Society.*



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## Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Fabian's

by Veda Gilp

Went to Fabian's the other evening with Tom Maxwell, Steve Schab and Bo Swartz for Chicago-style pizza and hot dogs. Tom brings his grandkids here frequently for the pizza, so you know this is a very kid-friendly place.

I liked everything about it from the spare decor to the dog, which was a Nathan's all-beef dog with onions, tomatoes, cucumber, pickle, hot peppers, celery salt and Fluky's relish (it's a bright green and has more onion than pickle, I think). Next time I'm getting one all to myself, rather than sharing with three others.

The reason we were sharing one hot dog is that we ordered appetizers, soup, salad, a pizza, a sub, and the hot dog. Four of us! Plus several martinis, a margarita, several beers, and one diet cola. My advice -- if you go, get a LARGE table to hold the giant containers. We started with the spicy chicken wings, which were baked, not deep fried, so not as greasy as usual. Everyone else had been there before, so they knew to order the mango habenero dipping sauce, which is smoky, hot and sweet. It was too good to waste on chicken wings, I thought.

We also tried the spinach artichoke dip with garlic bread sticks. Lots of spinach, and very good value at only \$7. It was too much for the four of us, though Tom valiantly tried to finish it off.

Bo ordered minestrone soup just so Eadie Gourmet could try it.

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