



HARRISON WEST NEWS

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Harrison West Annual Election of Officers

By Sandy Woolard

Over the next 3 to 5 years, the Harrison West Society will be addressing some very important issues for our community:

Our community will start to receive major dollars from our TIF (Tax Increment Financing) and it is up to our residents to make known to City Council how these dollars will be spent. This will be done via discussion and decisions made by the members of the Harrison West Society. Each year, at our May meeting, we elect officers. Each year, we need a slate for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. This year, one must be a member of Harrison West Society for 45 days prior to the date of the elections, or May 15, 2007, to be eligible to run for an office. We just about have our slate, which must be approved by members attending the April 18, 2007, meeting.

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Vote on By Laws on June 20

By Chris Ruder

We now have only one vote left on the two year process of revising our ByLaws.

It began with the appointment of a By Laws Revision Committee by President Mary Funk and the appointment of a By Laws and Policy Committee by President Rob Harris. At each stage reports were made to the Executive Committee and then to the membership. After the fifth and final report this last February -- the By Laws were formally proposed to the membership at the March regular meeting.

Now, while the language of a constitution is different from, say, a novel-- there is no reason why it need be "an experience which will trip, entangle, infuriate and finally exhaust all who try it." ¹

One of the goals of the re-write was to make the By Laws consistent and reasonably easily understood. A provision was added to allow for "Policies" to be adopted which are less important (or more detailed) than the By Laws. Another was to remove a few obsolete provisions. Lastly, some provisions were strengthened.

PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BY LAWS

- To support and encourage new and potential programs to improve the neighborhood conditions and environment;
- To develop a more reasonable sense of the community and its environment;
- To broaden the appreciation of ethnic and social heritage with friendly contact;
- To preserve and uphold the rights of the community known as Harrison West; and
- To provide support and to act as a conduit for neighborhood improvement.
- To provide leadership for our own area.
- To carry out the will of the majority of its members.
- To provide representatives to other organizations as the need may arise from time to time, Finally, the revisions will be voted on by the membership at the June 20th regular meeting.

¹ LA Law Review VIII (1947) page 1.

Next Meeting: April 18

- Welcome Back Rob!
- Update on By Laws
- Nominations for Officers
- Street Cleaning in May
- Status of Committees
- Conservation Neighborhood Update

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Wednesday, April 18
at 7:00 PM First
Brethren Church,
Third & Oregon

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Fifth Ave Dam
Review of ByLaws
Going Green
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Meeting Minutes for March

Submitted By Jim Slone, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of voting members present (20). The President not being in attendance the meeting was lead by the Vice President. There was four new member in attendance; Mildred Todd, Jim and Laurie Patton, and Leigh Oesterling and one guest Kate Lyberger.

Routine Business:

Minutes Steve Cross motioned to approve the minutes of the February meeting as posted in the February newsletter. Passed.

Treasurer's Report Mary reported for Treasure Becky Borlaza that we have \$1,208.90 in the checking account. This includes a stop payment of \$33 paid to Reliable that they never received. A new check was issued. Becky will contact the bank to see if we can get a reversal of the charges.

Committee Reports:

President's Report Mary reported that our president Rob Harris is doing well. Please continue to keep him and his partner Tim in your thoughts and prayers.

Flow Presentation Heather Dean of Flow presented the latest news on the 5th Ave Dam project. The project has the backing of OSU, Battelle, and the State.

Conservation Steve Shin was recommended by Craig Copeland to lead the guidelines for the Conservation District. Pastor Morris agreed to call Steve to see if he would be willing to serve.

Elections Report Sandy has half of the positions filled with candidates and hopes to have the other for the next newsletter.

Parks Bob Mangia made a motion to send a letter to Alan McKnight to recognize his appointment as Director of Recreation and Parks. He has been a major advocate of HWS with his involvement in the Side-by-Side park, Rails to Trails, and other endeavors. Passed. Bob reported that the Rails to Trails will need to purchase two properties so that the bike path can extend from 5th Ave to White Castle Headquarters on Gooddale Ave.

Constitution and By Laws Chair

Chris Ruder moved that the By Laws be mailed to the membership before the April meeting. Passed. He also moved to have postage of up to \$200 be set aside for the mailing. Passed. Sandy moved to delay Article V Section 1(d) until June 1, 2007. Passed.

Newsletter Jim announced new email addresses for the officers, Executive Committee, Newsletter, and website. These can be found in the masthead on the right. Mary announced that she will be getting a proclamation from the mayor for Veda's long service as editor of the HW News.

Crime Officer Steve Smith reported that February was the same as January. We had 3 burglaries, 5 malicious destruction of property, 2 street robberies, 1 car theft, and 1 car break in. HW is one of the lowest crime areas compared to the rest of the city. As a result, we've had a 40% deduction in man power due to the low crime.

New Business & Announcements:

HWS Meeting Date The next meeting will be April 18, 7 PM at the First Brethren Church. The *Executive Committee* will meet Wednesday, April 4, 6 PM at the First Brethren Church. **Adjournment** Chris Ruder made a motion for adjournment. Passed. Meeting ended at 8:30pm.

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GOING GREEN

By Barbara Williams

For our Earth's health and our grandchildren's legacy, many HWesters are now recycling one way or another. However we collect our recyclable waste (see March newsletter), we know there is still more to that well-known, triple-arrowed logo which reminds us that it all comes round again. This article will continue to discuss recycling, showing that our part in the circle goes beyond taking some trash to the recycle bin or leaving it out for Rumpke.

The second part of the circle, after recyclables are cleaned and separated, belongs to the manufacturers. More and more products are being manufactured with totally- or partially-recycled content. Manufacturers are

realizing that we consumers really don't want to use up all our Earth's resources. Even The Columbus Dispatch uses 15-20 percent recycled paper (and they'll probably use more in the future)



Many common household products are made from recycled materials, including paper towels, aluminum, plastic and glass. Labels

tell us so much, so when you hear "Read the label!", well, try reading the label.. Other innovative ways manufacturers use recycled materials are recovered glass in roadway asphalt or recovered plastic in park benches and carpeting, re-refined motor oil, fiberfill for sleeping bags, building insulation, wallboard, tiles, and many more.

All of us come in on that third step (in that circle with arrows). When we buy products made from recovered materials, we're not only supporting local recycling programs; we're also creating markets and jobs and making the economy stronger. We're conserving natural resources, saving energy, reducing solid waste, air and water pollutants and reducing those greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming. Yeah, we can do all that in Harrison West.

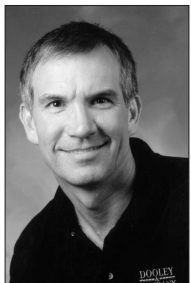
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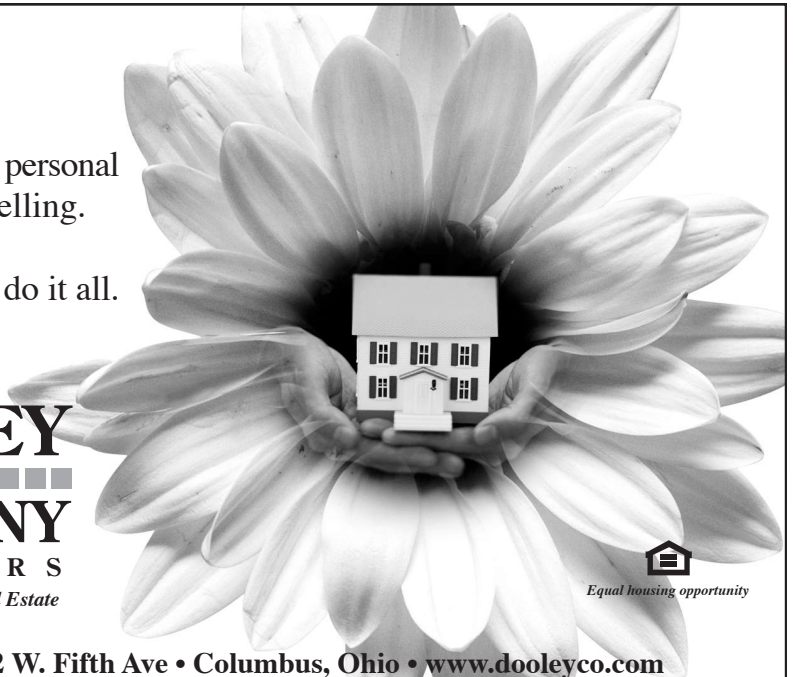
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A Great Find for Great Jazz

By Gilbert Borlaza

While searching for something fun to do in Columbus on a recent Saturday night, I came across a posting for a jazz concert at The Columbus Music Hall. The concert featured a saxophonist named Wess “Warmdaddy” Anderson, and though I had never heard of him, I decided to bring a friend along to see what the venue had to offer. What followed was an evening of fantastic music, interesting conversation, and the discovery of an intimate jazz hall to which I will soon be returning.

The Columbus Music Hall, located downtown on Oak Street near I-71, is housed in a building constructed in 1897 to serve as the city’s Engine House No. 12 (hence their tagline “Jazz at the Firehouse”). Now renovated, it contains a main hall for performances with table seating, a smaller room for mingling with other patrons, and an entry hall with a full service bar. The layout of the space keeps the audience close to performers and also allows for conversation with the band members.

Tickets to the Wess Anderson concert were \$15 for adults, a very reasonable

charge for what ended up being a nearly four hour event. Prior to Mr. Anderson’s performance, we were treated to five or six pieces performed by the Columbus Youth Jazz Orchestra, a bonus that was not advertised. The CYJO is comprised of some very talented high school student musicians from throughout central Ohio. Wess Anderson joined the CYJO for two pieces and added his creative touch through his solos on the sax.

After the CYJO performance, Mr. Anderson took center stage (so to speak as there actually is no raised stage in the hall) along with a pianist, percussionist, bassist and trumpeter. Interestingly, the bassist was a CYJO student and the trumpeter was the CYJO director. The jazz that followed was nothing short of phenomenal. The band played pieces from greats like Duke Ellington and Jelly Roll Morton. During each piece, the musicians took turns delivering expressive solos on their respective instruments. Mr. Anderson, who has toured with Wynton and Branford Marsalis as well as the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, played remarkable solos on his alto and soprano saxophones. Despite being in the second to last row of the hall, we

were no more than twenty feet from the band, allowing us to see the emotion and sweat on the musicians’ faces as they played.

After over three hours of marvelous jazz, we were treated to yet another surprise when renowned trumpeter Marcus Belgrave arrived and joined the band for several songs after finishing his performance of “A Salute to Satchmo” with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. As the evening concluded, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Belgrave and the band were joined by other musicians and a handful of CYJO students who played the last few pieces together for a tremendous finish. As we left, a couple in our row informed us that the Columbus Music Hall also features a 21-piece band featuring big band music on Monday evenings for only \$6. I was thrilled to find a wonderful venue for jazz in Columbus, having spent only \$15 for a phenomenal concert.

The Columbus Music Hall is located at 734 Oak Street in Columbus. More information and a performance schedule are online at www.columbusmusic hall.com.

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Garden Views: A Flower Show

by Tim Prince

Nothing motivates a gardener more than attending a real flower show. One of the finest in the county is just two hours away and scheduled for April 21-29. The Cincinnati Flower Show is held each year at the historic Coney Island. It is not a home-and-garden show, but is dedicated solely to the art and science of gardening.

In British style, all displays are under white tents. The main attraction, the Grand Marquee, has a dozen fully-planted flower gardens, each with different trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals. Its common to see delphinium in full flower, fifty varieties of hosta (bring your cameras), or the latest color of Profusion zinnias. Container gardening is featured with many large patio planters and the occasional unusual planter (like an old stove). Kiosks feature twenty different window boxes and hanging baskets, all planted with the latest annuals and foliage plants.

Professional florists participate in a floral design competition and stage a thematic display of party tables. Amateur gardeners have their own show featuring blossoms from their gardens. A floral art exhibit and sale,



Former HW resident Brian Laird poses with one of the whimsical containers at the Cincy Flower Show

gardening forums, and many vendors selling everything you need for the garden (including plants) round out the show. More details and directions are at cincyflowershow.com.

For those of you starting your own flower show indoors, I promised a few more tips. Bottom watering your trays of seedlings is easiest. However, top watering, making sure water passes through the media, should be done occasionally. This avoids build-up of salts and root damage. Apply quarter-strength fertilizer solu-

tion about every third watering, more often if foliage is on the yellow side.

Zinnia seeds should be planted this month. Sow individual seeds directly into your growing-on pots or cells. Push the seeds about a quarter inch below the media and keep well watered. Put them under your lights and they should be up in about a week.

Our own spring bulb show is happening now in the neighborhood. Take a stroll, enjoy the beauty, and take a few notes about what you see. I'll have much more to say about bulbs, especially tulips, later this summer in preparation for planting.

Columbus First Brethren Vacation Bible School

The First Brethren Church at 473 W. Third Ave. (corner of Third Ave and Oregon) will be having Vacation Bible School from July 9th - 13th from 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM for kindergarten through High School. Mail or drop off your registration by June 23rd or call 614-299-3663.

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Mary Stuessy Leaves the Short North to Pursue Lifelong Dream

Ardent Area Spokeswoman to Manage Foreign Embassies

The Short North Neighborhood Foundation President Mary Stuessy will resign from her position on April 1 to begin training for the role of Foreign Service Officer with the United States Foreign Service. Stephen Weed, the SNNF's vice president, will assume the role of president.

For the past four years, Mary has worked for National City Bank, most recently as Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager of the Thurber Village Office on Neil Avenue.

Mary will begin training at the Foreign Service Institute in Arlington, Virginia for six to twelve months. After that, she will receive her first assignment and will be sent to her first country, which is yet to be determined. "In a very short time, Mary has been an outstanding catalyst for progress within the SNNF and for all of our neighborhoods in the Short North," said Stephen Weed. "She's a natural leader whose energy and effectiveness will truly be missed."

The Short North Neighborhood Foundation serves to advance the creative spirit, diversity, and vitality of the Short North Neighborhoods and Arts District. Through its partnerships with The Friends of Goodale Park, The Harrison West Society, The Italian Village Commission, The Italian Village Society, The Short North Business Association, The Short North Special Improvement District, The Victorian Village Commission, and The Victorian Village Society, it reflects a collective vision of the entire Short North region.

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All officers are members of the Executive Committee of Harrison West, which meets the first Wednesday of each month; All officers should attend each monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of each month.

Rewards: Satisfaction of being a part of our Community, meeting new neighbors, being a part of the future development of our area ... to name a few.

I have folks talking about filling 3 of the positions. I need someone to be our Secretary, taking notes for the meeting and getting that info to our Newsletter Committee for inclusion in each monthly issue of the Harrison West Newsletter. Do contact me, Sandy Woolard (403-1543) or Bob Mangia (291-3727) to discuss this opportunity. Deadline for consideration will be noon, the day of April 18. Thanks for your consideration !

Harrison West Park Help

by Bob Mangia

For the past 30 years the Harrison West Society has been working to improve our neighborhood. One of the many goals was establishing green spaces to create a better living environment for the people who live here. Currently we help the city maintain the Vermont Island, Side by Side Park and the Harrison West Park.

The Vermont Island is maintained by the residents on that street. Side by Side is being tended to by the folks on Bradley.

We are looking for someone to help oversee the Harrison West Park on 4th and Oregon - sort of take ownership

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of the current beds. If your house faces the park wouldn't you want it to look good? If you use the park on a regular basis couldn't you spare a few hours a month to keep it looking great? The Society is always happy to have new members. The Parks Committee would like to have more active members among its ranks. We are not asking you to attend regular meetings. Only to spend time in the park that is

in your neighborhood. If this is something you would be interested in getting involved with, please contact the parks chair, Bob Mangia at 291-3727 (or, stop in and see him at Market Blooms in the North Market). Hope to see whoever you are SOON!

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scheduled rain barrel workshops.

Workshops scheduled are:

April 28, 3 to 5:30 PM

May 17, 6:30 to 9 PM

June 14, 6:30 to 9 PM

July 12, 6:30 to 9 PM

August 7, 6:30 to 9 PM

The cost share program is made possible by the City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities' Community Watershed Stewardship Project.

Harrison West Society Meetings Moving in June to the Harrison Park Community Center

Beginning with the the June 20 meeting, the Society will be gathering in the new Community Center at 525 West First in Harrison Park. This will be the regular meeting place for the Society from now on.

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We can't guarantee your article will be in the next issue but our goal to share ideas from our rich diversity in Harrison West. Articles should relate to living in Harrison West but can encompass the Central Ohio area if tied in some way to Harrison West.

April 22 - A Year in a Day

Goodale Park will be the site of a large event to Celebrate Earth Day this year. Here is the Idea: 500 people work 4 hours each, to equal the time one person spends working in an entire year: Hence, A Year in A Day.

Every environmental group in Columbus will be conducting their own individual activities in the morning, such as trash pick-up on our scenic rivers, planting trees and other community beautification projects. After working your 4 hours in the morning, in the afternoon, Goodale Park will be the setting for live music, food, organizational booths and speakers until 7pm.

The Sierra Club is creating a website for the list of worksites so potential volunteers can find something they are interested in. Other organizations sponsoring the event are Simply Living, Columbus Green Drinks, Buck-

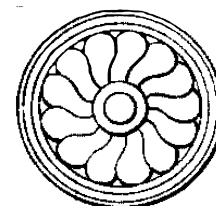
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More info can be found at:
<http://www.ayearinaday.org>.

Overheard at Victorian Midnight Café Side Bar

Harrison West enjoyed our Christmas Party this year at 253 W. 5th Ave., home of Vic's Café and Side Bar. They have added Happy Hour from 4 to 7pm, Monday thru Friday. Enjoy \$2 shots, \$3 Mixed Drinks, \$4 Martinis, and \$10 Bucket of Domestics... all while munching on a variety of foods prepared by Connie. Sunday

thru Tuesday, the bartender is perennial neighborhood favorite, Rich Polk, who was pictured on the front page of our January 2007 newsletter issue. When discussing his current activities, Rich stated if he was a resident of Harrison West, he would be pleased to run for the office of President. And, if elected, the first thing he would do is pull our troops out of Iraq.




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April 28: Columbus Metropolitan Library, Centennial Celebration at Main Library Downtown; Free, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free cake and ice cream, music, performances, Sue Grafton, award-winning mystery writer of the Alphabet mystery series, Local luminaries, John Kasick, Chris Bradley and the Weather Hound, and more.

May 20: Olde Town East Spring Home & Garden Tour 16 Home stops, starting from Tifereth Israel at 1354 E. Broad Street, 1- 7 p.m., tickets \$15, advance \$10, children 12 and under Free, For info: 515-5074, (866)468-3401, or www.oldetowne.org.

June 17: The Short North arches are scheduled for a re-lighting ceremony/celebration starting at 5 p.m.

June 24: Haus and Garten Tour, Eight restored homes and four gardens in German Village, 9a.m. to 6 p.m., tickets \$20, Advance \$15, 221-8888 or germanvillage.org

July 4: Doo Dah Parade, Short North Area of N. High St and surrounding Streets west of High St; Theme: Make Doo Dah, Not War! Parade starts at 1 p.m., Line-up of entrants at 12 noon. More info: www.DooDahParade.com

Sept 16: Victorian Village House & Garden Tour, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Details to follow.

Joint Garage Sale the First Weekend in June

Harrison West and Victorian Village will be hold a joint garage sale the first weekend in June. Stay tuned for further details as they become available.

Real Estate in HW

by Jacob Sukosd

While the rest of Central Ohio is had a slow start to 2007, Harrison West saw record levels of real estate transactions. For the first quarter of the year, 34 homes were sold in our neighborhood. This was driven mostly by Harrison Park Place (10 homes, averaging \$393,000 each) and Courtyard at Harrison West (5 units, averaging 152,500 each). Since all of these are new builds, the neighborhood has lots of new neighbors to welcome. Also, a number of former 2 family rentals have been turned into condos, and helped contribute to the high numbers.

As a whole, the average selling price was \$264,800, with units ranging from \$500,000 new builds homes to a \$145,000 fixer-upper. Right now there are about 9 single-family homes for sale in the neighborhood, at an average selling price of \$241,000. This excludes the Homes and Flats at Harrison Park, The Courtyard at Harrison West, and the Avenue One Lofts. These developments offer dozens of available units at a price range most everyone can afford.

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Richard Morris, Pastor

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Lasagna Gardening

Gardening seems to be a favorite hobby of many residents of Harrison West. To make a new flower or vegetable garden area in your yard, follow these simple steps:

Lasagna Gardening is a non-dig method of building a new garden. It does not require a Rototiller or shovel to gain a garden space that will have rich, friable(workable) soil.

- 1) Choose a level spot
- 2) Measure the size of your garden and mark off around the edges with boards, or your hose, or string, or with lime
- 3) Mow weeds or grass super short
- 4) Lay newspaper on top of ground at least 8 pages deep
- 5) Wet newspaper thoroughly
- 7) Put 1/2 inches of peat moss on top of newspaper
- 8) Lay 3 - 4 inches of straw, dried grass, or compost on top of peat moss
- 9) Top with 3 - 4 inches of manure
- 10 Top with a good layer of small bark chips
- 11) Sprinkle with blood meal
- 12) Let sit in Mother Nature's sunshine for at least 4 weeks
- 13) Plant small bedding plants through all layers, or make a shallow trench and put potting soil in it and add your plants.

Or, if you have time, lay seeds on top and cover with a dusting of potting soil.

REMEMBER!
**Voting on
Officers in May
ByLaws in June!**

Conservation Neighborhood Update

By Jim Slone

Here is the latest update on the Conservation Neighborhood (aka Conservation District). We are in the running to be the pilot neighborhood but we have a lot of work to do and we need your help.

Our first step is to get a core group of at least 10 people to sign on as the core signers to start the process.

Second we need to develop the guidelines that will establish how the Harrison West Conservation Neighborhood will operate. These will need to be approved by City Council.

Third, we need to get a vote of 51% to 60% of the people in Harrison West to approve the Conservation Neighborhood. The percentage has not yet been established but should be within that range.

How can you help? You can help by signing up to be one of the core signers. Working on the committee to draft the guidelines, volunteering to get out the vote, and of course, voting for the Conservation Neighborhood when someone comes to you for your vote.

Remember the purpose of the Conservation Neighborhood is to allow Harrison West to have a voice in how our neighborhood is developed and to preserve our unique character.

Scenic Olentangy River Causes A Scene Up North

The *Columbus Dispatch* had an editorial in the April 4th edition supporting the Friends of the Lower Olentangy

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Watershed's plan to ask the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to include the Olentangy in its system of officially designated water trails. This designation would allow the ODNR to map and provide information on the hazards on the river. This would allow canoes and kayaks to safely navigate the river.

Worthington and Riverlea residents are up in arms about this prospect according to the editorial because it

might disturb their enjoyment of the river. They are afraid that paddlers would become rowdy and trespass on their property. However, the vast majority of paddlers enjoy the river for the same reasons that they do.

This plan would also open up the river to paddlers in our neighborhood, especially once the 5th Ave dam is replaced. If you would like to add your voice to the debate then contact FLOW or ODNR and let them know.

Harrison West Welcomes the New Owner at Harrison House B&B

By Sandy Woolard

Would you like to be responsible for cleaning 7 rooms, four of those bedrooms each with their own private bath, every day? This is the joy of owning Harrison House B&B that faces the new owner, Lynn Varney. Fulfilling her life-long dream, she greets each day extremely happy and full of energy and excitement. Since this past November, she is the Owner/Innkeeper, starting her days at 5:30 a.m, preparing breakfast, answering the phones, joyfully entertaining her guests, and of course, keeping them advised of all there is to see and do in Columbus. Breakfast, which some guests enjoy dressed in their pj's, consists of quiche, eggs, baked French Toast, fresh fruit, fresh orange juice, eggs benedict and blueberry pancakes.

Until we outgrew its first floor, Harrison West held our Neighborhood Christmas Party there. As we go about our daily routines, the B & B thrives with phone calls from tourists all over the US and corporate companies such as Google making reservations for their stay in Columbus. OSU professors and students regularly avail themselves of the B & B comforts and great location. This Queen Anne beauty was built in 1890 and has passed through ownership of Battelle, Cardinal Industries and, recently, Sandy & Dan Dennis.

Lynn brings her love of cooking, gardening and entertaining to her new duties. With two children away at college, she moved from Worthington, Ohio, opened the doors on her first day of ownership, and has not stopped since. Most of the lovely antique furnishings were purchased from the previous owners. She is developing the backyard to accommodate her

guests and the frisky antics of her two Shih Tzus.

She welcomes Harrison West and all Short North residents to consider her comfortable atmosphere and close proximity for their family or guests as they visit our area. Each of the four bedrooms has a queen - sized bed, private bath, wireless Internet, premium cable TV and a communal laundry room. While there may be a slight difference in room size, the rate for each is \$119/night. Ample off-street parking is available.

Check out her website, www.harrisonhouse-columbus.com Located at 313 W. 5th Ave Phone number is 614-421-2022

Avenue One's "Curvaceous" Design Draws Attention

Harrison West is blessed with new-built condos. One of the latest is the Chip Santer development, Avenue One, at the corner of W. First Ave and Thurber Dr. All 24 units are one-bedroom, one full bath, each with a balcony and a parking garage. Developer, Chip Santer, said the selling point is, "location, location, location, and each unit has lofty ceilings, curvaceous walls". Unit sizes vary and are priced from \$179,900 to \$289,900. For more info see their website at www.avenueonelofts.com

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Harrison West Society News

*This is exciting times for Harrison West Society
as we improve the neighborhood by*

Working to become a Conservation Neighborhood	Work with FLOW on the Fifth Avenue Dam
Vote on new Harrison West Society Officers	Work with ODNR on the Olentangy River
Vote on a new Constitution and By Laws	Work with others to improve downtown living



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