

# HARRISON WEST NEWS

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## Many thanks and...Welcome!!

With the election of new officers for our July 2007 thru June 2008 year, and our move to a NEW meeting space The Harrison Park Community Center at 575 W. 1st Ave, the corner of First and Perry, Harrison West Society is ready for a New Year.

First, our sincere thanks to those who directed us over the past year. Our past President, Rob Harris, has endured a physical challenge and is on the mend. We continue to wish him well and hope to see him at our meetings. He was President for the past year after serving as Vice President for one year. Under his leadership in these two positions, our Executive Committee was extended to include committees, which are vital to our growth and survival as a preferred place to live. Rob's skills as an Architect also allowed him to outline an agenda that will help guarantee the money each of us invests in our Harrison West home maintains it's value. In Rob's absence, due to his illness, Mary Funk, Vice-President, was more than capable to step in and continue her vigilance to also maintain the quality of life we enjoy in our neighborhood. We enjoyed the skills of Becky Borlaza as Treasurer and Jim Slone as Secretary.

We start our new year with Chris Ruder as our President. Chris has lived in Harrison West since 1989 and has served our Society well as Chair of the By-Laws Committee. He has the unenviable task of leading us forward with much growth in new housing and in the implementation of TIF dollars, and in leading our neighborhood in continually protecting our lifestyle by helping us decide if we should obtain a Conserva-

tion or Area Commission status. Mary Funk has agreed to again serve the Society as our Vice-President. Mary has lived in the neighborhood for over 30 years and is one of our most stalwart advocates. Scot Robinson, of 5/3 Bank, and a neighbor for the last 4 years, is our new Treasurer. Jim Slone will be our Secretary. Jim, who works at Nationwide, has been in the area for over 20 years, also devotes many hours to see that our newsletter is "typeset", and writes articles each month.



**Harrison Park 575 West First Avenue**  
*New Meeting Place for Harrison West Society*

Do join us at our NEW MEETING LOCATION for our new meeting format on the third Wednesday of each month. See you June 20!!!

## Next Meeting: June 20

- Welcome to our new meeting place!
- Harrison Park Development & TIF Status
- 5th Ave Lowhead Dam Representative
- Summer Block Party
- SNNF Volunteer of the Year award nominee.

## NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet  
Wednesday, June 20  
at 7:00 PM Harrison  
Park, First & Perry

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## Meeting Minutes for May

*Submitted By Jim Slone, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of voting members present (20). The meeting was lead by the Vice President. There were no new members in attendance.

### Routine Business:

**Minutes** Pastor Morris motioned to approve the minutes of the April meeting as posted in the May newsletter. Second. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report** We have \$4,723.13 in checking.

### Committee Reports:

**Parks** Chair Bob Mangia got a quote to refurbish the benches in our parks of \$50 for all 10 benches. This quote seemed very low to most. Craig noted that he spent \$50 just on sealer for the benches last time. Bob will recheck with the bidder to verify the costs and quality of the materials.

**Elections Report** Elected as President is Chris Ruder, for Vice-President Mary Funk, for Treasurer Scott Robinson, and for Secretary Jim Slone. The new officers will take their positions starting in June.

**Planning & Development** The residents at 367-369 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave have requested a hardship rezoning from C4 to R2. This would enable them to obtain residential mortgage rates and insurance. Chair Jacob Sukosd motioned to support the rezoning with a request to look at the garage design. Second and Passed with one opposed.

Jacob noted that rentals are starting to go away in the neighborhood, a sign that the neighborhood is becoming less transient and hence more property conscience. He also noted that the Harrison Park condos are selling well.

**Traffic** Chair Craig Copeland reported that the water is in the islands and the city paid to get the water to Harrison Park.

**Social** The annual Summer Block Party will tentatively be held the first week of August. There was discussion about having it at Harrison Park Community House. Details to follow.

**Crime** Officer Smith reported that theft from auto is at 30% versus 73% for the precinct. There were 2 car thefts in HW (one by a family member) and 3 burglaries.

### New Business & Announcements:

**Zeno's Outside Patio Discussion** Steve Cross recommended that the Society support Zeno's plan to put an outside patio somewhere on the property. The patio would consist of two chairs and a railing and would allow patrons to smoke outside. The long time members were the most vocal against the patio because of past history with Zeno's leads them to believe that he will not keep his word. They suggested that he keep current promises to reduce noise and obey the smoking laws before requesting new support. The point was also raised that there simply might not be enough room on the sidewalk to have a patio. It was decided that Jacob Sukosd and Craig Copeland review the plans for the patio and report back to the Society.

**HWS Meeting Dates** The next meeting will be June 20, 7 p.m. at the Harrison Park. The *Executive Committee* will meet Wednesday, June 6, 7 p.m. at Harrison Park. Please note the new location for both meetings and the new time for the Executive meeting. **Adjournment** Steve Cross made a motion for adjournment. Passed. Meeting ended at 8:30pm.

## Harrison West News

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## GOING GREEN

By Barbara Williams

### Recycling the Rain

The big green barrel just delivered to our front porch is called a water butt in the UK. Thanks to FLOW's (Friends of the Lower Olentangy's) Rain Barrel Workshop we're adding a rain barrel. Connected to the downspout, it collects rain water from the roof and diverts what might become storm water runoff into the Olentangy into our little front yard garden. (The soft water also makes for happy house plants or is a great hair rinse.) We're catching water, redirecting it at the same time we're helping out Mother Nature with storm water runoff. Oh yes, it has a mosquito screen.

Another way for homes (or businesses, for that matter) to assist with storm water runoff is to plant or install a rain garden. Water is captured in a garden that features native plants, and the water has a chance to slowly filter into the ground rather than run off into the storm sewer. If your yard has a depression or low lying area where water tends to accumulate after a storm, one solution is a slightly depressed garden where rainwater can soak into the ground. Native plants

will usually adjust to quantities of water or survive well in dry weather. You can create your own rain garden by digging a ditch and extending your downspout. The idea is to allow rainwater to soak in instead of running off into the sewer. Still worried about mosquitoes? It takes at least 3-4 days for them to breed in standing water.

Why do we need to be interested in stormwater runoff anyway? We live in an urban environment. Rain falls on roofs, roads, and parking lots--impenetrable



surfaces where it can't soak in to do all the good stuff that rain does for growing things. Pollutants, carried with storm water into the sewers can degrade our water quality. Let's learn what our environment needs and work with it.. We're all caretakers of our Earth. Those official city caretakers can't do it all..

**ENERGY SAVING TIP:** If you place lamps or TVs near your air conditioning thermostat, their heat will cause the air conditioner to run longer.

If you're really serious about home energy use (and saving money),

raise your thermostat a notch in warm weather. When you adjust, try another notch.

Got a programmable thermostat yet?.

### Be a Good Neighbor:

Suggestions:

#1) When placing empty boxes in the dumpsters, please flatten them first. This saves room for all neighbors for their trash.

#2) Remember that all yard clippings, leaves, live Christmas trees go at the curb in FRONT of your home for pick up. Recycling placed next to the dumpsters just stays there until someone picks it up places it in the dumpsters.

#3) Those little treats of feces left by your adorable dog, whether on the sidewalk or in our city parks, or in the treeline ...pick it up in a plastic bag and dispose of it. Do not leave it for others to step in or smell.

## Wit & Wisdom

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## Wines for All Seasons

By Gilbert Borlaza

Summer has finally arrived in central Ohio, bringing with it barbecues, dinner parties on the patio, and cocktail parties under the stars. Before stocking up on a small selection of wines for my own summer dinners, I paid a visit to Anton Wood, proprietor of Harrison West's Café Apropos for some wine advice. Located at the corner of Third and Michigan Avenues, Caffé' Apropos is a jack-of-all-trades establishment, serving as a neighborhood café, coffee roaster, bar, ice cream parlor, and wine shop. Weekly wine tasting events on Friday evenings offer patrons the opportunity to try five diverse (but affordable) wines for a low price. Caffé Apropos also sells a wide variety of wines and beer by the glass

or bottle. I asked Anton about some of his favorite wine picks to complement typical summer meals or settings.

### Barbecue

Barbecue is the quintessential way to prepare food in the summer. For grilled meats such as steak or chicken, Anton suggests any Australian Shiraz. He particularly enjoys the Greg Norman Shiraz (\$16.99). Look for a bottle with the same colorful shark logo found on Greg Norman's line of golf attire.

### Seafood

Whether grilled, baked or seared, seafood is perfect for summer dinner parties on the patio. Anton recommends the *Martin Codax Albarino* (\$11.99) for seafood dishes and summer salads. This Spanish wine is a refreshing, dry white that goes well with shellfish steamed in wine.

### Pasta

Summer pasta dishes come in many varieties, from hot to cold, or seafood to primavera. For pastas with white sauces, Anton recommends the *Louis Latour Chablis* (\$19.99). For red sauces, his recommendation is the *Seghesio Zinfandel* (\$19.99), which also happens to be one of my favorite red wines. I first tried this smooth red on a Mexican cruise earlier this year and have since found it on the wine lists of many restaurants in Columbus.

### Picnic

Wine is the perfect addition to a summer picnic with friends. Anton suggests *Three Thieves Cabernet-Sauvignon, Zinfandel, or Pinot Noir* (\$10.99). Bottled in Napa Valley by vintners who consider themselves "liberators of fine wine",

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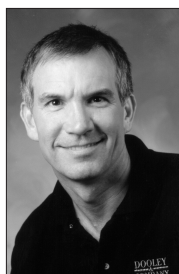
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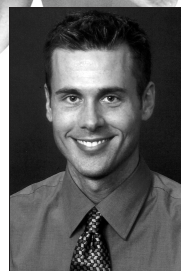
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**Three Thieves** “jugs” are equivalent to 1 ½ bottles of wine, which is perfect for a feast in the park.

#### Dessert

Sweet wines are great on their own after a meal or as a complement to a dessert. Anton recommends the **Brown Brothers Moscato** (\$8.99). Look for a lovely green bottle in Caffé Apropos’ wine cooler. I also like the **Mondavi Moscato d’Oro** (approx. \$20), though it can be difficult to find locally.

#### Sipping

According to Anton, “chilled Chardonnays are great for warm summer days”. He specifically recommends the Sonoma Cutrer Chardonnay (\$23.99) or the Clos Du Bois Chardonnay (\$11.99). For red wine lovers, Anton suggests the Bogle Petite Sirah (\$11.99) or the Cambria Pinot Noir (\$25.99).

#### Summer Romance

Summer is the season for romance, and wine is the perfect complement to stargazing or a picnic in a meadow (though I haven’t found a really great meadow in Columbus). Anton suggests the Relax Riesling (\$10.99). Look for the distinctive blue bottle, also in the wine cooler.

#### Everyday

Studies have shown that drinking wine in moderation, particularly red wine, may yield some health benefits. Anton’s favorites for everyday wines include Lindeman’s Bin 65 Chardonnay (\$7.99) or the Dante Zinfandel (\$9.99).

#### Champagne/Sparkling

A good bottle of sparkling wine always makes a special occasion even more special. By the way, the word “Champagne” is traditionally only used for sparkling wines that come from the Champagne region of France. Anton recommends Veuve Cliquot (\$53.99), an excellent Champagne I recently tried at a



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wine tasting. He also suggests the Freixenet Negro (\$11.99) sparkling wine.

Caffé Apropos is open seven days a week. Be sure to pick up a few bottles of great wine before your next summer dinner party with friends and family!

### Mark it with Colors!

By Chris Ruder

If you’ve ever wondered what those spray-painted marks on your lawn meant (or the flags on the little

poles) — here they are:

- ❖ Blue — Water pipes
- ❖ Green — Sewer lines
- ❖ Orange — Communications cables
- ❖ Pink — Temporary survey marks
- ❖ Purple — Reclaimed Water lines
- ❖ Red — Electric lines
- ❖ White — Proposed excavation boundaries
- ❖ Yellow — Gas lines

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## Garden Views: June is for Gardeners

by *Tim Prince*

For the most part, June is a month for gardeners to enjoy the show. Perennials are in their full glory and annual flowers are just beginning. To assure that annuals give their best and longest show this summer, some maintenance will be necessary. These activities include applying fertilizer, controlling weeds, and watering.

Annuals in beds where slow-release fertilizer was incorporated shouldn't need additional nutrition. For all others, I like to fertilize every two weeks with liquid fertilizer. I recommend bloom-builder types of fertilizer, which have high amounts of phosphorus (the second number in the formula). I have found that their use does produce brighter and more numerous blooms.

For weed control around annuals, Preen pre-emergent herbicide works well. For best results, first weed the bed, then apply the herbicide to the soil only when plant foliage is dry. Brush off any particles sticking to the plants, then water-in thoroughly. One application gives me several months of control.

I've observed that simple lack of watering is responsible for many failures of summer annuals. Watering can be done with portable sprinklers, automatic systems, or the old-fashioned way - by hand. The best device for hand watering is a breaker nozzle (circular metal head with pinholes) attached to an extension wand. A breaker applies the maximal amount of water, in minimal time, without damaging plants or washing away soil. The extension wand is also great for reaching hanging baskets and applying water directly to individual

plants in beds. Next month I'll discuss my experiences with using micro- and drip-irrigation systems to ease the labor of watering.

For those of you that grow plants from seed, the third week of June is the time for seeding biennials (like foxglove and sweet William) for bloom next spring, and for seeding autumn annuals. While many of you have planted garden mums before, the use of autumn annuals is a rather new concept for most gardeners. It involves replacing of summer annuals in September with annuals that are frost tolerant, thereby extending the flowering season into late November. The mainstays of the plantings are pansies and especially violas. Modern violas not only can provide bloom well into early December, but many are hardy in our area, giving repeat bloom in the spring. I have had great second performances from violas 'Skipper XL Red Gold', 'Angel Tiger Eye' and a blue and yellow beauty called 'Bilbo Baggins'. I'm planning to accompany my pansy and viola show this autumn with sweet alyssum, snapdragons, and a Swiss chard called 'Bright Lights' that has multicolored stems. If you've never tried

of the new violas.

Starting violas from seed in the summer is best done in a cool basement or air conditioned room. For success, seeds must be covered with an eighth of an inch of media and kept in darkness. Wrap your seed flat in foil to achieve this and hold the temperature around 62-63 F. A cool basement floor is ideal for this. Seedlings will emerge in about 10 days. Move them under lights and grow them cool. Violas seeded in mid-June will begin flowering in early September. If you haven't the time to grow violas from seed, look for them this September at local garden centers. With their two seasons of bloom, I think they are one of the best values in plants.



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## Update on The Courtyards at Harrison West

The Courtyards at Harrison West have just sold all the units in Phase I. The condominium project is located at 1112 Perry Street in Harrison West, Columbus, OH. The model home opened in December 2006 and all ten units have closed. The demand was very strong and the units were the lowest price point in the area. "The developer, The New Victorians, worked with the Harrison West Society for over 11 months to achieve a product that the neighborhood would be proud of," states Joe Armeni.

Ground has just been broken on Phase II with occupancy expected in September of 2007. Contracts are now being written. The new units will be priced from \$159,900 to \$169,900 and will feature many amenities. These include hardwood floors, exposed brick walls, vaulted ceilings, a loft bedroom and garden baths. The condos are energy efficient units with 90% efficient gas furnaces, a tank less hot water system and insulated windows. Each condo will have there own private exterior patio space.

The units are being marketed by Joe Armeni of RE/MAX City Center REALTORS.

For additional Information contact Joe at 614-291-7555

## Harrison West Sandwich

Spinelli's Deli. Located in Thurber Center at 767 Neil Ave, features a Harrison West Sandwich. As you are out and about, Stop in and enjoy our tribute sandwich: Ham and Swiss Cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion and spicy onion. All for \$5.69.

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## 33 ANNUAL VICTORIAN VILLAGE TOUR OF HOMES & GARDENS RETURNS TO THE SHORT NORTH ON SEPTEMBER 16TH

*By John Myers*

(Columbus) – The 33rd annual Victorian Village tour of Homes and Gardens will open its doors and garden gates on Sunday, September 16th from 10:00AM to 6:00PM.

This year's tour is all ready shaping up to be an exciting and different view of living in the Victorian Village and the Short North neighborhoods. The home selection committee has been hard at work meeting with numerous homeowners from Victorian Style homes to a High Rise Penthouse apartment. We are very excited at the diversity of lifestyle living that will be showcased this year.

Our first home to be signed up belongs to Jeff and Lisa Morton, of 1149 Neil Avenue.

After living in Arlington for many years, Jeff and Lisa inherited family heirlooms from both sides of the family and begin looking for a home of the same era. They wanted to live in a diverse, vibrant, pedestrian-oriented neighborhood where they could walk to dinner, shops, and entertainment. In April 2004 they moved in and months

later, after constructing a carriage house to the rear of the property, piled their furniture into two rooms of the front house, and moved into the carriage house while the main house was undergoing major renovation. They preserved as much of the original structure as possible while making the home comfortable and convenient for today's style of living. With the assistance of Urban Order (architects), Aurora Industries (contractor), and Environmental Management Design (landscape), they now have the perfect home – a showcase for their family heirlooms.

In addition to the meticulous interior renovation, Jeff and Lisa have also been spending a lot of time redesigning their front and rear yards. While many couples are moving into the city from the suburbs, hoping to reduce their lawn mowing time with smaller lots, Jeff and



Lisa's yard is actually bigger than their previous yard in their Upper Arlington home. They are currently in the process of making numerous outdoor "rooms" for entertaining and should be ready just in time for the tour, to showcase the last phase of this wonderful home renovation.

While researching the home they

found an interesting coincidence – the original owners of this home in 1895 (Cyrus and Ethel Leona Woodbury) moved to Arlington just blocks from where Jeff and Lisa lived before moving to Victorian Village. Other owners of interest over the years include the King Thompson Land Company, The Neil Avenue Home for Guests, and Battelle Memorial Institute.

For additional information on the tour or for monthly updates, please visit the Victorian Village Society web site at [www.victorianvillage.org](http://www.victorianvillage.org). You can also e-mail us at [tour@victorianvillage.org](mailto:tour@victorianvillage.org).

## All Are Invited to the Harrison West Summer Block Party on July 20, 6-10PM!

*By Gil Borland*

It's that time of year again! Join your friends and neighbors at the annual Harrison West Summer Block Party on Friday, July 20, 2007, 6-10PM. This fun and informal event gives Harrison West residents an opportunity to socialize, meet new people, and enjoy a relaxing summer evening outdoors.

The Block Party will be held on West Fourth Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and the easternmost alley. Bring a chair for yourself a side dish to share. The Harrison West Society will provide burgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, music, games and giveaways.

We look forward to seeing you on July 20! Please contact Gil Borlaza at 746-5558 or [gborlaza@borlaza.com](mailto:gborlaza@borlaza.com) if you have any questions. More information is also available online at [www.harrisonwest.org](http://www.harrisonwest.org).



## Historic Parade Declares - Make Doo Dah Not War!

Cryptic messages from DisOrganizers encourage locals to, "Get weird, bring us your floats!"

DOO DAH PARADE - July 4

(PARADE RAIN DATE - July 3)

(Columbus) The nearly historic DisOrganizers of the 24th Annual Doo Dah Parade have opened the gates of opportunity to all local artists, rockers, beatniks, poets, politicians, weather-persons, residents, observers, potential celebrities, dog-lovers or interested parties to participate in one of the nation's greatest, and oldest, continual Fourth of July parades.

"It's only two months to DOO DAH! We're looking for all those citizens brave enough to declare their allegiance to oddity, wave the flag of freakdom, and who can afford to pimp out their automobile into a sweet, yet relevant float for the parade," said ChairChick, Queen Mz Doo Dah Deb.

"This event is among the finest cultural occasions of the year, and we expect a record crowd to celebrate all that is artistic, sarcastic and at least marginally witty. We also hope that thousands of adoring fans will turn out to recognize the significant contributions of our Less-Than-Grand Marshal Mike Harden, who has delighted generations with his sage-like observations and commentary."

Those who want to express the fullest in DOO DAH can create a float, march and dance, volunteer, see old photos of those Marching Fidel's, Batman, etc., or even DONATE to keep the DOO DAH tradition limping along for one more glorious year, can visit us at:  
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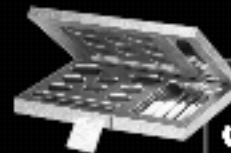
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## BICYCLES ... A BETTER WAY

By Chris Luers Restoration Bicycle

Gas prices are on the rise. As I write this they have just risen to \$3.49 per gallon. How much longer

can you afford to drive a car? Bicycles, on the other hand, are the most efficient vehicle we have! They don't pollute when being ridden and they are powered by a renewable resource.

An average bicyclist burns 35 calories per mile. A car burns 1850 calories. If a bicyclist used the same energy as the car they would go 53 miles! Under 6 miles, a bicycle takes the same or less time to travel the same distance as car.

Bicycles are zero emissions vehicle when being ridden. They are powered by humans and we are powered by the renewable resource, food. According to Andy Clarke, executive director of the League of American Bicyclists, the nation's cycling advocacy organization., Americans who participated in Bike to Work Day on May 18th . . .

- ❖ saved more than 56 tanker trucks of gasoline
- ❖ saved \$5.7 million in driving costs
- ❖ prevented 4,580 tons of carbon dioxide and 230 tons of carbon monoxide from entering the atmosphere
- ❖ burned 410 million calories

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### Simply Living's Alternative

The objectives of each workshop are:

- ❖ You learn the components of your bicycle; -You learn how to do general repairs and maintenance; — You understand how to ride comfortably and intelligently on city streets

Specific topics include:

- ❖ Getting a bicycle that fits; Keeping your bicycle reliable; Fixing your bicycle when it breaks; Choosing Accessories; Rules of the road

Bring your bikes for fitting and maintenance advice!

Those who attend his workshops will be invited to an instructional ride with Chris at a future date. The ride is meant to get new riders on the road for the first time, with the assistance of experienced riders. The ride will be short and there will be frequent stops to discuss techniques and pitfalls.

If you are interested in attending a workshop on bikes in the future, do contact Chris.

### Thrifty Gourmet

The *Spaghetti Warehouse* Restaurant 397 W. Broad St, One block east of 315.

614-464-0143  
www.meatballs.com

Hours:

Mon – Thurs 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Friday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Saturday 12 noon to 11 p.m.  
Sunday 12 noon to 10 p.m.

It has been many years since I visited The Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant. In fact, I thought they had closed. But, no way. My server, Dave Feroz, advised me they have some of the highest grossing single day revenue in the city of Columbus on Football Saturdays. On these occasions, the 800+ seats are full; the kitchen will have 8 cooks, 4 to 5 folks preparing appetizers, 3 to 4 bartenders, and at least 35 servers.

What drew me there was the advice of the Perennial Neighborhood Favorite, Rich Polk, also known as the King of Cheap. All day, every Wednesday, three of their famous Spaghetti dinners are only \$4.99. For this paltry sum, you receive a full serving of Spaghetti, and endless refills of either a soup or salad, and refills on bread and any soft drink.

Your Spaghetti choices are as follows: #1) Original Recipe Spaghetti with Rich Meat Sauce (None Better). Our famous homemade recipe with meats, cheese, herbs & spices. All simmered in a big pot of tomato sauce until perfect. Normally priced at \$8.99

#2) Marinara A meatless recipe with plenty of bold flavors. Normally priced at \$6.99

#3) Tomato Sauce Crushed tomatoes & spices in a beef stock. Normally priced at \$6.29

Their full menu offers appetizers, soup & salad specials, warehouse dinner specials, pasta favorites, desserts to die for, wines and beer and soft drinks, tea and coffee.

The interior is very interesting, divided up into several very different dining areas. For instance, I dined in an old railway car. There is ample parking.

## Events of Interest

**May 3 - July 8, 2007** Give and Take: Education and the Quilt-maker; Riffe Gallery For more info: [www.riffegallery.org](http://www.riffegallery.org) (644-9624)

**June 22 - 24:** Comfest Community Festival at Goodale Park. Enjoy food, music, and community spirit. The '60s are dead it living at Comfest! Vist <http://www.comfest.com> for full details.

**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](http://germanvillage.org)

**June 30:** Riverfest Celebrates Central Ohio Rivers and Streams 12 Noon - 7 p.m. This annual event will feature live music, a rock climbing wall, boating on the Scioto, crafts and much more. Riverfest features booths and hands-on activities for kids by our watershed organizations, environmental groups and government agencies. Sponsored by the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission. For additional information on events visit <http://www.riverfestcolumbus.org/> or phone Leslie Strader at 614-233-4124. Location: North Bank Park, 311 W. Long St. in downtown Columbus.

**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](http://www.DooDahParade.com)

**Sept 16:** Victorian Village House & Garden Tour, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. See article on page 8 for details and contact information.

## UPDATE from BATTELLE

*Battelle construction to continue through summer*

If you've seen bulldozers or heard jackhammers near the Battelle campus, 505 King Ave., it's because its facilities are undergoing major renovations that are expected to last through the summer.

The most conspicuous project to neighbors and passersby is Battelle's large south parking lot on Fifth Avenue. The lot is being paved and a new landscaped plaza and security fence will be added. Construction in that lot is expected to wrap up by September. During construction, Battelle staff have been advised to park in the open lot south of Fifth Avenue or east of Perry Street.

Battelle's East Patio, located off Battelle Boulevard, is undergoing a major transformation including tree removal, patio construction, outdoor stairway construction and canopy installation at the entrances. That construction is expected to run through August.

Please contact Melissa Fiala at Battelle at [fialam@battelle.org](mailto:fialam@battelle.org) or 424-4824 with any Battelle-related

questions or concerns.

## Our Neighbors

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And, then, the real thing. Lights, Cameras, Action.

Erin's education in so many different areas of a production help her, along with her innate love of fabric and design and her sense of creativity, be one of the lucky ones who loves to go to work every day.

And, if you need clothes created or mended, she can be reached at 216-316-0365.

## FLOW Tour Visits Fifth Avenue Dam

On April 20, FLOW (Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed) hosted a Bus Tour along the Olentangy Watershed. The day-long tour started at Highbanks Metropark and included: a walking tour of the Big Run Preserve in Delaware County; An update from Delaware General Health District on their Home Sewage Treatment System Replacement and Repair

For more info on the activities of FLOW, call 267-3386. [www.olentangywatershed.org](http://www.olentangywatershed.org)



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## Our Neighbors...

By Sandy Woolard

When attending a movie, a play, the art museum, or the ballet, or the Columbus Zoo, for instance, besides enjoying the entertainment, I also enjoy my surroundings, absorbing all that is before me. Rarely do I ever think about all that preceded each event, all that allows me to greatly enjoy what is before me.

One of our neighbors, Erin Blood, knows first hand what is involved with each and every step for each and every production presented by Ballet Met. For the past three years, she is one of three permanent staff members in the Costume Shop who work behind the scenes to make it all so enjoyable for us.

As Assistant Costume Shop Manager, she has very intimate knowledge of the thoughts behind costumes created for the cast members. For some well know productions, there may be costumes available from another production company. Most times, she and her associates literally start from scratch, making the patterns for their creations to fit the local performers. However, to make the best use of each outfit, they are designed to fit a range of sizes. For each nine-month season, Erin and her associates must prepare costumes for the 30 full time dancers for their 6 productions. Depending on the size of the show, from one to 14 extra stitchers may be hired.

For the recent production of the story ballet of Alice in Wonderland, Erin worked with the created design for the outfit of the mock turtle character. First, she envisions the ideas for the turtle outfit, to be worn by a grown man, brings these ideas to life with various layers of different materials needed to allow the

turtle to appear realistic. Then, she sets about finding the materials for the convex shell that will support the fabric stretched over it, yet be lightweight enough to not weigh down a performer for the almost three hours he will be on stage.

As a youngster, Erin learned to sew by using material scraps from her Mother's sewing to fashion clothes for her dolls, which she also created. With a degree in Theatre, her Mother was a performer in productions at Muskingum College in New Concord, Oh and Erin and her 3 sisters were on stage, singing, at an early age. She has always been fascinated with color and texture and how creative one can be with just bits and pieces of materials.

Erin graduated from Muskingum College with a BA in Theatre and wanted to be an actress. Initially, she saw her future in Cleveland, OH and spent her first summer after college in the northern city. When nothing much materialized, she heard of an opening that Fall at Ballet Met in Columbus for a beginning stitcher, got the position and has fallen in love with Columbus, and the Harrison West area. and very much in love with her job. Earning her degree in Theatre, she has been trained in acting, directing,

scene painting, carpentry, lighting, makeup, hair design and sewing. After three years with Ballet Met, she has been promoted and found her niche. In her position, she not only creates, designs and sews costumes, she is involved with the makeup and hair styles and

foot ware worn by performers, she helps oversee the setting up of dressing rooms, keeps a schedule of who wears what when, the staff that does laundry, mends clothing, etc.

One of the most exciting events of Erin's work occurs when a semi truck pulls up to Ballet Met's location at 322 Mt. Vernon Ave and loads up the whole production (props, costumes, lights, etc,) and moves it all to the site of the performance, such as the Ohio Theatre. This all starts on a Monday morning and ends with the opening on Thursday evening. During this week, lights are hung, floors are layed down, standing positions are marked on the floor for performers, dressing rooms are set up, a series of rehearsals with technicians are conducted, dancers rehearse without costumes and no sets, then with sets and lights and no costumes and then, dress rehearsal.

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# Harrison West Society News

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

Working to become a Conservation Neighborhood	Work with FLOW on the Fifth Avenue Dam
New Meeting location at Harrison Park	Work with ODNR on the Olentangy River
Vote on a new Constitution	Work with others to improve downtown living



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