

## Harrison West Welcomes Candidates



City Council Candidates (L to R): Priscilla Tyson, Hearcel Craig, Larry Thomas (front) Charleta Tavares, Paul Bingle (back), Heidi Samuel, Bill Brownson (back), Jim O'Grady.

by Gilbert Borlaza

The Harrison West Society hosted our *Meet The Candidates* event on Monday, October 29, 2007. The event, which was held at the Harrison Park Community Center, included numerous candidates running for Columbus City Council and the Columbus Board of Education. Despite an audience that was slightly smaller than anticipated, the event was successful in its primary objective of providing a venue in which neighborhood residents could learn more about 14

of their candidates. The event also gave candidates the opportunity to share their plans for the City Council and Board of Education with their Harrison West constituents.

The *Meet The Candidates* event was divided into two phases, with Board of Education candidates appearing first, followed by the City Council candidates. The Harrison West Society welcomed the following candidates for Board of Education: Gary Baker II, Bill Buckel, Jeff Cabot, W. Shawna Gibbs, Stephanie Groce, and Mike Wiles. We also

welcomed the following candidates for City Council: Paul Bingle, Bill Brownson, Hearcel Craig, Jim Grady, Heidi Samuel, Charleta Tavares, Larry Thomas, and Priscilla Tyson. A surrogate speaker provided a statement on behalf of Andrew Ginther. The Harrison West Society thanks these candidates for joining us for an informative evening.

Candidates were provided with two minutes to make opening statements, followed by a moderated question and answer session. Audience members submitted anonymous questions on cards for candidates, which were read aloud by the *Meet The Candidates* event chair, Gil Borlaza, who served as the moderator for the evening. Audience questions were screened and filtered for appropriateness by the moderator and all candidates answered the same questions. A wide variety of questions were posed by the Harrison West residents, touching on issues including beliefs on evolution, proposed plans for downtown Columbus, supplies for schoolteachers, district-based elections, and even candidates political heroes. The order in which candidates responded were randomly selected,

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### NEXT MEETING

Join us at the next Harrison West Society meeting to meet your neighbors and make a difference in your neighborhood! **Meeting Date:** November 21, 2007 at 7 p.m.

**Save the Date!** The Harrison West holiday party will be held December 19. Location TBD. Please check [www.harrisonwest.org](http://www.harrisonwest.org) for details.



## OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Submitted By Jim Slone

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. with a quorum of voting members present (24).

**Minutes** Craig Copeland moved to approve the minutes as printed in the Harrison West News. The minutes for September 18, 2007 were seconded and **PASSED**.

**Treasurer's Report** As of last meeting we have \$3,345.48 in checking, \$2,517.26 in savings, and \$2,621.25 in a CD. Scott Robinson reported the new numbers at the meeting but the secretary didn't hear them due to the noise in the room. The new amounts will be published at the next meeting and on the website.

Chris Ruder made a motion to amend the By Laws to state that our meetings will be held at Harrison Park Community Center (current location) versus the First Brethren Church (previous location). The motion was seconded and **PASSED** with no discussion.

Chris Ruder made a motion to appoint Sandy Woolard to be our representative to the SNNF Board. Mary made a motion that a letter be sent to Steve Cross, the former representative, thanking him for his service. The motions were seconded and **PASSED** with no discussion.

Scott Robinson made a motion to pay the liability insurance premium, which costs \$1,000. This included protection for the Side-By-Side park against vandalism, etc. It was requested that a copy of the Insurance policy be obtained by the treasurer. The motion was seconded and **PASSED** with little discussion.

Gil Borlaza made a motion to authorize Gil to negotiate for storage with Wagenbrenner at the Harrison Park Community Center. Storage containers are expected to be around \$60.00. This motion was made to prevent a potential conflict of interest between HWS and Chris Ruder as Chris is a condominium representative also. The motion was seconded and **PASSED** with little discussion.

Pastor Morris made a motion that HWS oppose the renewal of the liquor license for Zeno's when it comes up for renewal in January by sending a letter to the Ohio Liquor Board and the City. The motion was seconded with discussion.

Chris Reichert asked why were we opposing the only tax generating revenue business in Harrison West. Rob Harris responded that there were many tax generating businesses in Harrison West and listed five off the top of his head.

Barb Williams responded that she was afraid that if Zeno's went out of business due to the loss of the liquor license then that corner would go dark, which wouldn't be good for the neighborhood. It was quickly pointed out that corner was prime business real estate and another business would come in to fill the void.

Chris Reichert suggested that HWS give Zeno's a chance to show that they can become a good neighbor. This was met by many residents sharing their experience with Zeno's over the years. This included a failed arbitration for noise and destruction of property by their patrons, the current flaunting of the smoking laws, and a general feeling that Zeno's had used up all their chances with the neighborhood. The motion to oppose the renewal of the liquor license was brought to a vote. There were 15 approved the motion and 3 opposed. The motion **PASSED**. The Executive Committee will draw up the letter and send it to the Ohio Liquor Board and the City.

**New Business** Mary Funk mentioned that Wednesday, November 14 has been designated "Buckeye Way Day" by the city. The city will be turning Michigan Avenue into "Buckeye Way" for Beat Michigan week. There will be a ceremony at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. It was suggested that this be put on the website. There were no objections. Mary will send Jim Slone something to put on the web.

**Adjournment** Gil Borlaza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and **PASSED**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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## UPDATE: OCTOBER 2007 HARRISON WEST COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Budget* No Report.

*Communications* No Report.

*Civic Relations* No Report.

**Crime** Steve Smith reported that there was 1 burglary, 2 destruction of property, 1 miscellaneous theft. There were 5 incidences of person(s) unknown stealing the tops of grills in the Short North and Victorian Village areas. Please be aware and take precautions if you have an outside grill.

*Membership* No Report.

**Parks** Bob Mangia reported that Parks and Green Space Committee recommended not to sign the letter from the Coalition for Color in City Parks. Scott Robinson suggested that a Fall Planting Party be organized to plant mums and mulch the parks in Harrison West. Bob will look into this. Chris reminded Bob that he is the point person for the Harrison River Park. Bob agreed and said that he was keeping an eye on those developments.

*Planning* No report.

**Social** Gil Borlaza announced that the "Meet the Candidates Night" is set for Monday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrison Park Community Center. Visit [www.harrisonwest.org](http://www.harrisonwest.org) for details.

*Transportation* No report.

**Attention all Pet Lovers:** For our December issue, help us present a glimpse of the love shared with your favorite pet(s) by submitting a photo for consideration for publication in Harrison West Newsletter.

Photos must be e-mailed to [newsletter@harrisonwest.org](mailto:newsletter@harrisonwest.org) and be received no later than December 19, 2007. Please include the pet's name and your name and your address. We will not publish your full name or your address. Resolution of your photo should be at least 300 dpi.

## TIF RECAP OCTOBER 17, 2007

Bob Mangia opened the discussion of the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) by providing a brief synopsis of the meeting that he and Mary Funk had with Alan McKnight in the City of Columbus, Recreation and Parks Department. Alan cleared up several misconceptions. The first is the Columbus Port Authority will be selling the bonds and not the City. This will happen in mid-November rather than October 29 as was thought. Second, the City will be contracting with Wagenbrenner Group to build the park.

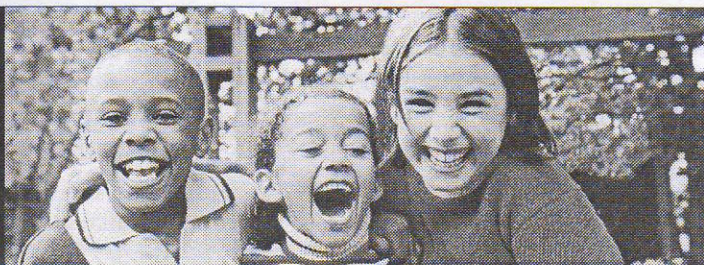
Mark Wagenbrenner then spoke on the environment issue regarding the Park. Phase I of the Environmental Impact study triggered a need for a Phase II. In Phase II, holes will be drilled to determine if any contaminants are left from when Swan Cleaners used the portion of the building as an office. Swan reported that they did clean out some filters so tests will need to be done to see if there are any remnants of that cleaning. No problems are anticipated. They expect the results to be back by October 30.

Next there was a discussion of the TIF money and how it works. The money will work in the same fashion as it did for Columbus Coated Fabrics, for those that are aware of the process. The bottom line to the discussion was that Wagenbrenner will buy the land using TIF money and then give the land to the City to form the public park.

The newsletter will have an article detailing how the TIF works and the expected results soon. In the meantime, the website will have a link to the TIF issue and links to all the documentation generated by the Society and others as soon as we can translate them into formats usable on the web.

Craig Copeland made a motion that the Society send a letter to the City in support of the bonds, TIF, and Park. The motion was seconded and PASSED unanimously. Chris asked Rob Harris to draft the letter. The letter was sent to the City on October 18, 2007.

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# GARDEN VIEWS

## *Poinsettias*

by Tim Prince

As soon as the Thanksgiving holiday is over, it will be time to start selecting Poinsettias for our homes for the Christmas holiday. Thirty years ago this would not have been a good idea, since the plants would be in serious decline by Christmas day. Modern breeding has emphasized in-home longevity and thereby helped create the most popular Christmas plant in the world.

First a little background and history. Poinsettias are propagated not from seed, but from cuttings. Nearly 70% of Poinsettias grown in greenhouses throughout the country are from cuttings supplied by the Ecke Ranch in Encinitas, California. The company is now in its third generation under family management. I knew Paul Ecke Jr., and fondly remember touring his facility with him in the early 80's. That was after he began major marketing efforts that would expand the poinsettia beyond the florist shop and into supermarkets, home centers, and discount stores. One high-visibility aspect of the marketing program was to supply poinsettias throughout the season for the set of the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. Paul believed that if America saw the poinsettias on this popular show, they would want to have them in their own homes. He was right, and the rest is history. Perhaps many of you remember seeing all those colorful Poinsettias behind Johnny.

The color range of Poinsettias has greatly expanded over the years. From

the original red, the offering has expanded into whites, yellows, pinks, peaches, and bicolors like the popular 'Jingle Bells' and 'Monet' varieties. In the past few years, some very wild colors like bright purple, chartreuse, and aqua have been offered. These are called "Fantasy" Poinsettias and they truly are that. They are created by floral artists (some better artists than others) using a new paint that is non-toxic to the plants. Some even add a touch of glitter.

When selecting a Poinsettia, choose a plant with large colorful bracts. These bracts are actually modified leaves that start out green in the greenhouse. They change to the beautiful colors in response to short day conditions (more correctly - long uninterrupted nights). I like to pick a plant that has plenty of cyathia (true flowers) on it. These are the small green and yellow structures clustered in the center of the bracts that exude a sticky sap. They tend to fall off if the plants have been kept too long in warm dark conditions. I also just like the look of the plants with the little cyathia on them. Finally, check the plant for plenty of bright green leaves all the way down the stem. This assures that it wasn't severely dehydrated during shipping and handling.

It's important that your plant is sleeved before taking it home. Even when temperatures are above freezing, poinsettias can be damaged by wind-chill conditions. And don't leave the plant in your car while Christmas shopping if temperatures are in the

thirties or below. Unsleeve Poinsettias when you arrive home. If the plants are left in sleeves for 24 hours or more they can develop a condition called epinasty, where all leaves and bracts point straight down. If this happens, plants usually recover in a few days however, so don't throw that strange-looking plant away.

For display, place your plant in bright but indirect light away from drafts. Too much direct sun can fade the colors and shorten the plant life. It's alright to display your plant in a darker area for a few days, as long as you move it back to a well-lit area.

Watering is the most important aspect of care to achieve a long life for your Poinsettia. If the pot is covered with foil, poke holes in the bottom of the foil to open the drain holes. Water about twice a week, thoroughly wetting the soil and allowing water to drain out into the saucer. If you missed a watering and the soil has become quite dry, be sure the water applied doesn't just run down the sides of the pot. Always empty excess water from the saucer. Plants that are left with their "feet" wet are prone to root rot.

With proper care, modern Poinsettia varieties will look good until way after the holidays. Many people express interest in reflowering Poinsettias in their homes. I can't say that I've known anybody that's actually pulled this off successfully. I really think it's a waste of time, so I won't tell you how to do it. Once the plant looks bad, just throw it away! Happy holidays.



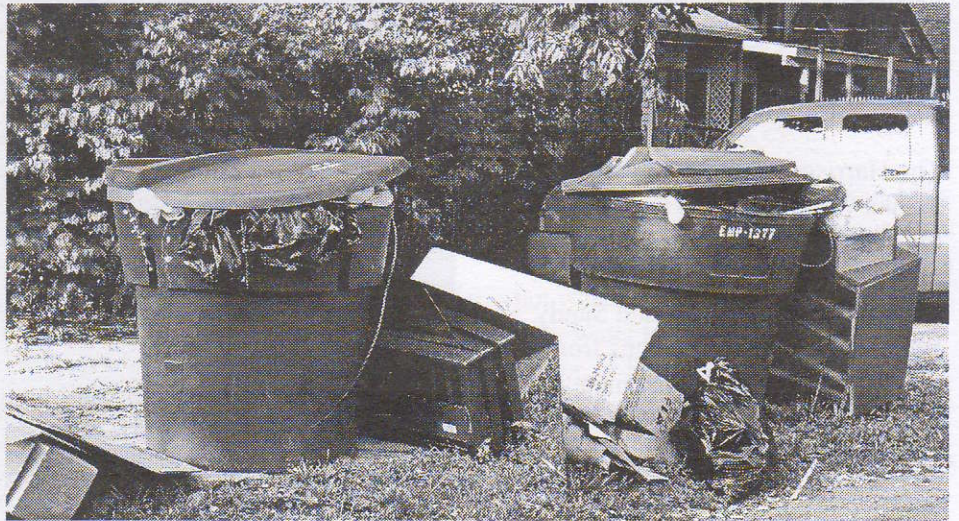
# Throw it Away... Properly

By Gilbert Borlaza

Trash and yard waste disposal continues to be a problem for Harrison West. Improperly disposed bulk items, construction materials, and grass clippings quickly fill up our neighborhood waste bins, which then causes legitimate trash to overflow and pile up in alleys. Neighborhood residents should be sure to follow proper disposal procedures when discarding items other than typical household trash. This is particularly important during the fall months when homeowners often collect and dispose of leaves that have fallen.

The City of Columbus provides weekly curbside yard waste collection at no direct charge to homeowners. Leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste should be placed inside paper yard waste bags available at Giant Eagle or most other grocery and hardware stores. Plastic bags must not be used.

Alternatively, waste can be placed inside a plastic or metal can smaller than 32 gallons – be sure to label the can “yard waste” and leave the lid off. Place all yard waste bags or bins at curbside. Note that all yard waste is collected from the street, even if trash collection is in the alley. Additionally, large pieces of yard waste, such as tree branches, should be bundled up with string and placed at curbside. Bundles should be no larger than four feet in length and two feet around. It is especially important that homeowners collect and properly dispose of leaves instead of merely blowing or raking them into the street, a practice I often see on my own street. Doing so causes leaves to build up in storm sewers restricting drainage, which may eventually cause flooding in the street, or worse, home foundation damage due to water build-up in our neighborhood.



Alley dumpsters overflow when proper bulk pickup procedures are not followed

Large items for discard such as old carpet, furniture, and certain appliances can also be picked up by the city's refuse collection program, typically free of charge, as long as homeowners follow proper procedures. Most importantly, residents must schedule bulk pickup at least two working days prior to their usual collection day by calling the Columbus Call Center at 645-3111 or scheduling pickup online at [311.columbus.gov](http://311.columbus.gov). Once the pickup is scheduled, the bulk item should be placed where regular trash is picked up in your area, either in the alley or curbside. Furniture should be left

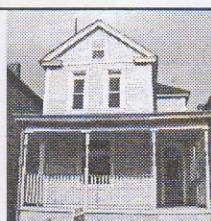
assembled and carpet must be rolled up and tied with rope.

Please note that some items, such as hazardous waste and refrigerated appliances, are not eligible for bulk pickup. For these items, residents must arrange for proper disposal independently.

Remember – to schedule bulk pickup, find your refuse and yard waste collection day, or to learn more about the city's waste programs, simply dial 3-1-1 (645-3111) to reach the Columbus Call Center, or visit [311.columbus.gov](http://311.columbus.gov) online.



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giving each candidate a fair shot at the often difficult task of answering first. An informal reception followed the moderated session, giving candidates and residents a chance to speak directly with one another.

The Harrison West Society also thanks volunteers who helped make the event a success. Joe George served as the official timekeeper for candidate responses and Sandy Woolard collected questions from the audience. Nick and Bonnie Kentris welcomed and signed in candidates. We also thank residents who stayed to help clean up. We hope all Harrison West residents were able to make an informed decision in the election.



Board of Education Candidates (L to R): Mike Wiles, Bill Buckel, Jeff Cabot, Stephanie Groce, Gary Baker II, W. Shawna Gibbs.

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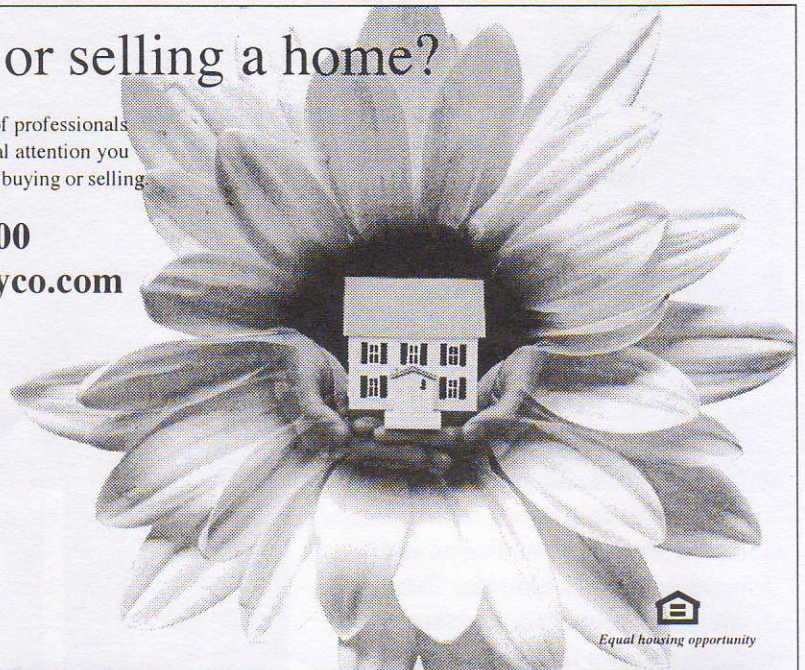
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## Save the Date for HW Holiday Party!

Though it feels like we just had the summer block party, the holiday season is now upon us and it is time for another neighborhood gathering!

Save the date of Wednesday, December 19, 2007 for the Harrison West Society's annual holiday party. All are welcome, so join your neighbors and friends for this wonderful Harrison West tradition. The location of the holiday party is yet to be determined - please check the Harrison West

website [www.harrisonwest.org](http://www.harrisonwest.org) and the December Harrison West News for details in the near future. Festivities will begin at 7PM and will include food, door prizes, music, and friends! Please note that the holiday party will take the place of the December Harrison West Society general meeting.

Please contact Gil Borlaza at 746-5558 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on December 19!



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# Dress Up your Thanksgiving with Tasty Complimentary Side Dishes

By Steve Colahan

While turkey could be considered “the star” of Thanksgiving meals, side dishes are certainly just as important and necessary “co-stars.” Many people look forward to enjoying stuffing, or dressing, and cannot imagine a Thanksgiving meal without it. Others dream of sweet potatoes made sweeter with marshmallow topping or maple syrup and brown sugar. Cranberries, for many, are another popular Thanksgiving side dish. I’d like to take a closer look into some of our traditional Thanksgiving side dishes and wines that many people serve on Thanksgiving Day.

While the terms “stuffing” and “dressing” are often used interchangeably, stuffing refers to what is stuffed into the turkey and dressing refers to what is baked in a separate dish. Traditional stuffings and dressings are made with bread, or for those in the Southern United States, cornbread. Basic bread stuffings, or baked dressings used as a Thanksgiving side dish, usually include melted butter, onion, celery, and herbs such as sage, garlic, parsley, and thyme as well as salt and pepper. Just know that when you are cooking a turkey with stuffing in it, use a meat thermometer to ensure that the stuffing reaching a temperature of 165 degrees so that food-borne bacteria will not be an unwelcome guest at your Thanksgiving celebration.

Variations of standard turkey stuffings and Thanksgiving side dish dressings include using rice rather than bread or cornbread. Some add meats such as bacon, pork, or sausage to the bread, cornbread, or rice base. Resourceful

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chefs often use the turkey’s giblets, or the gizzard, heart, and liver, to add to their stuffing or dressing. Mushrooms can also be added and go especially well with a rice-based stuffing or dressing. Fruits such as apples, pears, raisins, or prunes, are other possible additions to a Thanksgiving side dish of dressing or turkey stuffing.

The word “yams” is often incorrectly used to describe sweet potatoes. Yams are named from the African word “nyami,” meaning the starchy white-fleshed root vegetable; sweet potatoes have orange-colored flesh. Yams are often “candied” with sugar, while sweet potatoes are often baked as a Thanksgiving side dish with marshmallow topping or praline topping in the South.

Regular white potatoes are a common Thanksgiving side dish usually served in addition to sweet potatoes or yams. Mashed potatoes and turkey gravy are a classic accompaniment to the roasted turkey, but some people may serve roasted or baked potatoes as a Thanksgiving side dish instead. Variations on mashed potatoes include adding an egg and baking the mashed potatoes with a topping of

breadcrumbs and grated cheese baked until the top is lightly golden brown.

Additional vegetables commonly served as a Thanksgiving side dish are carrots, Brussel sprouts, or green beans. Collard greens are also a popular Thanksgiving side dish in Southern states. Pickles and relishes are commonly found on many Thanksgiving tables, too.

In Ohio, it would not be uncommon to see the state casserole dish consisting of green beans and cream of mushroom soup, topped with fried onions. This official state dish of Ohio is easily made by mixing the soup and beans together and baking in an oven at 350 degrees of half an hour.

Cranberries are also a very common Thanksgiving side dish. They can be homemade or canned, and served as a relish, a sauce, or in a gelled mold. Native Americans ate cranberries for many years and early settlers in Massachusetts ate cranberries from bogs in Cape Cod.

There are also many wines to pair with your turkey. If you prefer red wines a Pinot Noir may suit your needs. Those who prefer white may find that a Chardonnay may work well. And those who are looking to have a strictly American wine go for a red Zinfandel.

These side dishes and wine selections are just a sample of what many people will serve on Thanksgiving day. Gathering with family, friends, and loved ones will certainly make Thanksgiving a day to pause, remember, and celebrate those events for which we can be thankful.



by Barbara Williams

Shelter seems high on everyone's gratitude list this Thanksgiving.

In our old house (built around 1917) we try to upgrade when possible or when absolutely necessary, like when the rain kept leaking through the side window and ruining the floor. I had to order a new window and was pleased to find that our federal government had done something right for a change. Because the windows I ordered are qualified, I'll get a TAX CREDIT.

Unlike a deduction, which reduces the amount of income subject to tax, a tax credit directly reduces the tax itself, or increases the amount of your federal tax refund. Tax credits are available for qualified windows purchased in 2006 or 2007 for 10% of the cost of the windows. Installation costs are not covered. You should save the receipt(s) and ENERGY STAR labels from all windows installed. And do it by the end of this year! You need to fill out IRS Form 5695 and submit it with your taxes.

**Look for the Energy Star.** Many people are making small changes, upgrading, or even renovating with saving energy in mind. If you are looking for new household products, look for ones that have earned the ENERGY STAR. ENERGY STAR products are the same or better than standard products, only they use less energy. In order to earn the ENERGY STAR, they must meet strict efficiency standards set by the US Environmental Protection Agency or the US Department of Energy. These products save you money on your electricity bill and help protect the environment by causing fewer harmful emissions from power plants.

## Energy Thoughts about Some Appliances

The real benefit of installing energy-efficient products comes from lower energy costs over time.

If it's time to buy a new clothes washer, consider a front-loading machine. They use one-third to one-half the water and less soap than top-loaders, and they're gentler on clothes too.

Your refrigerator is the biggest energy hog. Top freezer models are generally more efficient than side-by-side models. Manual defrost models use 1/2 the energy of automatic defrost, but must be defrosted periodically to remain energy efficient. Automatic ice makers and through-the-door dispensers will increase energy use. It is usually less costly to run one larger refrigerator rather than two smaller ones.

Even if your dishwasher is not a family member, water use will primarily determine the energy efficiency. Use models that require the least amount of water. Washing a full

load is best but wash cycles options that can do smaller loads will conserve energy. There are models available with a no-heat drying cycle.

Water heating accounts for about 13% of your utility bill. There are four ways to cut your water heating bills: use less hot water, turn down the thermostat on your water heater, insulate your water heater, or buy a new, more efficient water heater.

Although most water heaters last 10-15 years, it's best to start looking for a new one if yours is more than 7 years old. Insulate your water heater to save energy and money.

The most energy-efficient water heating method seems to be the tankless. That's going to require an article in itself.

We have seen plenty to let us know we are not in control of the climate, but let us be thankful there are things we can do in addition to changing our light bulbs to use less of our Earth's energy.

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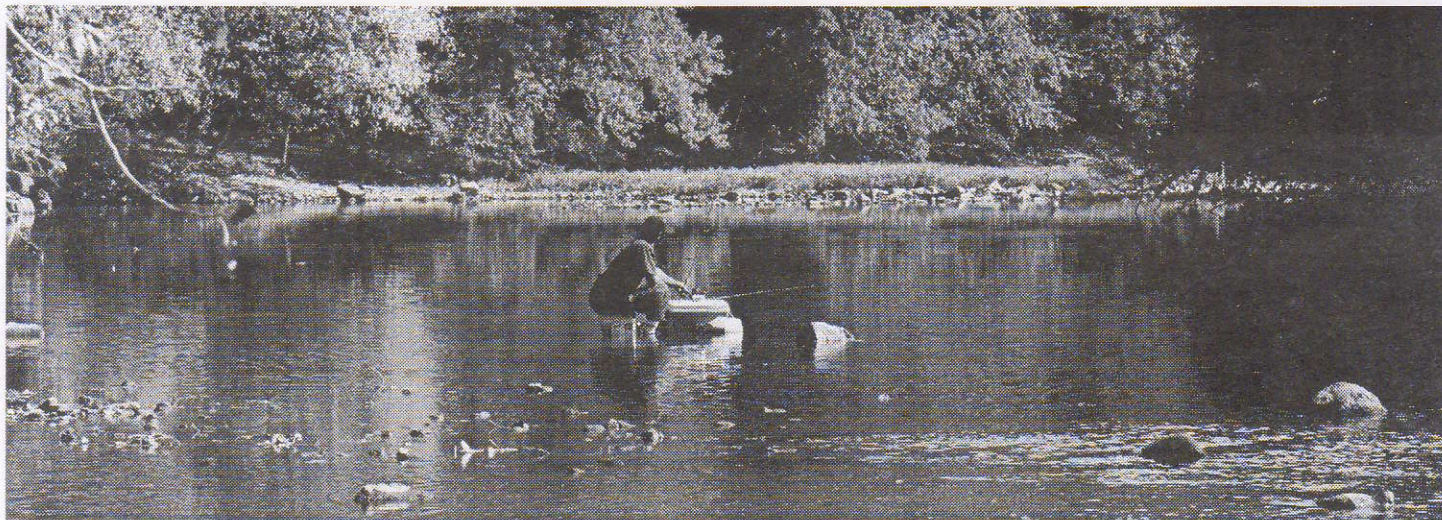
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Serenity of Olentangy River just below 5th Ave. Dam

# Exploration of the Olentangy River

by Heather Dean

On October 14, twelve community members participated in “Writing the Olentangy”, a creative exploration of the Olentangy River between First and Fifth Avenues in Columbus. That area of the river, more than any other, has suffered severe human impacts, including dams, urban runoff, combined sewer overflows, invasive plants, and litter. At the same time, because of its proximity to OSU and location along the bike path, thousands of people visit the area each year. In spite of the urban setting, visitors can experience the sycamore and cottonwood trees that grace the banks and the herons that feed in the water below the dam.

The purpose of the workshop was to become familiar with that section of the river as it is now, and to develop a vision for how it could be with removal of the Fifth Avenue Dam, better management of runoff, invasive plant removal, regular litter clean-up, and outreach to the homeless people who live along the stream corridor.

Nelson Strong, a naturalist from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, led an interpretive



Connie Everett, local poet, discussing writing styles.

walk that served as the core of the workshop. Heather Dean, watershed coordinator for FLOW, also shared information about the Fifth Avenue Dam removal project. Interspersed with Nelson and Heather’s talks, local poets Connie Everett and Terry Hermesen led writing exercises designed to elicit deeper observation and a connection to the river. At the end of the workshop, participants shared their writings. Some of their poems will be included on interpretive

signs that will be placed along the river over the next few years.

“Writing the Olentangy” is part of FLOW’s larger education program about the Fifth Avenue Dam and the role that the Olentangy plays in our communities and in our lives. Look for more workshops in the spring!

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### Harrison West Society Volunteer Form

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BEFORE



**Photo Above (Before):** The placement of furniture was difficult and eliminated any traffic flow. There was not enough light in the room and the existing dark area rug, dark fabric colors and frames made the room very heavy, dark and small.

# Can this old house use some help?

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It's great to see modern furniture in older homes, so dare to be bold and go with the unexpected.

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by Inbar Kerper-Saranovitz

Harrison West neighborhood homes have a lot of charm and tradition. As a designer who lived and worked in the Park Slope section of Brooklyn, NY, I often had the opportunity to work with brownstones that were both beautiful and historic, but very challenging in terms of today's design standards.

My clients in Brooklyn often faced many of the problems Harrison West home-owners face. Their brownstones were dark inside and most faced north. The chief architectural obstacle was the structures' long and narrow spaces. All of them struggled with the difficulty of combining the beauty of the original wood work and period details with the desire for modern styles and comforts.

Yes, old houses are beautiful, but you need to know how to preserve this beauty and work with what you have, rather than try to fight it by changing it.

The aim in a restoration should be to honor the look and feel of a house that's been lived in over the years while giving it the love and care it deserves. What most people don't realize is that you can make small changes in your existing space without breaking the bank...or any walls.

To start, look at your furniture and accessories and decide what you want to keep and what needs to go. Keep what you like and start rearranging the furniture in a way that opens the room and allows for a flow. You always want to be able to see the beauty and the details of your period home. Don't position



**AFTER**



**Photo Above (After):** Placed a light area rug to reflect the light and added more light sources to bring life to the room. Changed the color plate (of furniture items, fabrics, accents and walls) from Burgundy and gray velvet to a soft cream, beige, touch of yellow and accented with red. The result: a light, airy room that is pleasant and relaxing. You can appreciate the period details in a relaxing, open surrounding.

the furniture in the wrong places, i.e., in the middle of a traffic area or blocking a window or a fireplace, even if it's a non working one. You need to find the focal point of your room and set the furniture around it.

The room needs to be open and airy. Older homes tend to have smaller rooms, while contemporary furniture tends to be oversized. You may want to consider purchasing new furniture if the proportion of your present furniture doesn't go with the size of your room. If the furniture does fit, but doesn't look right, you can also reupholster existing furniture with a fresh fabric. If you like more modern styles of furniture, don't rush to throw out your grandma's pieces: You can moderate a traditional piece with a modern fabric. This mix is very hip and trendy now. It's great to see modern furniture in older homes, so dare to be bold and go with the unexpected.

Historic houses tend to be dark due to lack of daily light exposure. Likewise, the original, detailed wood work might be beautiful, but it often makes the interior spaces look even darker. However, there are a number of ways you can brighten up the space. Start with color: You need to choose light tones

not only on the walls, but also for the furniture. While many tend to be afraid of light colored furniture, there are a lot of fabrics out there that look very light, yet are still very durable and functional.

Likewise, people tend to under-illuminate a room. In a dark room, you need to add some extra light sources: A combination of floor lamps, wall sconces, and desk and table lamps can enhance old spaces and reveal their charm.

Most important; don't be discouraged. De-clutter, go with a light color palette, use light and airy furniture, and illuminate the room! Over time, these changes will improve your interior space and let you fall in love with your old house all over again. For questions, advice, or consulting services, please call Inbar Design, LLC 614-251-9626

**This holiday Season focus on what's important: Your Home.** Trying to find the ultimate holiday gift this year? Maybe it's time to focus on your living space. Feel free to contact me this holiday season for a free consultation and I can help spread the holiday cheer — room by room.



by Sandy Woolard

Have you ever needed assistance in programming a new digital television, finding a good-tasting, thrifty breakfast, or determining the first location of Glick's Furniture Store? All of this info and a million other various pieces of information are stored in the head of The Perennial Neighborhood Favorite / The King of Cheap ... Rich Polk. Rich is a neighborhood staple, having lived in the area for over 20 years.

Having lived in Columbus most of his many years, in various neighborhoods across the city, and wearing many hats, Rich has led a full life. Not only is he still working, but he has retired two times. Before he realizes it, some new form of employment finds him. Recently, he has been traveling across the Midwest resetting audio/video departments for Circuit City, Best Buy and Office Max.

Upon graduating from Ohio State University with a degree in English education, he taught at Bishop Hartley for two years, then moved to Worthington High School for two years. Remembering the scarlet and gray Buick Electra 225 his grandparents gave him upon his OSU graduation, he went back to college and acquired a degree in Speech and Drama from Ohio Dominican University (However, no new car appeared upon acquiring this second degree). While attending college, he worked at Channel 6/ABC as a floor director on the Dialing for Dollars TV Show. This allowed him to know Sally Flowers, Gene Fullen, and Carol Luper (Promotion Director) and weatherman, Jim Steer.

He parlayed this experience into seven years of coordinating the Jerry



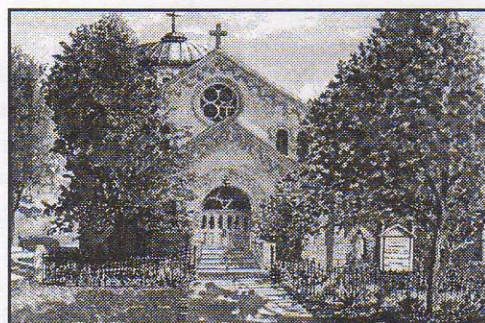
Rich Polk

Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon for all areas east of the Mississippi. He met many celebrities and arranged their participation in the Telethon. Not only did he meet and work with Tom Cruise, Bette Midler, and Ross Perot, among many others, but he got to know the concourse of most major airways better than his own living room. He remembers when interviewing Ross Perot, Mr. Perot was more interested in what Rich was doing with his life than sharing any info about his own life. He remembers Jerry Lewis as being a very nice, but very demanding employer. He took Tom Cruise to One Nation for dinner... this was just after he filmed Top Gun. Later, while Tom was in Cincinnati filming parts of Rainman, he called Rich ... just to touch base on how life was treating him.

Rich's many contacts and relatives have allowed him to meet the Beatles and attend an inauguration at the White House and meet Bob Hope at least four times. Some of us remember that Bob Hope used to be a staple at the Ohio State Fair and Rich's job duties brought them together. He met the Beatles in the early 1960's. To have some privacy

while touring, they were staying in a private home in Cincinnati. Rich knew the same family, and spent time getting to know them. Rich's great grandmother and Richard Nixon's mother were cousins. His whole family was invited to the White House for Nixon's 2nd inauguration (January 21, 1973) and they all received framed photos to remember the occasion.

Years and several job experiences (VP of Customer Relations with Glicks Furniture, Regional Sales Manager with Radio Shack, working in Customer Relations with Bank One/Chase Bank) have allowed Rich to, again, travel the Midwest and meet many people. He never has a bad day, he always has ten jokes on the tip of his tongue, loves the Cleveland Browns, and enjoys singing Karaoke at the drop of a hat. In fact, stop by the Harrison West Holiday Party and possibly join him in some Karaoke!!



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