



Home for the Holidays!

Harrison West Society celebrates the Holiday at its new home



The Harrison West Society will have its annual Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. held at the Harrison Park Community Center, 575 West First Avenue. The centrally located center overlooks our future public park that will follow the banks of the Olentangy River. Join your friends and neighbors in celebration for a spirited and heart warming evening, surrounded by the warmth of a glowing fireplace. The Society and our gracious sponsors will provide food, door prizes, beverages, games, and music.

A Holiday Message from President, Chris Ruder

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to wish all of our readers happy holidays.

This has been challenging year with the expansion in the number of committee's the roles and responsibilities were not always clear leading to some friction [conflicts]. We have our share of successes also: the development of the TIF and our collaboration with the developers in Harrison West to create dwelling in keeping with the character of our neighborhood

I look forward to a good next year. We have a large number of new members and we have a number of new tasks that have to be addressed. These include recommendations for the TIF spending, the possible creation of an area commission, and the planing we need to do for the realization of Harrison Park, our park by the river.

I close with a personal wish that all of you have a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Chris Ruder, President

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be the Harrison West Holiday Party in leu of the regular meeting. See the article above for details.

Please join us for fun, food and friendship as we celebrate the accomplishments of the year and the holiday season.

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Submitted By Jim Slone, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of voting members present (14). There were two new members in attendance: Rob McCarthy and Leslie Siegel.

Routine Business

Minutes Dick Montgomery moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting as posted in the November newsletter. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously.

Treasurer's Report We have \$3,612.06 in checking, \$2,517.26 in savings, and \$2,621.25 in the CD.

Committee Reports None.

Holiday Party The President raised the question of where we should have the Holiday Party. A recommendation from the floor was given that we have it at Harrison Park Community Center since this is our new home and it is in Harrison West. A question was raised if we would need a liquor permit. Joe George stated that since this was limited to HWS members and their guest then we do not need a liquor license. Pastor Morris made a motion to send a thank you letter to Victorian Midnight Cafe, cancel the December meeting, have the Holiday Party at Harrison Park and allocate up to \$400 for the party, if needed. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously.

Membership Mailing Chris Ruder presented a draft of the annual membership drive letter for review. Minor corrections were suggested and approved. We have 99 new members in 2007 of which 86 are from Harrison Park. Jacob Sukosd made a motion to make the corrections and allocate up to \$200 for mailing as needed. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously.

Wheeler Dog Park The city is in the process of looking at putting a dog park in Wheeler Park. Jim Slone provided a summary of the meeting that was held the previous night with those who live next to Wheeler Park and the surrounding neighborhoods. See the article in this issue of *Harrison West News* for details

on the dog park. Pastor Morris brought up that we need to be mindful that kids need to be thought of also. Greg Maynard (from Friends of Goodale Park) noted that there is a kids place in Goodale Park and the Friends of Goodale Park are in the process of improving that area. Jim made a motion that we send a letter to the City Parks and Recreation department in support of the dog park and to ask Rob Harris to lead the effort to work with Bob Mangia and the city on behalf of HWS. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously. Rob accepted the position.

Demolition of the Compton Properties

There is a possibility that the Compton Property will be demolished earlier than originally planned. It was generally agreed that HWS supported the early demolition although no motion was made to that effect.

New Business

Boundaries There was discussion about what are boundaries are and what they should be. The TIF exceeds our eastern boundary as stated in the By Laws. There was a discussion on extending our boundaries to cover the extend to Neil Ave then south to Goodale Ave, west to CSX railroad, north to 3rd Ave., East to Olentangy River Road, and north to 5th Ave where it will meet the boundary as stated in our By Laws. Joe George made a motion to amend the By Laws Article I(b) from the current boundaries to the proposed boundaries and up to \$100 for the mailing to the membership to announce the change. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously. The boundary vote will be held at our January meeting.

Announcements The Friends of Goodale Park will have a fund raider on December 5th from 6 - 9 p.m.

Pastor Morris announced that his church will hold a 100th anniversary celebration on December 30th at noon.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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UNPUBLISHED JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Submitted By Jim Slone, Secretary

The meeting minutes for June minutes are missing in the July issue so they are published here for completeness.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM with a quorum of voting members present (20).

Minutes Steven Cross moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting as posted in the June newsletter. Gil Borlaza asked that the date for the block party be changed to Friday, July 20 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. under Social. Seconded. PASSED with the corrections.

Treasurer's Report We have \$5,344 in checking. No changes to the other accounts. Sandy spent more than the \$200 allotted for the garage sale. She has receipts. The president directed her to see Scott after the meeting for resolution.

Scott moved to spend \$200 on Quick-Books for the Treasurer. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Bob Mangia moved to send a thank you letter to Paul Walter for cleaning the sculpture. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Gil Borlaza moved to spend up to \$500 for the Block Party. Seconded. **PASSED**

Tim Bledsoe moved we send a letter to the city opposing Zeno's filling in the tree lawns and stating that the Society will not consider the patio until the tree lawns are back. The secretary will draft the letter and the president will sent it to city council on behalf of the Society. Seconded. **PASSED** with the vice president abstaining.

Steven Cross motioned to send a thank you letter to SNNF for the grant. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Mary Funk made a motion to contribute

\$100 to Crime Stoppers for the Anthony Luzio Jr fund. Seconded. **PASSED.**

SNNF Steve Cross, our representative to SNNF, made a motion to nominated Mary Funk for honor by SNNF. Steve requested letters be sent by the members supporting Mary's nomination.

Send letters to Mary Funk Nomination, P.O. Box 163442, Columbus, OH 43216. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

POLICE BLOTTER

For November

Theft of an Auto

- Michigan Ave - Nov 4-5

Burglary

- Helen Ct - Nov 7
- Harrison Park Construction Office - Nov 23-26

Malicious Destruction

- Thurber Shopping Center - Nov 11

Larceny

- Oregon Ave - Nov 11
- W 2nd Ave - Nov 28

Theft from Auto

- Harrison Ave - Nov 7-8
- W 2nd Ave - Nov 9

Total of eight reported crimes in Greater Harrison West Area.

Note: No Murders, Assaults, Sexual Assaults or Robberies.

From 12/6/07 report by Columbus Police Division

Happy Holidays!

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

It has been 100 years since the First Brethren Church at 473 W. Third Ave. got their first pastor and the church is celebrating! The church has been in the neighborhood for the entire 100 years.

The church will celebrate with a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, December 30th at noon following the 10:30 worship service.

Call Pastor Morris at the church (299-3663) for more information. Come celebrate their joyous past and future.

First Brethren Church

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Sunday 9:20 A.M. Sunday School
10:20 Refreshment Gathering
10:40 Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. Bible Study
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Richard Morris, Pastor

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GOING GREEN TWEAKING TRADITION

Submitted by Barb Williams

Are you gifting green this holiday season?

When list making starts, it's hard to stop ; you'll think of lots more to add...

- ⦿ *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss; *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver
- ⦿ for anyone you love:
- ⦿ a cloth tote or bag, net bag, canvas carrier
- ⦿ something made locally
- ⦿ something made by you of recycled materials
- ⦿ something you already have but no longer need
- ⦿ something you baked
- ⦿ Fair Trade coffee, chocolate, crafts
- ⦿ your time
- ⦿ a monthly bus pass
- ⦿ a service, like sidewalk-shoveling, babysitting

Ten Things You Should Never Buy Again

1. Styrofoam cups
Styrofoam is forever. It's not biodegradable.
Best option: Invest in some reusable mugs that you can take with you.
2. Paper towels
Paper towels waste forest resources, landfill space, and your money.
Best option: Buy dishtowels or rags to wash and reuse.
3. Bleached coffee filters
Dioxins, chemicals formed during the chlorine bleaching process, contaminate groundwater and air and are linked to cancer in humans and animals.
Best Option: Use reusable filters.
4. Over-packaged foods and other products

Excess packaging wastes resources and costs you much more. Around 33% of trash in the average American house-hold comes from packaging.



Best Option: Buy in bulk and use your own containers when shopping.

5. Teak and mahogany

Every year, 27 million acres of tropical rainforest (an area the size of Ohio) are destroyed. Rainforests cover 6% of Earth's surface and are home to over half of the world's wild plant, animal, and insect species. The Amazon rainforest produces 40 percent of the world's oxygen.

Best Option: Reuse wood, and buy furniture and other products made from used or salvaged wood.

6. Chemical pesticides and herbicides

American households use 80 million pounds of pesticides each year. The EPA found at least one pesticide in almost every water and fish sample from streams and in more than one-half of shallow wells sampled in agricultural and urban areas. These chemicals pose threats to animals and people, especially children.

Best Option: Plant native plants and practice integrated pest management. Plant flowers and herbs that act as natural pesticides.

7. Conventional household cleaners

Household products can contain hazardous ingredients such as organic solvents and petroleum-based chemicals that can release volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into your indoor environment, posing a particular danger for children. The average American household has three to ten of hazardous matter in the home.

Best Option: Try making your own green cleaner using vinegar, water, and castile soap.

8. Higher octane gas than you need

Only one car in ten manufactured since 1982 requires high-octane gasoline.

High-octane gas releases more hazardous pollutants into the air, and may be bad for your car.

Best option: Make your next car purchase a hybrid. Or ditch the car and take public transportation, ride a bike, or walk.

9. Toys made with PVC plastic

70% of PVC is used in construction, but it is also found in everyday plastics, including some children's toys. Vinyl chloride, the chemical used to make PVC, is a known human carcinogen. Also, additives, such as lead and cadmium, are sometimes added to PVC to keep it from breaking down; these additives can be particularly dangerous in children's toys. PVC is also the least recycled plastic.

Best option: Take action to tell manufacturers to stop using PVC plastics, especially in children's toys.

10. Plastic forks and spoons

Disposable plastic utensils are not biodegradable and not recyclable in most areas.

Best option: Carry your own utensils and food containers.



WHEELER PARK GOING TO THE DOGS -- SORT OF...

Wheeler Park is about to go to the dogs. But this is a good thing as the city is planning on creating a fenced in dog park to allow dog owners to socialize their dogs off the lease.

Plans are at the beginning stages so are tentative and subject to neighbors approval but the basic thought is to have a large dog area and a small dog area with space left for humans to enjoy the park and provide access to the apartment buildings adjacent to the park.

Our resident architect has drafted a proposed layout based on the concerns and information gathered at the neighborhood meeting held by the Parks and Recreation department.

One thought is to add a water fountain that can service both dogs and humans -- no bowl required!

HWS is working with Wheeler Park neighbors and the City to make this the best dog park it can be by serving the needs of all the area residents! Watch this space for more information about meetings and plans for the dog park.

Rob's Proposed Layout



REMEMBER TO CHECK THE TERMS!

Gift cards make a great gift. A recent survey found that 70% of people prefer a gift card over an actual item. If you are giving a gift card this year then remember to check the terms. Some gift cards (i.e. Visa and some department stores) will begin charging a fee if the card has not been fully spent within 12 months. Terms vary greatly from card to card. To make sure that your gift isn't a gift that depreciates, ask about usage and fees before you buy.

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ORNAMENT MEMORIES

Submitted by Jim Slone

Need to have another good use for that digital camera you have? How about taking pictures of your ornaments and placing the picture in a spreadsheet. Most spreadsheets today (Excel and Numbers) can store images as well as text and number in their cells.

You can add additional cells to the row to record when, where, or from whom you got the ornament. You can also record the price of the ornaments that you have bought so that if they become a collectable then you can track your profits. Many ornament memories to you!



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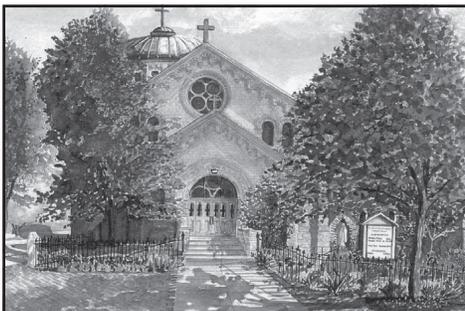
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SWACO OPENS PERMANENT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WAST SITE

Submitted by Barb Williams

Residents of Franklin County are now able to dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at a centrally located permanent location located at the corner of East 8th Ave. And Essex Ave. (1249 Essex Ave to be exact). Essex is a few blocks west of the 11th Ave. Exit of I-71. The center is available for drop off on Wednesdays from 2 - 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. To 6 p.m.

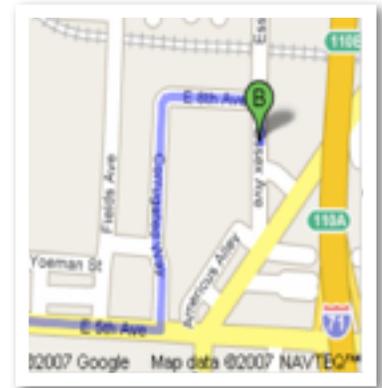
“We are very excited to provide this additional service to residents and our partner communities,” says SWACO Executive Director Ron Mills. “While SWACO plans to continue our warmer weather mobile HHW collections, this location will provide a year round opportunity so residents do not have to wait for SWACO to come to them.”

Residents may bring their old gasoline, lighter fluid, thinners, pool chemicals, paint, etc. to the 1249 Essex. "We know that residents appreciate the availability of our environmentally sound methods of disposal," adds Mills. In 2007, SWACO's mobile HHW drives netted 1.2-million pounds of material from 12,500 households. That is an increase of about 200,000 pounds from 2006. A complete list of acceptable materials is found at www.swaco.org

Director Mills emphasizes that HHW's should be brought to 1249 Essex only during the posted hours. Dropping off materials during other times will be considered illegal dumping. "We are happy to provide this facility and additional service to residents, but as with all SWACO operations we are ever mindful of our neighbors. We hope residents will help us keep the area clean by using the facility only during the posted hours."

From Harrison West go east on 5th Ave. Turn north (left) on to Corrugated Way. Around the curve, this becomes East 8th Ave. East 8th Ave. dead-ends into Essex Ave. Turn south (right) to get to SWACO.

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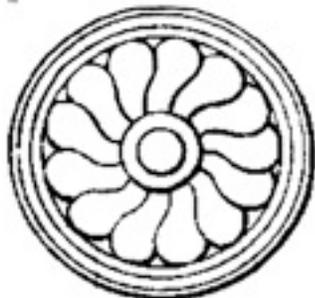
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Governor’s Office
 Governor Ted Strickland 466-3555

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 Mayor’s Action Center 645-2489
 Columbus City Attorney 645-7385
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 Columbus City Council 645-7380
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