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311 Serves Columbus Well Election Time Begins Again!



*By Mary Funk,
Vice President HWS*

It's true! The City of Columbus 311 Service Center really does put city government at your

fingertips. You can use it for almost any question about city government and its services. Use this non-emergency number, 311, to report a pothole or a junk car on private property. Schedule a bulk-trash pickup or start a Block Watch.

Mayor Michael B. Coleman introduced this one-stop phone number January 3, 2006 as an easier, more efficient way for citizens to get information on city services, programs and request services.

311 in no way replaces the 911 emergency number, but it does bring city government closer to Columbus citizens than ever before. And, citizens are well aware of its value. Since its start-up the center has received more than 570,000 calls and more than 49,000 requests on line at 311.columbus.gov.

Last year 311 Service Center operators answered 259,743 calls. That's fantastic for a program that's little more than two years old.

A third of the calls were for city phone numbers or locations, but most of the calls –two thirds – were requests for city services. This certainly shows that citizens were eager to have an easier, more efficient way to access city services.

311, it turns out, is also a management tool that helped the City become more efficient and effective in expediting the delivery of city services by routing requests electronically to the city agencies and departments that perform the work.

It also became a tool for tracking the progress of service requests, making the City more accountable to citizens.

And, the record shows over 80 percent of the calls were answered in fewer than 30 seconds.

This January the hours of the 311 Service Center were tweaked so that more call-takers are available during the time of day when residents need them most. Calls are now answered from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays. Saturday hours remain 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. So, reach your city government by simply dialing 311 if you're an AT&T customer. All others dial (614) 645-3111. It's for real and it serves Columbus very well indeed.



*By Chris Ruder,
President HWS*

The election is done – here comes the election. Now that the excitement and

ad blitz of the Ohio primaries are finished, I have to tell you that another election is coming up very soon.

At the May meeting the Society will be again electing officers.

We elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They are each elected for a one year term. To be eligible, you must be an active member and a resident of Harrison West.

I will be appointing a Nominating Committee at the March meeting. If you are interested in being elected to any of the offices, please attend that meeting and speak with the Committee.

If you can't attend – email me and I'll put you in touch with the Committee

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be this Wed., February 20, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Harrison Park Community Center, 575 West First Avenue.

One of our Guest Speakers will be Mark Young from the Recreation and Parks department to discuss the Wheeler Dog Park.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

By Jim Slone, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with a quorum of voting members present (17). There were no new members in attendance. We have a total of 250 members in the Harrison West Society.

Routine Business

Minutes Pastor Morris moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as posted in the February newsletter. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously.

Treasurer's Report We have \$3,959.39 in checking, \$2,526.64 in savings, and \$2,621.25 in the CD.

Committee Reports

Invoices motion Mary Funk made a motion to send out the invoices for the newsletter by the end of this week. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously.

TIF motion. Rob Harris made a motion to have the Executive Committee look into HWS using a 3rd party private consultant to be our liaison between the city and HWS and to make sure that information was made public. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously. The Executive Committee will review the information that Rob has at its next meeting.

Social Tim Bledsoe reported that all the bills were being paid for the Holiday Party and that money from sponsors was being collected.

New Business

Wheeler Dog Park The meeting was recessed for the presentation by the city and other interested parties on the current status of the dog park. When the meeting resumed Rob Harris made a motion to send a letter to the Executive Director (Alan D. McKnight) of the Columbus Recreation and Parks department supporting the DoGPAW's hybrid proposal. Seconded. **PASSED** with one opposed.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

POLICE BLOTTER FOR FEB

Theft from Auto

- Thurber Dr W 02/24/2008 night
- Thurber Dr W 02/24/2008 3pm
- W First Ave 02/07/2008 5pm

Larceny

- Elderly Michigan Ave 02/03/2008
- Construction Site
Perry St 02/01/2008

Total of 5 reported crimes in Greater Harrison West Area. Down from 11 last month!

Note: No Murders, Assaults, Sexual Assaults.

From the Columbus Police Division

THE MARCH OHIO PRIMARY

Congratulations to Society Members. State Senator Steve Stivers and State Representative Ted Celeste where nominated for additional terms by their parties.

In addition Mary Funk was elected a delegate to her Party's Presidential Convention.

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Thursday 6:30 P.M. Youth Meeting

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DOG PARK PRESENTATION

Mark Young, Assistant Director, from the City of Columbus Recreations and Park Department gave HWS an update on the Wheeler Dog Park planning. We had eight major organization interested in the dog parks at our meeting.

Mark gave a brief history of dog parks in Columbus. The first dog park was established at Big Walnut Park in October, 2006.

Opening this year is the dog park at 4th Street and Spring Street. The Downtown Dog Park Association worked with the City to establish this dog park.

The City is also working with Schiller Park on a dog park there.

A review of the updated proposed layout of Wheeler Dog Park was presented and discussed. Current design is one large fenced in area instead of the small dog/large dog areas previous presented at last month's HWS meeting.

There was a good discussion on lighting, parking, water, and upgrades. It was suggested by several members that HWS might be able to use some of the TIF money to provide some upgrades for the park but no commitment was made until a review is done by the Executive Committee and a proposal was put before the membership.

It should be noted that Wheeler Dog Park is a *neighborhood* park and *not* a regional park. Even so we have the potential for around 2,500 dogs in our area to visit the dog park over the course of the year.

Renda Radcliffe-Sullivan, President of DoGPAW noted that she presented a hybrid proposal at the last Dog Park meeting. She proposed that in addition to the Wheeler Dog Park that Goodale Park would have an off leash area with a paved pad and signage to note the dog park area.

Rob Harris made a motion that we support this proposal, which passed.

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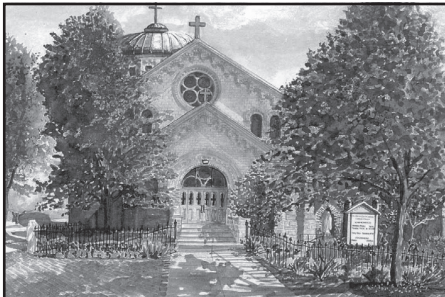
By Craig Copeland

The West Third Ave island and the bump-out is moving forward with new design funding.

We've looked at the plan sheets. The City hopes to get the design work completed by late spring.

The water to the island is still unresolved at the staff level. Transportation very much wants water for the plant material aesthetics, but Utilities staff is vetoing it.

It will go up to the Cabinet level unless Utilities staff changes its position.



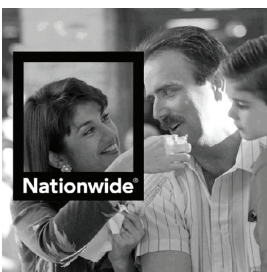
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by Barb Williams

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Some of the local farmers who do this are listed here. Contact them before the season starts to get your share of the Earth's bounty!

The Elizabeth Telling Farm. Sandy Sterrett (Barnesville): (740) 484-0243; elizabethtellingfarm.com. Cost \$450. Season: May 24 - Nov. 22. Pick-up at North Market from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

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Athens Hills CSA: Becky Rondy (Amesville); (740)448-4021; athenshillscsa@verizon.net; www.greenedgegardens.org. Cost: check website; Season: mid June to end of October. Pick-up on Tuesday afternoon/evening.

Kame Farm. Karen Johnson (Galion) 419)566-4268; kamefarmohio@aol.com; cost: ?, pick up at farm only, approximately 50 miles NE of Worthington.

Garden Patch. Trish Mumme (Alexandria) (740)924-4331; gardenpatchproduce@earthlink.net Cost: \$450. season: 18-20 wks.

Sippel Family Farm: Ben and Lisa Sippel (Mt. Gilead): (419)946-1394; blsippel@earthlink.net. waiting list.

When Pigs Fly Farm: J. Carroll family (Pickaway County) (740) 495-5763; whenpigsflyfarm@hotmail.com; Cost: \$500 season: late May through late October.

There are various options at these farms. My experience (with Elizabeth Telling Farms) has been that we get a variety of produce, including spinach, lettuce and many wonderful mixed greens I never tried before - but of course not everything every week. Sandy (you might know her from the North Market as the "lettuce lady") often has herbs, fruit and berries, recipes, flowers and the occasional craft mixed in with the share. This is a growing social movement that adds to the ways we in Harrison West can connect with those who produce our food.

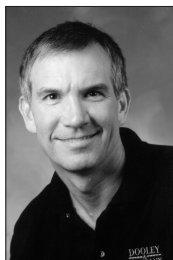
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- ☐ Membership (recruits new members)
- ☐ Parks (oversees our local parks)
- ☐ Planning and Development (keeps track of local zoning issues)
- ☐ Social (sets up monthly programs and special events)
- ☐ Transportation (keeps track of traffic an transportation issues)
- ☐ Wheeler Dog Park (attend meetings, report to committee)
- ☐ Other _____

Meeting Calendar

*All meeting at 7 p.m. in the
Harrison Park Community Center*

February 20

Wheeler Dog Park Update

March 21

Nomination Committee

April 16

Volunteer Planning

May 21

Vote for new officers

June 18

Plan for Block Party & Garage Sale

July 16

Update on TIF & Harrison Park

August 20

September 17

October 15

Plan for Holiday Party

November 19

December 17

Holiday Party

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