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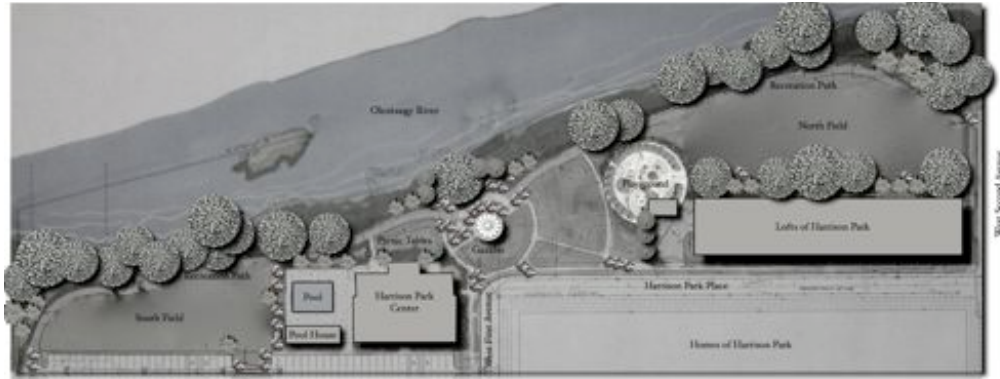


By Eric Casto

The Park Committee with the Harrison West

Society convened on Monday March 31 to further examine details for the emerging Harrison West community park, bordering the Olentangy River on the west side of the Harrison Park development. Agenda items for the meeting included a discussion on site engineering, site furnishings (including waste receptacles, lighting, benches and bike posts) and playground equipment. All park aspects are considered with architectural integrity and uniformity in mind while providing a balance with the scale and appeal of the Harrison West community.

The Park Committee is comprised of a 12-member resident panel that acts as a steering committee for the development of the park. Also present were Eric Chenevey, an engineer with Chenevey & Piccin Engineering, there to discuss the drainage and grading plan, and Maureen Lorenz, Planning Manager with the City of Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks, to assist in guiding the park design and also involved in suggesting the playground equipment for the children's play area.



Harrison Park: *layering of thoughts into a realistic plan*

Eric Chenevey shared an evaluation of the site drainage and grading plan, with emphasis on the areas in the vicinity of the recreation trail and gazebo. Eric commented that the natural grading of this location is not only suitable, but ideal for this use and that these natural features can potentially help minimize the costs of the recreation trail. A discussion of existing utilities and respective public easements followed, with consideration of their implications on the proposed construction.

Rob Harris presented an extensive overview of local park furnishings at parks within the general vicinity of Harrison West and outlying metropolitan areas. An emphasis was added for having continuity in style with consideration of durability. The furnishings presentation was followed by a discussion on the suitability of different concepts in each area.

Location aspects for lighting were also considered. An updated park display board located in the lobby of the Harrison Park Community Center displays suggested locations of these items.

Maureen Lorenz with the City of Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks and Elizabeth Cook shared their evaluation of playground equipment for the designated play area. Careful planning for safety of the equipment as well as variety and appearance of these items were chief among topics discussed. Literature for the proposed equipment and photos were distributed for consideration.

The next meeting of the Park Committee will take place on April 28 at 7 p.m. in the Harrison Park Community Center.

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be this Wed., April 16, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Harrison Park Community Center, 575 West First Avenue.

We will present nominations for officers and an update on Harrison Park and the Wheeler Dog Park.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

By *Jim Slone, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM with a quorum of voting members present (14). There were four new members in attendance.

Routine Business

Minutes Bob Mangia moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting as posted in the March 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

Civic Relations The brochures for the neighborhoods is in it final stages.

Transportation. Craig Copeland reported that money was appropriated for the 3rd & 5th Ave. Traffic calming islands. Water for the 3rd Ave island is good with everyone but the engineering firm found a large water main and they don't know how to tap it. Craig with get with Bob Mangia on details.

Parks Bob Mangia reported that benches for Harrison West Park should be ready by April.

Communications Pastor Morris reported that we have positions available for reporters, graphic artists, and distributors. If you are interested in running for Treasurer, please contact Pastor Morris at 299-3663. Please leave a message if no answer.

Nominating Pastor Morris Reported that we have one nominee for each officer position except for Treasurer. If you are interested in running for Treasurer, please contact Pastor Morris at 299-3663. Please leave a message if no answer.

New Business

Park Committee communication Bob Mangia made a motion that the Parks Committee be able to write letters to facilitate communication with the City and others when dealing with Park issues as long as no commitments were made without presentation to the membership.

Currently all letters have to be signed by the President. Seconded. Passed.

Mary Stuessy Donation Rob Harris noted that Mary Stuessy has passed away. She did many great things for the Short North area. Donations can be made to the Short North Endowment Found % the Columbus Foundation. Pastor Morris made a motion to donate \$250 in Mary's name. Seconded. **Passed.**

Adjournment Pastor Morris made a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MARCH POLICE BLOTTER

Auto Theft - Pennsylvania Ave 3/22

Burglary

Michigan Ave 3/15
Thurber Dr E 3/20
W 2nd Ave 3/4
Olentangy River Rd 3/18
(Construction Site)

Malicious Destruction

Thurber Dr 3/13
Thurber Dr E 3/20
Harrison Ave 3/29
W 2nd Ave 3/30

Theft from Auto or Parts

Thurber Dr W 3/6
Thurber Dr W 3/24
Thurber Dr W 3/26
Neil Ave 3/29
Pennsylvania Ave 3/17
Michigan Ave 3/18
Michigan Ave 3/8
W 2nd Ave 3/14

From 4/8/2008 report by Columbus Police Division

Total of sixteen reported crimes in "Greater" Harrison West Area.

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Harrison West Society meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. at Harrison Park Community Center, 575 W. 1st Ave.





By Eric Casto

Earth Day 2008 is on April 26. The first stop for your Earth

Day planning should be greencbus.org.

If nothing else, your perusal of this locally based website should give you inspiration to find out how you can contribute to the growing trend of environmental awareness in Columbus and beyond.

Locally, you can get involved on Earth Day by volunteering for one of the 2,500 available work opportunities. Activities are available by registering at nowgetbusy.org.

You can also take part by attending the 2008 Earth Day Celebration at Goodale Park in Victorian Village.

This celebration starts at noon and runs until 7:00 p.m. and includes lunch for morning work volunteers, booths for environmental organizations, live music, and speakers, including Mayor Michael B. Coleman.

You can even try supporting more eco-friendly businesses, such as the new Whole Foods Market at 1555 Lane Avenue in Upper Arlington or even drinking Great Lakes Brewing Company Beer if you're stretched to find ways to contribute to the movement.

By Jim Slone

A reminder for all those celebrating Earth Day by doing some yard work is to put your yard waste in the brown yard bags that can be obtained several grocery and home improvement stores.

So while you are picking up that new rake or pruning shears, pick up a few yard bags for the waste.

The yard waste bags should be put in front of your house for pickup.

Check your pickup day at <http://311.columbus.gov/coloraday/>.

By Jim Slone

Just a reminder that the City of Columbus will be cleaning the streets sometime during the hours of 8 a.m. To 4 p.m. on either, Tuesday, May 13th or Wednesday, May 14th.

If you park on the street you will need to move your car to the other side of the street or find alternative parking for that day.

To find out when your street will be affected check the street sign on your block.



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by Barb Williams

As much as we try not to collect too much STUFF, all of us come to that time when we have to clean out the closet. We all have favorite places and ways to pass on the material goods that we no longer can use--so what's yours?.

Most churches are great for collecting and passing on clean used items:

Here's a few a them, in or near Harrison West:

- First Brethren Church (473 W. 3rd Ave, 299-3663) call first
- Fourth Avenue Christian Church (4th and Neil, 200-5959). has rummage sales
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (386 Buttles, 299-5781) - no clothing, but they do take items for a "garage" sale they have the first week in June.
- New Life UM Church (25 W. 5th, 294-0134) has a free clothing store, take donations Tues. and Wed. a.m.
- King Avenue UM Church - has amazing rummage sales; one scheduled for May 9 & 10

Other charitable groups that accept previously owned but still usable shoes, clothes, toys and housewares are Goodwill Industries, National Kidney

Foundation, Volunteers of America, and the Salvation Army. Do you know of others? Let us know!

No recycling pick-up?

Don't forget there is a great drop-off location at Goodale Park, in the parking lot off Dennison Avenue. They ask that you rinse cans, bottles, & jars, clean and remove lids and caps.



Here's what they take: News-paper, office paper, cardboard, paperboard, telephone books, #1 plastic (PETE), #2 plastic (HDPE), aluminum, tin or steel cans, glass - all colors, plastic bags, magazines and catalogs, brown paper bags, chipboard, aerosol cans, drink boxes, aseptic containers, aluminum foil, milk and juice cartons.

Motor Oil

You can take your used motor oil to one of these locations:

Valvoline Instant Oil Change, Advance Auto Parts, AutoZone or BP ProCare (full service stations)

Planet Aid

Have you noticed the clothing and shoes bin at the Northeast corner of West 5th and Highland? Items donated to Planet Aid are resold and proceeds are used to support education, community develop-

ment and HIV/AIDS programs in Africa and Asia. This bin is emptied twice a week.

Got Rags?

Paper towels with recycled content are competitive in price and performance with ordinary paper towels, but true eco-fanatics keep a rag bag.

For Businesses Only

According to the Columbus Dispatch,

About 871,000 tons of trash were dumped last year at the landfill, south of Columbus off I-71 in Jackson Township. About 348,000 tons came from households, and about 523,000 tons came from businesses.

GREEN SPRING CLEANING

Remember, 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.



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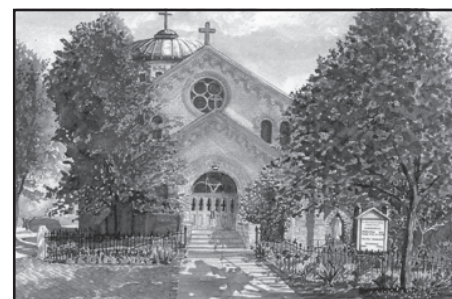
1088 Perry Street
2nd phase - Harrison West loft condos. Lots of features-exposed brick walls, vaulted ceilings, and wood floors. Priced from \$159,000-\$169,000. Available in September 2007



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CALL FOR CANDIDATES

By Jim Slone

On May 21, the Harrison West Society will elect new officers for the upcoming year.

You must be a member of the Society as of March to vote in the elections.

If you are interested in serving or becoming active in the Society, please call Pastor Morris at 299-3663.

There are many challenges facing our neighborhood for which we need the input of the membership.

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From the Editor

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Just type up your article (250 words or less) and email it to newsletter@harrisonwest.org with the subject line starting with "Article:". We accept plain text, RTF, Word documents, or OpenDocument Format text.

We can't guarantee your article will be in the next issue but our goal to share ideas from our rich diversity in Harrison West.

Articles should relate to living in Harrison West but can encompass the Central Ohio area if tied in some way to Harrison West.

By Jim Slone

Spring has sprung and it's time to spring off the couch and into the yard for some home maintenance.

I've gather 10 tips for lazy home owner to get ready for spring and summer. So for little effort and big gains check out the following 8 tips for sprucing up the house.

1. Check for water stains under the overhang and in the attic. You really need to see your attic at least once a year. It gets lonely.
2. While your checking the roof check the gutter and clean them or have them cleaned. You'll see why when the rains come this week.
3. Speaking of rain, check that there is no puddling of water around the foundation. A good foundation is a terrible thing to waste... and expensive too!
4. While your looking, check the exterior paint for any cracks. A quick touch-up now will help prevent damage later when the heavy rains come.
5. Rake and bag any leftover leaves and twigs. Pull any weeds now while they are young and easily pulled.
6. Replace dead flowers with low-maintenance pansies, begonias, and mums. The colors are wonderful and you might run into a neighbor or two!
7. Have the air conditioner checked. The blizzard might have cover it and it's been sitting idle long enough.
8. Check door and windows for leaks especially in the corners.

Now that your back inside you can head to the couch, safe in the knowledge that your house is ready!

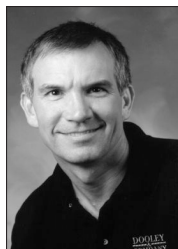
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Harrison West Society Volunteer Form

- ☐ Budget (sets up the Society Budget)
- ☐ TIF Task Force (monitors and reports on TIF events)
- ☐ Newsletter Advertising (works with the advertisers)
- ☐ Newsletter Distribution (distributes the newsletter to businesses)
- ☐ Newsletter Reporting (writes articles and proofs articles)
- ☐ Newsletter and Website graphics (develops graphics and images)
- ☐ Website maintenance (maintains and updates website)
- ☐ Policy (reviews all changes to By Laws, Constitution, & policies)
- ☐ 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

Nominations for Officers

Update on Harrison Park plans

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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BATTELLE TO PRESENT DAY CARE CENTER PLANS AT THE NEXT HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MEETING

By Jim Slone

Battelle will be presenting their plan to build a day care center on the Third Avenue and Perry Green Space during the Presentation section of our next meeting. Below is a map and a sketch of the proposed building of the initial proposal.

The Executive Committee is still reviewing the proposal and wanted to give the membership a first look at what is know so far.



Elevation view looking from Third Avenue toward the proposed Day Care Center



SATELLITE VIEW OF
THE GREEN SPACE AS
IT EXISTS TODAY.

The green arrows indicate the traffic flow and the proposed new road through the green space to connect Fifth Avenue with Third Avenue.

Third Avenue is at the bottom and Fifth Avenue is at the top of the picture. Perry runs down the middle of the picture.