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WHEELER PARK... A DOG FRIENDLY PARK-- UPDATE



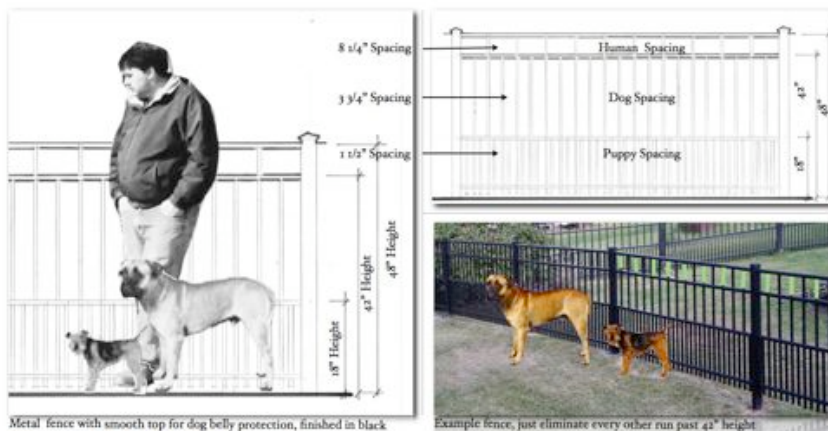
By Rob Harris

The Wheeler Park steering committee, directed by Mark Young of Recreation & Parks, has completed the final recommendation and endorsed a design ready for bidding and construction.

The details of the park will have the existing lights replaced to match the historic style acorn lights, the benches will be of the quality of the Side by Side Park, new tables & litter receptacles, and a pump style water feature.

A unique feature to the park will be a fence design that has small spaced pickets for puppies & small dogs, wider spaced mid section for mid-size dogs, and a wider spacing for our human scale.

The fence design will add visual interest, while providing safety for our canine friends. We look forward to the park starting construction this summer with an early fall completion.



Wheeler Park Fence... small & large dog safety with human scale height

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By Jim Slone

It's that time again to elect new officers for the 2008 - 2009 year Harrison West Society.

Officers of the Harrison West Society serve a one year term beginning after the May membership meeting and continuing until the end of the May meeting of the following year.



Our current slate of nominees are Rob Harris for President, Mary Funk for Vice President, and Tim Bledsoe for Secretary. We are still looking for the Treasure position.

Nominee for President Rob Harris plans on being pro-active in the issues confronting the Society in the coming year.

You can see all the nominees' bios and their goals upon election on page 7.

You must be a member in good standing with your membership paid for 2008 as of March, 2008 to vote.

The voting will be held at the end of the Society meeting.

Thanks in advance for participating in the Harrison West Society and neighborhood!

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be this Wed., May 21, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Harrison Park Community Center, 575 West First Avenue.

We will voting on officers, reviewing new signage, getting updates on current activities and discussing summer activities.

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

By *Jim Slone, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM with a quorum of voting members present (25). There were no new members in attendance.

Routine Business

Minutes Tim Bledsoe moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as posted in the April 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

Membership Chris Ruder reported we have 263 members.

Parks Rob Harris presented a video on Harrison Park as an update on the current plans. Bids will begin in 2-4 weeks for the Wheeler Dog Park. Construction will begin this summer.

Communications Pastor Morris reported that we are looking for an ad manager, article manager, and layout manager.

We also have positions available for reporters, graphic artists, and distributors.

If you are interested in working on the newsletter, please contact Pastor Morris at 299-3663. Please leave a message if no answer.

New Business

Appointments Chris Ruder made a motion to appoint Pastor Morris to the Historical Neighborhood Representative position until July and Rob Harris as our Short North Foundation (SNF) representative. **Passed.**

Signage Grant Pastor Morris made a motion for HWS to apply for a SNF signage grant. The grant would pay for new signs for the Short North area including Victorian Village, Italian Village and Harrison West with a new design. Seconded. **Passed.**

Nominating Pastor Morris Reported that we have one nominee for each officer position except for Treasurer. There were

no nominations from the floor. Matt Williams made a motion to close the nominations. Seconded. **Passed.**

Crime Report Officer Steve Smith reported that the area is pretty quiet. We are in Precinct 1 and we usually have three officers that cover the area on the daylight and 3rd shifts. There are five cars assigned to the precinct but two of them are sometimes called to nearby areas when needed. Our precinct ruffly goes north to Lane Ave, South to I-670, West to Upper Arlington and East to Weinland Park. See <http://www.columbuspolice.org/> for more details.

Border changes A motion was tabled by Chris Ruder to annex the area south of 3rd Ave and west of the railroad tracks until after the notifications have been sent to the membership.

Adjournment Mary Funk made a motion to adjourn. Seconded. **Passed.** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APRIL POLICE BLOTTER

Auto Theft

W 3rd Ave 4/14

Burglary

W 2nd Ave 4/11

Robbery

W 1st Ave & Harrison 4/19

Theft from Auto or Parts

W 3rd Ave 4/14

From April 2008 report by Columbus Police Division

Total of four reported crimes within the Harrison West borders.

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



The Annual Short North Yard Sale will be on June 7th from 9 a.m. To 3 p.m.

This year's yard sale will be even bigger and better than before. The yard sale now includes all the neighborhoods of the Short North including Victorian Village, Harrison West, Italian Village, and The Circles.

An exciting new feature this year is the ability to register your sale online and have it appear in a listing and on a map that will be viewable by everyone.

This should really help promote your sale. We will also arrange for pickup service by a local charity for any unsold items you wish to dispose of.

Please visit the Victorian Village website at www.victorianvillage.org/?id=77 to register your sale.

An option for the new signage



By Rob Harris

Our Harrison West neighborhood signs are in need of attention, the crackle glazing of the Third Avenue sign and the glaring orange of the Harrison Avenue sign are rather sad and do not speak of the quality of our neighborhood.

Harrison West has invited our fellow neighbors in Italian Village and Victorian Village, under the direction of the Short North Foundation, to study ways to improve our neighborhood identity through unified signs.

The initial proposal is to have a common theme of using the Short North arches as a unifying symbol that bridges our neighborhoods into a common thread. The initial font rec-

ommendation is Goudy Old Style recommended based on it's historic usage at the time our neighborhoods were being built.

The suggested material is having the signs cast similar to historical markers to give an air of dignity and permanence.

The combined effort of our neighborhoods will allow us to simplify the allocation of funds, permitting, manufacturing, and implementation, thus allowing a layering of our many talented Short North residents.



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by Barb Williams

The Earth talk in our newsletter comes from us all! In an attempt to get a little more input from the neighborhood, I'm asking all readers to consider the following questions for a future article in Harrison West News. If each of you answers just one question, we'll share some thoughts and actions. We won't use your name, unless you want us to.

Has Harrison West gone a little greener?

What changes have you made in the past few years, in your home or business, towards helping the future of our planet?

What ways/hints do you have for reducing, reusing, and recycling?

What do you particularly appreciate about the city of Columbus' efforts toward getting greener?

Any little, specific thing/changes you've made, like

- How do you save gas mileage?
- Do you walk more, use public transportation more?
- carry a shopping bag, take your own cup?
- use cloth napkins instead of paper?
- save plain junk mail for scrap paper?
- use kitchen scraps, shred paper, save leaves, for compost?

- join with others to help rescue the planet? How?

Please respond soon to Barbara Williams, (291-5960), babsbbw@gmail.com

Make Your Own Cleaning Products from Natural Products

In addition to being non-toxic, making your own cleaning products from things you already have at home saves the costs of production, transporting, and packaging--which is good for your health and for the planet's health.

Some examples:

All-purpose Spray Cleaner: Combine in a spray bottle 1/2 tsp washing soda, 1/2 tsp Borax, 1/2 tsp vegetable oil-based soap, 2 Tbsp vinegar and 2 cups of hot water. Shake well until all the solid bits have dissolved. For extra cleaning power increase Borax to 1 tsp. Then spray and wipe clean with a damp cloth or sponge.

Natural surface cleaner: Mix about 1/2 cup baking soda and enough liquid dish soap until the consistency is like frosting. Apply mixture to a sponge as an ideal cleaner for any sink.

A Martha Stewart special (known by many): Dip half a lemon in baking soda for a great sink cleaner - no sponge necessary..

Are you a scourer? For greasy dirt usually encountered in the kitchen and on the walls, wash surfaces with a small amount of *washing soda* (not baking soda) in water. Use rubber gloves when putting hands directly into a washing soda solution since it's very strong and can irritate the skin. Or make your own scouring powder by combining 1 cup of baking soda and 1/4 cup of washing soda.

Kill mold! Use full-strength vinegar. To keep mold under control spray with diluted vinegar on a regular basis. Vinegar can get rid of those pesky ants, too.

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.

Musty Smells: Combine 1 tsp of tea tree oil and 1 cup of water in a spritzer bottle. Spray the area, but don't wipe it off. In a couple of days the smell should be gone and the tea tree oil should have dissipated. If not, repeat..

Moisture Problems: Mold and mildew thrive in moist, warm areas. Kitty litter helps to absorb the moisture, so place out bowls of kitty litter and replace once a week until the problem is gone.

Window Cleaner: Use club soda and a cotton cloth.

You probably have more ideas and secrets. Let us know!



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HELP NEEDED FOR BENCHES

By Jim Slone

As you may recall, we are having two benches for the Harrison West Park refinished, the benches have been completed.

We need to have some man power to load and unload the benches into the pickup truck.

We need about four people able to lift around 30 pounds for about one hour.

If you are able to help please call Bob Mangia at 291-3727.

Thanks in advance for your time!

First Brethren Church

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10:20 Refreshment Gathering
10:40 Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. Bible Study
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By *Chris Ruder*

While not plagued by a hoard of orange barrels, Harrison West still has its share of road construction.



The new water line is down under First Ave. and final work is being done on connections to the side streets. A week, or so, and these barrels will retreat to the freeways.

Now, however, we will be loosing Ingleside Ave. With the third 'Flats' building going up – the contractors are closing the street to the east between the entrance to the west Abitech parking lot on the north and Quality Place on the south.

It will remain closed until the construction on building 'B' is finished.

The Battelle Rivers and Streams Team, the Harrison West Society, and the Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) are sponsoring a neighborhood community Olentangy River Bike Path spruce-up (weeding, litter pick-up, pruning, and mulching) from King Avenue to Third Avenue, on **Saturday, June 14, 2008, from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine.**

Meet at the Battelle Warehouse parking lot by the Fifth Avenue Bridge (southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and the Olentangy River) at 9 a.m. for sign-in and work assignments.

Please bring your own weeding and mulching tools (shovels, hoes, rakes etc.) or loppers if you would like to do some pruning work, and work gloves. We will have extra work tools and gloves for those volunteers that cannot bring their own. We will also be picking up litter along the bike path from King Ave-

nue to Third Avenue.

Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. We will be working near the Olentangy River, and a busy bike path, so parents (or other responsible adults) must directly supervise their children at all times while participating in this event.

There will be some educational information about recycling at the event. This event should be a fun and worthwhile event for the entire family.

If you might have helped to plant some of the trees along the bike path in past years, you can use this event to check on those trees.

Join us for a light lunch at noon.

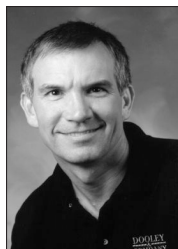
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OFFICER NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES AND GOALS



Rob Harris

Nominated for President

I have been fortunate to be a resident of Harrison West for the past 19 years, becoming active in the Society within months of moving here. Our neighborhood has been blessed with many hard working and dedicated residents who show compassion in making Harrison West a great place to live, work, and spend time in.

I have layered my talents with our fellow neighbors in working on the re-zoning of our neighborhood, the urban commercial overlay, UIRF projects, the Harrison West plan, the Goudy Field Development, the tax increment finance, the Harrison Park Committee and designing the Harrison Park Development.

Serving as Co-Chair & Secretary of the Park Committee from 2004-present, Vice President from 2005-06, President from 2006-07, Wheeler Park Representative 2007-08, and Short North Foundation Representative from 2008-present.

My goal is to be pro-active in moving forward with the best interest of our neighborhood in mind and to promote a strong and positive interaction between our residents, neighboring community leaders, city government, and private development through connectivity and layering of thoughts. Our executive committee and membership meetings will serve as a forum so we can unify our voice and talents for the best interest of the community.



Mary Funk

Nominated for Vice President

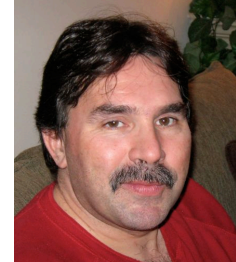
I chose to live in Harrison West some 35 years ago. I have been actively involved in Harrison West since the Society was formed.

I have served on many committees and worked on many projects to improve the quality of life within Harrison West.

I am married to Roy and we have two grown children, Shawn and Jason, and two wonderful granddaughters, Shelby and Bailey.

My greatest accomplishment was to raise my two children in Harrison West and see what great citizens they are today.

I will continue to work for the betterment of the Society and the quality of life for the next generation of residents in Harrison West.



Tim Bledsoe

Nominated for Secretary

I have lived in Harrison West for 19 years, and have have been involved in neighborhood projects and the society from almost the first day.

I have helped plant trees in the tree lawns, participated in neighborhood clean ups, and supported my neighborhood's efforts as needed.

I have served on several committees for the Harrison West Society: Planning and Development, Park, Social, and Nominating. I have been the Social Committee Chair for three terms with many successful social gatherings.

My goal will be to combine efforts with our communication committee, newspaper, and treasurer.

My job will be to collect and distribute mail, recording meetings, coordinating bill payment and deposits, and scheduling our events and meetings.

I enjoy working to better our community through the combined effort of the Harrison West Society.



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Come make 2008 a year to remember. Become a member or renew your membership and help us make a great neighborhood.

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Harrison West Society Volunteer Form

- ☐ Budget (sets up the Society Budget)
- ☐ TIF Task Force (monitors and reports on TIF events)
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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 meetings at 7 p.m. in the
Harrison Park Community Center*

May 21

Vote for new officers

Neighborhood Yard Sale on June 7

Bike Pah Clean-up on June 14

Battelle Development Update

Neighborhood Signs Design Discussion

Council of Historic Neighborhoods
brochure publication update

Summer Block Party on July 18

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

Last meeting of the year

December 17

Holiday Party

January 21, 2009

Celebrate accomplishments

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