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NEW HWS PRESIDENT — DIRECTION FOR SOCIETY



By Rob Harris

Harrison West Society... a reflection and voice of our residents

The direction of our Society is based on the needs and desires of our community as made vocal through our diverse membership. The Harrison West Society is comprised of over 250 members that represent our area residents, businesses, religious organizations, foundations, stake-holders, and community leaders. Our membership meetings serve as a public forum for the exchange of information and grounds for debating issues that concern our neighborhood. The voice of the Society is dynamic in the manner that it changes form to follow our current needs and desires. Collectively, our members are what make our Society and steer its direction toward the future. We must respect the past and learn from our history, while always looking ahead and planning our future path.

To speak positively of our Society, you in turn speak accordingly of our fellow neighbors and friends. Strive to make our neighborhood the best it can be by participating in our public forums and activities. If an issue arises that is of concern, come forth and express yourself and at the same time present an idea to resolve the issue. We are all in this together and will benefit the most through our cooperative efforts.

The following months we will begin to establish the future direction for our Society based on the needs of our community. Keep in mind that our community is an important part, but just a part of a much bigger picture. We will proceed in a continued effort to branch out and further our relationship with surrounding communities. Take an active role in your neighborhood and make a difference that leads to the betterment of all. Voice your opinion, suggest a direction, share information, or simply support your neighbors by participating in your community activities.

Rob Harris

Harrison West Society President

COLUMBUS CURFEW BEGINS

It's Midnight...and starting June 5th, 2008, Mayor Coleman asks...

Mayor Michael B.

Coleman, the YMCA, local schools and churches and

the Division of Police are working together on a curfew plan to keep children out of danger, and out of trouble, at night.

They have established a curfew from June 5th through August 24th, 2008, Midnight to 6:00 A.M. for children 17 and under on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

What happens if a child is picked up after curfew?

1st time: Child is taken to the Y's Curfew Center. Parent/guardian must pick up child and later join child for a 3 hour workshop

2nd time: Child may have to participate in community service.

3rd time: Child may be charged with a violation of curfew and parent/guardian may be charged with parental neglect (3rd degree misdemeanors)

To report a curfew violation, call 645-4545

For more information, please contact the city's information line at 311 or 645-3111.

Do
You Know Where
Your Children Are?

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be this Wed., June 18, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Harrison Park Community Center, 575 West First Avenue.

We will be getting updates on current activities and discussing summer activities.

MAY MEETING MINUTES

By Jim Slone, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of voting members present. There were no new members in attendance.

Routine Business

Minutes Pastor Morris moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting as posted in the May newsletter. Seconded.

Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report We currently have \$7,045.99 in checking, \$2,773.52 in savings, \$2,621.25 in a CD for a total of \$12,440.76.

Committee Reports

Parks Bob Mangia asked that anyone who has time to help clean up Side by Side Park. Removal of extra dirt from the Harrison Park site is happening now.

Signage Rob Harris did a keynote presentation to Short North Foundation, Craig Copeland suggested a taller type. A Short North grant is available, and we will apply for some money. The signs could be installed by year end if all parties agree.

Wheeler Park Dog Friendly Park Rob Harris said \$400,000 was set aside for Wheeler Park and Three Rivers Park. Approx. \$125,000 is for Wheeler and the rest for Three Rivers. Bids came back and the base for Wheeler is \$146,000.

Addition funds for the upgrades we want to the park are 38,000. We need to get in front of council to work with the amount.

Battelle Day Care Center Rob Harris stated we received their response to our proposal and suggestions today 5-21-08. They are going to continue with their plans as presented.

We will send a notice to City Council, Traffic Division, and other city leaders, to make sure they know we are against the curb cuts proposed by the Battelle project.

The ordinance from 1996 says the right of ways for all utilities must be maintained as well.

Social Tim Bledsoe there will be a post City Hop party, Saturday, June 7 at 5:00 p.m. at the Harrison Park Community Center. The Block Party will be Friday, July 18 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. More details to follow.

Communications Eric Casto reminded committee members that we need a meeting to discuss the newsletter organization and processes. A list was circulated so that interested parties could join the committee and provide input to the process.

Trash Containers John Carter reported a trash issue in the alleys around Oregon and Michigan Avenues. Someone is throwing away illegal items. Mary Funk will check with the city about monitoring this problem.

New Business

Civic Relations Pastor Morris made a motion to add \$90 to our donation toward printing new brochures bringing our total contribution to \$300. Tim Bledsoe seconded. **Passed**.

Wheeler Park A motion was made by Mary Funk to ask the City and Recreation and Parks to pay for the upgrades to Wheeler Park from the funds allocated from the sale of the Gowdy Field parkland for private development. Seconded. **Passed** with a majority vote.

Phoenix Award Rob Harris made a motion for a letter be sent supporting Harrison Park developer's bid for this award, given for excellent reuse of brownfields. Seconded. **Passed**. See article in this issue for more information.

Battelle Response Rob Harris moved that a letter be sent to city agencies (Transportation Division, City Council, etc.) stating that HWS is in complete support of the city's position on the curb cuts and expressing our concerns with the Battelle Day Care center.

Seconded. **Passed** by majority vote.

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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.



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Rob Harris will draft letter for approval by the Executive Committee.

Area Commission Pastor Morris was called by Randy Black from the historic preservation office at the city. He wanted to know if we are interested in becoming an area commission. Chris Ruder said we would have to repeal the vote to become a conservation district if we decided to become an area commission. Rob stated that the two designations are unrelated and not exclusive. The matter will be further studied.

Elections The following new officers were elected: Rob Harris, President; Mary Funk, Vice President; Tim Bledsoe, Secretary; Dick Montgomery Treasurer.

Crime Report Officer Steve Smith reported property damage from graffiti on a wall, a stolen bike, and a construction theft at the building next to Time Warner. Monday night May 19, police cars and helicopters patrolled the neighborhood heavily around 11:15 p.m. Officer Smith was not aware of what happened. Tim Bledsoe asked about the body found under the 5th Avenue bridge. Officer Smith said he thinks it was a homeless person.

Adjournment Mary Funk made a motion to adjourn. Seconded. **Passed.** The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

APRIL POLICE BLOTTER

Burglary

W 2nd Ave 5/15

W 4th Ave 5/27

From May 2008 report by Columbus Police Division

Perhaps the most understated annual event in Columbus, Ohio is coming on the weekend of June 27-29, to Goodale Park in nearby Victorian Village.

The festival will begin on Friday at 12 Noon and continue until 10 p.m. on Sunday. The Community Festival, or more commonly known as ComFest, started in 1972 as a culmination of celebrations in recognition of the first Earth Day, growing environmental and political activism and the civil rights movement.

Although the location and organization of ComFest has changed slightly over time, it still carries a similar face and attitude at a much grander scale.

As the hippie movement and accompanying ideals have grown more mainstream, so has the ComFest.

Rather than rely on generalizations found here, one should visit the official website: www.comfest.com for a thorough schedule of events and a rather well versed History, Statement of Principles and even a Code of Regulations on this richly cultural event. A multitude of activities, events and musical performances take place annually at the ComFest and all started with the idea that "one must not simply speak out, one must act". Although the theme of responsibility is at its core and roots, the common attitude of "peace and good times in a community" prevail.

Do yourself a favor and walk to ComFest, June 27-29. You'll surely have an enlightening, if not uplifting, experience.



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UPDATE ON WHEELER PARK... A DOG FRIENDLY PARK

by Rob Harris

The plans and specifications have been completed on the repurposing of Wheeler Park into a dog friendly park. The bids came back as follows:

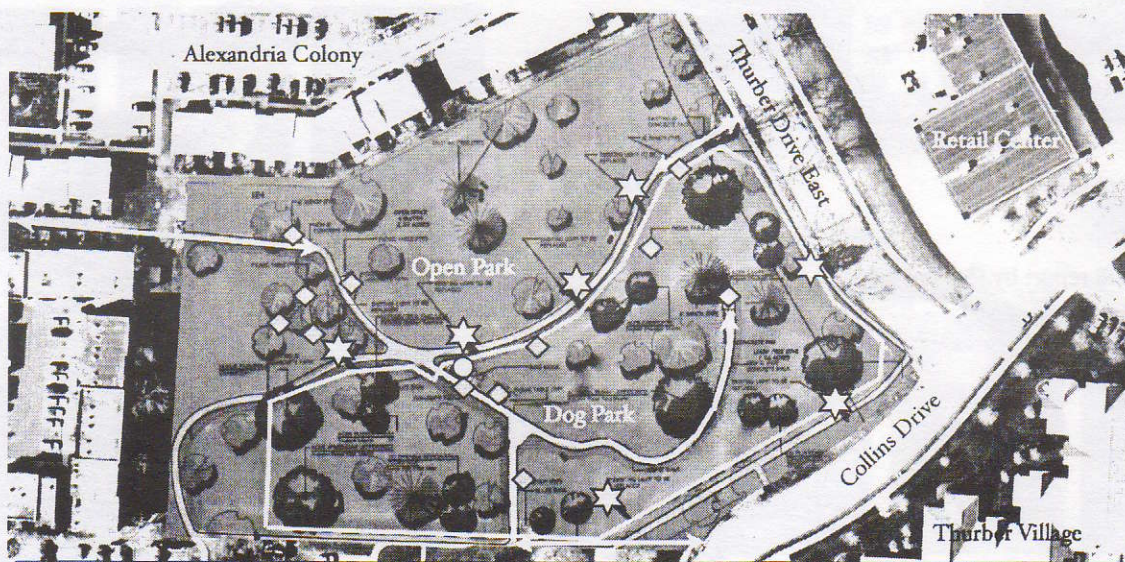
Base Bid:	\$146,400	Supply and installation of 48" high decorative fence, signage, paving, lighting and demolition of walkways, light poles, fixtures, and concrete courts
Contingency	\$14,600	Base bid does not reflect a 10% contingency
	\$161,000	Total for base bid project with 10% contingency
Alternate #1-	\$35,232	Supply and installation of (5) 6' long metal picnic tables and (3) trash receptacles and concrete bases
Alternate #2-	\$8,267	Supply and installation of (3) 6' divided metal benches with backs and (1) 4' metal backless bench with concrete bases.
Alternate #3-	\$5,000	Supply and installation of metal information kiosk and concrete base.
Alternate #4-	\$22,480	For the supply and installation of water supply – line& fittings, tap, meter (water service) &yoke, lock box backflow preventer, meter pit, and water hydrant.
\$70,979		
Total is	\$231,979.00 with the base bid and all alternates for Wheeler Park	

Since the project was bid with each park as a separate item, it was easier to have an accurate breakdown of the material and installation costs. The base bid is over the \$125,000 and includes the upgrade of the fence style.

CRPD has made the commitment to build the base bid; however, there is a funding shortfall (\$70,979.00) for the site furnishings, information kiosk and water supply & hydrant. I have asked for some additional information from the bidders to verify their costs and schedules, so final bid evaluations have not been completed.

The Harrison West Society voted to approve the inclusion of the four (4) alternates and supported the suggestion for Recreation & Parks to seek the allocation of funds from the Gowdy Field development for the additional cost. City of Columbus Legislative Report File Number: 0785-2005 states "Whereas, funds received for the sale of property, along with all TIF proceeds allocated for parkland improvements, shall be used to acquire additional parkland , and develop parks and trails along the Olentangy River and within the Harrison West community.

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Wheeler Park... pathways, fence, lights, water feature, & site furniture

WHEELER PARK CONTINUED

Planned development of the park will start this summer for a fall completion. Bravo to Mark Young and Kathy Spatz of Recreation & Parks, the Wheeler park Steering Committee, and the support of our Society for their dedicated and beloved work.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

By Chris Ruder

5 Years ago in Harrison West

Planning for the 1st Annual Wendy's Bike Race in Harrison West was winding down. The first changes to our boundaries were considered. Alpha State opened.



10 Years ago in Harrison West

Meetings regarding traffic problems caused by I-670 construction were held with Victorian Village and Dennison Place residents.

There was a garden tour and a members' pot luck. Felix de la Concha showed his paintings of Harrison West at the Columbus Museum of Art.

From the Harrison West Newsletter Issues 9.6 and 14.6.



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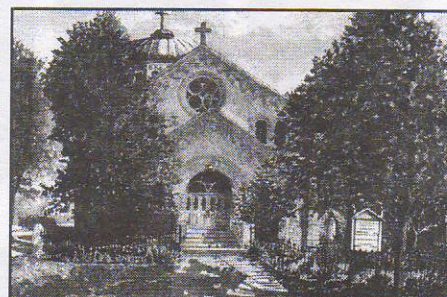


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SWACO OPENS PERMANENT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE

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 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.

Please check their website for the correct way to dispose of items before you drop them off so that you can be assured that they will be accepted by SWACO.



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LOCAL DEVELOPER NOMINATED FOR PHOENIX AWARD



By Eric Casto

With unanimous support at the May meeting, the Harrison West Society has pledged a letter of support for the

Phoenix Award for Wagenbrenner Development and Pandey Environmental for their development efforts in two successful Harrison West brownfield (remediation) projects: Harrison Park and the Gowdy Field commercial development.

The National Brownfields Association recognizes projects throughout the country with the Phoenix Award, which is considered to be the highest recognition in the brownfield industry.

The national award was created in 1997, and past applications have been received for developments in numerous states across the country.

One winner is chosen from each of the EPA's regions, and additional winners are selected for community impact, "green" construction or other special achievements.

Projects are judged primarily on the scale of the site problems and the project, use of innovation, collaborative efforts of multiple parties, positive impact on the environment, and the project's general impact on the community.

Representatives from Wagenbrenner Development recently attended the annual National Brownfields Conference in Detroit, Michigan.

There, they learned the value of this prestigious award and look forward to the possibility and

honor involved in the application and hopeful award for these revitalization projects.

In keeping with responsible development efforts, the trend of brownfield development is not only a creative reuse of infill land; it is also key to maintaining and improving the vibrancy of metropolitan living.

The Harrison West Society has given strong written support for the project, so it is in hopes that national attention for the Harrison West neighborhood and recognition for the collaborative efforts of all parties involved is gained when the award is granted at next year's National Brownfield Conference.

DOO DAH PARADE!

Do the Doo! The Doo Dah Parade that is. The Doo Dah Parade will be held on July 4th. The parade will start at 1:00 p.m. Dana G. "Buck" Rinehart will be the Less-Than-Grand Marshal this year.

There is an "after Doo Dah Parade - Block Party" on High Street between Buttles & Russell from 3 - 9 p.m.

See www.doodahparade.com for all the details!

BREAD TIE COLOR CODE

When you go to buy bread in the grocery store, have you ever wondered which is the freshest, so you "squeeze" for freshness or softness. Did you know that bread is delivered fresh to the stores five days a week? Each day has a different color twist tie. They are:

Monday - Blue
Tuesday - Green
Thursday - Red
Friday - White
Saturday - Yellow

So if today was Thursday, you would want red twist tie - not white which is Friday's (almost a week old)!

The colors go alphabetically by color Blue - Green - Red - White - Yellow, Monday thru Saturday. Very easy to remember.

I thought this was interesting. I looked in the grocery store and the bread wrappers DO have different twist ties, and even the one with the plastic clips have different colors. You learn something new everyday!!!

Enjoy fresh bread when you buy bread with the right color on the day you are shopping. Pass this information onto friends so they could be informed also.

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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

Harrison West Meetings open to all members. All meetings at 7 p.m. in the Harrison Park Community Center

June 14 - Event

River front clean-up

June 18 - Membership

Public Forum on Direction of Society
Park Updates

June 20 - Reminder

SNF Grant Application Due on Signage

July 2 - Executive Committee

Area commission

July 7 - Park Committee

Gazebo Design

July 16 - Membership

Area commission

Signage grant application update

July 18 - Social Event

Harrison West Pool Party

August 4 - Park Committee

Production Drawings

August 6 - Executive Cmtee

Park and Art Presentation

August 20 - Membership

Park and Art Presentation



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