

The Village Vibe

The Newspaper for and about the Historic Near Northside

Victorian Village Society Elections 2003

Five neighbors have volunteered to serve as the Nominating Committee for the upcoming Victorian Village Society (VVS) elections. The Victorian Village Society thanks these individuals for volunteering to serve in this capacity. They are: Jan Rosenfield, Meredith Simpson, Donna Byrom and Ann Kozliner. If you are interested in serving as President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer for the Victorian Village Society, your nomination needs to be communicated to any one of these people.

If you do not already know them, contact can be made by calling the Victorian Village Society answering machine at 228-2912. All nominations must be received by the March 20th Victorian Village Society meeting. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM in the Goodale Park Residence House. Nominations will be accepted from the floor during this meeting. All persons being nominated at the meeting **MUST BE PRESENT** to accept their nomination.

Also, if a VVS member is unable to attend the

April 18th meeting/elections and would like to cast a vote, a ballot may be requested after March 20th from a member of the Nominating Committee. This ballot **MUST** be returned before April 17th to be counted. No absentee ballots will be accepted after the election is declared closed on April 17th.

If you have any questions regarding this process, the elections, or the Victorian Village Society, please do not hesitate to contact us at 228-2912.

Victorian Village Architectural Review Commission

Have you ever thought of becoming a Victorian Village Commissioner? For those of you who aren't familiar with the commission, Victorian Village is governed by architectural guidelines to promote appropriate rehabilitation work and new construction.

If you have any interest in becoming a commissioner, call the Victorian Village Society at **614.228.2912** or email us at **VillageVibe@hotmail.com**



Short North Neighborhood Foundation mARTi gras

Each year the Short North Neighborhood Foundation (SNNF) holds a fundraiser to support our mission, called 'mARTi gras'. This year's masked ball will be held on 'Fat Tuesday', March 4th, 2003 at the Crowne Plaza. This visual paradise reflects the diversity, creativity, and vitality of the Short North Neighborhood. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served, as the music of the HooDoo Soul band will enliven

the party. A silent auction, table decorating contest, circus performers, and mask making will be part of the entertainment. The Short North Community Leadership award will be presented for the third year. Tickets are \$50 each or \$80 for two, members of a Short North organization pay only \$40!

Our Mission

The SNNF's mission is to 'advance the creative spirit, diversity, and vitality of our neighborhoods and civic organizations. The SNNF's philosophy is that through our support of creative, diverse, and vital projects, the Short North can be the ultimate urban art experience. For more information contact our Director, Gwynne Rukenbrod at 614.262.0801

Church Stories

Continued from the February 2003 Village Vibe

He notices that the present situation is improving. The youth program is being revitalized and worship too. Their new worship leader Sonny Whitehead (who works for OSU in the Department of Education) has brought a mixture of traditional and contemporary music. The church has also recently purchased a new sound system in the sanctuary that accompanies the pipe organ which organist Michael Hatcher plays so well.

As far as the FACC facilities go, I got a personal tour and couldn't believe how much space was inside. They have a gymnasium, large fellowship hall and tons of classrooms. The church opens its building up to a variety of groups including a yoga group, cyclist group, another church, and last summer they hosted workers for habit for humanity project where high school students stayed in



The Alter of Fourth Avenue Church

their building for an entire week. They have also installed two chairlifts, so they are handicap accessible now. They are open to allowing other neighborhood groups to use it more, so give them a call if you need to!

There is a grocery list of other programs that the church gets behind, such as NNEMAP (led by Dick and Joyce Wolf) supporting them with food, clothing and money contributions; supporting the Cleveland Children's Home; working with the "Called to Protect Program" to refurbish old cell phones to be given to abused women to call 911 for help; Collecting eye-glasses and Campbell's Soup Labels for distribution by the Ohio Women's Ministries.

Beginning Sunday, November 24, the church will be sponsoring yet another congregation-this time in its own facility. The church is called the Africa Community

A series on Near Northside Churches by Mike Jentes

Fellowship Church. It's pastor is Francis Mwanzia Mulwa, a native of Kenya. Pastor Mulwa hopes to provide a church for students and immigrants from East Africa. Fourth Avenue is excited about this new church that will meet each Sunday at 1:00 PM in their building.



Facade of Fourth Avenue Church

As the church looks forward, in January the whole church will begin reading through the Bible together. The sermons from Joe will come from the chapters they will be reading. It will take reading three chapters a day for the year to complete their goal.

With a storied past and an active present, Fourth Avenue Christian Church looks forward to a lively reading and discussion of the Bible. Feel free to stop by for worship on Sundays at 10:00 AM.

The Village Vibe

The Vibe is the monthly newspaper of the Victorian Village Society. The Society meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Goodale Park Caretaker's House unless otherwise noted.

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Where to Go, What to See

March is jammed-packed with sports and entertainment in the Arena District with something for everyone. If you are hungry for a great meal, take advantage of the Park & Dine program that allows Arena District restaurant patrons to park



Patrons enjoy a family style dining experience at Buca di Beppo

in the Arena Grand Theatre Garage, located on Marconi Blvd., for only \$3 on event nights. Just present your dinner receipt to the parking attendant within 2 hours of entering the garage and you will receive the Park & Dine program rate.

The O'Shaughnessy's 5K St. Patty's Day Race for Diabetes takes place in the Arena District and starts in front of Nationwide Arena on March 15. Prizes will be awarded, so register today, or

come out to cheer on the runners! On St. Patrick's Day, take in the history and culture of the Irish, and enjoy authentic Irish pub food and Dam Good Ale at O'Shaughnessy's Public House.

Sports fans should get ready for a hockey-filled month as the Blue Jackets host nine games. A detailed schedule is available on the Calendar of events on Page 8. Hockey fans can also see the NHL stars of tomorrow when the Ohio High School Hockey Championships is held at Nationwide Arena on March 1-2.

Get ready lacrosse fans. The Columbus Landsharks challenge Albany on March 7, and Rochester on March 16.

If live entertainment is your choice, Nationwide Arena welcomes Yanni on March 16, or stop by PromoWest Pavilion and enjoy the music events listed in the Calendar of events on page 8. Gordon Biersch, The Frog, Bear & Wild Boar Bar, and Margarita Mama's also offer live entertainment every weekend.

The Arena Grand Theatre is your one-stop for great movies with its current lineup and three new releases, "Tears of the Sun" on March 7, "Bend it Like Beckham" on March 14, and "View from the Top" on March 21. Parking in the Arena Grand Garage for moviegoers is always \$1.

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Sustaining	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70
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Member Status:

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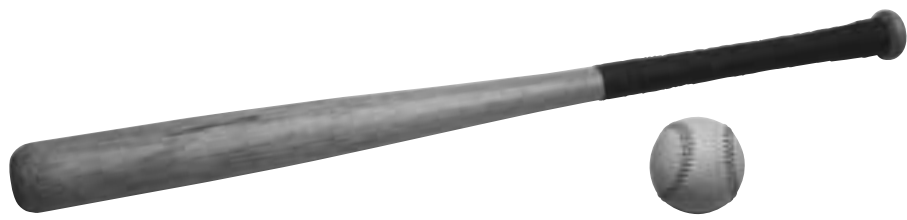
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St. Joseph Montessori School and Second Avenue Elementary again join forces on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 through Saturday, March 22, 2003 to unite parents, teachers, writers and illustrators devoted to children's literature with an array of acclaimed authors and storytellers, teachers and others involved in children's book publishing.

On Wednesday evening, storyteller Sally Crandall will begin the conference events by spinning stories for the Italian Village and St. Joseph Montessori and Second Avenue Elementary school communities. Co-sponsored with Midtown Parents and Kids, this is the first storytelling hour offered as part of the Writing for Children conference events.

Author Angela Johnson, author of numerous books including *Heaven and Toning the Sweep*, both Coretta Scott King Author Award winning books, will visit children at Second Avenue Elementary on Thursday and St. Joseph Montessori School on Friday. On Saturday she will give three session presentations.

Award-winning author Denise Fleming, who wrote and illustrated *In a Small, Small Pond*, a Caldecott Honor book as well other award-winning books such as *In The Tall, Tall Grass*, *Count!*, *Lunch*, and *Where Once There was a Wood*, will visit students on Friday at the neighboring schools in Italian Village, a Columbus historic district. She will be a keynote speaker and presenter at the conference on Saturday.

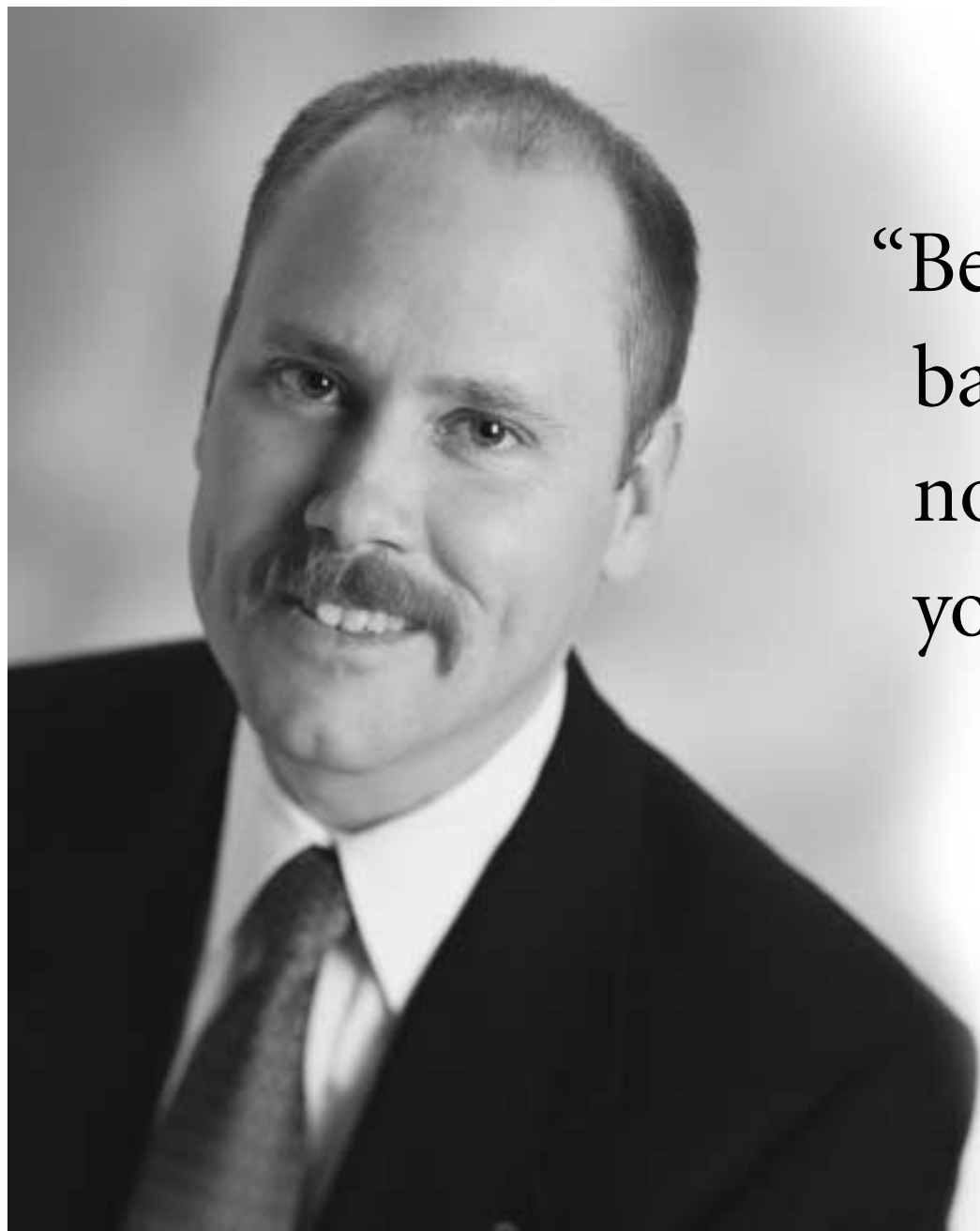
Chris Woodyard-author of the *Haunted Ohio* series, *Spooky Ohio: 13 Traditional Tales* and other books-will visit students in their classrooms at both schools on Friday. Woodyard will address conference attendees as a keynote speaker and presenter on Saturday at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Columbus.

All three will be joined from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. by a variety of esteemed presenters-writing, playwriting, mentoring, collaboration, copyright law-at the Crowne Plaza hotel, 33 Nationwide Boulevard on Saturday, March 22, 2003. Admission is \$55 for full-time high school and college students and \$105 for all others. For registrations postmarked after February 28, 2003

include an additional \$10. Lunch is included. For an additional \$40, conference registrants may have one children's book manuscript evaluated by an expert in the publishing field or may have an illustration portfolio evaluated by a publishing industry art consultant.

Proceeds from this public-private partnership are shared between Second Avenue Elementary, 68 East Second Avenue, winner of the Exemplary Achievement Award for Columbus Public Schools, and St. Joseph Montessori, a National Blue Ribbon School at 933 Hamlet St. Proceeds also fund the write place, a community resource center dedicated to all those who want to write, located in the St. Joseph Montessori School library. The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this program with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

Look for a schedule of events on-line at www.sjms.net/conf For more information, contact Jim Mengel, director of development at St. Joseph Montessori at 614-291-8644, or by e-mail at writingforchildren@mail.com




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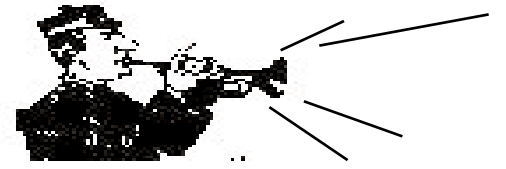
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----- Quick Pics -----

1. How many Leprechauns have you seen or touched?
2. Do you beware the Ides of March?
3. How long did it take you to dig your car out from mid-February's big snow?




Phil Downing

1. Uhhh, none.
2. No. Not anymore.
3. Three days.



Beth Long

1. Zero.
2. This one I do.
3. One day, possibly two.



Will Shelby

1. None.
2. No.
3. ONE HOUR!

Victorian Village Society Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2003

Goodale Park Caretaker's House

President Gavin Armstrong called the meeting convened at approximately 7:09 PM

I. Executive Committee Updates

Brett: Brett commented he received membership renewal updates as of 1-15-03 and the Society has 133 current, paid members. The Society's billings are current thru December. As of January 03, the Society has a balance of \$30,000 in its Treasury and Brett transferred that amount to an Interest Bearing Savings account. Brett noted that due to the Society's tax status with the IRS, the Society will have to prepare 2002 taxes because the Society has an accrued asset base over \$25,000. The CPA firm of Randy Carr has offered to provide assistance to the Society to prepare 02 tax forms. The Society has an updated office with improved office equipment, software etc.. Brett noted how helpful Jan Rosenfield was on updating the membership list. Actual 02 expenditures will be available in March. When asked what the implication of the \$25,000 in revenues would be for the Society Brett said he didn't know but would check with Randy. Donna asked Brett what the timeframe for the 2003 budget meeting would be and Brett said right now he didn't know.

Gregory Carr: Gregory noted that his wife could not attend future Society meetings because of a conflict with her Graduate School classes on Thursday evening.

Gavin: Gavin pointed out there are two open seats on the Victorian Village Commission and that three area residents have expressed interest to seek election for those positions.

II. Elections and Nominating Committee

Gavin announced the Nominating Committee's composition for the Society. Elections are scheduled for April. The Nominating Committee is composed of Jan Rosenfield, Meredith

Simpson, Donna Byrom, Ann Kozliner. Nominations for Society Officers and Trustees close at the end of the March VVS meeting. The following individuals were nominated of the positions indicated:

- President: Rob Petit nominated by Donna Byrom, 2nd Brian Higgins
- Vice President: Joe Blasko nominated by Gavin Armstrong, 2nd Brian Higgins
- Treasurer: Brett Long nominated by Donna Byrom, 2nd Gavin Armstrong
- Secretary: Karen Carr nominated by Donna Byrom, 2nd G. Carr
- Trustee: Peter Anderson nominated by Donna Byrom, 2nd Brian Higgins
- Trustee: Pat Lewis nominated by G. Carr, 2nd Todd Law
- Trustee: Jim Schmelzer nominated by Brett Long, 2nd Gavin Armstrong
- Trustee: Ann Kozliner nominated by Todd Law, 2nd Donna Byrom

III. VVS Web Page

Brian Higgins noted that the VVS does not have a web site dedicated to neighborhood matters. Although Deb Roberts has purchased the domain names VV.com and VV.org, there stills exists a need to establish a web site. He noted there are funds in the budget for just such a purpose, no action has been taken by the Communications Committee to formally establish a site. It was recommended the Communication Committee move to initiate steps to create a VVS web site.

IV. Committee Updates

By-Law Committees: Donna Byrom
Donna indicated that "the By Laws were approved at the January meeting, the issue is when they take affect, probably after the April elections"

Traffic Committe: Todd Law
Todd conveyed that the community is still waiting to hear back from the City regarding our latest

requests.

V. Announcements

Mark Dravillas of the City commented how the City's Historic Preservation Office is current filling a key position and that much of the Office's work products are beginning to fall behind. Gavin commented how there needs to be more clearer and timely communications between the Society and Commission. Frequently he receives the Commission agenda one day before the meeting, this needs to be changed. Suggestions were made to establish a PDF and/or e-mail system to forward Commission meeting agendas to the Society in a timely manner.

Pat Lewis asked if a lock could be placed in the downstairs restroom and Gavin said one would be installed as part of the office improvement efforts. Two new locks for the 2nd floor office complex would be completed soon.

Todd Law announced the availability of tickets to the Short North Foundation's mARTi Gras party to be held on Tuesday, March 4 at the Crown Center. Tickets go for \$40 a piece, \$35 for a book of 10.

Pat Lewis noted that donations are being sought to assist the Old Oaks neighborhood in transporting houses around Children's Hospital.

It was noted that due to budget cuts, the city's allocation to purchase flowers for Goodale Park has been reduced.

Due to the State Bicentennial activities, the Society and other organizations in the neighborhood might look to collaborate on some of the events with the state.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, G. Carr

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Midtown Parents & Kids wishes to thank and honor its founder and long-time president, Sabrina Bobrow. Sabrina founded MPK seven years ago with the goal of creating a volunteer organization that would support family living in the Short North neighborhoods. Because of her vision, MPK now boasts approximately 200 family memberships. MPK offers a variety of ways for Short North families to meet, play, and share information. Under Sabrina's leadership, MPK has established activities for infants, school age children, and teens; from weekly playgroups to regular Fun Dates, from babysitter lists to school symposiums. Sabrina has chosen to step down from her position as MPK board president in order to pursue other interests, but she plans to remain involved in MPK, and even hopes to use MPK as a model organization for other Columbus neighborhoods. Please join us in thanking Sabrina for all her great ideas and hard work!

MPK's new board hopes to continue the success of the organization. Over the next year, Stacey Blasko will take over the position of board president, and newly-elected board member Antony Shuttleworth will serve as vice-president. Lisa Garrison Ragsdale will continue in her position as treasurer, while Kim Hanks takes on the role of board secretary. Jayne Speicher-Bocija will continue to serve as the newsletter editor, and Mindi Jentes will continue as the Playgroup coordinator. Finally, Suzanne Schneiderman will act as the coordinator for membership development and welcome gift bags. If you would like to learn more about MPK, please contact Suzanne at 299-6659, or visit MPK's website at:

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/mpk>

WE NEED YOU... AND SO DO THE BIRDS!

For the Birds is a 2 day auction of decorated birdhouses for tuition assistance at St. Joseph Montessori School (SJMS). In 2002 the event showcased 500 birdhouses and raised over 11 thousand dollars. Participants included artists, SJMS students, parents, teachers, friends of the school and Columbus celebrities.

The Silent Auction begins this year at an invitation only part at a Short North location on Friday, April 4. Decorate a bird house and join us at the party for food, drink, entertainment and the auction.

The auction will continue all day Saturday, April 5 as part of the Short North Gallery Hop.

St. Joseph Montessori School is a private, Catholic, Montessori school with over 300 students from pre-school to the 8th grade. The main campus is located at 933 Hamlet Street in Italian Village with additional pre-school classes at 1077 North High Street in the Short North and Victorian Village. SJMS is a nationally recognized school of excellence and has received the Blue Ribbon Award from the US Department of Education.

If you have any questions, please call 614-291-8644.

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April 2003

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Tuesday April 22 at 2:00 PM

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PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesday April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10:30 AM
Join us for a great time of singing, stories, and fingerplays. Ages 3 to 6.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

On Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 PM the Book Group will be discussing American Pastoral by Philip Roth. An ordinary man finds that his life has been made extraordinary by the catastrophic intrusion of history, when, in 1968, his adored daughter plants a bomb that kills a stranger, hurling her father out of the longed-for American pastoral and into the ingenious American berserk. Never before has Roth written with such clear conviction.

On Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 PM the Book Group will be discussing In America by Susan Sontag.

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Italian Village Society Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2003 - Short Stop Youth Center

The meeting was called to order and the January minutes were reviewed and amended. They were unanimously approved as amended. The treasurer's report was tabled.

Italian Village Commission Report

Steve Hurtt, IV Commission President, shared that at the next commission meeting they will be reviewing proposed new builds at 1045 Hamlet Street and 174 East Third Avenue. The IVC did not hear back from the State Ethics Committee but should within the next month or two. Until that time, all New Victorians projects are on hold. The five architectural review boards in the City are still in discussions to unify the language of the Commission Guidelines. The City is conducting final interviews for Diane Cole's city slot and it should be filled by the end of this month.

IV Community Garden

Todd Spradlin started the IV Garden located at 286 East 2nd Avenue in 1999. It offers free gardening space to the residents of the Columbus Metro area. It has 34 plots including two that are raised, which makes it the only garden in central Ohio with handicap access. There is off street parking and a common area for picnics or lounging. Water, a compost bin and tools are available on site. Registration for 2003 plots is going on now and there are some available. Contact Todd at 614-822-2053 for information.

Last year was a tough gardening year, as some of the core gardeners moved. This year the IV Garden will be focusing on building some core gardeners and on recruiting new people to the garden. Midtown Parents and Kids had activities there last summer. A variety of people from the metro area come to garden at IV Community Garden. There has not been a lot of destruction in the garden, but folks are always encouraged to over-plant so they can share. Water is cared for on a donation basis. The IVS offered to put the IV Community Garden info on the Italian Village website.

Broad Street Management Portfolio

Sue Weaver, Director of Community Housing Network (CHN), came a presented about the impending purchase of the Broad Street Management Portfolio. The portfolio consists of 242 buildings with 1335 units and is being acquired through a partnership with Campus Partners and Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing (OCCH). OCCH is the master developer of all the units. The CHN will have ownership,

development and managing responsibilities for 101 of the units in the portfolio. Twenty-seven of those units are in Italian Village: 1009-1023 Summit Street (8), 960-962 North 4th Street (2), 954-958 North 4th Street (3) and 953-979 North 4th Street (14).

The goal is to rehab all of these properties in the next 12-18 months with a budget of about \$37,000 per unit. Exterior work, porches, landscaping and interior updates will all be covered and will new kitchens, bathrooms with showers, HVAC, floor covering and paint. The Section-8 designation will remain on all of these units.

The CHN needs an allocation of low-income housing tax-credits to make it work. They asked the IVS to right a letter of support for CHN to receive those housing tax credits. CHN hopes to file for these credits in March 2003.

Brian Langmeyer of Community Properties also asked for a similar letter of support, as their organization is a subsidiary of OCCH. The thirty-eight units they are seeking tax credits for in Italian Village are: 766-776 Kerr Street (6), 775-777 Kerr Street (2), 82-96 Russell Street/648-662 Kerr Street (16), 46-56 East 1st Avenue (6), 64-70 East 3rd Avenue (4) and 13-20 East 3rd Avenue (4).

Steve Hurtt made a motion (Cheryl Hill seconded) to write a letter of support for the Broad Street Portfolio tax credit units in Italian Village. After even more discussion, the motion passed unanimously with the following preferences included in the letter:

1. The IVS is in favor of OCCH's guiding principle of unit deconcentration
2. The units should be moving toward owner-occupancy.

Steve Hurtt and Scott Fontaine will write the letter. Any further questions can be addressed to Anthony Penn 251-1700 ext. 107.

Officer Smith-Columbus Police Department

The individual who has recently broken into several Short North businesses and smashed windows has been caught. Another shoplifter of Short North business was caught and everyone's merchandise was returned. Crime was down a little bit in January in Italian Village. If you see something that doesn't look right, call the police at 614-645-4545.

Short North Neighborhood Foundation

Mike Jentes promoted mARTi gras on Fat

Tuesday, March 4th and Art and Music Festival on May 3rd on behalf of Gwynne Rukenbrod. More information is available at www.theshort-north.com.

Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority

Regarding Taylor Terrace site, Nigel Simpson sent an email saying, "The New Village Homes project is on schedule. Storm, sanitary and water lines will be completed by the end of February. In the next two weeks, work will commence along Summit Street. The contractor is taking all necessary precautions to keep mud off the public streets despite the inclement weather." There were several complaints by residents of water/gas shut offs without communication about the timing of them.

Mark Dravillas-City Liaison

Mark shared information about three things:

1. Parent Academy grant
2. Adopt a Park information
3. Columbus Compact information regarding the allotment of funds in the Empowerment Zone. You can check out more on the web at www.colscompact.com.

Announcements

1. Cheryl Hill shared from the Council of Historic Neighborhoods meeting about the Landmarks Foundation Art Awards for architecture. If you would like to nominate something from the Italian Village neighborhood, contact her for an application (entries due by March 10th) or check it out on the web at www.columbuslandmarks.org/clf/index.html

2. Sherrill Massey shared updates on the Godman Guild, particularly the move to their facility at 303 East Sixth Avenue. She also promoted some of their work in the neighborhood such as teaching free computer classes, job opportunities, etc. More information can be found at www.godmanguild.org.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Jentes - IVS Secretary



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Picture from the Air Contest

by Brian Higgins



Another New Face In The Crowd

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Tim Gerber. He correctly identified my skewed photo of the circle at Pennsylvania and Seventh Avenue. Maybe these are getting too easy. I should start putting in pictures from other neighborhoods, possibly even other cities.

As always, you can submit your answer by email at villagevibe@hotmail.com or by the more conventional means:

Village Vibe Photo Contest
P.O. Box 10792
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Email is checked daily, snail mail a little less frequently.

Travel Tips by Deb

You might as well drop the HP FFQ Fund and sign-up with DL or AA

America West has cut all but two departure cities from Columbus. After April 1st you will still be able to fly non-stop to Phoenix and Las Vegas

Delta will add 11 daily flights. The new flights will be operated by Chautauqua Airlines under the name Delta Connection. They will maintain service to four of the cities America West is leaving: Boston, Dallas, Orlando and Fort Myers. Delta also added non-stop flights to Fort Lauderdale and JFK. This will make connections for international flights and

Caribbean cruises easier to access.

But, before you declare total loyalty to Delta, American Airlines is beefing up.

Beginning April 6, American Airlines will add a round-trip flight to Dallas/Ft. Worth; American Eagle Airlines will add two round trips per day to Chicago O'Hare; and American Eagle will add one round trip a day to New York LaGuardia.

I'll leave you with a little bit of airline trivia. Q: Why is America West's two letter airline code HP and not AW? A: Because it was originally owned by Hewlett Packard.

Deb Roberts www.mzdoodah.com

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SPOTLIGHT ON

Arte Mexicano



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By Mary Martineau, Short North Business Association

Would you like to turn your passion into your profession? For many a Short North shopkeeper, such is the joy. Ana Luisa Sanchez of Arte Mexicano is one of our newest blissful merchants. And her story is based upon a fortuitous encounter with another Short North artiste become proprietor!



The women of Aret Mexicano

Ana Luisa's recollection of how her adventure began is as vivid and delightful as her abstract paintings that hang on the front wall of her gallery and Mexican handcrafted store. She can tell you the exact date when she first picked up a paintbrush with artistic intentions. It was the day before Thanksgiving in November 2001.

Ana Luisa has always possessed a love of art, artists and color and has applied many a colorful coat of paint to the walls of her abode. She never took the initiative to put her paintbrush to canvas until a fateful rendezvous with another of our Short North entrepreneurs, candle and canvas maestro, Paul Robinette! Ana Luisa was hopping about the Short North one night and was drawn to the paintings on display in the window of 7 Buttles. She wandered into the shop and began questioning Paul about how he acquired his artistic abilities. (If you want Paul's story you'll have to visit him personally at 7 Buttles- he'll be delighted to share it with you-but our space here is limited!). Paul is a self-taught artist and was so encouraging that he inspired Ana Luisa to try her hand at painting.

She was spurred on by economics too! While she adores original art, Ana found herself attracted to paintings that she couldn't afford. She needed something special to fill a space on her wall with company coming over for Thanksgiving dinner (we're back to November 2001). Her predicament of lacking funds for wall decoration combined with her artistic inspiration produced a painting that enthralled her Thanksgiving dinner guests. They all assumed it came from a gallery and were stunned to learn that Ana Luisa was the artist! So began her pursuit of painting.

Ana Luisa is originally from Puebla, Mexico. She has always desired to open a shop that showcases her Latin ancestry. Arte Mexicano is her dream come true. She and husband, John, found their perfect space in the Short North.

They wanted to be here because of the neighborhood mix of diverse shops, galleries and restaurants and its reputation for supporting the arts. The exposed brick walls and warmly painted stucco in 658 North High Street are a perfect match for the offerings of Arte Mexicano. Along with Ana Luisa's beautiful abstract paintings the shop focuses upon unique home furnishings, handcrafts and artwork from small artisans in Mexico. Ana Luisa personally travels to different states in Mexico to hand-select the pieces sold the shop.

Pottery comes from her hometown of Puebla, Masks from Michoacan, glass from Guadelajara and ceramics from Hidalgo. The artisans are thrilled when they learn that their treasures will be going to the United States to be discovered by people in Columbus, Ohio. Just as Ana Luisa is thrilled to overhear the complimentary commentary on her artwork by the folks who wander through.

If you're having trouble shaking the winter chill and need a dose of Mexico- stop into Arte Mexicano and welcome Ana Luisa and her sister Georgina to the Short North. The beautiful treasures from south of the border will cheer you and Ana Luisa's paintings will warm your spirit!


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- 1 - Short North Gallery Hop
- 1 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Edmonton Oilers, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 1/2 - Ohio High School Hockey Championships, Nationwide Arena, 2:00 PM
- 3 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Detroit Red Wings, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 4 - Short North Neighborhood Foundation mARTi gras, call 262-0801 for details
- 4 - CD101 Fat Tuesday Party featuring Buckwheat Zydeco, PromoWest Pavilion (Indoors), 5:30 PM
- 6 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Vancouver Canucks, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 6 - Buddy Guy, PromoWest Pavilion (Indoors), 8:00 PM
- 7 - Columbus Land Sharks vs. Albany Attack, Nationwide Arena, 7:30 PM
- 8 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Calgary Flames, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 9 - Coldplay, PromoWest Pavilion (Indoors), 7:00 PM
- 11 - Italian Village Society, Short Stop Teen Center, 1088 North High Street, 7:30 PM**
- 11 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Dallas Stars, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 13 - Victorian Village Commission, 109 North Front Street, 6:00 PM**
- 13 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Colorado Avalanche, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 13 - The Menus, PromoWest Pavilion (Indoors), 8:00 PM
- 13-30 - Bunnacula, Columbus Children's Theatre, 512 North Park Street, call 224-6672 for tickets
- 15 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Minnesota Wild, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 15 - McGuffey Lane with Tom Ingham, PromoWest Pavilion (Indoors), 8:00 PM
- 16 - Yani's World Tour, Nationwide Arena, 7:30 PM
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 18 - Italian Village Commission, 109 North Front Street, 6:15 PM**
- 20 - Victorian Village Society, Goodale Park Residence House, 7:00 PM**
- 20 - Submissions for the March Vibe Due**
- 20 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Toronto Maple Leafs, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 22 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Atlanta Thrashers, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 28/29 - Women of Faith, Nationwide Arena
- 30 - Columbus Land Sharks vs. Rochester Knights, Nationwide Arena, 7:30 PM

