

THE ARBOR DISTRICT

CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS 62901



December 1, 2006

Welcome to the Arbor District! November has been an active month in the Arbor District, with the very successful "Clean Up the Hood" Day on November 18 and, of course, organizing support and publicity in opposition to the CVS Pharmacy rezoning request for S. Oakland between W. Main and W. Walnut. December promises to be just as busy as we gear up for round two on the CVS Pharmacy matter, which comes to a vote with the City Council on December 19. But it isn't all work and no play in the ADNA, and we hope you will join us for our annual holiday gathering on December 10. And if you are making plans to travel over the holidays, there are actions you should take and programs you can participate in that will help keep your property safe and secure while you are away.

All these topics are covered in this issue of the newsletter, so read on ... and don't forget to send in your membership dues if you haven't already done so. The modest annual dues (\$5.00 for one person; \$10.00 for a business or a household of two or more persons) help us defray the costs of some of our activities. Not sure if you paid your dues for 2006-2007? Please contact Jane Adams at jadams@siu.edu or 457-8228 to check your status. We appreciate your support and you will appreciate being part of a group of neighbors dedicated to making our community an even better place to live.

Arbor District Neighborhood Association Membership Form for 2006-2007 (Please print clearly—thanks!)

Your Name(s): _____

Your Street Address: _____

Your Email Address(es): _____

Your Home Phone Number: _____

Amount Enclosed (\$5.00 for one person; \$10.00 for business or household of two or more people): _____

Please send to: Jane Adams/ 702 W. Cherry/Carbondale, IL/62901

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

We are planning our annual Christmas gathering for friends and neighbors in the Arbor District - and beyond- on Sunday, December 10, starting at 6:00PM. We will have holiday cheer with Christmas carols, led we hope, by opera students in the SIUC music department. Eggnog, punch and other libations will be plentiful along with our traditional holiday treats. Please come and enjoy the holidays with us.

702 W. Cherry St.
618 457 8228

Sandy and Chuck Litecky, Katherine Benedict,
D. Gorton and Jane Adams

CVS PHARMACY REZONING VOTE

CARBONDALE CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7.00PM

CARBONDALE CIVIC CENTER

BEING NEIGHBORS--BUILDING COMMUNITY

CVS PHARMACY REZONING PROPOSAL

The Carbondale Planning and Zoning Commission, in its open hearing on November 15, resoundingly rejected the CVS Corporation's request to rezone S. Oakland between W. Main and W. Walnut. Some 100 friends and neighbors appeared in opposition to the rezoning request, and the city's own staff recommended against the change as well. The ADNA and supporters from throughout Carbondale made clear their reasoned objections to this particular commercial redevelopment, with numerous individuals addressing concerns regarding traffic congestion, noise, safety, and encroachment into the residential neighborhood directly affected by this plan. ADNA volunteers initiated a very successful petition drive, that in just over one week garnered nearly 500 signatures. They also worked to get the word out with successful media coverage and yard signs--with more signs available after this Saturday, December 2 (contact Sandy or Chuck Litecky at 549-9571).

We appreciate the thoughtful and considered deliberations of the Planning and Zoning Commission in response to our concerns, but we know that the upcoming vote of the Carbondale City Council December 19 will determine the final outcome of the matter. At the November 15 hearing we learned that CVS had been shown other available commercial properties in Carbondale, but they refused to consider any other location. We also learned that they worked through their local developer over a period of nearly two years to approach property owners—only one property was actually for sale at the time—with offers. And we just learned that the City Council vote, scheduled for December 5, has now been postponed at the request of CVS "due to a travel conflict" (per email to the ADNA from Mayor Brad Cole). CVS does not plan to let the issue go, and we need to be prepared and turn out in force for the City Council meeting on December 19.

Whether or not you will be attending this meeting, it is *essential* that we all contact our elected City Council members and the Mayor to express our concerns with and opposition to this rezoning request. Contact information (from the City of Carbondale web site) is listed here for your convenience: Corene McDaniel (cmcdaniel@ci.carbondale.il.us/618-529-1466), Lance Jack (ljack@ci.carbondale.il.us/ 618-529-8683), Joel Fritzler (jfritzler@ci.carbondale.il.us/618-549-3928), Sheila Simon (ssimon@ci.carbondale.il.us/ 618-549-4152), Steven N. Haynes (shaynes@ci.carbondale.il.us/618 549-1079), and Chris Wissman (cwissman@ci.carbondale.il.us/618-549-2653). Mayor Brad Cole can be reached at bcole@ci.carbondale.il.us or at 618-457-3229 (w) or 618-457-3229 (h).

Away for the Holidays?

Many of us plan to be away for extended periods over the holidays, and we all know that increases the likelihood of burglaries and weather-related problems while we are gone. Here are a few tips and some programs that could help you protect your home, apartment, or business while you are away. Have a safe and enjoyable break, and remember to:

- Stop newspaper(s) and mail delivery**—call your newspaper(s) circulation department(s) and drop by the local post office to fill out a simple form. Let them know when you will be gone and when to restart delivery.
- Close and lock all doors and windows**—this one is obvious, but surprisingly easy to forget in the rush to leave.
- Put porch and indoor lights on timers**—timers are inexpensive and available at local hardware stores.
- Leave the heat on**—turn it down, but not so low that your pipes could freeze, burst, and flood in a cold snap—this may be southern Illinois, but it does freeze here! Check with AmerenCIPS and/or your landlord for guidelines.
- Snow and ice removal**—is required by Carbondale ordinance and it also gives the impression that someone is home. Make arrangements with friends or neighbors—or contact your landlord—to help out with this while you are gone.
- Register with the House Watch Program at the Carbondale Police Department (457-3200)**. Filling out a short, simple form and filing it with the department will enable patrol officers to keep a regular watch on your property. This is a wonderful service for single family residences, duplexes, and individual apartments of permanent residents.
- Contact your Neighborhood Watch Captain**—that is what we are here for! No watch on your block or uncertain who to contact? Check the Arbor District website: http://www.arbordistrict.org/who_we_are.html or email Robin Russell, long time coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch for the ADNA (robinr702@aol.com).
- Don't advertise your absence**--but do let a friend, neighbor, or landlord know when you are leaving and when you will return. Be certain to leave them a reliable contact number to reach you in case of emergencies—and don't forget to check in with them regularly! Consider leaving a key with someone you trust and ask them to stop by to check on things.