

# THE ARBOR DISTRICT

CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS 62901



February 1, 2007

**Welcome to the Arbor District!** Much has happened since our last newsletter in December, and we have a full slate of activities already scheduled for spring. Remember that your ADNA annual membership dues help us defray the cost of some of our activities, such as this newsletter. And it is never too late to join—if you haven't done so yet this year, now might be the time! In fact, several people have contacted us wondering if they were paid up for 2006-2007, so we are running the list of current members in this newsletter for your benefit and ours—we want our records to be completely accurate and up to date. Check the listing of current members (below), and if you or other members of your household aren't listed and should be, please contact Janes Adams ([jadams@siu.edu](mailto:jadams@siu.edu)) to correct our records.

**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*

**Listing of current members for 2006 to 2007:** Lillian Adams, Jane Adams, Judy Ashby, Becky Baker, Andrew Balkansky, Larry Beard, Kathy Benedict, Richard Best, Steven Bloom, Dan Boomgarden, Jon Boyer, Dale Budstick, Cavinda Caldera, Carbondale Public Library, Amy Carlson, Frances Child, Mariola Espinso, Norma Ewing, Peggy Falcone, Charlie Fanning, Susan Fehrenbacher, Dan Finnegan, Fr Bob Flannery, Hillel Foundation, Megan Garry, Atilio Gimenez, D. Gorton, Kevin Graham, Carolyn Grant, Gillian Harrison, Frank Houdek, David Johnson, Mike Kimmel, Mary Alice Kimmel, Dennis Leitner, Julieta Leitner, Chuck Litecky, Robert Luebbers, Clare McCall, Mary McGuire, Jack McKillip, Susan Metcalf, Mary Montavon, Hugh Muldoon, Rachael Newman, Cheryl Nicolaidis, Mary O'Hara, Charles Rann, Austin Rigney, Steve Rogers, Robin Russell, Howard Saver, Elizabeth Schmitt, Mollie Simpson, Paul Sloboda, Stacy Sloboda, Fred Solt, Anthony Steinbock, Gloria Stokes, Rip Stokes, Fern Strusz, Brain Swoboda, Susan Tulis, Gene Turk, Al Turl, Vicki Turl, Wal Wallis, Ann Wallis, Ted Weeks, Andy Weisburd, Rose Weisburd, Greg Wendt, Nana Wendt, Gail White, Linda White, Jack Whitlock, Sue Whitlock.

**>ADNA MEETING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2007  
ST. FRANCIS CHURCH 2.00-5.00 P.M.**

Needed: A long-range vision for the neighborhood.

We will meet Sunday, March 4 to establish our priorities for next year. Your Board needs YOUR advice: What do you want us to focus on -- in the neighborhood, in relation to the city, organizationally?

Come help plan and set the Arbor District agenda.

**Meet the Candidates!**

March 25, 2007,

April 1, 2007, and April 15, 2007

**The ADNA will hold open forums on these dates for candidates in the mayoral, city council, and park district elections. Planning is still underway, and we will have more information on location, time, and candidates in the March and April newsletters.**

**BEING NEIGHBORS--BUILDING COMMUNITY**

## CVS Pharmacy Rezoning Proposal

D Gorton sent this letter out to the ADNA listserve, and we reproduce it here as a follow-up to the successful conclusion of the conflict over rezoning on Oakland between W. Main and W. Walnut. Many have wondered what happened, and if the issue is truly behind us. Information received from city staff and others indicates that by withdrawing their petition at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, only days before the City Council was to vote on the matter, CVS effectively ended the process for rezoning. CVS cannot place the matter before the City Council again without going through the entire rezoning process one more time—which takes 6 to 8 weeks of hearings and notifications. For now, then, a victory of which we can be proud. However, if we don't want to keep fighting the same battles over and over again, we need a vision and a viable plan for development and redevelopment in our community—one that will pre-empt inappropriate rezoning petitions and one that will help to make our community an even better place to live, to work, to shop, and to enjoy.

Neighbors,

There will be some careful thinking about our success in opposing CVS/ pharmacy. We will unpack all of the factors that went into the decision to locate at Walnut and Oakland. We will attempt to understand the ways in which we were persuasive to our political leadership and fellow citizens of Carbondale (and when we were NOT persuasive). By withdrawing the application before the City Council acted, CVS made sure there would not be a final - final decision. Also, the options are still in effect for the property in all likelihood.

One of the most effective moves was spearheaded by Arbor District President Sandy Litecky who gathered petitions from people directly affected by the re-zoning. It is my understanding that Sandy's action's would have forced a "super majority" on the Council to vote in favor of re-zoning. In other words, three members of Council could have killed the deal. (If I've got this wrong, would someone kindly set me right. I'm working from memory).

Sandy is in Missouri where she is shepherding one of her business interests and she wanted you all to know: "I would like thank everyone for their support and help in defeating the CVS rezoning at Oakland and Walnut."

We should move forward with a positive agenda for our neighborhood. A number of suggestions are being made including the hiring of more housing inspectors by the City to force compliance in Code. Though there is a mandatory inspection program, it is not funded and therefore critical problems in sub-standard housing are not discovered for years. In addition, we've long worked for parks and green space in the Arbor District. That should be a goal that everyone can agree upon.

On another note, Chuck and Sandy urge people to rescue the yard signs. If possible, bring them by their house at 603 W. Walnut. One never knows when the yard signs will come into good use again. DG

## Snow and Crime

What do snow and crime have in common? More than you might think, if you consider what it really means to be a good neighbor. After all, good neighbors make any community a wonderful place to live!

*Good News on Crime in Carbondale:* We learned from the Southern Illinoisan that residential burglaries over the semester break (December 15- January 15) dropped an amazing 65%: from 59 last year to 19 this year. Any crime is too much crime, but this dramatic decrease is very promising. And there is little doubt that neighborhood programs, like the active ADNA participation in Carbondale's *Neighborhood Watch Program*, are instrumental in keeping our community safe. For information on joining or starting an ADNA neighborhood watch group on your block, please check out the ADNA website ([www.arbordistrict.org](http://www.arbordistrict.org)). And remember, this is for all of us—renters, homeowners, businesses!

*Snow and Sidewalks:* We rarely get "snow events" in Carbondale, and that may be the reason that so many of us choose to ignore the extremely lenient city ordinance requiring snow removal within 48 hours. If the law and potential fines can't persuade us to do the right thing, perhaps it would help to remember that keeping sidewalks free of obstructions (leaves, branches, snow, ice, trash, etc.) is all about being a good neighbor, about pride in your neighborhood, about making it safe for those of us who do walk, who are in wheelchairs, who are blind, who have our arms full of books or groceries, who are elderly—you get the picture! And here's a thought—if your neighbors need their walks shovelled, why not help out? Yes, I wish my neighbors shovelled their own walks, but I have lived here nine winters and it happens so rarely (or not at all) that I no longer expect it. Today I shovelled their walks as well as my own—what does it hurt? And you may be helping someone who will learn through your example what it means to be a good neighbor. Happy shovelling!