

THE ARBOR DISTRICT

CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS 62901



March 1, 2007

Welcome to the Arbor District! Thanks to those of you who have updated your membership—your dues help us with our activities, including this newsletter and various programs. As reported in last month's newsletter, the ADNA is planning a meeting for its members (and others living in the district) to discuss plans and directions. The ADNA is also hosting three forums tied to the upcoming City of Carbondale mayoral, city council, and park board elections. As members, through these and other ADNA activities, you have an opportunity to really make a difference in our community. So, if you have been thinking about joining but haven't yet done so, remember that it is never too late! Please use the coupon on the back of this newsletter to join and/or renew by sending in your membership dues.

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

The Arbor District Neighborhood Association invites you to join in a planning meeting, to discuss directions for the future of our organization. The District has been very active this past year, reacting to the summer crime wave and, in the fall, the attempt by CVS to build in our neighbourhood.

The planning committee has identified three key areas of interest (below) and some preliminary talking points to focus the discussions.

The meeting will begin at 2 P.M. with a brief overview of these three areas. After that, we will break into groups, led by facilitators, to brainstorm specific needs, issues, activities, and directions. The breakout groups will take about one hour. Participants will then return to the full group to share ideas, to draw conclusions, and to identify the next steps we want to take as the ADNA.

What do we want the city to do to improve the hood:

- Code/Zoning Enforcement
- Zoning/Code Revision
- Green Space
- Infrastructure
- Other????

Enhancing Neighborhoodliness :

- Welcoming
- Attractiveness of District
- Activities in the 'Hood
- Neighborhood Watch
- Community-Building
- Networking/Neighborhoodliness
- Emergency Preparedness
- Other????

What should the ADNA do:

- Stay Small or Grow?
- SIUC/SIH/City Relations
- Get Non-Profit Status
- Grants and Funding
- Communications
- Committees
- Other????

The Arbor District Neighborhood Association has a long, proud, active history in the community. As we move forward, working together as neighbors, friends, and as an organization, the ADNA needs your input. An organization is only as strong as its members, and each of you has ideas and energy to contribute as we plan our future goals and directions.

MEET THE CANDIDATES!

Sunday, March 25, 2007, 2-4pm (Mayoral)

Sunday, April 1, 2007, 3-5pm (City Council)

Sunday, April 15, 2007, 3-5pm (Park Board)

All forums will be held at The First Christian Church

306 W. Monroe (corner of W. Monroe and University Ave.)

With the primaries upon us (please remember to vote on February 27!) the ADNA reminds everyone to attend our candidate forums for the mayoral, city council, and park board elections. Please join us and bring a friend—everyone is welcome, whether or not you live in the Arbor District. While the forums will focus on neighborhood issues, we all know that what affects one area affects us all. During the programs there will be opportunities for each candidate to develop their positions on matters of importance to us in our neighborhood. There will be time for questions from the floor.

Please note that the ADNA does not endorse any particular candidate, and all current candidates have been notified that the winners in the primaries in each race will be invited to participate in these forums. We look forward to a lively and thoughtful series of exchanges, and hope friends and neighbors from throughout our district and the larger community will join us for these forums.

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): _____

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