
Issues in the Northwest

Some of the issues identified by residents at the organizational meeting in April 2012 that the Association should address:

- *Infrastructure:*
 - *Streets, Sewers, Culverts, Sidewalks, Lighting, Greenways*
- *Security and crime*
- *Zoning / Rezoning*
- *Planned Unit Development (P.U.D.) at old athletic fields*
- *Maintenance of local parks*
- *Speeding*
- *Derelict houses*

Other potential issues that have developed in the few short months since the Association was formed include:

- *Planned construction of fire department facilities on Sycamore Street*
- *Property expansion of Memorial Hospital*
- *Proposed T.I.F. (Tax Increment Financing) District from old Carbondale High School gym along Oakland Avenue to the former Armory*

The Association sees these as opportunities to find solutions that benefit our community. If you would like to be a part of the solution or just learn more, visit us on the web at <http://northwestcarbondale.com> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NorthwestCarbondale>

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History

Following an impromptu meeting about the fate of the Armory on the corner of Sycamore and Oakland in January 2012, a group of residents of Carbondale's Northwest side decided to form an organization to work with the City of Carbondale on issues related to our neighborhood.

Neighborhood



Bounded by West Main Street, North Illinois Avenue, Little Crab Orchard Creek, and the northern boundary of the City of Carbondale, the Association represents the interests of many people and diverse interests, both residential and business.

Membership

General membership is open to all dues-paying residents aged eighteen or older of the Neighborhood.

- Individuals \$ 5.00
- Households \$10.00
- Business/Organization \$10.00

Dues are payable in September of each year. Household memberships have a maximum of two votes. Businesses and not-for-profit groups, including churches have one vote.

Purpose

Formed as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history heritage of the northwest section of Carbondale and the quality of life of all of its residents, the organization has a large agenda. Activities designed to meet this aim may include but not be limited to:

- Seek special designations to preserve the area and its structures
- Organize neighborhood clean-ups
- Foster neighborhood improvement projects
- Participate in zoning change negotiations
- Foster code compliance and enforcement
- Support crime prevention measures, particularly Neighborhood Watch groups
- Represent neighborhood interests before public bodies
- Maintain regular communications
- Sponsor social events
- Foster mutual assistance, especially with the elderly and disabled
- Assist with emergency and disaster preparedness
- Work with other neighborhood associations to advance mutual interests
- Facilitate political education and participation, but not endorsing political candidates

Getting Involved

Committees are formed on the basis of need, interest, and organizational stability. Current standing committees are:

Communications

- Maintains website and Facebook pages
- Produces press advisories and releases

Finance

- Works with Treasurer on financial matters

Membership & Hospitality

- Coordinates welcome activities and other social and cultural events
- Coordinates with other groups in the city and neighborhood
- Recruits new members

Nominating

- Prepares a list of candidates for the Board and offices that offers a balanced representation of the neighborhood

Property and Real Estate

- Coordinates property upkeep efforts and neighborhood clean-ups

Research and Development

- Produces documentation of current status
- Proposes plans and policies for the future of the neighborhood

Safety and Security

- Supports and coordinates Neighborhood Watch and Map Your Neighborhood efforts
- Coordinates Neighborhood Assistance Teams