



# Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale, Illinois

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Flags adorned the City Hall/Civic Center facade in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

## Haven't You Heard...

### Carbondale Named One of the 'Most Livable' Cities in America

In June the City of Carbondale received Honorable Mention for the prestigious 2009 City Livability Award. Sponsored by the U. S. Conference of Mayors in partnership with Waste Management, Inc., the program focuses on mayoral leadership, creativity and innovation, and broad impact on the lives of City residents. Carbondale was one of only two Illinois cities that received the award this year.

For the past 30 years cities have competed for this recognition. The City Livability Awards Program has been one of the most competitive award programs and each year hundreds of mayors and their

city governments submit applications with a wide range of programs to compete for the honor of calling themselves a City Livability Award winner.

The award-winning cities were selected by former mayors from a pool of over 200 applicants. Outstanding Achievement Awards recognized communities in two population categories, those that are over 100,000 and communities under 100,000. The awards were announced during the Mayor's Annual Meeting in Providence.

The City's application for the award highlighted the successful Carbondale Futures Program.

### O'Guinn Appointed Carbondale Police Chief

On April 30, 2009 City Manager Allen Gill announced the appointment of Jody A. O'Guinn as Police Chief for the City of Carbondale. Prior to the appointment O'Guinn served as Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Alton, Illinois, a post he had held since 2002. He assumed his duties on June 8, 2009.

O'Guinn has 26 years of law enforcement experience, having started his career as a Police Officer in Freeburg, Illinois. He joined the Alton Police Department in 1987, advancing through the ranks of Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Lieutenant and Deputy Chief. He has served as Tactical Response Team Commander, Region 8 Weapons of Mass Destruction Special Response Team Commander, Sniper Team Leader, Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force Detective, Use of Force Instructor and Firearms Instructor. He participated in the design of a new \$11 million Alton Law Enforcement Center, which opened in April of 2002, and was instrumental in setting up the Department's in-house computer network and the Department's web based crime mapping.

O'Guinn holds a Bachelor's Degree from Sterling College and a Master of Public Administration Degree from SIU Edwardsville. He is a graduate of the 223rd session of the FBI National Academy, class of 2005. In addition, he is an Illinois Certified Fire Fighter.

This appointment was the culmination of a five month search which started in December 2008. A total of 53 resumes were received, from local, in-state, and out-of-state applicants. With the assistance of the PAR Group of Chicago, a local government executive search group, 15 candidates were interviewed by telephone, and seven were selected for personal interviews.



O'Guinn

Welch. Candidates were also provided an opportunity to tour the community with Fire Chief John Michalesko.

Gill said one of the impressive things about O'Guinn is his involvement with the community of Alton. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America and a baseball and soccer coach. O'Guinn received the East-West Gateway Council Emissary to Youth Award for founding the Alton Police Shop-With-A-Cop and Holiday Food Basket programs.

He helped to secure a federal "Weed and Seed" grant, which was used to address residents' quality of life issues by setting up neighborhood action teams to combat problems caused by criminal recidivism and deteriorating and boarded up houses. O'Guinn was appointed as the "Weed and Seed" liaison to the community and was instrumental in implementing the Nuisance Abatement Task Force, Youth Basketball Clinic, Neighborhood Problem Solving Meetings, Bicycle Patrol Unit and Citizen's Police Academy. His Line-In-The-Sand Task Force focused on removing recidivist criminals and problem properties from troubled neighborhoods.

## From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

In many ways, we were very lucky on May 8, 2009. Foremost, we were lucky that there was not an incredible loss of life as a result of the storms that swept through southern Illinois that afternoon. We were also lucky that we did what we do best – we pulled together as friends, we helped our neighbors, we were patient and understanding, and we displayed the finest quality that any city can hope for... we were a community of one.

In the days and weeks that followed the storm, I think we all gained a better appreciation for the comforts of life, mainly electricity and hot water.

We also learned that we can – if necessary – get by with a little less television and a lot more hard work around the house. Of course, for most people, that hard work around the house was the unwanted task of clearing fallen tree limbs and hauling away debris. There is still a fair amount of debris in backyards and along some rural roadways, but Carbondale did a terrific job of quickly cleaning-up itself.

We set an aggressive but achievable

goal of having the tree debris cleared away by Memorial Day, and we met that goal. There were a few small piles here and there that we might have missed and gone back to get later, but the efforts of our City crews and contract employees made us proud. While the deadline might have seemed short for some, it also gave the necessary nudge to others to get the job done and to move on. It was my hope that we could get past this storm as soon as possible, and then we could get back to the other issues in our lives. Our efforts resulted in Carbondale being (mostly) debris-free within three weeks of the storm, while other communities and nearby counties will be months and months trying to deal with the clean-up.

The down side is that this came with an expensive price tag for the City of Carbondale. The unknown cost is the loss of so many trees and the loss of some of the splendor that we previously took for granted. The other loss is financial and is already exceeding millions of dollars. A portion of that may be recovered through federal disaster reimbursements and insurance claims, but the cost to the taxpayer will still be felt. The job had to be done, though, and we will work through the details from here on.

Special thanks go to all of our City employees (most of whom had damage at home and issues to deal with themselves) and to the many volunteers that helped in so many different ways.

This storm will eventually have a dollar amount assigned to its impact on the region, but the real impact of the staff and volunteer efforts can only be measured in the heart and soul that poured out in caring ways for our community.

That community spirit is what makes Carbondale a place called home.

Brad Cole, Mayor

### City's Bag & Bundle Landscape Waste Collection Program Available for Disposal of Remaining Storm Debris

Residents within the Carbondale city limits are reminded that they may dispose of remaining leaves, twigs and branches from the May 8th wind storm by using the City's Bag and Bundle Landscape Waste Collection Program.

This program is available year around and participation is easy. Just follow these simple steps:

- Place twigs, grass clippings, leaves, hedge trimmings, etc., into clear plastic bags (35 gallon maximum) and securely tie them closed. All bags should weigh 25 pounds or less.

- Cut and bundle sticks, branches, or limbs and tie them securely at both ends with heavy twine. Larger tree limbs must be less than 12 inches in diameter. Each bundle or larger limb must be no longer than 5 feet and weigh 25 pounds or less.

- Purchase green Special Waste Stickers and affix one to each bag, bundle, or large

limb. Special Waste Stickers are available for \$0.75 each at Murdale True Value, Schnucks, Kroger and City Hall.

- Call 457-3275 anytime of the day or night and leave a message with your address requesting a bag and bundle collection for the following Wednesday or Friday. (Please note that there is only one collection day during a holiday week, on either Wednesday or Thursday).

- Set your bags, bundles, and larger limbs (with a green Special Waste Sticker attached to each one) at curbside no sooner than 6:00p.m. the evening before your scheduled pickup.

Should you have any further questions about the City's Bag and Bundle Landscape Waste Collection Program, please call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 during business hours Monday through Friday, 7:00a.m. through 4:00 p.m.

### Danny Piquard Named Plant Operator of the Year

Danny Piquard, Superintendent of Carbondale's Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant was recently named the Plant Operator of the Year for the state of Illinois.

The award, given to Piquard at a recent City Council meeting, was presented by the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators. The group, according to its Web site, seeks to "bring together wastewater treatment professionals to educate, encourage the exchange of ideas, and exhibit the latest equipment and technologies."

It annually honors outstanding

municipalities for their efforts. Mr. Piquard was one of only four (4) nominated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) Division of Water Pollution Control, from the many operators considered statewide. Piquard's honor was the first for the City since 1969.

The purpose of the annual awards is to emphasize the relationship between adequate wastewater treatment and clean receiving waters and to give public recognition and encouragement to those operators who have operated their wastewater treatment facilities in an especially effective manner.

## Notice to Homeowners and Contractors

Homeowners and contractors are required to check with the City before initiating repairs to properties to determine if the extent of repairs will require a building permit. Replacement of shingles and minor repairs will not require a permit, but roofs that sustained structural damage requiring new roof decking and sheathing will require a permit.

All persons and companies doing roofing work in the City of Carbondale must be registered as a roofer with the City's Building and Neighborhood Services Division.

Persons and companies doing plumbing and/or electrical work must also be

licensed by Building and Neighborhood Services. Roofing repair should be made by qualified roofing contractors who are licensed in the State of Illinois. City ordinances also require all electrical work to be performed by an electrician licensed by the City of Carbondale. The City maintains a listing of licensed contractors.

For information on how to become registered as a roofer or licensed as a plumber or electrician or for a listing of licensed contractors, visit the City Web site [explorecarbondale.com](http://explorecarbondale.com) or contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

## La Policía Ofrece Seminarios Gratis sobre Medidas de Seguridad Infantil

El Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Carbondale se complace en anunciar que ha recibido una Subvención del Departamento de Transporte de Illinois para promover la Seguridad de Niños Pasajeros. La subvención permitirá al Departamento de Policía convertirse en una Estación Permanente para la Inspección de la Seguridad de los Niños como Pasajeros.

Personal del Departamento, entrenado como Técnicos Certificados en Seguridad Infantil, inspeccionará los asientos que se usan para asegurar a los niños con el fin de que sean instalados y usados correctamente y suministrarán instrucción de persona a persona para educar a los padres y a los que cuiden niños sobre los puntos básicos de seguridad infantil en la instalación y uso de los asientos. Estos servicios se suministran en forma gratuita y están a su disposición todos los jueves desde la 1:00 p. m. hasta las 4:00 p. m., o haciendo una cita en el Departamento de Policía de Carbondale.

La Ciudad de Carbondale tiene el compromiso de asegurar que los niños de nuestra comunidad viajen de la forma más segura posible y anima a todos los padres y cuidadores de niños para que hagan inspeccionar los asientos de seguridad por los técnicos entrenados del Departamento.

Las leyes de Illinois exigen que el conductor y cada pasajero de un vehículo motorizado utilicen un cinturón de seguridad apropiadamente ajustado y amarrado. También se exige que siempre que una persona esté transportando a un niño menor de ocho años, la persona sea responsable de asegurar al niño adecuadamente con un sistema de protección infantil apropiado que incluya un asiento Abooster®. Cada persona que transporte a un niño de entre ocho y dieciséis años de edad, es responsable de asegurar al niño adecuadamente con un cinturón de seguridad.

Para más información, contacte a la Sargento Heather Reno del Departamento de Policía de Carbondale en el 457-3200, Ext. 465.

## Monthly Outdoor Warning Siren Testing

Outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. During inclement weather, sirens will not be tested. If a siren is sounded other than during a scheduled test, this alarm indicates an actual

emergency. Remember that a watch means that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop and a warning means that severe weather is occurring and you should take shelter immediately.

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## Tourism Attraction Grant Received for Attucks School Renovations

A longed awaited revitalization of the old Crispus Attucks High School in Carbondale is slated to begin soon. Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole announced that the City received a \$112,131 Tourism Attraction Grant to begin the revitalization project on the structure during the City's Memorial Day service at Woodlawn Cemetery. Mayor Cole announced the grant on behalf of Governor Pat Quinn, who he said wanted to attend the service but was unable to take time away from state budget duties.

On one of Carbondale's busiest roadways, a building once a symbol of segregation will now become a community project to save the historic site and use it for the benefit of future generations. When renovations are complete the building will become home to the African American Museum of

Southern Illinois, the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, a community welcome center, interpretive centers to provide history on military veterans and Woodlawn Cemetery, as well as a historically accurate presentation classroom that will be designed to provide a look back into Attucks educational beginnings.

The grant will, when combined with local matching funds, allow the start of phase one of the project. The first phase will secure the building with a new roof and exterior improvements to include new doors and windows, and workers will ensure the overall stability of the structure. Phase two of the project will focus on the building's interior. It is anticipated that interior renovations could begin in early 2010. Mayor Cole said he hopes the entire project can be completed within 18 months.

## City Rated 'Excellent' in Financial Reporting

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded the City of Carbondale by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2008. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The City of Carbondale has received this recognition from GFOA for seventeen (17) consecutive years.

In addition, Finance Director Ernie Tessone received the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement as the individual responsible for preparing the award winning Comprehensive

Annual Financial Report.

The City's CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive 'spirit of full disclosure' to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

City Manager Allen Gill said, "We are very proud that the City of Carbondale continues to be recognized by other government finance professionals for our financial management."

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals in North America.

## Futures Program Preparing Carbondale Youth for Job Market

The Futures Program, a partnership between the City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, is in its second year, and is demonstrating early signs of success with Carbondale businesses providing employment opportunities for 20 Carbondale Community High School students. The City Council provided \$20,000 of City funds to help support the program this summer.

Mayor Brad Cole outlined this program's concept during his 2007 State of the City Address and challenged the Chamber of Commerce and area businesses to provide on the job training to area high school students who might not otherwise have exposure to such opportunities and who may not plan on pursuing post secondary education. During his address, the Mayor pledged City assistance in the amount of \$1,000 for each participant as incentive to engage the Carbondale business community in the future of Carbondale's workforce.

The program began in June with the selection of student participants from a large pool of applicants

and cooperative agreements signed with area businesses. Through an intensive screening process that involved school officials, eligible teenagers (age 16 and older) were selected to work at participating businesses on a part-time basis through September 2009. Extreme care was taken in matching employers' needs with students interests and skill sets. With assistance from Southern Illinois Healthcare and the Illinois Department of Employment Security, students attended workshops on proper job etiquette, interview techniques, resume preparation and related job skills. In addition, two orientation programs were conducted for participating businesses.

Students began work with their new employers in June and will continue to work under this program through September. At the conclusion of the program, a recognition event will be held for the participating students and Carbondale businesses. It is the goal of the program that the students will continue their employment long after the programs' conclusion.

## City of Carbondale Launched New Web Site

The City of Carbondale has launched a new, comprehensive and accessible Web site designed to enhance the public's electronic involvement and awareness of local government issues.

"This new web address [www.explorecarbondale.com](http://www.explorecarbondale.com) is the result of months of work to create a web presence with greater ease for navigation, more information, access to forms and budget data, tourism and economic development materials, and a thorough review of all City programs and services," said Mayor Brad Cole. "We are very excited to make this new site available."

While the former web address [www.ci.carbondale.il.us](http://www.ci.carbondale.il.us) will continue to work, the new web address emphasizes the community as a place to start and stay, while exploring Carbondale and southern Illinois on-line.

A key new component to the Web site is the 'Citizen Access' link at the bottom of each page. The 'Citizen Access' page contains helpful information about the City's long standing policies on open government. Using 'SunshineReview.org' as an on-line resource guide that empowers people who demand accountability and openness from

their local and state governments, the City of Carbondale's new Web site provides an open platform for providing information to the public at all times and goes above-and-beyond what many other communities make readily available to their citizens, the media and other interested parties.

"Open governance and accessible information are keys to building public confidence, and we are committed to a high level of accountability that can be seen in all of our municipal activities much of which is highlighted through this 'Citizen Access' web page," said the Mayor. "An example of one area that we are focusing on is the release of federal stimulus money and how it will be spent in Carbondale."

Since the launch of the Web site this spring, the City has been recognized as the first Illinois city to meet the transparency criteria requirements established by the Sunshine Review, a project of the Sam Adams Alliance, which incorporates a 10-point system to measure the transparency of state and local governments.

Mayor Brad Cole encourages everyone to go online and become acquainted with the new Web site.

## A Permit May Be Required For Your Sign

Sign Permits are required in the City limits and within the City's one and one-half mile zoning jurisdiction. The City's sign regulations apply to both permanent and temporary signage and are designed to protect the safety of motorists and the overall attractiveness of our community.

It is recommended that you contact the City prior to constructing or placing any sign to ensure that it will meet the related requirements. Sign permit fees range from \$5 to \$10 depending on the type and size of the sign.

In limited circumstances, a formal permit may not be required. Some of these circumstances include: construction signs, temporary real estate signs, yard sale signs, and political signs. Although these signs do not require an official permit, they must still conform to the requirements.

Before a sign is erected, altered, or relocated within the City of Carbondale, please contact the Development Services Department at 457-3235 to obtain information about the sign regulations.

## Haven't You Heard...

### City Expanded Recycling To Include Paper Products on June 29

The City of Carbondale began collecting mixed paper and cardboard as part of its weekly residential curbside recycling program on June 29, 2009, as a result of grant funds received from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. At the end of June, new "Carbondale Recycles... Paper Products" green colored recycling bins began being delivered to current curbside recycling customers. This expanded curbside recycling collection is available to residents living in single family, duplex, triplex and four family housing units. Current curbside recyclers can expect to receive their new bin without specifically requesting one. If you are not already actively recycling, but would like to begin call 457-3275 to request a bin.

Recycling is a simple yet effective way to reduce waste, save energy and lessen demand on natural resources.

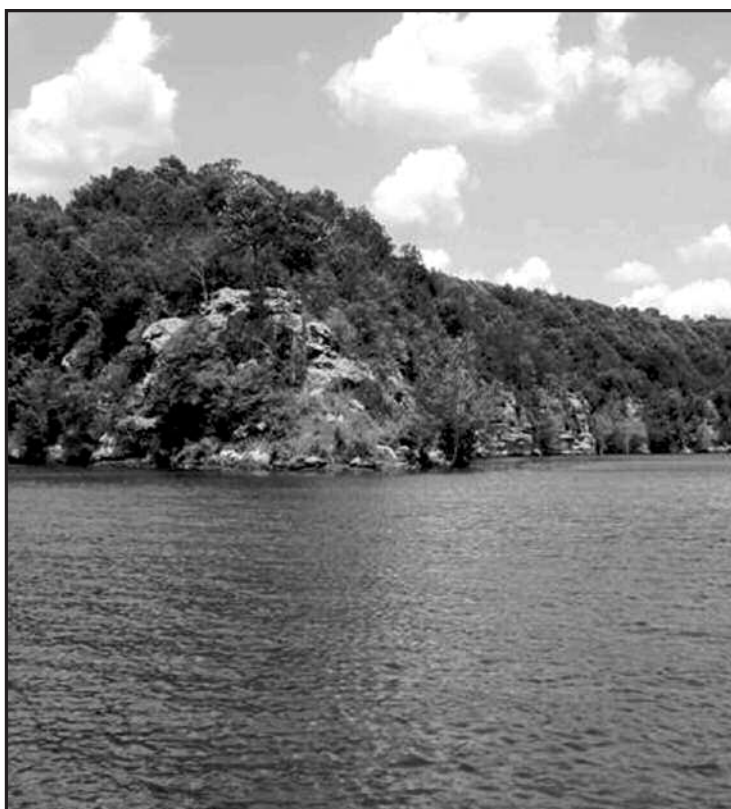
The green bins are specifically labeled for clean and dry paper products and should not contain any other recyclables. Materials that can be recycled include junk mail (including window envelopes), office paper, magazines, catalogs, books, newspapers, cardboard, paperboard boxes and shredded paper. Boxes should be flattened and shredded paper must be secured in paper or plastic bags. Please note that the City will not collect any waxed cardboard or waxed paper, or any items that are soiled or contaminated with food waste.

Large boxes which may not fit in the bin should

be flattened and tied into bundles or used to contain other flattened boxes. These items can be placed next to the green bin at the curbside. Please keep in mind that the recycling trucks are one man operations so any bundles or boxes of cardboard must be manageable for one person. Please be sure to keep paper items dry and take measures to prevent paper materials from blowing out of the green bin. A simple way to contain the paper is by simply stacking the blue recycle bin on top of the green bin or by placing heavier paper products such as a bundle of boxes or magazines on top of other paper products.

The City will continue to collect certain types of recyclable cans and bottles in the City's blue recycling bins. These items are to be placed clean and loose (not bagged or sorted) into the blue bin. Items acceptable for recycling in the blue bin include aluminum and steel food/beverage cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles. Please note that only # 1 & # 2 plastic bottles and jugs are accepted. Items should be rinsed and lids removed. Please note that broken glass is not acceptable.

Recycle bins are to be placed at curbside between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on the day of your regular City refuse collection. Please call the City's Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 if you have any questions regarding the City's residential curbside refuse and recycling services.



Carbondale was recently named by Outdoor Life magazine as one of the top 200 towns for sportsmen and is home to one of Southern Illinois' most beautiful recreational facilities right in its own backyard – Cedar Lake.

### Enjoy a Relaxing Day at Beautiful Cedar Lake

Enjoy a day fishing or relaxing on the beach at one of the most beautiful lakes in Southern Illinois: Cedar Lake. The City owns and maintains a public beach and boat dock at Cedar Lake. The beach is best known for its family atmosphere and beautiful scenery and fishermen enjoy regular success reeling in crappie and bass amid the beautiful coves surrounded by towering bluffs.

Beach hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The Poplar Camp Beach sandy waterfront leads to a swim and play area, an area for rafts and floats, and a lap lane. Red Cross certified lifeguards are on duty during beach hours and Cedar Lake personnel and the Carbondale Police patrol the beach. Restrooms, picnic tables, and a concession stand are also available.

After August 18, 2009, the beach will be open on weekends only, and Labor Day is the last

day the beach will be open for the season. The fee for a single admission is \$2.00 and children 4 years of age and younger are admitted free. Ten (10) visit passes are available for \$15.00 and twenty (20) visit passes are available for \$25.00. Passes bought are good for the entire 2009 beach season and can be used by anyone at anytime. Children twelve years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

The boat dock at Cedar Lake allows access to the lake for boats with a ten (10) horsepower motor or less. The lake is located south of Carbondale. To drive to Cedar Lake, take U.S. 51 south to the intersection of Old and New U.S. 51, follow Old U.S. 51 approximately 2 mile to Cedar Creek Road, travel west on Cedar Creek Road and follow the signs to the beach or the boat dock. For more information, call 549-8441 or 549-5302.

We hope to see you there this summer!

### Mayor Cole Announced 2009 Youth Volunteer of the Year

Each year the City of Carbondale recognizes the community service contributions of its youth who have gone above and beyond expectations in areas that include representing a healthy lifestyle, having a strong commitment to serving others, and by serving as a role model and making a difference through their actions and leadership in our community.

Outstanding Youth Award and the Youth Volunteer of the Year Award recipients were recognized at a ceremony held during the City Council Meeting on May 26, 2009. Mayor Brad Cole presented the awards to the individuals in the presence of their families, nominators, elected officials and the media. Mayoral Scholarship Awards were also presented in the amount of \$500.00 each to two high school students: Christopher Charles Gillespie and Jalisa Shanise Thomas.

Middle school and high school students are

nominated for the Outstanding Youth Award in recognition of their efforts in exceeding expectations as a role model, through community service and/or helping others. To be eligible to be nominated for the Youth Volunteer of the Year Award, nominees were to be high school juniors or seniors, who had at least a B+ grade point average, had completed 50 volunteer hours of community service and participated in other community activities.

The 2009 Outstanding Youth Award recipients selected were: Michael Ames, Yemi Akintoye, Graham Baker, Andrew Bily, Camielle Freeman, Vivien Goh, Juan Daniel Inglesias and Christopher Nobel-Beeck.

The 2009 Youth Volunteer of the Year recipient was Colleen Wood.

The City of Carbondale is proud of its youth and the outstanding efforts they make in contributing to the betterment of the community.

### Grant Funds To Provide Improvements for Cedar Lake

After thirty four years, Cedar Lake will be getting some needed improvements and repairs. The City of Carbondale, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Bureau of Water and the Division of Water Pollution Control are combining funds to stabilize eroded shoreline and work in the watershed with the goal of keeping leached and eroded soils out of the lake. These efforts will help keep the lake from silting in and will help maintain water quality and capacity for years to come. Much of the City-owned land around the lake is hilly woodland. Over time gullies and ravines have developed due to heavy rains and uprooted trees causing erosion of soil into the lake.

Crews will install small dams, water diversion devices, and use other techniques to slow running water and help keep soils from entering the lake. Small ponds that would be used as sediment traps may also be built if the engineering shows it to be the best solution for that part of the watershed.

The City boat ramp on the north end of the lake has been chosen to be the staging area for the

barge operations. A loading pier will be built just north of the existing parking lot. It is expected that the boat ramp and parking lot will remain open during the entire process. A small number of parking slots may be roped off to allow for dump trucks delivering the rock to maneuver. Barge work is expected to begin in the fall of 2009 or early spring of 2010. Depending on total funding and bids, it is expected that up to 10,000 feet of shoreline will be stabilized. It will take two to three years for the entire project to be completed.

The final phase of the project includes: conversion of the loading ramp into a wheelchair accessible fishing pier, installation of a canoe and kayak launch site, construction of a new comfort station, improvement of existing lighting and resurfacing of the parking lot. Finally, the existing fishing pier will be removed and replaced.

Costs are expected to be around \$1,150,000 with the City share, depending on future grant funding and financial aid from the U.S. Forest Service, in the \$325,000 range. Anyone with questions on the project can call Ted Mieling, Cedar Lake Supervisor, at 549-8441.

### Summer Works 2009 Program Employing Area Youth

The City of Carbondale is serving as a work site for the Summer Works 2009 Program. This program provides paid work opportunities for six to eight weeks for area youth ages 16 to 24. Placements provide youth an introduction to the world of work, exposure to career opportunities, and an understanding of how education is connected to economic success. Man-Tra-Con Corporation is administering the program and paying the wages for the workers with funding assistance provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Through this program the City has youth employed in the following departments: Finance, Engineering, Community Services, City Clerk,

Development Services, Fire, Police, Public Works Maintenance and Environmental Services and the Water Treatment Plant.

The youth are being provided an opportunity to work in a professional environment where they are acquiring knowledge of office etiquette, communication skills and job-specific skills. Working for the City is providing the youth the opportunity to learn more about the community and about the inner workings of City government.

For more information about the Summer Works 2009 Program, visit the Man-Tra-Con Web site [mantracon.org](http://mantracon.org) or contact the Summer Works Coordinator at (618) 998-0970, extension 212.

### Carbondale Police Officer Exam Scheduled

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will conduct a written examination for the position of Carbondale Police Officer at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 21, 2009 in the Civic Center located at 200 South Illinois Avenue in Carbondale. A Physical Fitness Assessment will begin at 3:00 p.m. for candidates who pass the written examination.

To be eligible to take the exam applicants must be citizens of the United States, possess a valid drivers license, have no felony or certain misdemeanor convictions and be 20 years of age. Applicants must possess 60 semester hours in education from an accredited college or university, except those applicants that have graduated from a law enforcement training academy accredited or approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and who have experience as a regular, full-time police officer (at least 37+ hours per week) may substitute such experience and training for the required education in accordance with the Governing Rules of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

An optional Candidate Tutorial Session will be held on Monday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center. A practice test will be administered which will be scored on-site. Each candidate attending the tutorial session will be given a study guide to take home. The study guide includes additional practice test items.

Applications and pre-employment agreements must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2009. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling 618-457-3281, by emailing [jgarrett@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:jgarrett@ci.carbondale.il.us) or by printing the application, pre-employment agreement and information from the City of Carbondale's website at [www.explore.carbondale.com](http://www.explore.carbondale.com).

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## Carbondale City Calendar

### July

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16</b>		
Wednesday - 1st, 15th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 20th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm
Tuesday - 21st	City Council	7:00 pm

<b>Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue</b>		
Monday - 6th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 16th	Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission	6:00 pm
Monday - 20th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

<b>Scheduled meetings at other locations</b>		
Wednesday - 8th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 16th	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 23rd	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Administrative Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED:** Friday, July 3rd, for the Independence Day holiday. The City's refuse collection routes will not be affected. Landscape waste will not be picked up on Friday.

### August

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16</b>		
Wednesday - 5th, 19th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Tuesday - 18th	City Council	7:00 pm
Monday - 10th, 31st	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm

<b>Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue</b>		
Monday - 3rd	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 17th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 20th	Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission	6:00 pm

<b>Scheduled meetings at other locations</b>		
Wednesday - 12th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 20th	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 27th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Administrative Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm

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**CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUÉ**

## 2009 Historic Preservation Award Winners Announced

The Carbondale Historic Preservation Commission announced the winners of the 2009 Historic Preservation Awards during an award ceremony held at the May 26, 2009 City Council meeting. Mayor Cole presented the awards to the Train Inn Bed & Breakfast located at 406 E. Stoker Street and The View First Baptist Church located at 1201 N. Giant City Road.

The Train Inn, recognized in the category of restoration, was originally constructed in 1905 as part of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Extensive restoration brought the home from a student rental to a successful Bed & Breakfast. The View First Baptist Church, recognized in the category of compatible new construction, is a building which replaces the original church at 302 W. Main Street. The new church incorporated much of the design and building materials of the original church, which has a history in Carbondale that dates back to 1861.

The City of Carbondale congratulates the winners and commends them on their hard work and encourages others to participate in the annual award program.

For more information on the Historic Preservation Commission activities, please contact the Carbondale Planning Services Division at 457-3248.



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**The View First Baptist Church located at 1201 N. Giant City Road was recognized in the category of compatible new construction.**

## 26th Annual National Night Out Celebration August 4, 2009

The City of Carbondale Police Department invites you to join them Tuesday, August 4, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Turley Park for the Annual National Night Out Celebration. The National Night Out event focuses on public education and safety awareness. National Night Out is designed to: increase awareness of crime and drug prevention; strengthen the neighborhood spirit and police-community relations; generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts; and send a message to criminals, letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out provides something for the whole family to enjoy. The Carbondale Police and Fire Departments and Jackson County Ambulance Service will have emergency vehicles on display at the park. McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog, and other guests are invited to make special appearances. Local businesses will be on hand with information relating to home security, personal safety, and other crime prevention-related areas. All who attend may register to win door prizes, gift certificates from local businesses, and

other special prizes. Children may participate in a crime prevention poster contest, and various games and face painting. Winners of the poster contest will be chosen from four different age groups, and will receive a savings bond, donated from local banks. There will be musical entertainment including the John A. Logan Community Band.

The Carbondale Police Department and Carbondale Crime Stoppers appreciates the many local businesses and individuals who are donating food, door prizes, equipment, entertainment, and personal time to make this event possible.

Crime Stopper merchandise will be on sale to help raise money for the organization and sales of hotdogs and soft drinks during the event will benefit the Carbondale Crime Stoppers organization.

Many volunteers are necessary to make National Night Out a success. Any individual or group wishing to help volunteer is encouraged to contact the Community Resource Officer at 457-3200, ext. 428. Help is needed on the day of the event from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

## Annual 'Chill Out In The Park' Event

The City of Carbondale Fire Department has participated in a program sponsored by the Carbondale Park District for several years called 'Chill Out In The Park.' This program is designed to provide a free and safe activity for children to participate in during these hot summer months.

The Fire Department will provide a water spray from a fire hose for children to play in at city parks on the following Wednesdays in

July and August:

July 8th	Turley Park	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
July 22nd	Attucks Park	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
August 5th	Parrish Park	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Children of all ages are invited to come join the fun at one of the Carbondale parks.

For more information, contact the Carbondale Park District at 549-4222.

## Ordinance Requires Maintenance of Tall Grass and Weeds

The City of Carbondale Code declares grass and weeds over eight (8) inches in height to be a nuisance and requires their removal. The provision of the City Code pertaining to mowing grasses and weeds over eight inches in height does not apply to land zoned as 'Forestry' or 'Agriculture' which is used for agricultural purposes as long as a 20-foot perimeter adjacent to any right-of-way and/or residentially zoned property is mowed and maintained so as not to exceed the eight inch height. Owners and tenants are reminded that they are also required to keep adjoining public right-of-way mowed to the back of the curb, the edge of the street pavement and the alley.

Most property owners and tenants comply with the City of Carbondale's standards for the maintenance of tall grass and weeds. However, some property owners/tenants do not mow their property until the City posts the property in

violation of the tall grass and weed ordinance. Therefore, upon finding the same property in violation more than once during the same growth season, a Court Citation will be issued to all owners and occupants of the property at the time of the second posting and for each subsequent posting that may be necessary during the balance of the growth season. If the tall grass and weeds have not been mowed within seven days after the posting, the City's mowing contractor will mow the property and the property owner will be billed for the mowing by the City.

For more information about this ordinance contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

To see if a property has been posted you may visit the City of Carbondale Web site [explorecarbndale.com](http://explorecarbndale.com). A weed posting can be viewed under the Government section.