



Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale, Illinois

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From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

undertaken a number of cost-saving efforts meant to reduce our expenditures and offset anticipated reductions in income (primarily from sales tax). With increased pension obligations and unfunded mandates from the state, we have made staffing reductions and modified programs to better suit our ways and means.

I think this is what government should be expected to do in difficult times; we must do as much or more for less and we have to take a close look at all aspects of our municipal services. More issues will probably be coming in the near future and more tough decisions will likely need to be made.

To the community and our citizens, I ask that you help us through this process by providing input when you deem necessary and by considering the vast array of issues that we try to balance. In the end, we – like you or your family – must make decisions to equalize the money coming in with the money going out. Taxes and fees generate the money coming in to a city, while programs, services and staffing represent the bulk of the money going out.

My goal is to keep taxes and fees as low as possible, while providing necessary programs, services and staffing. If we can do that with minimal impact on the daily routines of our citizens, and equally little impact on their wallets, then we will have succeeded.

Much of the talk around town for the last several months has been about the economy. In every corner of the nation, we can see the impact that businesses of all types are experiencing from an unstable marketplace and uncertainty among buyers of goods and services. In this case, cities are no different than businesses or individuals.

In Illinois, we are especially affected because of our state's budget problems, on top of the national problems, which then add up quickly with any local concerns that may exist. The issues are so important and the numbers are so significant, our leaders at every level need to realize that we have some very tough decisions ahead of us. The same is true locally.

For our part, the City of Carbondale has

Brad Cole, Mayor

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All-America City Finalist

Carbondale An All-America City Award Finalist

The city of Carbondale has been announced as a finalist in the All-America City Award competition. Carbondale joins 32 other communities in being named a finalist for one of the 10 awards, which are bestowed by the National Civic League for outstanding civic accomplishments. Mayor Brad Cole said Carbondale has not applied for the award since 1971, when the city was named an All-America City.

The All-America City Award is like a civic "Oscar" for communities of all sizes. The program is unique because it recognizes the efforts of entire communities. The award program demonstrates inclusiveness, collaboration, civic engagement and innovation.

An All-America City must demonstrate a proven capacity for community-based problem solving, grassroots civic engagement and cooperation between sectors (public, private and nonprofit). To become a finalist each participant

completed an application documenting three community projects that address local challenges such as job creation/economic development, environmental sustainability, neighborhood revitalization and disaster recovery.

Cole said the City's 5,000-word application focused on local neighborhood revitalization efforts, the renovation of the Varsity Theater and the city's Futures Program, a program which places local high school students in jobs with local employers.

"We are very excited about the fact that we are a finalist for the All-America City Award," Cole said.

"Being a finalist is an honor for the City and all of the volunteers and businesses that strive to improve the quality of life for citizens in the community. This designation is a true recognition of the efforts put forth by private citizens and businesses on a daily basis to benefit Carbondale."

Incumbents Fritzler, Wissmann, McDaniel Re-Elected

In a competition among seven candidates, incumbent Council Members Joel Fritzler, Chris Wissmann and Corene McDaniel successfully retained their seats on the Carbondale City Council. A total of 1,621 ballots were cast in the April 7th election. Successful candidates Joel Fritzler received 901 votes, Chris Wissmann 829 votes and Corene McDaniel 796 votes. The remaining four

candidates on the ballot were Kevin P. Clark who received 790 votes, Justin Stofferahn with 250 votes, Yolanda L. Dean with 248 votes and Pawel Sawicki with 220 votes.

The Oaths of Office for Corene McDaniel, Chris Wissmann and Joel Fritzler will be administered at the May 5th Council meeting. They will serve four year terms to extend through 2011.

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.explorecarbndale.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 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 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.



Woodlawn Cemetery in Carbondale is the site of the first Memorial Day Service in Illinois and is the location of the Annual Memorial Day Service in Carbondale. Pictured is the monument placed in memory of all unknown soldiers buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Carbondale Memorial Day Service May 25, 2009

The annual Carbondale Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in historic Woodlawn Cemetery on East Main Street in Carbondale. Mayor Brad Cole will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Other participants include Commander David Conrad and Veterans of Foreign Wars Teeter-Carter-Watson Post 2605, the Daniel H. Brush Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 514, the Carbondale

Preservation Commission and Carbondale Girl Scout Troop #159. Pastor Brooks Wilson of the Grand Avenue Christian Church will offer the invocation and benediction and Company C of the 31st Illinois Volunteer Infantry will present Special Military Honors with its traditional 21-gun salute from Civil war era muzzleloaders.

The Memorial Day Service is conducted regardless of the weather. Ample seating will be provided.

Visit the new City of Carbondale Web site
www.explorecarbndale.com

Refuse & Recycling Fees Increased May 1

The costs for providing refuse and recycling services have continued to rise in recent years. In the spring of 2008 it became evident that the rising costs of fuel, equipment, labor, and disposal fees could no longer be absorbed by the Solid Waste Fund and that increases in fees were necessary. In order to keep residents from having to burden a large increase all at one time, it was recommended to the City Council that the necessary fee increases be spread out over a three year period.

On April 15, 2008, the Carbondale City Council

adopted a resolution to raise the City's residential refuse collection fee by \$0.75 per year for three years; and the City's recycling assessment by \$0.25 per year for three years. May 1, 2009 marked the second scheduled increase. The City's Residential Refuse Collection fees increased \$0.75 to \$8.75 per month and the City's Recycling fee increased \$0.25 to \$1.75 per month. These small increases allow the City of Carbondale to continue to provide quality refuse and recycling collection services to its residents at a relatively low cost.

7th Annual Bike-To-Work Day May 15

Since 1956, the League of American Bicyclists has recognized the month of May as National Bike-to-Work Month, a national campaign to promote bicycling as a healthy and efficient transportation alternative.

Communities are encouraged to sponsor a Bike-to-Work Day giving metropolitan areas the opportunity to call attention to the benefits of bicycling and to increase safety awareness among bicyclists and motorists.

In Carbondale, the 7th Annual

Bike-To-Work Day event will be held on May 15, 2009, with a gathering of bicyclists at the Town Square Pavilion for lunch and trophy presentations by Mayor Brad Cole.

Trophies will be awarded to participants who travel the longest distance, and for the organization that has the most people ride their bikes to work that day. Entertainment will be provided by WDBX's Darby McGrann, who will play guitar, as riders gather and chat over lunch.

Outstanding Youth To Be Honored at May 26 City Council Meeting

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, 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 will be recognized at a ceremony to be held during the City Council Meeting on May 26, 2009.

Mayor Brad Cole will present the awards to the individuals in the presence of their families, nominators, elected officials and the media. Mayoral Scholarship

Awards will also be presented in the amount of \$500.00 each to three high school students.

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

Carbondale to Receive Federal Stimulus Project Funds

The City of Carbondale has been informed that it will receive federal stimulus dollars this year.

The City will be receiving \$774,253 in funding from the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, as enacted by Congress, to provide new funding for infrastructure, transportation, environmental and other critical-need projects throughout the country.

Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) have been allocated through the Illinois Department of Transportation to urban areas with identified needs.

Carbondale has been allocated \$774,253 for transportation improvements. The funds will be used for the following specific projects that are expected to be completed during calendar year 2009:

- Marion Street, new construction from College

Street to Mill Street, (approximately 550 linear feet) in the amount of \$274,000

- Washington Street, resurfacing from Walnut Street to Mill Street*, (approximately 1,500 linear feet) in the amount of \$140,000. *This project will leverage an additional \$30,000 in local improvement funds.

- Wall Street, resurfacing from Mill Street to Park Street, (approximately 1,730 linear feet) in the amount of \$245,000

- Oakland Avenue, resurfacing from Willow Street to Rigdon Street, (approximately 1,550 linear feet) in the amount of \$145,000

Details are still being developed and all information will continue to be posted on the City Web site www.explore.carbondale.com under Citizen Access to keep Carbondale citizens informed of the local projects that have been designated to receive funding under this Act.

Residential Spring Clean-Up Program Continues During May

The City of Carbondale began the annual Residential Spring Clean-Up Program on April 24, 2009. This program serves single family dwellings up to and including 4-unit buildings. The Spring Clean-Up Program allows residents to dispose of household items and general rubbish generated from the dwelling being served.

The following items will not be collected as a part of this program:

- Tires, appliances, or yard waste - these items can be disposed of by the City's Landscape & Special Waste Sticker Program.

- Hazardous materials including: paint, oil, gasoline, car batteries, pesticides, and other chemicals.

- Contractor's remodeling or construction debris - residents or contractors must dispose of these items using private haulers.

To participate in this program, place your household rubbish at the curbside no earlier than five (5) days prior to your collection day and no later than 8:00 a.m. on your collection day (please note that items set at the curbside for collection after 8:00 a.m. on the listed collection day will not be collected).

Household items will be collected from the curbside on Fridays, based on the following schedule:

Wednesday's City Refuse Collection Route - Friday May 8th & May 15th

All residences located west of the CN railroad tracks, east of South Oakland Avenue, and south of West Main Street (including residences along South Oakland Avenue), all residences west of the CN railroad tracks, north of West Main Street and South of West Sycamore Street (including residences along West Sycamore Street), and all residents west of the CN railroad tracks, east of Little Crab Orchard Creek, and south of Chautauqua Street.

Thursday's City Refuse Collection Route - Friday, May 22nd

All residences west of the CN railroad tracks, north of West Sycamore Street (excluding residences located along West Sycamore Street), and all residences west of Little Crab Orchard Creek.

Please be sure not to block sidewalks, streets, ditches or drainage ways with your items. Also placing and/or allowing items to remain at the curbside earlier than 5 days prior to or after 8:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day is a violation of City Code and may subject you to a citation. If you have any questions, please contact the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275.

City Expands Recycling Efforts To Include Paper Products Starting June 1

The City of Carbondale will begin collecting mixed paper and cardboard as part of its weekly residential curbside recycling program beginning June 1, 2009, with assistance of grant funds received from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Prior to June 1, new "Carbondale Recycles... Paper Products" green colored recycling bins will be 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 prior to the June 1st start date. 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 Offices at 457-3275 if you have any questions regarding the City's residential curbside refuse and recycling services.

Working Street Lights Keep Citizens Safe

If you notice a street light out or malfunctioning on your street or down the block, in town while you are walking, jogging, bicycling to class, or while driving, dining or shopping during the evening hours, don't keep us in the dark.

Contact the City of Carbondale Citizens Assistance line at 457-3226 or email

reporter@ci.carbondale.il.us to report the location. We rely on you letting us know when you are in the dark. The earlier you call us, the earlier we can get the lights back on.

Help us keep your neighborhood and the City well illuminated. Working street lights keep citizens safe.

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Carbondale Keeping History Alive at Woodlawn Cemetery

Woodlawn Cemetery, located at 405 East Main Street, was incorporated by a special act of the Illinois General Assembly in 1854 and was first operated by the Carbondale Cemetery Association in February 1855. Daniel Brush, Asgill Conner and Dr. William Richart, founders of the City of Carbondale, served as the cemetery's first directors. When Brush died in 1890, the Association became dormant, and the City took over maintenance of the cemetery, which it continues to operate.

Daniel Brush designed Woodlawn Cemetery in 1853, and burials at the cemetery began soon after. The cemetery was originally designed with two concentric pathways which was slightly modified over the years. The cemetery includes 217 plots on approximately a 2.5 acre tract and contains over 400 grave sites. Buried at Woodlawn are many Union and some Confederate soldiers as well as other prominent townspeople of the mid-to-late 1800s. The last burial at Woodlawn was in 1954. The biographical sketches that follow include information about some of the well-known, local townspeople buried in Woodlawn.

The first memorial service in Illinois, one of the first in the nation to honor those who had died in the Civil War, took place at Woodlawn Cemetery on April 29, 1866. On the previous Sunday, three returning veterans of the Civil War were waiting for church services to begin at the Crab Orchard Christian Church, located southwest of Carbondale. They saw a young woman with two infants approach a small, unmarked grave in the church yard cemetery, place flowers on the grave and kneel in prayer next to it.

The veterans then collected wild flowers from fields around the church and placed them on the graves of all the dead soldiers in the cemetery. It occurred to them that the graves of the war dead in Carbondale's Woodlawn Cemetery should also be decorated with flowers, so they arranged with community leaders to have a parade of veterans and a memorial service on the following Sunday, April 29, 1866.

When the day of remembrance came, a group of more than 200 veterans gathered at the old "Blue Church" on what is now East Jackson Street. Methodist Minister J.W. Lane stood on the steps to greet them. The Marshall of the Day, Colonel E. J. Ingersoll, and the speaker, General John A. Logan of the Union Army, led a

procession to Woodlawn Cemetery.

When the parade came into view of the crowd assembled at the Cemetery, silence fell. Reverend Lane led the assemblage in prayer. General Logan spoke to his neighbors, saying among other things, "Every man's life belongs to his country, and no man has a right to refuse when his country calls for it." These words and other notes of the day were recorded in a book owned by James Green, sexton of Woodlawn Cemetery and Logan's first cousin.

One of the most intriguing objects in Woodlawn Cemetery is the stone coffin, or the sarcophagus, which sits above ground near the center of the cemetery. According to an article by Frank Weller, published in 1950 in the Southern Illinoisian, a headstone next to the sarcophagus reads, "JW Landrum, Died July 4, 187.., Aged 47 years." There are a couple of different versions of who is buried there and the story behind it. The first story is that a young woman from Vicksburg, Mississippi, the wife of JW Landrum, was buried in the above ground coffin. She was placed there because she did not want to be buried in Yankee soil. Her husband was a Carbondale native and was said to have sprinkled soil from Vicksburg inside her coffin before the lid was closed. The second story is that Lt. Colonel John Mills of the Union Army was supposedly buried there. His family found out that a Confederate soldier was to be buried at Woodlawn, and they had his body removed so that the two soldiers would not occupy the same land.

There are a number of commemorative monuments in Woodlawn Cemetery including one in the southeast corner to honor the memory of 30 freed slaves who are buried in an unmarked area of the cemetery. Their names are unknown. They died of smallpox in 1864 soon after coming from the South to Carbondale. The monument was dedicated at a Memorial Day service in 1983.

Following the Civil War, General Logan became commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. Impressed by the memorial observance at Woodlawn Cemetery, he signed General Order No. 11, setting May 30, 1868, as Memorial Day. Logan hoped the observance would be "kept up from year to year." By 1888, Memorial Day became a legal holiday in twelve northern states. Later, it became a legal holiday throughout the country. Woodlawn Cemetery was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 19, 1985, and was designated a Carbondale Historic Landmark on March 8, 1994.

Carbondale Named Tree City USA Community

Carbondale has been named Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the 28th consecutive year Carbondale has received this national recognition. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Carbondale has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

City Manager Allen Gill stated that an effective community forestry program is an ongoing process

of growth and renewal with a program of planting and care that continues through the years. As a Tree City USA for 28 years, Carbondale has a solid foundation for that process of improvement. Much of the credit for Carbondale's successful forestry program goes to City Forester, Greg Kline.

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation. "Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest." For more information about this designation you may contact Greg Kline, City Forester, at 457-3332.

Contractors Needed For Housing Rehabilitation Grant Programs

The City of Carbondale is seeking additional contractors to work with the Housing Rehabilitation Grant Programs. Currently, the City administers grants for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP), the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation (SFOOR), and the Homebuyer Assistance Program.

Contractors experienced in building and renovating homes are encouraged to contact the Housing Programs Administrator, Kristina Vaughn at 549-5302 x 346.

Applications are available on the City's Web site www.exploreCarbondale.com. The City is also seeking contractors who are licensed by the State of Illinois to perform lead-based paint mitigation in homes being rehabilitated.

IHDA Grant Funds Assist Home Purchasers

The City of Carbondale has received a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority in the amount of \$160,000. Over the next year, through the Homebuyer Assistance Program, the City will use these funds to assist lower-income persons with the purchase and rehabilitation of a home located within the Carbondale city limits.

Assistance Available: The maximum amount of assistance for the purchase and rehabilitation of a home is \$40,000. The Homebuyer Assistance Program provides up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs, with the remaining funds to be used for rehabilitation of the property in order to bring the dwelling up to the City's current housing codes. Based on the amount of assistance, this prorated loan will be forgiven in five or ten years. Home owners must live in the house as their primary residence for the duration of their loan. The home purchaser must provide at

least \$1,000 toward the down payment, and qualify for and obtain financing from a participating lender.

Eligible Persons: Applicants must be first time home buyers or not have owned a home in the last three years. The applicant must also meet federal income eligibility criteria. The household income must be less than or equal to 80% of the area median income. Income limits annually set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are based on the number of persons in the household. Currently the income limits are 1 person- \$30,400; 2 people- \$34,750; 3 people- \$39,100; 4 people- \$43,450; 5 people- \$46,950; 6 people- \$50,400; 7 people- \$53,900; and 8 people- \$57,350.

If you are interested in further program information, please contact Kristina Vaughn, Housing Programs Administrator, at 549-5302 x 346.

Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program Pre-Application Deadline June 12

The City of Carbondale has been awarded Single Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (SFOOR) Program funds. These funds will be available to rehabilitate owner-occupied homes in three targeted areas of Carbondale. Pre-applications are now available and will be accepted through June 12, 2009.

Housing rehabilitation assistance up to a maximum of \$40,000 per home is available. Work can include structural, plumbing, electrical, weatherization, heating, roofing and general upgrades to meet City codes. The assistance is provided in the form of a forgivable zero percent interest loan. As long as the homeowner owns and lives in the home, the loan does not have to be repaid. If the homeowner moves or sells the home before the five or ten year period ends, a prorated amount of the original loan must be repaid.

To be eligible to participate in the program, applicants must own and live in their home which must be located in one of the program's targeted areas: Tatum Heights, Northeast Carbondale, and that portion of the Northwest that is east of Little Crab Orchard Creek and south of the old Murphysboro ICRR tracks.

The applicant must also meet income eligibility criteria. The total household income may not exceed 80% of the median income at the time application is made. Income limits are set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development and are based on the number of persons in the household. Currently the income limits are 1 person- \$30,400; 2 persons- \$34,750; 3 persons- \$39,100; 4 persons- \$43,450; 5 persons- \$46,950; 6 persons- \$50,400; 7 persons- \$53,900; and 8 persons- \$57,350.

Interested persons may obtain a pre-application form from the Development Services Department at City Hall, 200 South Illinois Avenue, 2nd Floor or by phone at 549-5302 x 346. Pre-applications can also be found on the City's Web site www.exploreCarbondale.com. Completed pre-applications must be submitted to the City of Carbondale by 5:00p.m. on June 12, 2009.

Upon submission, the applications will be screened for eligibility. On Friday, June 19, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., a lottery will be conducted to select 10 persons for further consideration. Those 10 people will be requested to complete a full application. The applications will be measured against a set of selection criteria and points assigned. The 10 houses will also be inspected and housing condition points established. The five eligible applications with the most points will be selected for housing rehabilitation if the work can be done within the \$40,000 maximum allowed for each home. For additional information, please contact Kristina Vaughn, Housing Programs Administrator, at 549-5302 x 346.

Poplar Camp Beach at Cedar Lake Opens Friday, May 22, 2009

Hours

Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday/Holidays 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

State Certified Lifeguards are on duty during beach open hours. Admission is \$2.00 per person (Children age four (4) and under 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. For information about beach closings, call 549-8441 or 549-5302. For the safety of all visitors, alcoholic beverages, glass containers and fires are prohibited at the beach.

CITY OF CARBONDALE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS ENTRY LEVEL FIRE FIGHTER EXAM

A written examination for the position of Entry-level Fire Fighter will be given on Monday, July 13, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Candidates receiving a passing score on the written exam will be eligible to take the physical fitness assessment at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. To be eligible to take the written exam, an application must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2009. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, or you may download the application from the City of Carbondale website at www.exploreCarbondale.com.

THE CITY OF CARBONDALE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Carbondale City Calendar

May

Date	Meeting	Time
The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 5th, 26th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 6th, 20th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 11th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 4th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 18th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 21st	Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission	6:00 pm

Scheduled meetings at other locations		
Wednesday - 13th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 21st	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 28th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Carbondale Middle School, 1150 East Grand Avenue	7:00 pm

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: Monday, May 25th, for the Memorial Day holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

June

Date	Meeting	Time
The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 16th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 3rd, 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 8th, 29th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 1st	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 4th	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 pm
Monday - 15th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 18th	Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission	6:00 pm

Scheduled meetings at other locations		
Wednesday - 10th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 18th	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 25th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Administrative Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm



The Comprehensive Plan Review Committee will meet on May 20, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center to review work completed to date. Information and updates on the Plan, including announcements of future meetings, are posted on the City of Carbondale Web site www.explore.carbondale.com.

Citizen Input Received at Community Symposium

An estimated 175 people attended the Community Symposium held on March 26, 2009 to provide input on the new Comprehensive Plan. The symposium was held at the Carbondale Middle School, where Mayor Cole provided opening remarks on the importance of citizen involvement in the community. He encouraged everyone to provide input on issues impacting the future of Carbondale,

including the preparation of the new Comprehensive Plan. Those attending the symposium had the opportunity to participate in three breakout sessions. The sessions included: Housing and Neighborhoods, Community Mobility and Growth, and Economic Development. The issues identified through the forum are being incorporated into the development of the Comprehensive Plan.

The next scheduled meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee will be on May 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center. The consultants will attend the meeting to review work completed to date with the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. For more information about the Carbondale Comprehensive Plan project, contact the Planning Services Office at 457-3235.

Carbondale Police Department TTY Access Enhanced

The City of Carbondale Police Department has enhanced its capability to communicate with people who are hearing impaired. For several years the Department has had the ability to communicate with TTY (Text Typewriter) users for requests of immediate police services and 911 emergencies. The Department has now added a TTY telephone line dedicated for hearing impaired citizens to be used for communication with the Dispatch Center for non-emergency police service matters. The Department also provides TTY service for the Crime Victim Advocate's Office. Listed is a guide for TTY users to identify which phone line to use when contacting the Police Department.

Crime Victim Advocate TTY Number: 457-3200 Ext/305 - Crime Victim Advocate's Office for general information or questions. Available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
New TTY Dispatch Number: 549-4841 Carbondale Police Dispatch Center Non-Emergency calls for police service only (reporting crimes or other immediate, but not emergency, police services). Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
911 Carbondale Police Dispatch Center: Emergency calls only (crimes in progress, medical or fire emergencies). Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.


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.

La Policia Se Asocia Con Las Escuelas Locales

El Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Carbondale está en la actualidad suministrando un número de programas educativos en asociación con las escuelas de primaria y secundaria en un esfuerzo por expandir el compromiso de la juventud con nuestra comunidad. El programa Educación para la Resistencia al Abuso de Drogas, más comúnmente conocido como D.A.R.E., es un programa de prevención a las drogas suministrado en cooperación con las Escuelas Primarias de Carbondale. El currículo de D.A.R.E. se enfoca en el entrenamiento para resistir la presión de grupo, en el mejoramiento de la autoestima y en la valoración de juicios sobre el respeto de la ley y la seguridad personal. La meta de D.A.R.E. a largo plazo es la reducción del suministro de sustancias controladas como un resultado de la reducción en la demanda, una identificación más positiva con los oficiales de policía, mejorar la toma de decisiones y en general una reducción en la criminalidad. El Departamento de Policía ha entrenado oficiales en D.A.R.E. quienes realizan el programa en los grados tercero y quinto de las escuelas de Carbondale. El programa se enseña por un policía uniformado en cada clase, con el maestro presente. D.A.R.E. recibe el apoyo de nuestras escuelas locales, y es calurosamente aceptado por padres de familia, estudiantes, maestros y personal de la escuela. Los oficiales D.A.R.E. siempre esperan con ansias enseñar el programa D.A.R.E. y poder tener tal contacto positivo con los jóvenes de nuestra comunidad. El programa Educación y Entrenamiento para la Resistencia a las Pandillas, más comúnmente conocido como G.R.E.A.T., es un programa de prevención de pandillas suministrado en cooperación con las Escuelas Primarias de Carbondale. El currículo de G.R.E.A.T. se enfoca en el entrenamiento de habilidades, en el aprendizaje cooperativo, en la discusión y en la dramatización de roles. La instrucción cubre una variedad de temas que incluyen: El papel/rol de los estudiantes en sus familias, en la escuela y en la comunidad; Qué factores hay que incluir cuando se determinen metas de vida a corto y a largo plazo; Cómo tomar G.R.E.A.T. decisiones; Cómo mejorar el manejo de la

rabia y las habilidades de comunicación; Reconocer la necesidad de tener empatía por otros; y Cómo responder efectivamente a la presión de grupo y cómo resolver conflictos sin usar violencia. El Departamento de Policía ha entrenado oficiales en G.R.E.A.T. quienes realizan el programa en los grados cuarto y sexto en las escuelas de Carbondale. La meta del currículo G.R.E.A.T. se concentra en ayudar a los jóvenes para que eviten el enrolamiento en pandillas, en prevenir la violencia y la actividad criminal, así como también a desarrollar una relación positiva con los representantes de la ley. Los estudiantes pueden utilizar inmediatamente las habilidades que aprenden en este programa y continuar usándolas a través de toda la vida. El Departamento de Policía en asociación con Carbondale Community High School ofrece la academia de Policía Estudiantil para estudiantes de Carbondale Community High School que deseen echarle un vistazo al trabajo de un Oficial de Policía de Carbondale. La Academia de Policía Estudiantil es un curso de siete sesiones, una hora semanal, durante el cual instructores del Departamento de Policía presentan una amplia variedad de temas sobre el refuerzo de la ley en Carbondale. Los temas incluyen: Operaciones de Patrulla, Identificación de Drogas, Procesamiento de Escenarios de Crimen, Práctica de Escenarios de Crimen, Investigaciones de DUI y Paradas de Tráfico. El propósito de la Academia de Policía Estudiantil es desarrollar relaciones positivas, mejor comprensión y comunicación entre la policía y los estudiantes a través de la educación. Los estudiantes lograrán la apreciación de los problemas y retos que enfrentan los representantes de la ley y tendrán la oportunidad de ofrecer comentarios, inquietudes e ideas relevantes a las soluciones. Los estudiantes que estén interesados en una carrera en refuerzo de la ley tendrán la oportunidad de aprender más acerca de la profesión como una ayuda con su elección de carrera. La Academia también resalta el programa Oficial de Servicio Comunitario que ofrece el Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Carbondale. Para cualquier información adicional por favor contactar al Oficial Randy Mathis en el rmathis@ci.carbondale.il.us.



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