



Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

Looking back over the past year, there were a lot of things that happened or that we experienced that I doubt many people could have ever imagined. Among those that topped the list: gasoline exceeding \$4.25 a gallon, a national economic downturn that involved failed corporate giants and major worldwide employers, lots of issues and questions with state government leaders, and – of course – the election of an Illinoisan as our nation's president.

Locally, things were a bit calmer, but those national issues still have an impact on local businesses and families. Carbondale is somewhat buffered by the trends (when they are both positive and negative), but they do catch-up to us and we see their effect in the spending that people make for goods and services of all types. This means that the local businesses have less money coming in through their cash registers and, equally, less sales tax revenue coming to the city government. The good part of the buffer

means that it takes a little longer before the negative trends hit home, but that also means the positive trends are longer in coming, too. We watch this closely since the city collects no property tax (zero) for general government purposes; we have made the conscious decision to keep property taxes low and to rely on other sources of income to pay for city services.

With all of this in mind, it is important to focus on patronizing locally-owned businesses and supporting our local communities. Whether it is grocery shopping, replacing appliances, buying a new car, purchasing the daily items that everyone needs, or sending a student to college, please keep in mind the idea of keeping your money local. The effect of that helps keep other jobs in the area and re-circulates much-needed financial resources in southern Illinois.

Looking ahead to 2009 and beyond, we have many things to be excited about. Carbondale continues to grow and bring-in new areas of development that will help position us in an even-better place than we are in currently. There will be new commercial enterprises and buildings built, more residential and rental housing constructed, additional shopping opportunities, renewed commitment to open space and green spaces dedicated for public use, initiatives to rejuvenate neighborhoods, and still more efforts to clean-up and invest in the heart of the community.

To everyone, I wish the best for the new year and all it may bring you.

Brad Cole, Mayor



The Office Place on Reed Station Parkway was a welcome addition to the community in 2008, and houses new business enterprises. In 2009, the City looks to welcome additional businesses to the complex.

Haven't You Heard...

City Begins Blueprint Development for the New Year

The City has begun the process of preparing its FY 2010 Budget (May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010). The process began with the City Council reviewing the proposed tax levy, and truth in taxation determination on November 18, 2008. On December 16, 2008, the City Council adopted the tax levy. The City Council continued its \$0 tax levy for City Government.

In January the City Council will review the City's community goals and the Five Year Community Investment Program (CIP). Also, in January various community-based organizations will submit funding proposals for review by the City Council at the February 3, 2009 regular meeting. During January and February, City Departments will be preparing budgets for their operations. In February, the City Manager will review

the budgets submitted by the Department Directors, and the Community Investment Program will be prepared. In mid-March, the proposed City Budget and Community Investment Program will be distributed to the City Council and made available for public review at the Carbondale Public Library, the Finance Department and the City Clerk's Office. The public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for March 31, 2009. City Council action on the proposed Budget and Five Year Community Investment Program is scheduled for April 21, 2009.

Preparation of the City Budget takes a significant amount of staff and City Council time each year. This is an important process for the City of Carbondale because the budget becomes the blueprint for City operations for the entire year.

Work Commencing on Long-Range Plan for City

The City of Carbondale is working on drafting a new Comprehensive Plan that will serve as a policy document and official plan guiding growth and development of the community and its future growth area during the next decade. The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council in 1997, and since that time there have been a number of new developments and changes to the physical surroundings and economic climate that the new plan will take into consideration.

The Comprehensive Plan identifies the forces that have and will influence the City's land use pattern, social structure and economy and sets forth a planned response to the changes that they will likely bring. This plan will build on the relevant policies of the previous plans, by focusing on the current strengths of the community and recognizing future trends. Because of its nature, taking into account all facets of the community, it is rightly described as a 'comprehensive' plan. It will be in place in Carbondale for much of the next decade, and used as a template to guide community decision-making at many levels.

Funding to engage the services of a professional consultant firm to assist City staff in preparing the Comprehensive

Plan is included in the City's FY 2009 budget. With the assistance of the selected consultant firm, it is anticipated that the Comprehensive Plan will take twelve 12-18 months to complete. Upon completion, the plan will be presented to the City Council for adoption.

To date a Comprehensive Plan Review Committee and a Housing Study Committee have been established to work with the professional consultants and City staff in preparing the Plan. In addition, there will be numerous opportunities throughout the various stages of completing the Comprehensive Plan for public input and interaction.

The consultants will be conducting a series of community stakeholder interviews with a number of persons representing a cross section of interests. In addition to the stakeholder interviews, a Community Symposium is being planned to be held in the coming months that will provide an opportunity for residents and others to engage in discussions and provide their input on community issues, improvement needs, and areas that the plan should focus on. Meeting announcements and updates about the plan will also be placed on the City's web site ci.carbondale.il.us.

Interested in Serving on a City Board or Commission?

The City government has many citizen boards and commissions that allow for broad citizen participation in the local government and may benefit from your involvement.

Some opportunities for citizens include the Planning Commission, the Human

Relations Commission, the Library Board of Trustees, the Preservation Commission and many more.

If you are interested in becoming involved in your City government, contact the Office of the Mayor for more details at 457-3229 or stop by City Hall.

Deputy Chief Jeff Grubbs Appointed Interim Police Chief

City Manager Allen Gill has announced that he has appointed Deputy Police Chief Jeff Grubbs as Interim Chief, to lead the Police Department pending selection of a permanent Police Chief to succeed retiring Chief Robert Ledbetter. The appointment became effective December 23, 2008, which was Chief Ledbetter's last day in the office.

Deputy Chief Grubbs has been a Carbondale Police Officer since 1991. He has been a canine handler, a crime scene technician, a special response team member, a juvenile officer, and a firearms instructor. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2000, Lieutenant in 2004, and Deputy Chief in 2006. He has Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. In addition, he is a recent graduate of the FBI National Academy.

City Manager Gill stated that Deputy Chief Grubbs has "the experience and training to guide the Department through this period of transition."



Jeff Grubbs

Seven Candidates File for Three City Council Seats

Seven candidates have filed nominating petitions to run for a four-year term as a member of the Carbondale City Council. In order of ballot placement, the candidates are:

- Kevin P. Clark, 1635 Logan Drive #6
- Chris Wissmann, 1111 West Walkup Avenue
- Corene McDaniel, 516 East Jackson Street
- Joel Fritzler, 123 South Violet Lane
- Pawel Sawicki, 907 South Taylor Drive
- Justin Stofferahn, 905 Lentz Drive, 202 Kellogg Hall
- Yolanda L. Dean, 410 Palm Street

Candidates Chris Wissmann, Corene McDaniel and Joel Fritzler are incumbents. Since fewer than thirteen (13) candidates submitted nominating

petitions, under State law a primary election will not be necessary. All candidates will be listed on the ballot for the General Election to be held on April 7, 2009.

All City Council candidates run on a non-partisan basis which means they are not affiliated with a specific political party for the municipal election. They are also elected at-large rather than from wards which entitles them to receive votes from all areas of the City.

The newly-elected City Council members will be sworn into office in May 2009.

Questions regarding the City election may be addressed to City Clerk Janet Vaught at 457-3280 or email jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

One by one, Carbondale neighborhoods are getting put on the map. Map Your Neighborhood will be one of the topics at the 5th Annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting, to be held on Saturday morning, January 17, 2009, at Our Savior Lutheran Church located at 700 S. University Avenue in Carbondale. During the meeting there will also be reports from the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Committee and the Housing Study Committee. The meeting is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. A chili lunch will follow the meeting.

The Housing and Neighborhood Action Group of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action is implementing the Map Your Neighborhood program, which is being used around the country and which the group has introduced to Southern Illinois. At the Neighborhood Alliance Meeting, organizers will describe how they are mapping their neighborhoods and offer advice to new people interested in starting the program in their neighborhood. All Carbondale residents are encouraged to attend.

The Map Your Neighborhood program is designed to build and strengthen disaster preparedness

among neighbors. Neighborhoods that are prepared for emergencies and disaster situations save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and trauma, and reduce property damage. In addition, working together as a team and contributing as an individual develops stronger communities and improves the quality of life in the community.

In the Map Your Neighborhood program, 10 to 20 neighbors gather to

- learn the 9 steps to take immediately following a disaster,
- develop a neighborhood skills and equipment inventory,
- map the neighborhood and identify areas of concern such as gas meters, and
- verify which neighbors need extra help in a disaster such as the elderly, those with a disability, or children who may be home alone.

The Carbondale Human Relations Commission initiated Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, a Study Circles program, in 2003 and selected the topic of Building Strong Neighborhoods. Since then, the Housing and Neighborhood Action Group has been working towards that goal.

For more information, email studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us or call 549-5302 ext 386.

La Ciudad Recibió Subvención para Expandir el Programa de Reciclaje

La Ciudad de Carbondale ha sido seleccionada por el Departamento de Comercio y Oportunidad Económica (DCEO) para recibir \$60,000 en fondos de subvención para ayudar a la Ciudad a expandir su programa de reciclaje domiciliario para incluir la recolección de papel mixto.

Estos fondos se van a utilizar para comprar canecas de reciclaje, para materiales educativos y promocionales y para ayudar con la compra de un nuevo camión de reciclaje necesario para la expansión del programa de recolección de materiales reciclables de la Ciudad. La subvención se aumentará con fondos provenientes del presupuesto del Fondo de Desechables Sólidos, fondos que fueron aprobados en el presupuesto del año fiscal 2009 de la Ciudad. Con estos fondos de subvención y en cooperación con Southern Recycling Center de Carbondale, la Ciudad será capaz de expandir el programa actual de reciclaje domiciliario para incluir papel mixto.

El papel mixto incluye todos los

productos de papel típicamente generados por hogares residenciales, incluyendo periódicos, revistas, folletos comerciales, correo de promoción, cajas de cartón, cajas de cereal, papel de envolver, papel de colores, guías telefónicas, etcétera.

La expansión del programa de reciclaje de la Ciudad para recolectar papel mixto depende de dos procesos principales: la recolección y la disposición. El papel de la Ciudad en esta expansión será el de la recolección y el papel del Southern Recycling Center será el de la disposición de los desechos. Para facilitar la recolección del papel mixto es necesario tener un contenedor adicional aparte para la recolección domiciliar que será usado únicamente para productos de papel.

Se espera que la recolección de productos de papel bajo este programa se inicie en enero. Para más información, contactar a Sean C. Henry, Administrador de Mantenimiento y Servicios Ambientales, al 457-3275.



Retired employees of the City of Carbondale were recognized at the City of Carbondale luncheon held on December 19, 2008.

Seasonal Leaf Collection Program Offered Through Jan. 31, 2009

Carbondale's Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program is offered during the months of November, December and January. Calls for the vacuum collection service will be accepted through January 31, 2009. The fee during this special program period is \$20.00 for each collection. (Note that the regular fee for vacuum leaf collection is \$30.00).

City of Carbondale Residents desiring to participate in the program should first rake their leaves to the curbside or street side (please be sure not to block streets, sidewalks, ditches or gutters), then call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 and request a 'Vacuum Leaf Collection'.

Calls for service will be accepted 24 hours a day by leaving a message at the above number. Please be sure to leave your name, address and telephone

number and identify your request as 'Vacuum Leaf Collection'. If you would like to speak to a person directly, please call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The City's Landscape Waste Bag & Bundle program will continue as usual with scheduled pickup on Wednesday and Friday of each week. Those desiring collection of bagged leaves and grass, or bundles of brush may continue to place their landscape waste in clear bags or tied bundles and purchase and affix one sticker to each bag or bundle. Once you place the bags or bundles curbside, please call the number listed above and leave your address along with your request for 'Bag and Bundle' or 'Landscape Waste Collection' and you will be scheduled the following Wednesday or Friday.

Conversion to All-Digital Television to Occur February 17, 2009

After February 17, 2009, full-power television stations will broadcast in digital only. The switch from analog to digital broadcast television is referred to as the digital TV (DTV) transition. Broadcast stations in all U.S. markets are currently broadcasting in both analog and digital.

Digital broadcasting allows stations to offer improved picture and sound quality, and digital is much more efficient than analog. For example, rather than being limited to providing one analog program, a broadcaster is able to offer a super sharp 'high definition' (HD) digital program or multiple 'standard definition' (SD) digital programs simultaneously through a process called 'multicasting.' Multicasting allows broadcast stations to offer several channels of digital programming at the same time, using the same amount of spectrum required for one analog program. Further, DTV can provide interactive video and data services that are not possible with analog technology.

For viewers who have one or more televisions that receive free over-the-air programming (with a roof-top antenna or 'rabbit ears' on the TV), the type of TV you own is very important. A digital television (a TV with an internal digital tuner) will allow you to continue to watch free over-the-air programming after February 17, 2009. However, if you have an analog television, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to continue to watch broadcast television on that set. This converter box will also enable you to see any additional multicast

programming that your local stations are offering.

To help consumers with the DTV transition, the Government established the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program. Every U.S. household is eligible to receive up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, toward the purchase of eligible digital-to-analog converter boxes. The coupons may only be used for eligible converter boxes sold at participating consumer electronics retailers, and the coupons must be used at the time of purchase. (Please note that these coupons will expire 90 days after mailing).

Manufacturers estimate that digital-to-analog converter boxes will sell from \$40 to \$70 each. This is a one-time cost. For more information on the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program, visit the NTIA's Web site at www.dtv2009.gov, or call 1-888-388-2009 (voice) or 1-877-530-2634 (TTY).

Cable and satellite TV subscribers with analog TVs hooked up to their cable or satellite service should not be affected by the February 17, 2009, cut-off date for full-power analog broadcasting, but should contact their provider to find out if anything is needed to be prepared for the February deadline.

There are many sources of information about the digital transition but one that is recommended is the government's Web site dtv.gov. It contains information on what DTV is, questions consumers should ask when purchasing new television sets, what programs are available in DTV, and much more. You can also call 1-888-CALL-FCC.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities Available

Early each spring, generally in March, the City begins the process of hiring its Temporary (Seasonal) Positions which usually include a Weed Control Inspector, four Public Works Seasonal Workers, four Cedar Lake Maintenance Workers, a Head Lifeguard and numerous Lifeguards. Job opening announcements for these and other temporary positions that may become available are posted at City Hall, are available on the City's Web site at ci.carbondale.il.us under Job Opportunities and on CityVision 16 (Mediacom

Channel 16). In addition, ads are also run in the Southern Illinoisan newspaper and, for the Lifeguard positions, in the Daily Egyptian.

The City's Application for Employment forms are available at City Hall at the Receptionist's desk and in the Human Resources Office. The application form is also available on the City's Web site.

For more information about employment opportunities with the City of Carbondale contact the Human Resources Office at 457-3228.

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Haven't You Heard...

City Received Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The City of Carbondale has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its current Fiscal Year 2009 Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

This is the 22nd year Carbondale's budget has been recognized by GFOA. Only three cities in Illinois have received more budget awards than Carbondale. In 2007, Only 53 municipalities and 23 other units of government in Illinois, including counties, school districts, park districts and special districts, received the GFOA budget award. Nationwide, Carbondale ranks in the top 10% for municipalities receiving the most Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards. In the United States, 704 municipalities and 401 other units of government received the GFOA budget award for the year.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award reflects the commitment by the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the City of Carbondale had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the budget serves as a Policy Document, a Financial Plan, an Operations Guide, and a Communications Device. The budget must be rated proficient in all four categories to receive the award.

GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving 14,000 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.



City Manager Allen D. Gill welcomed educators from Tainai City, Japan during a recent exchange visit. Carbondale has had a Sister City relationship with Tainai City (formerly called Nakajo) since 1988 and participates in annual educational exchanges.

Mandatory Rental Inspection Fees Effective January 1, 2009

The preservation and stabilization of residential neighborhoods, along with ensuring that the housing stock in the community is maintained in a safe, sound and sanitary condition is a priority of the City of Carbondale. The Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program has been effective in gradually improving the housing stock of the community, particularly in older neighborhoods where single family houses have been converted for multiple occupancy use.

Through the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program, detailed inspections are conducted on the exterior and interior of rental properties. The scheduled inspections are initiated through the City's Building & Neighborhood

Services Division. Violations that are noted are required to be corrected before a certificate of occupancy can be issued.

In November, 2007 the City Council approved an annual registration of all rental units in Carbondale. The revised requirements on registration took effect on January 1, 2009. An annual fee of \$35.00 per residential rental dwelling unit is required to be paid at the time of registration by the property owner.

Invoices have been mailed to property owners and managers, with full payment due by January 30, 2009. For further information about the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program, contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

Mayor Cole Elected to National League of Cities Board of Directors

Mayor Brad Cole joined nearly 3,000 municipal leaders at the 2008 National League of Cities' (NLC) annual Congress of Cities and Exposition. The gathering is designed to allow city officials to discuss leadership and innovative programs and solutions that serve the needs of the nation's hometowns. The attendees are also able to exchange best practices that provide economic opportunities, explore affordable housing, ensure public safety, and promote more effective interaction with state and federal agencies.

During the conference, Mayor Cole was unanimously elected to serve on the Board of Directors. "This will allow me to have an even greater role in shaping some of our national policy issues," said Cole. "At the same time, it is a great honor for Carbondale to have a seat at the table with such an impressive group of elected officials from across the country." Cole will continue to serve on the executive steering committee for the University Communities Caucus and as a member of the Small Cities Council, both of

which he has been involved with for several years.

"Brad's involvement at this level will be helpful to all of us," said O'Fallon, Illinois Mayor Gary L. Graham, who is President of the statewide Illinois Municipal League. "We were excited to support his candidacy and thrilled with his election."

NLC is governed by a Board of Directors, made up of the president, first vice president, second vice president, all past presidents still in government service, and 40 other members. Twenty members of the Board of Directors are elected each year during the annual business meeting. They will serve two-year terms.

The National League of Cities is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans. For more information about NLC, please visit nlc.org.

Carbondale Animal Control and Licensing Information

If you own a pet or are planning to own one, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with the responsibilities that pet owners must consider toward their neighbors and the community. In Carbondale rules and regulations have been established to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City and to ensure the humane treatment of animals by regulating the care and control of animals within the City.

- All dogs four (4) months old and older must be licensed and registered with the Animal Control Office. The annual fee is \$5.00 for dogs that have been neutered and \$25.00 for dogs that have not been neutered. Licenses may be obtained from the Carbondale Police Department located at 610 East College Street. The license application form is also available on the City Web site at ci.carbondale.il.us. The completed form with the required fee can be mailed to the Carbondale Police Department at the above address. The registration tag must be on the dog's collar and on the dog at all times. License renewal fees are due by January 30th each year. License fees do not apply to 'seeing eye' dogs (which have been trained to assist the visually impaired) and companion dogs which are trained to assist disabled citizens. These tags are issued at no charge.

- All dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies. Vaccination tags must be displayed on the dog's collar and on the dog at all times. If tags are lost, replacement rabies tags are available as long as the vaccination is valid from Jackson County Animal Control by contacting 687-7235.

- All dogs must be restrained by a leash or other physical restraint when the dog is off of the owner's premises. Verbal command is not recognized as a form of restraint. Dogs are not allowed to run on school property or recreation areas, such as parks, unless controlled by a physical restraint. Dogs are prohibited from cemetery grounds. The Animal Control Officer will apprehend any dog found running at large or being a nuisance and shall

impound the dog or issue a notice of violation if the owner is available. Cats must be neutered before they may be allowed to run at large.

- Any animal that has bitten or attacked a person shall be quarantined for rabies observation. Arrangements for the 10-day confinement period can be made at local Veterinarian's offices. The cost of the boarding shall be the dog owner's responsibility, as well as the medical expenses of the victim's immediate treatment.

In addition, at its regular meeting on August 5, 2008, the City Council passed an ordinance to further ensure residents safety in the event a dog is determined to be dangerous or vicious. The new ordinance requires an owner of such dog to provide proof of insurance covering the actions of the dog and any and all liability created by the dog, in the amount of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence. Dogs that have been declared dangerous or vicious will also be provided with microchip identification at the owner's expense. The Chief of Police may order the dog to be held in an enclosure during those times that the dog is not in the immediate control of its owner and outside of the owner's house, and at no time may the animal be tethered within the City limits as the principal means of restraint.

The Police Department will maintain a list of all dogs declared dangerous or vicious, the names and addresses of their owners, and the dog's last known location. This list shall be made available to the public to allow the public to be better informed as to the location of any dogs previously declared vicious or dangerous, or any owners of dogs which have been declared vicious or dangerous at any time.

Special rules have also been established regarding some types of exotic pets, such as reptiles and primates, and the number of animals allowed per household. For more information about licensing and other rules and regulations, contact the Carbondale Animal Control Officer at 457-3200 ext. 424.

Energy Efficiency Grants Available for Low-Income Residents

Reducing Energy bills for low-income residents will be made easier under the latest round of state grants aimed at increasing energy efficiency. Legislation approved last year created funding for programs and incentives through money from ComEd and Ameren to reduce electrical energy usage and demand by company customers. The Low Income Energy Efficient Residential Retrofit Program builds on already existing programs by helping low-income residents save money by saving energy through upgrading and installing energy efficient appliances and equipment.

Energy improvements recommended under the program include:

- Energy Star rated refrigerator
- Energy Star advanced lighting package
- Energy Star rated bathroom exhaust fan
- Energy Star rated dishwasher

- Seer 14 central air conditioner
- Energy Star rated room air conditioner
- Energy efficient furnace
- Thermal envelope improvements
- Installation of fluorescent bulbs

This grant is designed to demonstrate the impact that energy efficiency has on creating and maintaining affordable housing. The homes will become more energy efficient, increase indoor air quality and the occupants comfort. To be eligible for the program, household income must not exceed 150 percent of poverty level, and applicants must be qualified through an existing rehabilitation grant program. The City of Carbondale will be overseeing the installation of improvements for qualified homeowners. For more information, contact the Housing Programs Administrator, Khristina Vaughn at 549-5302 x 346.

Police Officer Exam March 9, 2009

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, March 9, 2009, in the Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, 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 that applicants who 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, March 2, 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; this 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, February 20, 2009.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling 457-3281, by emailing jgarrett@ci.carbondale.il.us or by printing the application, pre-employment agreement and information from the City of Carbondale's web site ci.carbondale.il.us.

*The City of Carbondale encourages minority and female applicants.
The City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

Carbondale City Calendar

January

Date	Meeting	Time
The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16		
Monday - 12th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm
Tuesday - 13th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 7th and 21st	Planning Commission	7:00 pm

Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 5th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 12th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 15th	Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled meetings at other locations		
Wednesday - 14th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 22nd	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Administrative Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: Monday, January 19th, for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

February

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 - 3rd and 17th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 4th and 18th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 9th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 2nd	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 9th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 19th	Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled meetings at other locations		
Wednesday - 11th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 19th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 26th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Administrative Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: Monday, February 16th, for the Presidents Day holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

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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CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE



In December, Carbondale Futures Program participants gathered to thank those who helped organize the successful program, as well as the employers and employees.

Futures Program Prepares Carbondale Youth for Job Market

The inaugural year for the Carbondale Futures Program, a partnership between the City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, has been extremely successful, with Chamber of Commerce member businesses providing employment opportunities for 25 Carbondale Community High School students. The City Council provided \$25,000 to support the program. This program was designed 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. It is the goal of the program that the students will continue their employment long after the programs' conclusion.

The program began in May 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 December 2008. 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 continued to work under this program through December. At the conclusion of the program, a recognition event was held for the participating students and Carbondale businesses.

During Mayor Cole's 2008 State of the City Address, the Mayor praised the success of the program and committed funding for the program to continue in the next fiscal year.

Ordinance Promotes Pedestrian Safety During Winter Weather

Snow, sleet, and ice on sidewalks is hazardous to pedestrians, particularly those who are elderly or disabled. Carbondale is also home to a large number of student residents who walk to and from school. In order to help promote safe travel for pedestrians, City Ordinance requires that owners and occupants of properties adjoining public sidewalks to keep those sidewalks clear of snow, sleet or ice accumulation. This Ordinance requires that a path of at least 30 inches wide be cleared on sidewalks within 48 hours after the end of a snow or other freezing precipitation event.

Occasionally snow, ice, sleet, or freezing rain on a

sidewalk becomes so hard that it cannot be reasonably removed without damaging the sidewalk. In these situations, a sufficient amount of sand or some other abrasive material should be placed on the sidewalk to make travel as safe as possible until the frozen material can be removed. Being proactive and removing snow, sleet, or ice from the sidewalk soon after the freezing precipitation has ended usually makes the removal and clearing process much easier.

If you have any questions about the City's snow and ice removal requirements, please contact the City of Carbondale's Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

Reminder to Move Vehicles During Snow, Sleet or Ice

Parking is prohibited on Emergency Snow Routes during a snow emergency. A snow emergency is automatically declared when an accumulation of snow and/or ice exceeds two inches. When this occurs, parking on any portion of an Emergency Snow Route street is prohibited, and vehicles will be towed so the snow plows can safely clear the streets.

Permanent signs are posted on each street that is designated as an Emergency Snow Route. These streets are given primary attention during snow, sleet, and ice removal operations. When snow or other freezing precipitation is forecasted, please make

arrangements to move your vehicle(s) to the driveway or garage so that you may avoid having your vehicles towed and or blocked in by piles of compacted snow.

As the streets designated as Emergency Snow Routes become substantially clear of snow, sleet and ice (clear from edge to edge, for the length of an entire block) the "no parking" snow emergency is terminated and parking is again allowed on the street.

If you have questions, please contact the City of Carbondale's Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.

Use of Neighborhood Vehicles Allowable on Designated City Streets

At its October 7, 2008 regular meeting, the Carbondale City Council approved the use of neighborhood vehicles on designated City streets, as an alternative means of transportation for the residents of Carbondale. Neighborhood vehicles are not golf carts that have been modified, but manufactured vehicles that meet the standards set forth by the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration (NHTSA). Examples of these types of vehicles include the Global Electric Motorcars (GEM) by Chrysler, the Ford Think (think), and the Kurrent by American Electric.

The State of Illinois allows municipalities to permit the use of these vehicles after the municipality has considered the volume, speed, and character of traffic on the roadway and determines whether a neighborhood vehicle may safely travel on or across the roadway. After the municipality finds that neighborhood vehicles may operate safely upon the streets and roadways within the municipality, they are required to provide appropriate signs throughout the municipality to indicate that neighborhood vehicles

may be present on a specific street.

City Staff have prepared a map which displays the streets and roadways which may be traveled upon by a neighborhood vehicle and is working to have signage posted in coming weeks. A copy of the map is available in the Carbondale Police Department and at City Hall. Neighborhood vehicles are not permitted on the following roadways except to make a direct crossing at an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal light: Illinois Avenue, University Avenue, Main Street, that portion of Walnut Street which is designated as State Route 13, Pleasant Hill Road, Giant City Road, and any street which has a posted speed limit of greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour. Additional restrictions for use of the vehicles also apply.

An annual registration fee of \$50.00 and vehicle inspection will be required by the City to operate a neighborhood vehicle on the designated streets within the City. Applications to register the vehicle can be obtained in the Carbondale Police Department.