



Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

Only in a college town does someone get two chances to celebrate a new year. Of course, everyone gets to recognize the traditional January 1 event, but for university communities like Carbondale, we can do the same thing each year in mid/late August. It's that time of year again; it's the time of year when school starts for both high school and college.

Carbondale jumps back alive after a relaxed summer each year at this time. It is a time when our community doubles in population within the matter of just a few days.

The stores get busy, the lines get longer, the pace picks up, the traffic gets heavier, and lots of great things happen all over the city. It's an exciting time for many reasons, and many of us enjoy them all.

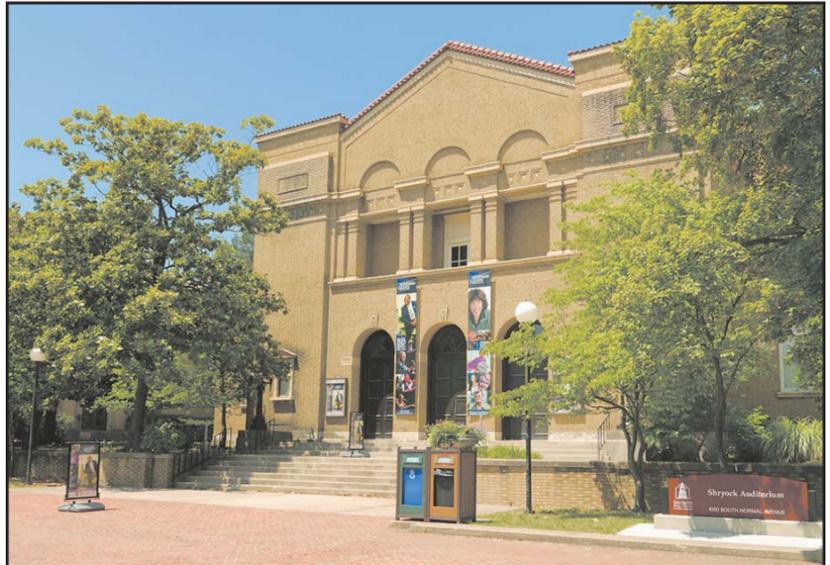
For those who might be new to Carbondale, welcome! For those who are returning again, welcome back! And for those who never left, and have been here

all along, thanks for all you do, as well. Carbondale is well-known as the Capital of Southern Illinois, and we're proud of our positive relationships with neighboring communities. We work hard all year to promote solid connections and open channels of communication between all of the surrounding cities and towns in southern Illinois, creating a friendly environment where we help each other and support the region as a whole. This is where a handshake means something and our word is our bond in business and commerce.

But we still have rivalries and those are matched-up on the athletic fields on weekend nights... among those will be football games played by both the Carbondale Community High School Terriers and the Southern Illinois University Salukis. Our two football teams will be led this year by new coaches, Head Coach Dan Koester for the Terriers and Head Coach Dale Lennon for the Salukis. I hope you'll join me at their games this fall as we continue to build on the strong programs and traditions each team has established.

If you're not a football fan, then visit the Main Street Pig Out and the Cascade of Colors balloon festival in early September, or the Saturday morning farmers' markets, or any of a dozen other community events and gatherings that go on around Carbondale each and every day. These are some of the things that make our community great and we look forward to sharing them with you.

Brad Cole, Mayor



Shryock Auditorium on the Southern Illinois University campus provides outstanding social and cultural events sponsored by the community and the university.

Haven't You Heard...

City Officials and Staff Extend a Warm Welcome to New Students and Residents

Welcome all new residents and students to Carbondale. Carbondale offers the luxuries people expect in a large city while maintaining the comforts and charm of a small town.

In Carbondale you will find abundant housing options for students through retirement living, state of the art medical, technical and professional services and facilities, excellent schools and churches, and outstanding social and cultural activities sponsored by the community and University. The City has an expansive retail district, more than 100 restaurant options, unique specialty shops in a historic Downtown District, as well as attractive parks and recreational facilities, all nestled amid the natural beauty of Southern Illinois.

We invite you to get acquainted with your City and all of the services available to you as residents of Carbondale. Through this newsletter, a bi-monthly publication, City staff are dedicated to providing municipal news to residents of the community. In every issue you will find information on services available, as well as announcements and

upcoming events. We also encourage you to visit the Carbondale Web site ci.carbondale.il.us for information pertaining to all areas of City government, as well as links to area organizations and the abundant resources available in Southern Illinois.

From the governmental perspective, Carbondale strives to have an open platform for its citizenry, where the voices of all residents are heard and respected. Regular City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center at 200 South Illinois Avenue. The meetings are also televised live on the City's governmental cable channel CityVision 16, which may be found on Mediacom Channel 16. City Council recordings are also available on the City's Web site.

The Mayor, City Council and City staff are here to serve you and look forward to making your acquaintance. For information about all of the services available to you through the City of Carbondale, contact the Carbondale City Hall at 549-5302 or stop by and visit us at 200 South Illinois Avenue.



Pictured with the Mayor are the youth placed in the City under the Governor's Summer Youth Works Program. These workers were recognized at the August 5th City Council Meeting.

City Participated in Governor's Summer Youth Works Program

This summer the City of Carbondale partnered with Family Advocacy Services and Attucks Community Services to participate in the Governor's Summer Youth Works Program. This state-funded program provided 50 job opportunities in the community for youth ages 16-22. Employment opportunities were provided to youth in selected communities across the state for the purpose of involving them in community service activities.

The City, in partnership with Family Advocacy Services, was the largest entity in the City to assist with the Summer Youth Works Program. The 14 youth worked this summer in the following departments: Finance, Engineering, Community Services, City Clerk, Fire, Police, Childcare Center and Public Works Water Operations. The youth were provided an opportunity to work in a professional environment where they acquired knowledge of office etiquette, communication skills and job-specific skills. Working for the City provided the youth the opportunity to learn more about the

community and about the inner workings of City government.

Summer youth worker Tyrone Jackson, assigned to City Clerk Janet Vaught, assisted in an extensive photo archive project. The project involved research of historic records at the Carbondale Public Library and the Jackson County Historical Society in Murphysboro. Summer youth worker Ankai Xu was assigned to Community Relations Officer Marilyn James. This work also included historical research, as well as the opportunity to visit some of the organizations funded by the City to learn more about the services they provide.

Two other youth worked in the Central Laboratory under the supervision of Lab Superintendent Kimberly Cole and Cedar Lake Superintendent Ted Mieling. They performed a wide range of technical and clerical assignments which included collecting and studying water samples.

All of the summer youth workers were recognized at the August 5th City Council meeting.

Nominating Petitions for City Council Elections Available Sept. 16th

In April 2009, the City of Carbondale will hold an election to select three City Council Members for four-year terms. Information and petition forms will be available in the City Clerk's Office beginning on September 16, 2008.

This election is for the seats presently held by Council Members Corene McDaniel, Chris Wissmann and Joel Fritzler. The seats of Mayor Brad Cole and City Council Members Steven Haynes, Lance Jack and Mary Pohlmann expire in 2011. All Council members are elected at-large rather than by wards.

Signed nominating petitions must be

submitted to the City Clerk's Office during the statutory filing period of Monday, December 8, through Monday, December 15, 2008. If thirteen or more candidates file for the three City Council positions, a primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. The General Election will be held on April 7, 2009.

The City Clerk's Office is located in Room 165 of City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Phone inquiries may be addressed to City Clerk Janet Vaught at 457-3280 or e-mail inquiries may be sent to jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Mayor Elected Vice President of Sister Cities International

At its 2008 Annual Conference, Mayor Brad Cole was re-elected by the association's general membership to the Sister Cities International Board of Directors and was further elected Vice President (President-Elect) of the Board of Directors.

The Sister Cities movement began in 1956 under the leadership of U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who promoted the cause to allow people across the nation to further "their common desire for friendship, goodwill, and cooperation for a better world for all."

Sister Cities International, based in Washington, D.C. is the only organization in the country with the responsibility of partnering U.S. communities with communities abroad to promote cultural understanding and cooperation. Today, the

organization represents more than 2,500 partnerships in 134 countries. Sister Cities programs and initiatives are developed around four key themes: economic and sustainable development, arts and culture, youth and education, and humanitarian assistance.

Mayor Cole will assume the international presidency of the organization in 2010, after completing his two-year term as vice president.

"This is truly an honor, to serve Sister Cities International as its vice president and president-elect," said Mayor Cole. "Our world is changing every day and this organization is better situated than any other on the planet to address some of the most important issues and critical concepts that we face as a global society."

Carbondale is Host City of IHSA Girls Golf State Finals Oct. 17-18

The City of Carbondale is again the host City for the IHSA Girls Golf State Finals and is looking for the region's continued support that has been so generously given to the events in years past. The Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau has accepted the responsibility of hosting and coordinating the IHSA Girls State Golf Finals on October 17 and 18, 2008. Volunteers are needed to help continue the tradition of excellence and the delivery of true southern hospitality.

This is the third year for two classes of girls golfing competitors (small and large schools). This year, the Class AA finals (large schools) will be at the Stone Creek Golf Club & Resort in Makanda and the Class A finals (small schools) will be held at the Hickory Ridge Public Golf Center

in Carbondale.

The time commitment is approximately four hour shifts, either morning or afternoon for each assignment. Volunteers are needed at the two state finals event locations to serve as parking attendants, hospitality assistants, live scorers, ball spotters, and observers. In addition, shuttle drivers will be needed at the Stone Creek Golf Club location.

For more information and to request a registration form, contact the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau at 529-4451 or (800) 526-1500. Completed volunteer registration forms can be mailed to IHSA Girls Golf, Post Office Box 203, Carbondale, Illinois 62903, faxed to 529-5590 or emailed to ih sagirlsgolf@yahoo.com.



Mayor Cole visited with students from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Burma during a meeting at City Hall in July. The students were participating in a program on American Government and Politics sponsored by the United States Department of State, directed by John Foster and co-directed by John Jackson and Barbara Brown at SIUC. Mayor Cole and the City Council welcomed the group to the City and to the July meeting of the City Council. The group also toured the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Water Treatment Plant.

Input Wanted for Community Improvements

Carbondale has a Community Investment Program (CIP) Five Year Plan that is updated on an annual basis and the City of Carbondale is interested in your suggestions for improvements that can be made to enhance your neighborhood. Projects included in the Community Investment Program are for street reconstruction, storm sewer construction, sanitary sewer construction or replacement, sidewalks, curb and gutter replacement, traffic signals, public buildings, public drainage improvements, water or wastewater treatment plant construction or expansion and bicycle paths.

The City of Carbondale staff reviews the projects recommended by City residents and formulates recommendations

to the City Council in November for consideration in the upcoming fiscal year budget. The City Council then makes a determination as to which projects should be included in the Community Investment Program Five Year Program. During City budget preparation this winter, the Staff will work to match approved projects with available funds.

If you would like to propose a capital improvement project for inclusion in the next Community Investment Program Five Year Plan, please complete and submit the form below to the City Manager's Office, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, IL 62902-2047. Proposals must include the location of the project and the nature of the project. Deadline for submission of proposals is October 26, 2008.

City Web Site Offers On-Line Bill Payment Options

When you visit the City of Carbondale's web site you will notice we have made it easy for you to navigate your way through City government. The City's web site provides information at your fingertips about Carbondale and Southern Illinois, with expanded links to the City's resources as well as to the region. In addition, City of Carbondale water and sewer bills can be paid on-line.

The City of Carbondale has partnered with the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer to offer services within E-Pay. The E-Pay program was launched under a state master services agreement that is available for

local units of government in Illinois. E-Pay allows a user to make payments through the Internet with MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit card brands. The service, which other cities including Champaign and Bloomington use, can be accessed through the City of Carbondale's web site.

Payments are being accepted via the City of Carbondale's web site at ci.carbondale.il.us. There is a link for on-line bill payments with instruction to the user, or questions may be answered by calling a Customer Service Representative in the City of Carbondale Water Services Office at 549-5302.

City Leading Way With 'Map Your Neighborhood' Program

Carbondale is leading the way in helping neighborhoods prepare for emergencies. The topic of the annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting was community and neighborhood emergency preparedness. During the meeting, one of the presentations was on the Map Your Neighborhood Program. The Map Your Neighborhood Program is designed to help small groups of neighbors prepare their households and 10-15 other nearby households to aid one another during the first critical hours after a disaster occurs.

The Housing and Neighborhood Action Group, which hosts the annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting, continued to look into the Map Your Neighborhood Program during the next few months, and contacted the Map Your Neighborhood Program designer, Dr. LuAn K. Johnson, Public Education Program Manager at Washington State's Emergency Management Division, to provide training sessions for Carbondale residents. Dr. Johnson was the recipient of the 2008 Award for Excellence at the National Earthquake Conference for development of this program.

In May, the Housing and Neighborhood Action Group brought Dr. Johnson to Carbondale to conduct local training sessions at the Carbondale Civic Center and John A. Logan College. Approximately 100 people attended the sessions including representatives from 17 Illinois communities, six Illinois counties, and

nine Emergency Management Agencies from state, county and local levels. Dr. Johnson has subsequently been invited to participate at the Illinois State Emergency Management Conference in Springfield in September to promote community utilization of this program throughout Illinois.

To date, at least five Carbondale neighborhoods are prepared to organize. Other participants are ready to teach about the program to encourage more neighborhoods to get organized. In addition, members of the Carbondale Human Relations Commission are interested in seeing broader participation and are looking for groups interested in hosting presentations on the Map Your Neighborhood Program.

If you are interested in attending a session to learn more about the program, Dr. Mary Pohlmann is presenting an overview of the Map Your Neighborhood Program during the Womens Health Conference that will be held at John A. Logan College on September 20th. The session is scheduled from 9:45a.m -10:35 a.m. If you are interested in attending, contact Fran at 985-9210.

If you are interested in hosting a session or finding out more about the program, contact the Study Circles office at 549-5302 ext. 386 or email studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us. Information can also be obtained by contacting City of Carbondale Emergency Management Services at 549-5302 ext. 245.

Funds Still Available Through Homebuyer Assistance Program

Funds are still available through the Homebuyer Assistance Program. This grant can 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 HOME program provides up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs with the remaining funds 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 their loan. The home purchaser must provide at least \$1,000 towards 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 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- \$29,250, 2 persons-\$33,400, 3 persons-\$37,600, 4 persons-\$41,750, 5 persons-\$45,100, 6 persons-\$48,450, 7 persons-\$51,750, and 8 persons-\$55,100.

Private Financing for Home Purchase: Persons participating in the program will work with Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) for the HOME Homebuyer Assistance Program forgivable loan, and they will apply separately to participating local lenders for the primary loan for the home purchase. The Western Egyptian EOC, which administers the program, evaluates information provided by the applicants to determine if they meet basic program eligibility criteria. The eligible applicants will be required to attend a HOME Homebuyer counseling program. Upon successful completion of the counseling program, applicants can contact participating local lenders to apply for a home loan.

Application Availability and Acceptance: If you are interested in further program information, please contact Khristina Vaughn, Housing Programs Administrator, at 549-5302 x 346. Persons interested in participating in the program must contact the Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council at (618) 965-3193 or by mail at P.O. Box 7, Steeleville, Illinois 62288 to receive application materials.

The process from application to closing the sale on your new home may take several months. If you are interested in buying a home or are considering it for the future, you are urged to request application materials and submit them as soon as possible.



Community Investment Program Proposal

Name _____

Address _____

Location of Project: _____

Nature of Project: _____

Return completed form to:

City of Carbondale
Office of the City Manager
200 South Illinois Avenue
Carbondale, Illinois 62902-2047

Haven't You Heard...

Voter Registration for General Election Closes October 7th

The General Election for Federal and State Offices will be held on Tuesday, November 4th. October 7th is the last day to register to vote or process a change of voting address prior to the November 4th General Election.

Voter registration is available at the Reception Desk in Carbondale City Hall, in the Carbondale City Clerk's Office or at the Carbondale Public Library. Persons wishing to register should appear in person and bring two forms of identification, one of which must include the registrant's name and current Jackson County address (i.e. driver's license, state ID, checkbook, lease, utility bill, etc.). The second ID need only include the registrant's name.

In Jackson County, offices to be voted on at the November 4th General Election include:

President and Vice President of the United States, United States Senator, United States Representative in Congress, Illinois Representative in the General Assembly, Jackson County Circuit Clerk, Jackson County State's Attorney, Jackson County Coroner,

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Jackson County Board Members, Appellate Court Judge vacancies, Circuit Court Judge vacancies and Judicial Retention.

Grace Period Voting will be available in the County Clerk's Office in Murphysboro during the period of October 8 through 21, 2008. During grace period voting, persons who wish to vote in the general election may register to vote and vote at the same time. Persons not wishing to participate in grace period voting must wait until Thursday, November 6th, to register to vote.

Early voting will be available in the County Clerk's Office during the period October 14 through 30, 2008. Persons wishing to vote during the early voting period must already be registered to vote. Early voting will also be scheduled for the Carbondale Civic Center on dates and times to be announced later.

Questions regarding voter registration may be addressed to the City Clerk's Office at 457-3281 or the County Clerk's Office at 687-7366.

Mandatory Rental Inspection Program Informational Meeting October 23, 2008

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.

An informational meeting to discuss the registration process and requirements of the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center. Property owners and property managers of rental property in Carbondale are encouraged to attend.

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 take effect on January 1, 2009.

An annual fee of \$35.00 per residential rental dwelling unit will be required to be paid at the time of registration by the property owner.

For further information about the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program, contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

Community Organizations May Request Funds for FY 2010

Each year Carbondale community organizations may request funding from the City of Carbondale to help fund services to Carbondale residents. The City of Carbondale is now accepting pre-applications from community organizations for funding consideration in the City's FY2010 budget which begins May 1, 2009.

Organizations that currently receive on-going budgeted City funding are not required to submit a pre-application unless those organizations are requesting funding for new or expanded programs.

Organizations that do not receive budgeted City funding, or that received City funding on a one-time basis in the past and wish to secure continued City funding, will be required to submit a pre-application. In addition, community organizations which desire to secure City funding for new one-time events will be required to submit a pre-application.

Pre-application forms are available from the Community Services Department at the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Forms may also be obtained from the City's web site ci.carbondale.il.us or by calling the Community Services Department at 457-3229. To be eligible to receive funding from the City, organizations must have Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt status from the

Internal Revenue Service and must be registered with the Illinois Secretary of State as a not-for-profit corporation.

It is important when completing the application that the "community needs" proposed to be addressed by requested funding and proposed beneficiaries of the activities be clearly identified. (If the applicant is proposing to offer services which duplicate services already funded by the City or are currently offered in the community, the applicant must present strong justification for such duplication.) The experience of the organization and its officers/employees in delivering services is also an important consideration, as well as inclusion of a well thought out financial plan, including funding sources other than the City, is necessary.

Persons wanting further information on the pre-application process should contact Marilyn James, Community Relations Officer by phone at 457-3246, by email at mjames@ci.carbondale.il.us, or by visiting the Community Services Department in the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center.

For funding consideration, a completed pre-application must reach the Community Services Department by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2008.

Disponible un nuevo Programa de Conversión de Viviendas Unifamiliares

La Ciudad de Carbondale ha mantenido por largo tiempo, como una de sus metas, el promover y reforzar la vivienda en sectores residenciales.

La Ciudad ha implementado varios programas, entre los que se incluyen, el Programa de Inspección Obligatoria de Arrendamientos, los programas de subvención para la remodelación de viviendas, los programas de préstamos con bajos intereses para los compradores de su primera vivienda, las subvenciones para nuevos propietarios y las subvenciones para nuevos propietarios de viviendas en urbanizaciones nuevas.

La División de Servicios Residenciales y de Construcción refuerza enérgicamente la ordenanza de ocupación familiar en los distritos zonificados de baja densidad residencial. La preservación y estabilización de vecindarios residenciales junto con el asegurar que la existencia de viviendas residenciales de la comunidad se mantenga es una prioridad de la Ciudad de Carbondale.

En la reunión general del 16 de octubre de 2007, el Concejo de la Ciudad de Carbondale aprobó un nuevo programa para ayudar a las personas que deseen adquirir una vivienda en Carbondale. Este nuevo Programa de Conversión de Viviendas

Unifamiliares está diseñado para ayudar a los compradores de casas con la compra y remodelación de viviendas unifamiliares que hayan estado el mercado de arrendamientos y convertirlas a la categoría de residencias ocupadas por sus propietarios. Los principales elementos del programa propuesto son:

- Una subvención de \$5,000 para el comprador de una casa unifamiliar que haya sido una vivienda rentada por más de dos años en el momento de la compra.

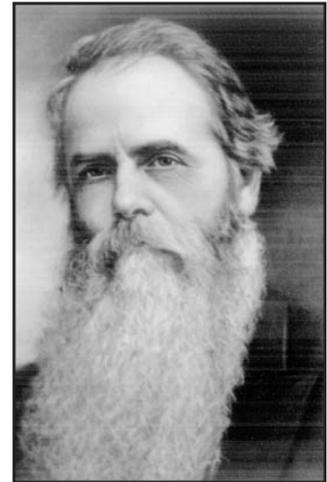
- Se pondrá una cláusula en la propiedad que requerirá que la casa permanezca ocupada por su propietario registrado por un mínimo de 10 años.

- Califican para este programa todas las viviendas unifamiliares de cualquier distrito zonificado residencial dentro de los límites municipales de la Ciudad de Carbondale. La Ciudad dará una extensión de todos los cargos por permisos de construcción necesarios que se necesiten para el mejoramiento de la casa.

Para mayor información sobre el Programa de Conversión de Viviendas Unifamiliares de la Ciudad de Carbondale, llamar a Kristina Vaughn, Administradora del Programa de Vivienda, al 457-3235.

The Founding of Carbondale

Daniel Harmon Brush was born in Vergennes, Vermont in 1813, moved to Sangamon County as a child with his family in 1820 and came to Brownsville (then the Jackson County seat) at age 16, with his older sister and her husband in 1829. He gradually learned how to succeed in business and politics. When the Courthouse in Brownsville burned in 1843, the county seat relocated to Murphysboro, and so did Daniel Brush.



Daniel Harmon Brush

Businessman and politician, Daniel Harmon Brush began searching for a new place to do business, once the line of the Illinois Central Railroad was located through Jackson County in 1852. Through dense vegetation, he found the surveyed railroad bed. Along the cleared path was a sizeable, level site in the center of a rolling landscape and midway between two points previously chosen for development as stations, which would later become Desoto and Makanda. It was also nearly along a direct line between two county seats, Murphysboro and Marion. Upon this discovery, Brush wrote that the location, "struck me very forcibly as the spot I was looking for."

Daniel persuaded investors and organized the formation of the town, which he suggested naming Carbondale, since it was in a coal region. Brush proposed several notable provisions for the new town that were entered into the town plat. Four specially chosen lots were reserved for donation to churches that would first select and build on the sites, and the restriction, "that the sale of spirituous liquors as a beverage should be forever prohibited in the town." The plat also showed that the central square had been "reserved for the Railroad Company for railroad purposes only." The railroad soon established a Carbondale station. By January of 1853 Brush had opened the first retail business in Carbondale and the first sale of lots in town was held.

Brush moved his family from Murphysboro and built a mill, a bank and a freight office in the new town. A railroad track was laid from Cairo, and on July 4, 1854, the first locomotive rumbled into Carbondale amid a large and festive holiday gathering.

By 1857 Daniel Brush and his family occupied their new home on the ten acres he owned where Brush School was later located and more recently, the Carbondale Public Library. While Brush had found a great deal of financial success and community respect, he was very rigid in his beliefs and considered rather stern in his dealings with people.

The Civil War broke out in 1861 and Brush assisted the railroad in its efforts to keep quiet the transport of Union troops, cannons, gun carriages and munitions from the north, through this region and down to Cairo. Even though secession sympathizers were prevalent in Carbondale and the surrounding area, Daniel Brush was not shy in proclaiming his allegiance with the Union. At the age of 48 he enlisted in the 18th Illinois Volunteer Infantry as a private and was readily promoted to Captain. Brush was wounded in battles and promoted several times, eventually to the rank of Colonel.

After his service was complete, Colonel Brush returned to Carbondale and started a law practice and a newspaper business. Colonels Brush and Ingersoll were marshals of the first Memorial Day celebration held at Woodlawn Cemetery on April 29, 1866.

Colonel Daniel Harmon Brush died on February 10, 1890 at the age of 77 and is buried in Carbondale's Woodlawn Cemetery.

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Carbondale City Calendar

September

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 2nd & 16th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 3rd & 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 8th & 29th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other Scheduled Meetings At The Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 8th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 15th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 18th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 10th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Wednesday - 24th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 25th	Elementary School District #95 Parrish School, 121 N. Parrish Lane	7:00 pm

THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Monday, September 1st for the Labor Day holiday. All City refuse collection routes will be delayed one day.

October

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The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 7th & 21st	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 1st & 15th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 13th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other Scheduled Meetings At the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 6th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 20th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 16th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 20th	Information & Telecommunications Commission	5:30 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 8th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 16th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 23rd	Elementary School District #95 Administrative Center, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm

Emergency Preparedness Edition Available

If you did not see the recent Special Edition of the Carbondale Communiqué dedicated to Emergency Preparedness or would like to obtain additional copies, please contact the City Manager's Office at 457-3226 or email jporter@ci.carbondale.il.us.



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CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE



Summer workers, employees and City Council members attended a cook-out and softball game at Attucks Park, as an appreciation event held for the program participants.

Community Clean-Up Program A Resounding Success

For the third year in a row, the City of Carbondale implemented its Community Clean-Up Program. This community-wide program is designed to clean up neighborhoods, provide summer jobs for youth and promote positive work ethic development for youth in the City. Launched in early June, the clean-up effort provided summer jobs for 40 young workers, ages 16 years and above, who spent their days picking up trash, clearing brush and pulling weeds in residential neighborhoods throughout the City. For more than 50% of the youth involved in the program this represented their first formal job.

Owner occupied residential properties were eligible for clean-up services, with priority given to residents 60 years of age or older and to residents who are physically

unable to perform the work. Drainage ways and public properties were also cleaned during training periods.

The City received overwhelming responses from the community for the efforts of its youth.

Based on community surveys, the program met and in most cases exceeded its goals. The program helped to foster aesthetic awareness and pride among citizens of Carbondale toward their properties and neighborhoods. In addition it empowered the youth involved to develop good work ethics and taught them the importance of giving back to their community.

The Community Clean-Up Program wrapped up at the end of July. All participants in the program received Certificates of Completion during a luncheon held on July 25, 2008 at the Carbondale Civic Center.

National Fire Prevention Week October 5 - 11, 2008

Fire Departments across North America observe Fire Prevention Week each October to mark the anniversary of the 1871 Great Chicago Fire and raise public awareness of fire safety. The theme for Fire Prevention Week 2008 is "Prevent Home Fires." This campaign focuses on preventing all the leading causes of home fires - cooking, heating and electrical equipment, and smoking materials.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department will visit Parrish, Thomas, Lewis, and Carbondale Middle Schools throughout the week of October 5th through October 11th for presentations to school children to teach them how to plan and practice escape routes from a home in the event a fire occurs. An Open House at Fire Station #1, located at 600 East College Street, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 11th will wind up National Fire Prevention Week. Sparky will be present for pictures with children and will again provide free picture buttons.

According to the latest research from NFPA, more than 2,500 people died in home fires in the United States in 2006, and 12,500 were injured. Fire departments responded to 396,000 homes fires, which accounted for 80% of civilian deaths and 76% of injuries. A pot holder too close to a lit burner or a space heater left on overnight could be all it takes to start a home fire. In fact, cooking and heating are among the leading causes of home fires in the United States, according to the National Fire Protection

Association (NFPA).

"While the number of home fires is daunting, the good news is that many are easily preventable when residents take simple steps to increase their safety from fire," says Fire Chief John Michalesko. "Whether it's smoking outside the home, keeping space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, or staying in the kitchen when you are using the stove top, there are easy things you can do to keep your home and family safe from fire."

To save lives and prevent needless injuries in Carbondale, the City of Carbondale Fire Department has again this year joined forces with the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the annual "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign. The program urges all Americans to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke alarm batteries when changing clocks back to standard time each fall. The City of Carbondale Fire Department will provide and install free a smoke detector for any disadvantaged person's home in Carbondale. The department will also provide a free battery to citizens that cannot afford to purchase one. We encourage citizens to take advantage of this program.

Please stop by Fire Station #1 on October 11th and tour the station between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Further information is available by contacting the City of Carbondale Fire Department Administrative Office at 457-3234.

Seasonal Leaf Collection Program Begins November 1, 2008

Carbondale's Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will be offered during the months of November, December and January. Calls for the vacuum collection service will be accepted from November 1, 2008 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.

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