

From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Brad Cole

School has started and summer is over (if not officially by the calendar, it is at least somewhat practically over for most people).

That seems like a rather harsh approach to looking at the end of a season, but we have all seen them come and go so many times that perhaps it is best to move on abruptly from the heat (which we know is not over) and the modest summertime relaxation. In doing so in my own mind, I thought of summers-gone-by and recalled some great memories. There are probably two summers that stand out most for me.

The first memory was as a ten year old child, in the summer of 1982 after my Great Aunt Lucille Cole Miller passed away. She and I had been close, with me often daily visiting her home after school or whenever free time allowed. Her absence then forged an immediate relationship between me and my grandfather, Cecil E. Cole, which lasted from that summer until his death on Mother's Day 1989. Grandpa

was such a great friend and we were pals through-and-through. But it was that first summer that sealed the bond. Sure, there were other summers that followed, when we took a bus tour to Niagara Falls or when he helped teach me to drive or so on, but that first one was especially memorable.

The next summer of great memory had an entirely different context to it; it was the summer of 1992 during my college days here in Carbondale and while attending SIU. One Friday afternoon, a bunch of friends and I loaded up a borrowed Chevy station wagon and drove all night to Myrtle Beach for a weekend in the sun, and we made it back to Carbondale just in time for Monday morning classes. Every time I hear Tom Cochrane's 1992 hit, "Life is a Highway," I recall that trip and the all-night driving. Out of that weekend eventually came two marriages, at least three kids, a diary of photos, funny comments and captions, and to-this-day friendships that I know will last forever.

All of this being said, my focus here is not necessarily on what summertime memories I have had, but the wonder of what will be thought about the summer of 2005. I wonder how many countless stories, whether similar or not to mine, will be remembered by young and old alike as we sit back and reflect on yet another summer passed over into the future. Unfortunately, this summer has also been a very tragic time on some of our rural roads and in armed conflict overseas, a summer that many would prefer to forget. Perhaps it is worth a few moments of everyone's time to pause and consider where this summer would be in one's mental memory book.

Brad Cole, Mayor

Mayor Cole Elected to Sister Cities International Board

Mayor Brad Cole was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for Sister Cities International at the organization's Annual International Conference. Approximately 700 attendees from around the world came together for the conference events.

The election places Mayor Cole on the 25 member board, filling one of several three year posts elected at the conference. Cole is the only elected official serving on the board, which is comprised mainly of private sector representatives and Sister City delegates from other communities.

"This is another terrific opportunity to showcase Carbondale's prominence in international affairs and relations," said Mayor Cole. "I am excited and proud to have this chance to serve with such a distinct group of people who are all focused on promoting goodwill through Sister City

relationships."

Mayor Cole was instrumental in re-establishing Carbondale's Sister City relationship with Shimla, India earlier this year, which included a trip to the area and a tsunami relief fund raising effort coordinated by the Mayor's Office. Carbondale also has Sister City relationships with Nakajo, Japan and Tainan City, Taiwan.

Sister Cities International's mission is to "promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation... one individual, one community at a time," and is based in Washington, D.C. The United States Sister City Program originated in 1956 when President Dwight Eisenhower proposed a people-to-people, citizen diplomacy initiative. The Sister Cities International organization will celebrate its fifty year anniversary throughout 2006.

Haven't You Heard...

Carbondale is a Place Called "Home"

Welcome all new residents and students to Carbondale! Carbondale is a beautiful, dynamic and growing community and we are glad that you have chosen to make our City your home. Carbondale offers a pre-eminent selection of medical professionals and modern healthcare facilities, technology firms, retail shopping and entertainment, along with a commitment to advanced learning and research. Carbondale is home to an extensive religious community, youth programs, civic and volunteer organizations, parks and schools. From the governmental perspective, Carbondale strives to have an open platform for its citizenry, where the voices of all residents are heard and respected.

Located in beautiful downtown Carbondale, the City is proud to have a state-of-the-art Civic Center which serves as an extremely versatile, yet affordable banquet

and meeting facility. This modern facility can be reserved in its entirety or in smaller meeting rooms. The Civic Center is available seven days a week. The Carbondale Civic Center offers the most comprehensive event package in the area. Our versatile facility includes all of the necessary equipment to keep your function running smoothly.

We invite you to get acquainted with your City and all of the services available to you as residents of Carbondale. 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, log on to the City Web site at www.ci.carbondale.il.us, or stop by and visit us at 200 South Illinois Avenue in Carbondale.



Railroad Conductor Statue in Town Square.

City A Governor Home Town Award Finalist

The City of Carbondale is one of three finalists in its population category to receive the Governor's Home Town Award. The Governor's Home Town Awards are given annually to provide formal recognition to outstanding community volunteer projects. The awards recognize volunteer projects that have the collective involvement of local governments; business and industry; private, civic and community based organizations; and individuals that donate time, materials, funds and expertise to contribute to a community's economic progress and quality of life.

The City of Carbondale was nominated by the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale to recognize and demonstrate their appreciation to all of Carbondale for the total volunteer

effort that went into building the club and bringing the club to Carbondale.

Hundreds of Carbondale residents, through their community organizations and businesses and as individuals, were responsible for bringing the Boys and Girls Club to Carbondale. Volunteer efforts were instrumental in all stages of planning through operation: building acquisition, renovation and maintenance; board of directors and committee function; fundraising, public relations and promotion; agency and organizational support; program delivery and membership supervision services, as well as through administration of day to day programs.

Announcements of Governor's Home Town Awards are anticipated this fall.

Additional Sites Available in the Carbondale Tax Increment Financing District

With First Southern Bank and Advance Auto Parts open for business, an entire block of Carbondale's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District has a brand new look. The block bounded by Walnut, Main, Marion and Logan Streets has come a long way since it was home to several vacant commercial buildings. But with

additional land available for development, don't expect these projects to be the end of what has become an "extreme makeover" in the 31 acres that comprise Carbondale's TIF District.

First Southern Bank opened its 13,500 sq. ft. facility at 301 East Main Street on August 1, 2005. Tax Increment Financing will allow the bank to recoup some of the

redevelopment costs associated with this \$2.4 million project. As is the case in many redevelopment ventures, land acquisition, demolition, site preparation and environmental remediation costs added considerable expense to the development of First Southern Center. The bank will receive TIF incentives in the form of future property tax rebates resulting from

increased property tax revenue generated by this specific property.

Advance Auto Parts, a retail auto parts store at 304 East Walnut Street, also opened its doors for business in August. The store is located directly across the street from Save-A-Lot, a new grocery store completed last spring. Both of these stores are bright new additions to the neighborhood and

larger community.

Excellent sites of various sizes are still available for commercial development in the Tax Increment Financing District. Businesses and real estate developers interested in available properties should contact Jeremy Hayes, Economic Development Manager for the City of Carbondale, at 457-3286.

Com-Pac International, Other Local Employers Expanding in Carbondale



Construction work is nearing completion on a 10,000 sq. ft. addition to Com-Pac International, which manufactures flexible plastic packaging at 800 Industrial Park Road. The addition is Com-Pac's third expansion in seven years.



Remedy Express, a growing small business, has completed construction of a new building in Carbondale's Bicentennial Industrial Park. Remedy Express is a trucking and logistics firm.



Ward Chrysler is continuing its major redevelopment at 1412 West Main. Construction is underway on a 15,000 sq. ft. building. Upon completion, Ward will demolish the existing building to make room for more vehicle inventory.

Carbondale Es Elegible para Programas de Vivienda del USDA

Los nuevos compradores de casas que busquen instalarse en Carbondale encontrarán ahora más facilidades en el proceso de establecer su vivienda, gracias al Congresista Jerry Costello quien, con la ayuda del Alcalde Brad Cole y del Administrador de la Ciudad Jeffrey Doherty, hizo pasar un cambio legislativo que hace a Carbondale elegible para la financiación de viviendas a bajo costo a través del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos.

La legislación para reclasificar a Carbondale como una comunidad rural con el propósito del programa de vivienda de Desarrollo Rural fue introducida por el congresista Jerry Costello y aprobada por el Congreso. El Presidente Bush firmó la ley en diciembre. Hay financiación disponible a través de los programas de vivienda de Desarrollo Rural del USDA, para la compra de casas nuevas y existentes, para la reparación de viviendas, para complejos residenciales de alquiler módico y para ayuda especial para la reparación de viviendas de ciudadanos de la tercera edad.

El Alcalde Brad Cole y el Administrador de la Ciudad Jeffrey Doherty le pidieron al Congresista Costello que pusiera su empeño en lograr el cambio. Antes del cambio legislativo, Carbondale era demasiado grande para calificar para programas de vivienda de Desarrollo Rural, con la población estudiantil de la ciudad incluida en el censo. La nueva designación hará a Carbondale ahora más competitiva con los alrededores en el mercado de viviendas. Carbondale era la única comunidad del sur de Illinois al exterior del área Metro Este no era elegible para el programa.

Desarrollo Rural del USDA tiene varios programas. Tres de los programas están dirigidos a propietarios o compradores de

residencias unifamiliares. Otros programas están dirigidos a residencias multi-familiares, y a los gobiernos locales y a las agencias sin ánimo de lucro que tengan un lugar de urbanización para personas de bajos y de muy bajos ingresos.

De acuerdo con un comunicado de prensa release del USDA, la mejor oportunidad para que una mayoría de residentes del área utilice estos programas es a través del Programa de Préstamo Garantizado. Bajo este programa, hay financiación disponible para personas con ingresos entre moderados y muy bajos. Los compradores de casas que cumplan con los requisitos de este programa, trabajan con prestamistas locales para obtener un préstamo hipotecario garantizado por Desarrollo Rural. El préstamo puede ser hasta del 100 por ciento del valor de la casa sin cuota inicial, a un interés fijo por 30 años. No hay restricciones sobre el precio de compra máximo. Com o el gobierno respalda el préstamo, no se requiere seguro de hipoteca lo que suministra un beneficio financiero adicional para el comprador de la casa.

Los Programas de Vivienda de Desarrollo Rural del USDA no sólo beneficiarán a Carbondale, sino también a sus alrededores, incluyendo a Murphysboro, Pomona y Makanda. Desarrollo Rural del USDA es una agencia de préstamos que brinda igualdad de oportunidades sin discriminación. Además de vivienda, esta agencia provee programas de crédito rural para instalaciones comunitarias, para desarrollo de acueductos y alcantarillados, y para negocios. Para más información sobre estos programas llame al 618/993-5396, extensión 4 o visite el sitio Web del USDA www.rurdev.usda.gov/il.

Haven't You Heard...

Study Circles Discussions Kick-Off Sept. 17, 2005

It's kick-off time for the second round of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, the study circles program sponsored by the Carbondale Human Relations Commission. Join us on September 17, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center. There will be music and refreshments, speakers, and a panel discussion to kick-off the new round and to discuss the action ideas that came out of last year's program. The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

The topic this year is Community and Police Working Together. This is a community-wide program that will include people from all walks of life taking part in meaningful dialogue and constructive actions. Both SIUC and

Carbondale Police Departments will participate. All who call Carbondale home are invited to participate in these small group discussions, led by trained facilitators and held at various sites throughout the city. The small groups, called study circles, will talk about police and residents building relationships in Carbondale. Ideas and recommendations from each of these small groups will be collected, and all participants will gather for an Action Forum, where individuals and groups can commit to future actions. Information and recommendations will also be included in an advisory report to the Human Relations Commission.

Small group discussions will be taking place from September 18-

October 31, 2005 at various times and locations in Carbondale. The Action Forum is scheduled for November 4, 2005.

The deadline for registration is September 3rd. New people can be added until September 17, 2005, although prior registration is encouraged. Groups will be meeting every day of the week: in the mornings (Tues, Fri, Sat); afternoons (Mon, Wed, Thurs, Sat, Sun); and evenings (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat). Stop by City Hall for a registration form or contact studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us or call 549 5302 x386. More information is available on the Web site ci.carbondale.il.us/government/human_relations.html. Click on Carbondale Conversations for Community Action.

Housing Rehabilitation Grant Deadline Sept. 19, 2005

The City of Carbondale is accepting applications for the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Housing Rehabilitation Program. The grant funds are available to rehabilitate homes in the targeted portion of northeast Carbondale which is located north of James and Thelma Walker Avenue. Eligibility for the CDAP Housing Rehabilitation Program is limited to low income homeowners.

Income limits set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for participation in the program are based on the number of persons in the household: one person, \$27,650; two persons, \$31,600; three persons, \$35,500; four persons, \$39,500; five persons, \$42,700; six persons, \$45,850; seven persons, \$49,000; and eight persons, \$52,150.

Persons who own and occupy

their own home in northeast Carbondale north of James and Thelma Walker Avenue, who meet the income eligibility criteria listed above, and who are interested in receiving a grant to rehabilitate their home should immediately call 457-3246 or 457-3237 or visit the Development Services Department at City Hall to receive application materials. The deadline for submitting applications is September 19, 2005.

Matching Grants Available for Energy Conservation Projects

The Rebuild Carbondale program still has grant funds available from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to provide

matching grants to businesses or not-for-profit organizations for energy conservation projects. The grants are for up to \$500 and must be matched by funds provided by

the business or organization. Interested businesses or not-for-profit organizations should contact James Mathias at 453-7016 or mathias@enr.siu.edu.

Carbondale Bikeway Maps Available

Bicycle enthusiasts in Carbondale and surrounding areas have a resource to take advantage of when planning their recreational bicycling or for utilizing as a means of safe transportation by bicycle through the City. The Carbondale Bikeway Map identifies Carbondale's on-street and off-street bikeways. The Bikeway Map also includes the Illinois Official

Bicycle Map for Jackson County and the Surrounding Area, and Bicycle Rules and Safety Tips. The maps are available at Carbondale Bicycle Shops, the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, the Carbondale Police Department, and the information booth located in the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center.

Community Organizations May Request Funds For FY2007

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

FY2007 budget which begins May 1, 2006.

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

at www.ci.carbondale.il.us or by calling the Community Services Department at 457-3229.

For funding consideration, a completed pre-application must reach the Community Services Department by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2005.

Haven't You Heard...

City Provides Incentives to Make Carbondale "Home"

In recent years, the City of Carbondale has taken significant steps to encourage growth in the community through elimination of property taxes, construction of new and expanded school facilities, and through creation of and participation in housing programs to encourage home purchasers and owners, builders and developers to join our community and help our community grow.

• Home Buyer Assistance Program

This program provides assistance with down payment and closing costs not to exceed \$12,000. It also provides funding for rehabilitation of the property to bring the dwelling up to the City's current housing codes. Income eligibility must be less than or equal to 80% of the area median income. Persons interested in participating in the Homebuyer Assistance Program should contact the Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council at 618/965-3193.

• Community Development Assistance program (CDAP)

The City of Carbondale has been selected to implement the Housing Rehabilitation Program within the targeted area of northeast Carbondale which is

bounded on the south by the north side of East James & Thelma Walker Avenue, on the north and west by the railroad tracks, and on the east by the City limits. Income eligibility must be less than or equal to 80% of the area median income. This grant is provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and is used to bring homes in this area up to code. The City is accepting applications from eligible owner occupants until September 19, 2005 from the current CDAP grant.

• Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program (SFOOR)

The City of Carbondale has been selected to implement the SFOOR Program within the targeted areas of northeast and northwest Carbondale and Tatum Heights. Income eligibility must be less than or equal to 80% of the area median income. The maximum to be spent for rehabilitation on a home is \$40,000. This grant is provided by the Illinois Housing Development Authority and is also used to bring homes in this area up to code. The City has already received applications from homeowners for the current grant, but anticipates taking applications again next year.

• The Home Ownership Program

The Home Ownership Program is comprised of the New Home Construction Grant and the Infrastructure Improvement Grant.

The New Home Construction Grant offers prospective home owners or builders a \$3,500 payment upon the completion of a new residential structure in existing subdivisions and on in-fill property. Any building and zoning fees, as well as City water and sewer tap fees, are waived. The residential structure must be owner occupied.

The Infrastructure Improvement Grant offers developers of new subdivisions \$5,000 per improved lot. In addition, any building permits or zoning certificate fees required by the City of Carbondale are waived once a new residential structure is constructed on the lots. The residential structures must be owner occupied and the lots must have a set maximum sales price.

For additional information about the housing programs available through the City of Carbondale, call the Development Services Department at 457-3235.

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 now via the City of Carbondale's expanded Web site at www.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.

Weekly Refuse and Recycling Services Available

The City offers curbside refuse and recycling collection service throughout the residential community. Refuse is collected weekly for a small fee by the Refuse and Recycling Division. All residential garbage and refuse must be collected at least weekly by the City or by a licensed private refuse hauler. All garbage and refuse stored outside must be in a rigid metal or plastic container with a tight fitting lid. Refuse placed at curbside for collection may be placed after 6:00 p.m. the evening before the collection. Refuse bags are allowed to be placed at curbside for collection provided the bags are at least 1.2 mils thick and the bags are placed at curbside no sooner than 6:00 a.m. on collection day. To schedule service call 457-3625 or stop by the City Hall Revenue Office at 200 South Illinois Avenue. Questions concerning the storage of garbage and refuse may be directed to the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

- Monday Route: All residences east of the railroad tracks.
- Tuesday Route: All residences west of South Oakland, south of West Main Street, and east of Little Crab Orchard Creek (Except those residences on the west side of South Oakland from West Main to Chautauqua).
- Wednesday Route: All residences south of West Sycamore, north of West Main Street and west of the railroad tracks, and all residences south of West Main Street, west of the railroad tracks and east of South Oakland. (Includes the north side of West Sycamore from North University to the intersection of West Main and West Sycamore; and the west side of South Oakland from West Main Street to Chautauqua).
- Thursday Route: All residences north of West Sycamore and west of the railroad tracks and all residences west of Little Crab Orchard Creek. (Except the residences on the north side of West Sycamore from North University to the intersection of West Sycamore and West Main).

** Note: In the event that a holiday is on a week day, trash will be collected on the day following the regularly scheduled pick-up day.

The City also operates a Landscape Waste Collection Program and a convenient Recycling Program. For more information about these programs contact the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275.

Preservation Commission Events

Members of the Carbondale Preservation Commission were pleased to welcome new and returning students back to Carbondale at the "Meet Me on Main Street" event on Saturday, August 20, 2005. During the event the Preservation Commission presented the City of Carbondale's Photo Display which contains historic photographs and information about the Carbondale area. The Commission also provided information regarding the Commission's upcoming events.

On September 19, 2005, the Preservation Commission will be hosting a tram tour of the West Walnut Historic District. The tour will showcase some of the oldest homes in Carbondale while also giving an explanation of what it means to be a National Historic District. The tour will gather at 5:30 p.m. at the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center and participants will commence, via tram at 5:45 p.m. The tour is open to any persons who would like to attend. Please reserve your space on the tram by calling 457-3235.

The Education and Technical Assistance Committee of the

Carbondale Preservation Commission will also be hosting two oral history orientations in October. The orientations will give interested participants the chance to familiarize themselves with issues involved with conducting an oral history interview. Preservation Commissioners will detail the use of appropriate equipment and methodology for oral history collection. Further information about the City of Carbondale's Oral History project will also be included.

The first oral history orientation is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Saturday, October 8, 2005, and will be held at Bethel AME Church at 316 E. Jackson Street. A second session is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 20, 2005, and will be held in Room 103 of the Carbondale Civic Center. The sessions are designed to present equivalent information and are open to any persons who would like to attend.

For further information on any of the events of the Carbondale Preservation Commission, please feel free to contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3235.

Help Improve Your Community

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, traffic signals, public buildings, water or wastewater treatment plant construction or expansion and bicycle paths.

The City of Carbondale Planning Commission's Community Investment Program Committee reviews the projects recommended by City residents and the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Committee formulates the recommendations that the

Planning Commission makes 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 Plan. During City budget preparation this winter, City staff will work to match approved projects with available funds.

If you would like to propose capital improvement projects 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 November 15, 2005.

City of Carbondale
Community Investment Program Proposal

Program proposed by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Location of Project: _____

Nature of Project: _____

Carbondale City Calendar

September

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 6th & 20th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 7th & 21st	Planning Comm/Zoning Bd of Appeals	7:00 pm
Monday - 12th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Tuesday - 6th	Electrical Commission	12 noon
Monday - 12th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 12th	Building Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 14th	Information/Telecommunications Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 19th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 14th	Library Board, 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 21st	CCHS School Dist. #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 28th	Elem. School Dist. #95 Lakeland School - 925 S. Giant City Rd.	7:00 pm
THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Monday, Sept. 5, 2005 in Honor of the Labor Day holiday. City refuse collection will occur one day later than usual.		

October

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 18th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 5th & 19th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 10th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 3rd	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 3rd	Building Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
Tuesday - 4th	Electrical Commission	12 noon
Thursday - 13th	Energy & Environmental Comm.	7:00 pm
Monday - 17th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Tuesday - 4th	City Council, Student Center Ballroom "B", SIUC Campus	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 10th	Library Board, 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 21st	CCHS School Dist. #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 28th	Elem. School Dist. #95 Parrish School - 121 N. Parrish Ln.	7:00 pm



Friendship Plaza

Carbondale Reviewing Sculpture Proposals

The Mayor's Office of the City of Carbondale, Carbondale Community Arts and Carbondale Main Street are reviewing proposals for an outdoor sculpture to be installed in the new Friendship Plaza, located on the northeast corner of Mill Street and South Illinois Avenue. The plaza is a 2,500 square foot public green space that provides walk-ways and benches as well as a grassy area landscaped with flowers, shrubs and trees. The sculpture will be installed in the plaza's grassy space and will be visible to vehicular as well as pedestrian traffic.

In addition to providing a

pleasant pedestrian haven, Friendship Plaza is so named to welcome and celebrate the many international students who come to Carbondale each year to study at Southern Illinois University and to commemorate Carbondale's Sister-City relationships with Nakajo, Japan, Shimla, India and Tainan City, Taiwan. Individual plaques honoring these cities will be installed in conjunction with benches in the plaza's seating area. The sculpture that is selected to anchor the space will echo this theme of international friendship and global awareness.

Final selection of the sculpture

will be made by a committee consisting of representatives of the Mayor's Office, Carbondale Community Arts and Carbondale Main Street. Priority will be given to proposals submitted by artists who currently live and/or work in the greater Carbondale area, alumnae of SIUC, and other former residents of Carbondale. Preference will also be given to cost conscious proposals that combine innovative design with maximum structural integrity. Existing works were also eligible to be considered.

It is anticipated that selection will take place in the coming weeks.

National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15, 2005

National Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2005. The theme this year is "Use Candles with Care". The City of Carbondale Fire Department will be going to Lakeland, Parrish, Thomas and Winkler schools throughout the week for demonstrations and talks with students. An Open House at Fire Station #2, located at 300 South Oakland Avenue, will be held from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15th. Children will have the opportunity to have a picture taken with Sparky the fire dog and receive a free picture button with Sparky.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department will be stressing the importance of smoke detectors during National Fire Prevention Week. A working smoke detector provides an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape. Although ninety-two percent of American homes have smoke detectors, inoperable smoke detectors contribute to many of the estimated 3,800 deaths and 50,000 to 100,000 injuries caused each year nationwide by home fires. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke detectors is discharged or

missing batteries.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department recommends that every household have at least one working smoke detector and would like to attain a 100% smoke detector rating in Carbondale.

Again this year, the Fire Department has joined forces with the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the annual "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign. The campaign urges all persons to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke detector batteries when changing clocks back to standard time each fall. Changing smoke detector batteries once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce tragic deaths and injuries due to fire. In addition to changing your smoke detector battery annually, City of Carbondale Fire Chief Anderson recommends that residents use the "extra" hour they save due to the time change each year to test the smoke alarm by pushing the test button, planning "two ways out", and practicing those escape routes with the entire family. He also recommends that families prepare a home fire safety kit that

includes working flashlights and fresh batteries.

With the help of all Carbondale residents, this goal can be attained. Stop by Fire Station #2 on October 15, 2005 and tour the station between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and learn other important ways to protect yourself and your families from fire. Further information is available by calling the Fire Department at 457-3298 (Station #1), 457-3299 (Station #2), or 457-3234 (Fire Chief's Office).

Free Smoke Detector and Battery for Low-Income and Elderly

The City of Carbondale Fire Department will provide and install a free smoke detector for any disadvantaged persons' home in Carbondale and will provide a free battery to Carbondale citizens that cannot afford to purchase one. We encourage citizens to take advantage of this program. For information on obtaining a free smoke detector and battery contact the Carbondale Fire Chief's Office at 457-3234.



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