

## From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Brad Cole

Since I began this term as mayor, one of the issues I have concentrated on is rebuilding our Sister City relationships (we have two: Shimla, India and Nakajo, Japan) and giving the necessary respect and recognition to the large international population that calls Carbondale home. No where else in southern Illinois is there a community as diverse as ours, and we are rightly proud of that characteristic.

Last month I had the unique and special opportunity to participate in the 23rd Annual Manfred Woerner Seminar, sponsored by the German Marshall Fund (GMF) of the United States. Along with fourteen other young American leaders, I was chosen to meet and join with a dozen of our German counterparts in studying German-American and European-

American relations. The group spent ten days together in various German cities, as well as two days in Brussels, Belgium, at NATO Headquarters.

Our program was designed to improve international relations and provide a more in-depth and better understanding of transatlantic issues. Coordinated and arranged by GMF staff and the German Bundeswehr (national military), our schedule included opportunities to meet with local business and civic leaders, military personnel and command officers, current and former German elected officials (including Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder), and many other people from ordinary to extra-ordinary.

While the connection to this program from Carbondale, Illinois may seem like something of a stretch, the overall goal of establishing and building new relationships among the leaders of tomorrow is clear and was present at all times. The friendships among the participants that were forged will be lifelong and some may reach levels higher than the seminar's normal mark. This was the true success of the program and credit is due to everyone involved.

It is worthwhile to note that as a follow-up to my trip overseas, plans are already in place to host a group of German military youth information officers in Carbondale this fall, when they are touring the United States and will be at nearby Scott Air Force Base. I'm sure the community will join me in welcoming them and showing-off the Capital of Southern Illinois.

Brad Cole, Bürgermeister

## Haven't You Heard...

### Construction Continues to Boost the Local Economy

The summer construction season is providing much activity in Carbondale as the community continues to witness steady growth and expansion. Looking around the City you will notice new commercial developments, community infrastructure improvements, streetscape beautification developments, as well as new housing being constructed.

Driving through town you can't help but notice the project development of the First Southern Bank and Commercial Complex, and the construction of the Advance Auto Parts store. Combined with the addition of the Save-A-Lot grocery store, these facilities will provide additional services in the center of the community. Construction of the 13, 500 sq.ft. First Southern Bank is on schedule for an August completion. Nearby, Advance Auto is building a 7,000 sq. ft. retail store at 304 E. Walnut Street, and is expected to have a ribbon cutting for this new business in late summer.

The City's extension of water and sewer lines into the Route 13/Reed Station Road area has resulted in residential and commercial growth in that area. Two exciting projects are currently under construction. Development of a five-story, 100 room full service Holiday Inn Conference Center in the Reed Station Crossing commercial complex, which is expected to be completed in late winter of 2006, will be a new landmark for Carbondale's eastern edge. Further south on Reed Station Road, Neon Internet/School Center, a fast-growing, technology-based firm, represents a particularly exciting development for the region.

Summer always brings road construction projects. The Illinois Department of Transportation began work on westbound and eastbound Illinois Route 13 in early June. Work on westbound Illinois 13 begins just west of Lewis Lane and extends to just east of McKinney Drive (the main entrance to the University Mall). Work on eastbound Illinois Route 13 begins just east of Giant City Road and extends to the Jackson-Williamson County Line. Work involves patching and resurfacing the highway, which will require reducing traffic flow to one lane in each direction at times.

New Era Road, from Route 13 to Glenn Road, will be under construction through the fall of 2005. This project will improve a well traveled road in a growing section of the community. Due to the total reconstruction

of the road, road closures will be common and motorists are advised to seek alternative routes.

By August, the City expects construction to begin on Reed Station Road from Route 13 to 1,500 feet north of the intersection. Road closures will also be common and motorists are advised to seek alternative routes.

Residents on Gary Drive, East Grand Avenue, Liberty Lane and Drury Lane will have their oil and chip streets resurfaced with bituminous material this summer. This project is the prelude to the Mayor's Comprehensive Street Improvement Program that will resurface all of the oil and chip streets in Carbondale during 2006 and 2007.

The Town Square's landscaping has long been a bright spot in the center of Carbondale thanks to the help of Carbondale Main Street. Now, Friendship Plaza also adds a beautiful green space in the Downtown district, at the northeast corner of South Illinois Avenue and Mill Street. Also, key intersections on Main and Walnut streets have been accentuated with flower pots and planting areas. In addition, Carbondale's new welcome signs provide a nicely landscaped attractive entrance to all sides of the City.

Forty new homes have been constructed in Carbondale during the past year, double the annual average new home construction in prior years. The increase is the direct result of the incentives offered in Mayor Cole's New Home Ownership Program. Three new subdivisions have been approved that will provide additional new homes in the coming year. Parson's Addition is located between Kennicott and Rigdon streets, west of Almond Street. Imperium Subdivision, is located south of Streigel Road, west of New Era Road. Timber Ridge Subdivision is located east of Harmony Lane, south of Illinois Route 13 East.

Corresponding with the new economic development in the community, Carbondale has seen sales tax receipts for the 12 month period ending in April 2005, which corresponds with the City's 2005 fiscal year, finish with a growth of 4.5% over the previous year. Carbondale is the only community in the region that has sustained this level of retail growth recently.

The steady growth in Carbondale will continue throughout 2005 with community infrastructure improvements, new commercial developments and new housing being constructed.

## City of Carbondale is Rated "Excellent" in Financial Reporting

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded the City of Carbondale by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2004. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The City of Carbondale has received this recognition from GFOA for thirteen (13) consecutive years.

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

The City's Annual Financial Report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full

disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

"The receipt of this recognition once again illustrates the professional financial management of the City of Carbondale," Mayor Brad Cole said.

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

Carbondale was the only Illinois unit of government south of Springfield to receive the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting this year. A total of 223 units of government and governmental related agencies in Illinois received the certificate this year.

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

## Mayor Cole Elected to Lead Southern Illinois Mayors Association

At its spring membership meeting held in Marion, Illinois, Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole was elected to serve as President of the Southern Illinois Mayors Association.

The Southern Illinois Mayors Association was established in 1975 to emphasize the theme of cooperation among area communities in solving common issues and voicing concerns in the state capital.

Mayor Cole's term as President of the association begins this month, when Kinmundy Mayor Elwyn Cheatum completes his current year in the position. Joining Mayor Cole on the newly formed Executive Committee of the Board of Directors will be Mayor Charles A. Crowder of Flora as Vice President and Mayor Ricky J. Gottman of

Vandalia as Secretary/Treasurer.

Mayor Cole said his new position will be beneficial to Carbondale since it is a member city of the organization, but the goal is to address the overriding issues of the 125 other municipalities that are also members.

"This is a great opportunity to lead a group of dedicated public officials from throughout the region," said Mayor Cole. "The Southern Illinois Mayors Association is positioned to be very active in advocating for local communities' needs and maintaining a voice in legislative affairs with the state and national governments. I intend to work hard towards heightening our prominence and growing our membership."



## Development Continues Through Summer Construction Season



Advance Auto, at 304 East Walnut, is building a new retail store.



A new five-story Holiday Inn is under construction at Reed Station Crossing.



Neon Internet/School Center's new Reed Station Road facility is nearing completion.

## Residents Invited to Join Second Year of Study Circles

The Human Relations Commission is preparing for another round of Study Circles. HRC commissioners anticipate the second year of the Carbondale Conversations for Community Action to be more intense and dynamic, and if the past year's performance is an indicator of what is to come, then success will also be in store.

The Human Relations Commission is looking for 200 residents interested in community relations to discuss how the City is policed and how citizens interact with officers, as well as other important issues that affect Carbondale residents.

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 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.

The kickoff is set for September 17, 2005. Participants can register up until September 3, 2005. The circles will meet five times between September 18 and October 31, 2005. For more information or to register contact: Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, The City of Carbondale, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, Illinois 62902-2047, by calling 549-5302 x386 (leave your name and number if volunteer is not available), or via email [studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us).

## Disfrute de un relajante día de verano en el hermoso Cedar Lake

Disfrute de un pacífico día pescando o relajándose en la playa de uno de los lagos más hermosos del sur de Illinois: Cedar Lake. La Ciudad es dueña y mantiene una playa pública y un muelle de botes en Cedar Lake. La playa es reconocida por su atmósfera familiar y su hermoso paisaje y los pescadores gozan de un éxito constante ensartando doraditos y róbalos en medio de hermosas enseñadas rodeadas por imponentes riscos.

Las horas de operación de la playa son de 9:30 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. en días de semana y de 9:30 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. los fines de semana y días festivos. La ribera arenosa de la Playa Poplar Camp conduce a un área para nadar y jugar, a un área para balsas y flotadores, y a una zona para nadar a distancia.

Salvavidas certificados por la Cruz Roja están de guardia durante las horas de operación y personal de Cedar Lake y la Policía de Carbondale patrullan la playa. También hay a su disposición baños, mesas de picnic y una caseta de refrescos.

A partir del 14 de agosto, 2005, la playa estará abierta únicamente los fines de semana, y el Día del Trabajo (Labor Day) es el último día

que la playa estará abierta durante esta temporada. El costo de una sola entrada es \$2.00 y los niños de 4 años o menores entran gratis. Hay pases disponibles para 10 (diez) visitas por \$15.00 y pases para 20 (veinte) visitas por \$25.00. Los pases son válidos para toda la temporada 2005 de la playa y pueden ser utilizados por cualquier persona a cualquier hora. Los niños de doce años o menores tienen que estar acompañados de un adulto.

El muelle de botes de Cedar Lake permite el acceso al lago de botes con un motor de diez (10) caballos de fuerza o menos. El lago está localizado al sur de Carbondale. Para llegar a Cedar Lake, tome la U.S. 51 sur hasta la intersección de la Vieja (Old) y Nueva (New) U.S. 51. Continúe por la Old U.S. 51 por aproximadamente una milla hasta encontrar la carretera Cedar Creek Road, vaya hacia el oeste por la Cedar Creek Road y siga las señales hacia la playa o hacia el muelle de botes.

Para mayor información, llame al 549-8441 o al 549-5302. Esperamos verlo por allá este verano.

## Haven't You Heard...

### Preservation Commission Presents Awards

May was National Historic Preservation Month, and in recognition of the month, Mayor Brad Cole, the Carbondale City Council and the Carbondale Preservation Commission recognized those properties listed on the Carbondale Register of Historic Places.

The Carbondale Register of Historic Places lists those properties that have been nominated and designated as landmarks, historic districts, and neighborhood preservation districts within the City of Carbondale. The owners of the nine landmarks and one historic district were invited to the Carbondale City Council meeting on May 17 to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Brad Cole and Preservation Commission Chairperson, Evelyn Koine.

The nine landmarks that were recognized included seven

privately owned properties and three properties that are owned by the City of Carbondale. The properties that were recognized, with their addresses and year of designation are as follows:

1. **The Old Railroad Passenger Depot**, Town Square, 1991
2. **Woodlawn Cemetery**, 405 E. Main St., 1994
3. **Old Freight Building**, Town Square, 1994
4. **George Washington Smith/Whitlock Home**, 605 W. Walnut St., 1995
5. **F. A. Prickett Building**, 127 N. Washington St., 1997
6. **Batson/Gilbert House**, 513 W. Walnut St., 1998
7. **William Dixon House**, 511 W. Walnut St., 1998
8. **The Winters House**, 512 W. Oak St., 1999
9. **R. Buckminster and Anne Hewlett Fuller Dome Home**, 407 S. Forest St., 2003
10. **Dunaway Block Historic**

**District**, 102-106 E. Jackson St., 2003.

The Preservation Commission also is developing preliminary plans for a walking tour of the West Walnut Historic District, which is a district listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the R. Buckminster and Anne Hewlett Fuller Dome Home. The walking tour is scheduled for September, and further details will be presented in future issues of the Carbondale Communique.

If you would like more information about any of the Preservation Commission's upcoming activities or would like more information regarding the nomination and designation of your home or business to the Carbondale Register of Historic Places, please contact Joe Hinton in the Planning Services Office at 457-3235.

## Additional Housing Rehabilitation Funds Anticipated

The City of Carbondale anticipates approval from the State of Illinois for the continuation of the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Housing Rehabilitation Program. The grant funds will enable the City to rehabilitate additional 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 are invited to contact Tracy Hays at 457-3237 or visit the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at City Hall to be placed on a mailing list to receive application materials.

The City is continuously seeking additional contractors to work in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Contractors experienced in building and renovating homes are encouraged to contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237 if they are interested in participating in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The City is an equal opportunity contractor and encourages minority and women owned businesses to consider this contracting opportunity. The City also is seeking contractors who are licensed by the State of Illinois to perform lead-based paint mitigation in homes being rehabilitated.

## Applications Available for Citizen's Police Academy

The Carbondale Police Department offers citizens the opportunity to get a first-hand look into the details of police work. The Citizens Police Academy provides participants an opportunity to learn about Police procedures, protocol and the role of Police within the community. The goal of the Academy is to provide an important communication and information sharing link between the community and law enforcement.

Offered twice each year, beginning in February and September, the Citizens Police Academy meets for 13 weeks, and concludes with a graduation

ceremony at the Carbondale Civic Center. During the class sessions, typically held once each week, students learn about Police procedures through a number of different educational tools, which include both participation in activities and lecture sessions.

Classes cover a wide spectrum of police responsibilities which encompass patrol tactics, investigations, communications and technology used at the Police Department, a DUI class and judges' perspectives in court. Students are also familiarized with the Bomb Squad and K-9 investigating, and given the

opportunity to practice gathering evidence in a mock crime scene. Students are encouraged to attend each session.

An average number of class participants is generally limited to 20. Participants range from senior citizens to high school graduates. The course is free and is not limited to Carbondale residents.

Applications are being accepted for the next class which is scheduled to begin in September. For more information about the Citizens Police Academy and to obtain an application to participate in the course contact Officer Randy Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 428.

# Haven't You Heard...

## Mayor Names 2005 Youth Volunteer of the Year

The City of Carbondale recognized the community service contributions of its youth at Youth Appreciation Day on Saturday, May 7, 2005 at Carbondale Middle School. In attendance at the ceremony were Representative Mike Bost, Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Lewin, Carbondale Middle School Principal Brad Morris, Carbondale Community High School Dean of Students Darryl Cox and Brehm Preparatory School Executive Director Dr. Richard Collins. Also in attendance were City Manager Jeff Doherty, the host for the program, and city staff, families and friends.

At the event, 59 middle school and high school students, nominated by school staff and community members, were

recognized for their efforts in making a difference in another's life or in the community through volunteer service or achieving growth/accomplishment in life which impact the community.

The event also recognized the Youth Volunteer of the Year, a high school junior or senior who is selected based on grade point average, completion of at least 50 volunteer hours and participation in additional school and community activities.

The 2005 Youth Volunteer of the Year Award was presented by the Dean of Students Darryl Cox to Sarah Damian, a senior at Carbondale Community High School. Sarah completed over 111 volunteer hours this school year and 100 hours during her junior year. Brenda Keller, a Counselor at Carbondale

Community High School, described Sarah as a devoted, hardworking individual whose desire is to give back to her community and to help others that are less fortunate.

Sarah Damian's volunteer efforts include participation in annual events such as National Night Out, the Christmas Toy Drive, the Migrant Camp Head Start Child Care Program and the Adopt-A-Kid program. Sarah also participated in events raising money for the American Heart Association, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, the Women's Center and the AIDS Foundation. In addition, she served on the Safe to Live Committee which promotes non-violence in the community and is very active in local international activities and events.

## City Approves Attucks School Building Purchase

Mayor Brad Cole has announced that the City of Carbondale will purchase the former Attucks School building, located at 410 East Main Street in Carbondale. The timing of the announcement coincides with the 25 Year Anniversary of the Spirit of Attucks Homecoming Celebration scheduled to take place July 1-4, 2005.

On one of Carbondale's busiest roadways, a building once a symbol of segregation will now become a community project which will save the historic site to be of use for the benefit of future generations. The city will lease the building to the African American Museum of

Southern Illinois for \$1 a year. Space within the building will also be made available to the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau and the City of Carbondale, for displays and distribution of other community information.

"This brings the building full-circle for the community", said Mayor Cole. "From its beginning as a segregated school to its future place as a center-piece for the entire region as a permanent museum celebrating the African-American contributions to Southern Illinois, this is terrific".

"We have been working on saving this historic property for a long time, and I am ecstatic

about finally reaching this point with the property owner and the African-American Museum of Southern Illinois", said Cole. "This is a great example of collaboration between the private and public sectors".

The building will be purchased at its appraised value of \$151,000 as approved by the Carbondale City Council at its June 21, 2005 meeting.

For more information about activities sponsored by the African-American Museum of Southern Illinois, contact Mrs. Donna Haynes, President of the museum Board of Directors at 457-2217.

## Beth Ponce Appointed Development Services Director

Beth Ann Ponce of Carbondale has been appointed Development Services Director for the City of Carbondale by City Manager Jeff Doherty. Ponce will lead the Development Services Department which includes the Building and Neighborhood Services Division, Planning Services Division, the City's Housing programs, and Historic Preservation programs.

Beth Ponce has extensive management experience with the Illinois Department of Transportation District 9 where she served in various management positions since

1990 including Engineer of Program Development and Engineer of Local Roads and Streets. Ponce has taught at John A. Logan College and prior to moving to Carbondale, she was the Code Enforcement Administrator for the Town of Potsdam, New York.

Ponce is a graduate of the University of Michigan where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. She is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.

"Beth Ponce offers a wide range of management experience that will assist her in

administering the Development Services Department," City Manager Doherty said when making the announcement. "We are very pleased that we attracted a person with the experience, abilities and professionalism that Beth possesses and I am confident that she will serve the City of Carbondale well."

Ponce was chosen from a field of 21 applicants. She replaces Tom Redmond who retired from the City of Carbondale on June 30, 2005 after serving 27 years with the City including 13 years as Development Services Director.

## Matching Grants Available for Energy Conservation Projects

The Rebuild Carbondale program 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 other funds provided by the business or organization. The grants are for upgrades to equipment or facilities that will result in

conservation of energy. Interested businesses must first have an energy audit performed (at no cost) by Rebuild Carbondale.

The energy conserving measure(s) must be reviewed and approved by Rebuild Carbondale before the project begins. The business or organization is responsible for acquiring the services of qualified professionals to install the energy conservation

measures. All work must be completed by February 2006. Once the work is completed, receipts documenting the equipment and material expenses will be submitted to Rebuild Carbondale, and half of the cost or \$500, whichever is less, will be reimbursed to the business or organization. Interested businesses or not-for-profit organizations should contact James Mathias at 453-7016 or mathias@enr.siu.edu.

## Public Works Sets Annual Maintenance Program for Summer 2005

The City of Carbondale's Street Maintenance Division has designated the following streets and alleys as those that will be included in its annual sealing and resurfacing program this summer. Preparations for the work will begin soon and continue until completed. Residents will normally experience minimal inconvenience while maintenance procedures are being performed on their streets. Any questions should be directed to the Office of Maintenance and Environmental Services Manager at 457-3275.

Street	Location		Maintenance Operation
	From	To	

### Chip Seal Program

Bigler Rd	Walnut St Walnut St	South End South End	Cover Coat Reseal
E-W Alley	University	Illinois	Reseal
E-W Alley S of Monroe	University	Poplar	Reseal
N-S Alley W of James	Walnut	Oakland	Reseal
E-W Alley S of College	Forest	Rawlings	Reseal
E-W Alley S of Cherry	Rawlings	1st E-W Alley E	Reseal
N-S Alley W of Poplar	College	Cherry	Reseal
E-W Alley S of Cherry	Poplar	1st E-W Alley E	Reseal
N-S Alley W of Beveridge	Freeman	Elm	Reseal
N-S Alley W of Ash	College	Cherry	Reseal
E-W Alley S of Cherry	Ash	1st E-W Alley E	Reseal
N-S Alley W of Poplar	College	Elm	Reseal
N-S Alley W of University	College	Elm	Reseal
N-S Alley W of University	Elm	Walnut	Reseal
N-S Alley W of Springer	Main	Walnut	Reseal
N-S Alley W of Elizabeth	Grand	Whitney	Reseal
N-S Alley W of Illinois	Cherry	Elm	Reseal
N-S Alley W of Poplar	Freeman	S Edge	Reseal
E-W Alley S of Main	University	230 Ft West	Reseal
N-S Alley 1st W of University	Monroe	120 Ft North	Reseal
N-S Alley 2nd W of University	Monroe	Main	Reseal
N-S Alley 3rd W of University	Monroe	Main	Reseal
E-W Alley S of Cherry	Forest	Hayes	Reseal
E-W Alley S of Schwartz	Forest	Hayes	Reseal
N-S Alley W of Thompson	Mill	N Edge	Reseal

### Bituminous Resurfacing

Gary Drive	Giant City Rd	Drury Lane	Install Bituminous Mat, 2"
Grand Avenue	Giant City Rd	Drury Lane	Install Bituminous Mat, 2"
Liberty Lane	Gary Dr	Grand Ave	Install Bituminous Mat, 2"
Drury Lane	Gary Dr	Grand Ave	Install Bituminous Mat, 2"

# Carbondale City Calendar

## July

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 5th & 19th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 6th & 20th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 12th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
<b>Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue</b>		
Monday - 11th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 18th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Tuesday - 19th	Partnership for Disability Issues	1:30 pm
<b>Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations</b>		
Wednesday - 13th	Library Board, 405 West Main Street	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
<b>THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON:</b> Monday, July 4, 2005 in Honor of the Independence Day holiday.		

## August

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 16th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 3rd & 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 8th & 29th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
<b>Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue</b>		
Monday - 1st	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 15th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 11th	Energy & Environmental Commission	7:00 pm
<b>Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations</b>		
Wednesday - 10th	Library Board, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 21st	CCHS School Dist. #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 28th	Elem. School Dist. #95 Thomas School - 1025 N. Wall St.	7:00 pm

## Annual "Chill Out In The Park" Event

The City of Carbondale Fire Department has participated in a program sponsored by the Carbondale Park District for several years now called "Chill Out In The Park". This program is designed to provide a free and safe activity for kids to participate in during these hot summer days. The Fire Department will spray water for kids to run through from a fire hose during July. Children of all ages are invited to come join the fun at one of the Carbondale Parks. For more information, contact the Carbondale Park District at 529-4222.

July 5th	Turley Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 13th	Attucks Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 21st	Tatum Heights	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 26th	Life Community Center	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



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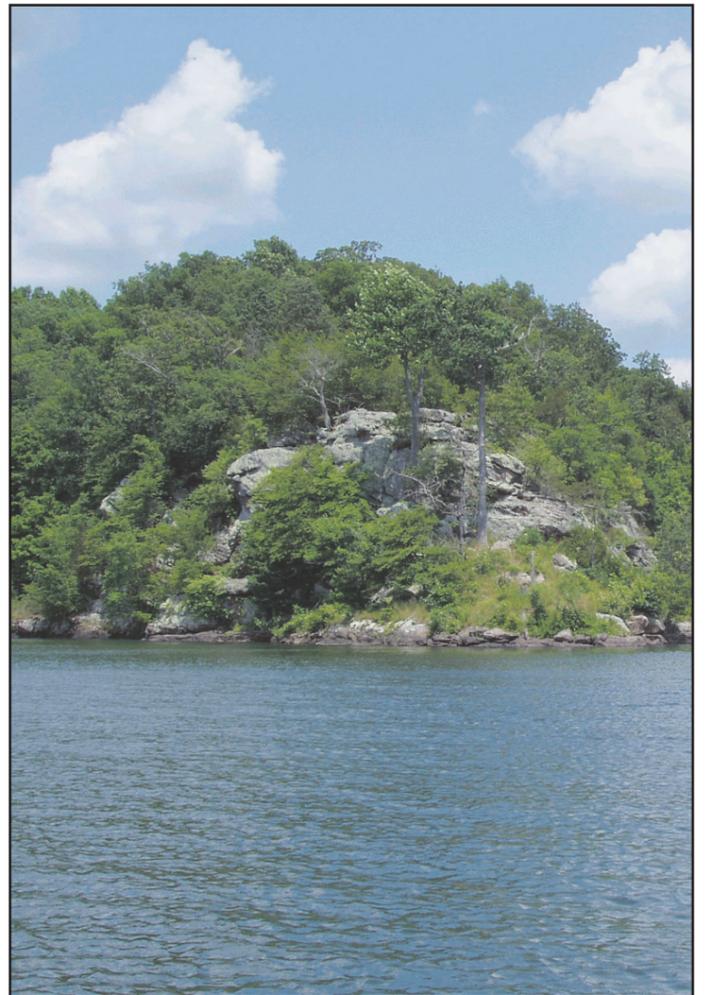
## Enjoy a Relaxing Summer Day at Beautiful Cedar Lake

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

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

After August 14, 2005, the beach will be open on weekends only, and Labor Day is the last day the beach will be open for the season. The fee for a single admission is \$2.00 and children 4 years of age and younger are admitted free. Ten (10) visit passes are available for \$15.00 and twenty (20) visit passes are available for \$25.00. Passes bought are good for the entire 2005 beach season and can be used by anyone at anytime. Children twelve years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

The boat dock at Cedar Lake allows access to the lake for boats with a ten (10)



**Picturesque Cedar Lake.**

horsepower motor or less. The lake is located south of Carbondale. To drive to Cedar Lake, take U.S. 51 south to the intersection of Old and New U.S. 51, follow Old U.S. 51 approximately 1/2 mile to

Cedar Creek Road, travel west on Cedar Creek Road and follow the signs to the beach or the boat dock. For more information, call 549-8441 or 549-5302. We hope to see you there this summer!

## Celebrate the 4th of July Holiday Safely

In Illinois, the term fireworks is defined to mean and include any explosive compound or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect of temporary nature by explosion, combustion, or detonation.

Fireworks can be a spectacular addition to holidays and celebrations, but in the hands of amateurs, fireworks can turn the festivities into tragedy. Young people suffer the great majority of fireworks injuries, which typically harm the eyes, head, or hands.

- Teach children at an early age

that fireworks are explosive devices. They are not toys.

- Explain the danger of explosives and teach children to tell an adult if they find fireworks. Be sure they understand it is too risky to pick up fireworks and bring them to an adult.

- Do not give a child a sparkler to hold. Sparklers are designed to burn hot and can reach temperatures as high as 1800o F. Sparklers stay hot long after they have burned out. As a substitute for sparklers or firecrackers, purchase glow-in-the dark wands and non-explosive noisemakers.

The City of Carbondale Fire

Department and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance recommends that the use of all 4th of July fireworks be left to the professionals. It is too dangerous to use fireworks yourself or be around friends/family who use them. Instead, enjoy the thrill of pyrotechnics at a public display presented by trained professionals, where compliance with state-of-the-art fire codes is a safer way to enjoy the holidays.

If you would like more information visit the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance website at [www.ifsa.org](http://www.ifsa.org) or contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department at 457-3234.

## Join Us for the Annual National Night Out Celebration on August 2, 2005 at Turley Park

The City of Carbondale Police Department invites you to join them August 2, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Turley Park for the Annual National Night Out Celebration. National Night Out provides something for the whole family to enjoy. All who attend may register to win door prizes, gift certificates from local businesses, and other special prizes. Children may participate in a crime prevention poster contest, and various games. Winners of the poster contest will be chosen from four different age groups, each receiving a \$50 savings bond, donated from local banks.

The Carbondale Police and Fire Departments and Jackson County Ambulance Service will have emergency vehicles on display at

the park. McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog, Boo Boo the Bear, and the Hamburglar are in the plans to make special appearances.

The National Night Out event focuses on public education and safety awareness. Local businesses will be on hand with information relating to home security, personal safety, and other crime prevention-related areas. National Night Out is designed to: increase awareness of crime and drug prevention; strengthen the neighborhood spirit and police-community relations; generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts; and send a message to criminals, letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Carbondale Police

Department and Carbondale Crime Stoppers appreciates the many local businesses and individuals who are donating food, door prizes, equipment, entertainment, and personal time to make this event possible. Crime Stopper merchandise will be on sale to help raise money for the organization and sales of hotdogs and soft drinks during the event will benefit the Crimestoppers organization.

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