

Haven't You Heard...

Major Expansion Project Aids Community Growth

The City of Carbondale Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project which started construction at the end of August 2003 has been completed. The completion of the expansion of the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant allows for continued growth of the community while the plant remains within Environmental Protection Agency standards. The expansion project increased the capacity of the Plant from 3.9 million gallons per day (MGD) to 6.0 MGD.

The project involved the construction of several major structures. The Oxidation Ditch is an oval shaped concrete structure, 270 feet long by 145 feet wide and 18 feet deep, about the size of a football field. Approximately 4,000 cubic yards of concrete were necessary to complete this

structure. The two Secondary Clarifiers are 100 feet in diameter and 20 feet deep. Approximately 1,000 cubic yards of concrete were necessary to complete this structure. Other structures erected included a new Bar Screen Building, a new Maintenance Building, and a new Electrical Building.

The plant provides wastewater treatment for approximately 80 percent of Carbondale's wastewater customers, including Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The plant expansion is designed for the community's projected treatment needs over the next 20 years and will allow continued community growth and maintain compliance with Environmental Protection Agency standards.



The Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion was dedicated by the City of Carbondale on April 28, 2005. The \$11.5 million project will allow continued community growth and maintain compliance with EPA standards.

McDaniel and Wissmann Re-Elected; Fritzler to Join the City Council



Joel Fritzler



Corene McDaniel



Chris Wissmann

Incumbent Council Members Corene McDaniel and Chris Wissmann successfully retained their seats on the Carbondale City Council in the April 5th election. Joining the two incumbents on the Council dias will be Joel Fritzler, who came in third in the balloting. Fritzler fills the seat vacated by Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan who announced in November that she would not be running for reelection. Councilwoman Flanagan was recognized at the April 19th City Council meeting with a reception and was presented with a resolution and plaque commending her for her twelve years of

service on the City Council.

A total of 1,739 ballots were cast in the April 5th election. Successful candidates Corene McDaniel received 999 votes, Chris Wissmann 925 votes and Joel Fritzler 768 votes. The remaining three candidates on the ballot were Donald Troy Barrett who received 690 votes, Rhett T. Barke with 530 votes and Angie K. Kaye with 391 votes.

The Oaths of Office for Corene McDaniel, Chris Wissmann and Joel Fritzler will be administered at the May 3rd Council meeting. They will serve four year terms, to extend through 2009.

From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Brad Cole

Many of the comments I receive from people around town have to do with the improved look and feel of the community, and I'm glad people are noticing.

For years, communities of all sizes have struggled with ways to keep their cities looking vibrant in the face of many detrimental factors. Businesses start moving out of the central downtown areas, urban blight pops up in the most noticeable and worst-possible places, old buildings begin to fall apart from neglect... but that is not necessarily the case in Carbondale these days.

As part of our comprehensive new approach to economic development, the City of Carbondale has targeted this potentially-devastating situation as a critical piece of growing the community. People now notice the results of strategic economic development efforts in our downtown

tax increment financing district, and all along South Illinois Avenue, where we successfully have torn down old deteriorating buildings and are building up new opportunities for commerce and trade. Just getting rid of the blight was good enough to make some people feel positive about their community as they drive through it, but with the expansion of new business and the daily construction of buildings and infrastructure, the pride in growing Carbondale is present around every corner.

Borrowing from the play book of several other larger communities, we have also placed a significant importance on establishing a softer, greener element to our concrete and asphalt surroundings. With the placement of dozens of flower planters at major intersections and with the dedication of Friendship Plaza at the Mill Street underpass, Carbondale is literally blooming with the excitement of spring, and more awaits as summer approaches. It is my hope to continue this effort in partnership with several of our new business developments, helping to improve their look at the same time as enhancing the overall city's appearance.

So, as you walk, ride, or drive around Carbondale, please take a few moments to note what we are doing to grow the community... not just with bricks and mortar, but with flowers and green space as well.

Brad Cole, Mayor

Friendship Plaza Dedicated on Earth Day

In a local observance of Earth Day 2005, Mayor Brad Cole dedicated the newly constructed green space area located at the northeast corner of the downtown Mill Street Underpass Intersection. The area was dedicated as "Friendship Plaza".

"There had been a desire for several years to have an open, park-like plaza in the downtown," said Mayor Cole. "I made it a priority in our budget and, with the help of our public works crews and private landscapers, the result is simply fantastic. The idea behind the naming of Friendship Plaza is to focus on and strengthen the community's associations

and friendships throughout the region, across the country and around the world."

As part of the Earth Day and Friendship Plaza dedication ceremony held on April 22, 2005, Mayor Cole announced an exciting public art/sculpture design contest. The contest is open to anyone in the community to submit designs and installation ideas for an artistic sculpture on the grounds that will represent the theme of international friendship. The effort combines the Mayor's goal to redevelop and beautify the downtown with his well-known commitment to the arts.



Construction Projects Boosting Local Economy



Following completion of construction in late April, Save-A-Lot is now open for business in the downtown area.



A site plan was recently approved for construction of an Advance Auto parts store at the northwest corner of S. Marion and E. Walnut Street.



Construction at 600 E. Grand Avenue, a multi-tenant commercial building, nears completion.



Construction continues on First Southern Bank, a key project in the City's TIF District.



Neon Internet/ School Center is building a new facility on land purchased from the City of Carbondale at 1075 N. Reed Station Road.



Excavation of the former building foundation and retaining walls will complete demolition at the New Era Dairy property at the intersection of S. Washington and E. Walnut Street.

Preservation Commission Holds Annual Meeting

The Preservation Commission of the City of Carbondale conducted its annual meeting on April 18, 2005 at the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center Complex. Among the issues addressed at the annual meeting were the election of officers, the approval of the FY 2006 Work Plan and discussion of the Tuscan Lodge building.

The Preservation Commission unanimously voted to have Evelyn Koine and Helen Deniston continue in their roles as Preservation Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson respectively. Both

Ms. Koine and Ms. Deniston were elected to their positions in January of 2001, and will both be serving their 5th year as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Annually, the Preservation Commission completes and implements a Work Plan that helps to guide and schedule the activities for the Commission throughout the course of the upcoming year. Among items included are several scheduled items such as Commission training and workshops throughout the year. In this year's Work Plan, the Commission

identified several ongoing projects such as adding photos to the City's portable preservation display, oral history training, conducting oral histories, adding photos to the City's photo archive project, and developing a resource section in the Public Library.

The Work Plan also identified several specific projects for which the Commission wanted to assign specific time frames. Among the items identified were assisting the Tuscan Lodge with the nomination and designation of their property, developing a preservation recognition

program, developing a historic building ifact sheet form, hosting a neighborhood tour, hosting an oral history workshop and hosting a non-oral history workshop, perhaps dealing with helping landowners research the history of their own home or building. The Commission is open to suggestions from the community for other preservation topics for workshops that Carbondale residents would be interested in attending.

Also at the annual meeting, the Commission discussed the listing of the Tuscan Lodge property to the 2005 Landmarks Preservation

Council of Illinois' Ten Most Endangered Historic Places List. The placement of the Tuscan Lodge property on this list may help the Lodge gain statewide support for the restoration of the building while opening up the potential for related grant monies.

If you would like more information about any of the Preservation Commission's upcoming activities or would like to offer suggestions for any additional events or workshop subjects, please contact Joe Hinton in the Planning Services Office at 457-3235.

Free Energy Audits for Businesses

The Rebuild Carbondale program will provide free energy audits to businesses located in Carbondale. These energy audits will identify cost-effective ways for businesses to save on their energy costs. This should help the businesses to become more profitable.

Businesses interested in having a free energy audit performed should contact Dr. James Mathias at 453-7016. Persons wanting information about energy efficiency for their homes may also contact Dr. Mathias. The Rebuild Carbondale program is a

cooperative venture between Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the City of Carbondale and other local partners. The program is funded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity from federal funds.

Carbondale Memorial Day Service May 30, 2005

The annual Carbondale Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 30, at 10:00 a.m. in historic Woodlawn Cemetery on East Main Street in Carbondale. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert Pulliam, who retired from the United States Air Force at the rank of

Lieutenant Colonel. Other participants in the Memorial Day Service will include Commander David Conrad and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Teeter-Carter-Watson Post 2605, Company C of the 31st Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the Daniel H. Brush Chapter of the

Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 514 and Carbondale Girl Scout Troop #155. The vocalist will be Laura Crater of Carbondale.

The Memorial Day Service is conducted regardless of the weather. Seating is provided.

CARBONDALE POLICE OFFICER EXAM June 13, 2005

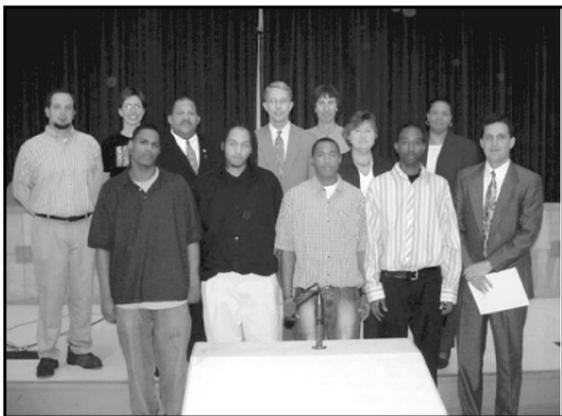
The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will conduct an examination for the position of Police Officer in the Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, Illinois at 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 13, 2005. A Physical Fitness Assessment will begin at 2:00 p.m. for candidates who pass the written examination. To be eligible to take the exam, applications and Pre-employment Agreements must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 27, 2005. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling (618)457-3281 or by printing the application, Pre-Employment Agreement and information from the City of Carbondale's Website www.ci.carbondale.il.us

CARBONDALE ENTRY-LEVEL FIREFIGHTER EXAM July 11, 2005

Written Examinations and Physical Fitness Assessments for the position of Entry-level Firefighter will be given in the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois, Carbondale, Illinois at 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 11, 2005. The written exam will begin at 8:00 a.m., and the physical fitness assessment will be at 2:00 p.m. If you receive a passing grade on the written exam, you will be eligible to take the physical fitness assessment. To be eligible to take the written exam, an application must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 24, 2005. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, call 618/457-3281 or email gdavis@ci.carbondale.il.us to have an application mailed to you. You may also download the application and pre-employment agreement from the City of Carbondale's website www.ci.carbondale.il.us.

We encourage female and minority applicants
The City of Carbondale is an equal opportunity employer

Haven't You Heard...



Mayor Cole and Members of the City Council honored the Carbondale Community High School Basketball Team that finished second in the Class AA State Tournament in Peoria.



Mayor Cole and Members of the City Council honored the Carbondale Community High School Scholar Bowl Team that competed in the State Tournament in Peoria.



Councilwoman Margaret Flanagan speaks to the audience at her final City Council Meeting, after being recognized with a special resolution in her honor. Joining her in the photo are the Mayor and other City Council members.

Youth Appreciation Day May 7, 2005

Each year the City of Carbondale recognizes the community service contributions of its youth at the annual Youth Appreciation Day event. The 2005 Youth Appreciation Day Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Carbondale Middle School (1150 East Grand Avenue).

Youth Appreciation Day provides an opportunity for the City and its citizens

to recognize the many positive contributions made by young people in the community. Middle school and high school students may be nominated by community members in recognition of their efforts in making a difference in another's life through volunteer service and achieving growth or accomplishment in life as he/she participates.

The event also recognizes the Youth

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

Join us on May 7th as we celebrate our youth and show our appreciation for their contributions made to the community.

Ordinance Requires

Maintenance of Tall Grass and Weeds

The City of Carbondale Code declares grass and weeds over eight (8) inches in height to be a nuisance and requires their removal. The provision of the City Code pertaining to mowing grasses and weeds over eight inches in height does not apply to land zoned as "Forestry" or "Agriculture" which is used for agricultural purposes as long as a 20-foot perimeter adjacent to any right-of-way and/or residentially zoned property is mowed and maintained so as not to exceed the eight inch height. Owners and tenants are reminded that they are also required to keep adjoining public right-of-way mowed to the back of the curb, the edge of the street pavement and the alley.

Most property owners and tenants comply with the City of Carbondale's standards for the maintenance of tall grass and weeds. However, some property owners/tenants do not mow their property until the City posts the property in violation of the tall grass and weed ordinance. Therefore, upon finding the same property in violation more than once during the same growth season, a Court Citation will be issued to all owners and occupants of the property at the time of the second posting and for each subsequent posting that may be necessary during the balance of the growth season. If the tall grass and weeds have not been mowed within seven days after the posting, the City's mowing contractor will mow the property and the property owner will be billed for the mowing by the City.

Housing Rehabilitation Funds Available

The City of Carbondale has received a Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation (SFOOR) grant to assist lower-income owner-occupants with the rehabilitation of homes in three parts of the City: Northeast Carbondale, Tatum Heights, and the part of Northwest Carbondale east of Little Crab Orchard Creek and south of the former rail line to Murphysboro. The assistance is in the form of a forgivable loan at zero percent interest. Based on the amount of assistance provided, if the person owns and occupies the home

between five and ten years, the loan will be completely forgiven. If the home is sold or vacated sooner, the amount to be paid back will be pro-rated based on the length of time the home was owned and occupied.

Eligibility for the program is limited to low- and very low-income households. Income limits set by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for participation are based on the number of persons in the household: 1 person- \$27,650, 2 persons-\$31,600, 3 persons-

\$35,800, 4 persons-\$39,500, 5 persons-\$42,700, 6 persons-\$45,850, 7 persons-\$49,000, and 8 persons-\$52,150.

Persons who are interested in the SFOOR housing rehabilitation program should contact the Development Services Department at 457-3248 or visit the Development Services Office in Room 251 of the City Hall/Civic Center. The pre-application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on May 9, 2005.

Carbondale City Calendar

May

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 3rd & 17th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 4th & 18th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 9th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 2nd	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Tuesday - 3rd	Partnership for Disability Issues	1:30 pm
Monday - 16th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 11th	Library Board, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 19th	CCHS School Dist. #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 26th	Elem. School Dist. #95 Lewis School - 801 S. Lewis Lane	7:00 pm
THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Monday, May 30, 2005 in honor of the Memorial Day Holiday.		

June

Date	Meeting	Time
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 City Hall/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 Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 8th	Library Board, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 16th	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 23rd	Elementary School District #95 925 S. Giant City Road, Lakeland	7:00 pm

Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Approved

The Fiscal Year 2006 City of Carbondale Budget has been approved for the period from May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006. The Budget incorporates the City Council's philosophy of providing quality services to the Citizens of Carbondale with fiscal responsibility for FY 2006 and beyond.

The FY 2006 Budget for all funds totals \$38,626,317 compared to the FY 2005 Budget of \$48,130,469 a decrease of \$9,504,152 (19.7%). The decrease in budgeted expenditures is related primarily to the refunding of general obligation bonds in FY 2005 and the substantial completion of the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade construction in FY 2005.

The total revenues and other financing sources for the FY 2006 Budget are \$36,559,079 compared to the FY 2005 budgeted revenues of

\$43,856,430 a decrease of \$7,297,351 (16.6%). The decrease in the budgeted revenues and other financing sources is related to the refunding of general obligation bonds in FY 2005 and the absence of loan proceeds for the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade construction in FY 2006.

The projected revenues for FY 2006 are \$2,067,238 under the proposed FY 2006 expenditures. The use of fund balances in the amount of \$274,096, primarily in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for street construction and maintenance projects, the Waterworks and Sewerage Fund for water and sewer capital projects, the Parking Systems Operation Fund for the reconstruction and expansion of a parking lot, and the Solid Waste Management Fund for operations, will provide part of the funding for the excess of expenditures and other

financing uses over the revenues and other financing sources. The non-cash credits for depreciation, prepaid bond expenses and loss on disposition of fixed assets in the amount of \$1,793,142 will provide the remaining funding for the excess of expenditures and other financing uses over the revenues and other financing sources.

The FY 2006 General Fund Budget, which funds the basic City services including Police, Fire, Development Services, General Government, Community Services and portions of Public Works, totals \$18,888,319 compared to the FY 2005 General Fund Budget of \$18,732,546, an increase of \$155,773 (0.8%).

The FY 2006 Budget includes Revenues and Other Financing Sources in the General Fund of \$18,920,209 an increase of \$885,972 (4.9%) from the FY 2005 Budget Revenues and

Other Financing Sources of \$18,034,237. The increase in revenues in FY 2006 is related primarily to the projected increase in sales and service tax revenues. The FY 2006 projected General Fund revenues are \$31,890 more than the proposed expenditures.[COMMENT1]

The General Fund includes an increase of \$31,890 to its Ending Fund Balance for FY 2006. The FY2006 Ending Fund Balance of \$6,441,166 is consistent with established financial policies for the City. The amount of the FY 2006 Ending Fund Balance that is designated or reserved for prepaid assets, cemetery improvements and care, and grant funds is \$1,049,130. The undesignated FY 2006 Ending Fund Balance is projected to be \$5,392,036. Based on established financial policies of the City for the General Fund, the minimum fund balance at the end of FY 2006 is projected to

have a favorable variance of \$881,014.

In the Water and Sewer Fund, a water rate increase will become effective on November 1, 2005. The 15.2% rate increase equals \$0.40 per 1,000 gallons and will increase the water rate for residential from \$2.64 to \$ 3.04 per 1,000 gallons. The water rate for Southern Illinois University Carbondale and water districts will increase from \$2.35 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons. The last water rate increase was in FY 1998.

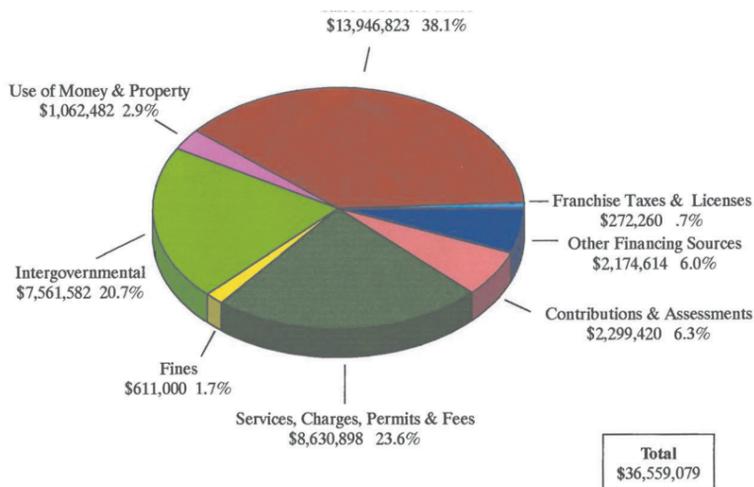
The Parking System Fund includes parking permit and lease fee increases effective on June 1, 2005. Monthly parking permits will be increased from \$12.00 per month per space to \$18.00 per month or \$5.00 per week. Monthly parking leases will be increased from \$15.00 per month per space to \$25.00 per month.

FY 2006 Community Investment Program Construction Projects

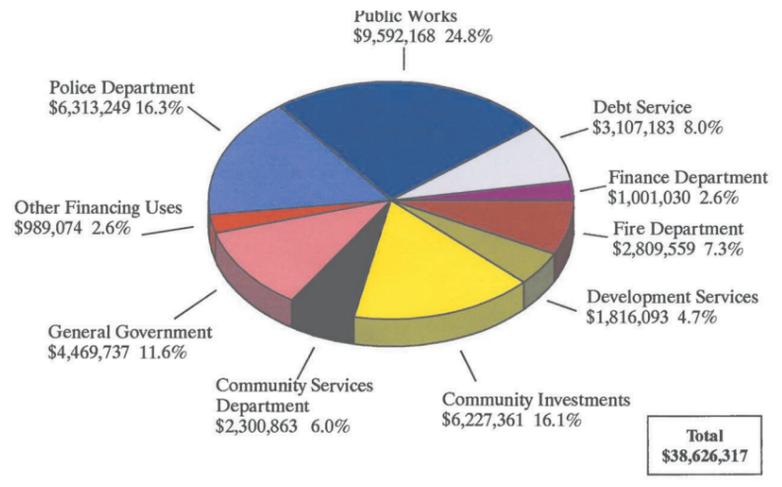
Reconstruction of New Era Road - Route 13 to Glenn Road
 Reconstruction of Reed Station Road - Route 13 to 1500 Feet North
 Construction of McLafferty Road Water Main
 Construction of Water Line Interconnect New Era Road/ Route 13
 Replacement of College Street Water Line - Wall Street to Washington Street
 Abandonment of Grand Avenue Water Line - Wall Street to Elizabeth Street
 Replacement of Hays Avenue Water Line - Cherry Street to College Street
 Replacement of Elizabeth Street Water Line - Grand Avenue to Mill Street
 Replacement of Whitney Street Water Line - Elizabeth Street to Oakland Avenue
 Construction of Striegel Road Sanitary Sewer Extension

Construction of Charles Road Area Sanitary Sewer
 Replacement of Murdale Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Pump
 Replacement of New Era Road Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Pump
 Construction of the Street Maintenance and Environmental Services Administrative Building
 Demolition of the former Lincoln Middle School
 Construction of the Plaza at the Northeast Corner of Walnut Street and Washington Street
 Construction of Restrooms at the Superblock Recreational Fields
 Construction of the Annual Sidewalk Program

Total FY 2006 Budgeted Expenditures and Other Financing Uses



Total FY 2006 Budgeted Revenues and Other Financing Sources



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CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE

Poplar Camp Beach at Cedar Lake Opens May 27, 2005

Hours:
 Monday thru Friday
 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
 Saturday/Sunday/ Holidays
 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Red Cross certified lifeguards are on duty during beach open hours.

Admission: \$2.00 per person (Children age four (4) and under are admitted free). Ten (10) visit passes are available for \$15.00 and twenty (20) visit passes are available for \$25.00. Passes bought are good for the entire 2005 beach season and can be used by anyone at anytime.

For information about beach closings, call 549-8441 or 549-5302.

For the safety of all visitors alcoholic beverages, glass containers and fires are prohibited at the beach.

Low-Interest Loans Available for New & Expanding Businesses

The City of Carbondale offers loans to help start new businesses and expand existing businesses. Low-interest loans are available through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). Loan funds may be used to purchase land, construct a building, renovate or expand an existing building, purchase machinery or equipment or provide working capital.

The interest rate on Revolving Loan Fund loans is below market rate. Depending on the project, the rate can be low as 3%. As a matching loan program, RLF loans can account for no more than one-half of the total project cost.

Job creation is the Revolving Loan Fund program's primary goal. Program guidelines require that at least one job must be created for each \$15,000 of RLF loan funds. At least 51% of the total jobs created as the result of an RLF loan must be held by persons with a low or moderate income.

If you are interested in making the City of Carbondale's low-interest Revolving Loan Fund program part of your business plan, contact Jeremy Hayes, Economic Development Manager, at City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, Illinois. Call 457-3286 or e-mail jhayes@ci.carbondale.il.us for detailed information and a loan application.