

## From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Brad Cole

By the date of distribution of this newsletter, citizens in cities of various sizes, all states and the nation at large will have decided who among us will serve in positions of elected leadership. In this year's elections, we will have chosen from candidates at the local level all the way through to the highest office in the land... the American presidency. And, hopefully, it was done with increased voter turnout, which would mark a change in some people from apathy to involvement.

Being in the middle of political contests has been second nature for me for nearly twenty years, since I first volunteered to make telephone calls in a campaign office for the re-election of my hometown state representative. My participation in the process has certainly changed over time, from volunteer caller to candidate, and my appreciation for the systems of politics and government has certainly expanded. Something that hasn't changed, though, is my core structure of beliefs and my regard for the people that actually comprise those systems.

Unfortunately, I have seen a change in the societal mood about the people that involve themselves professionally in politics and government. I suppose there is fair reason for cynicism when the news headlines seem to repeatedly report misconduct of some kind by more and more people. But the attitudinal shift among partisans - those who are most dedicated to a strict, partisan political agenda - has taken on a whole new level of contempt. I find this entirely distressing.

This contempt is often taken in the form of near hatred for those who oppose their own beliefs and values. What results is the ever-present negative campaign advertising and the opposition research that seeks to uncover even the slightest mis-step from a candidate's (or even a family member's) past. What then happens is several-fold: voters are turned-off by the constant negative tone; qualified, potential candidates choose not to run for office in order to avoid possible embarrassment; hostile resentment festers between parties and candidates; and so on.

So, as we recover from the long election cycle and either celebrate victory or rebound from defeat, let us also remember that it is the people - and we are all human beings - that make up our political and governmental systems. We owe it to ourselves, and those before and after us, to maintain civility, to promote friendship, and to work cooperatively with all those around us, regardless of one's political opinions and preferences.

Let this recent campaign be the last to harbor ill-will and negativism toward the "other" side. I say we deserve it to be this way, and our democracy deserves it as well.

Brad Cole, Mayor

## City of Carbondale's Budget Receives Distinguished Award

The City of Carbondale has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its current Fiscal Year 2005 Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

This is the 18th consecutive year Carbondale's budget has been recognized by GFOA. Only three cities in Illinois, Rockford (20), Rolling Meadows (20), and Lincolnshire (19), have received more budget awards than Carbondale. In 2003, only 48 municipalities in Illinois and 597 municipalities nationwide received the GFOA budget awards.

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

Communications Device. The budget must be rated proficient in all four categories to receive the award.

"The receipt of this recognition once again illustrates the professional financial management of the City of Carbondale," Mayor Brad Cole said. "It is rewarding to have our budget document recognized as one of the best."

City Manager Jeff Doherty, who serves as the City's Budget Officer, commented, "We are very proud of our budgeting process and the final document that is produced. Our entire organization is involved with formulating the budget, from all levels of staff to the City Council. Special mention must be made of Finance Director Ernie Tessone and the Finance Department for the preparation of the budget document."

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

## Nominating Petitions Available For Spring City Council Election

On April 5, 2005, the City of Carbondale will hold an election to select three City Council Members for four-year terms. This election is for the seats presently held by City Council Members Maggie Flanagan, Corene McDaniel and Chris Wissmann. The terms of Mayor Brad Cole and City Council Members Sheila Simon, Steven Haynes and Lance Jack expire in 2007.

Signed nominating petitions must be filed in the City Clerk's Office from Monday, December 6, through Monday, December 13, 2004. Information and petition forms will be available in the City

Clerk's Office beginning on Wednesday, November 3, 2004.

If seven or more people file for the three City Council positions, a primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005.

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

## Carbondale TIF District Stimulating City Economic Development

Those traveling along Illinois Route 13 through Carbondale in either direction are getting a glimpse of Carbondale's latest redevelopment projects. Using Tax Increment Financing (TIF), the City is stimulating redevelopment in a 31-acre area designated as Redevelopment Project Area # 1, located at the east edge of downtown Carbondale. Using property tax revenues created by new development in the district, the City can reimburse developers for certain redevelopment expenses approved by the City Council through a redevelopment agreement.

One of the new developments in the TIF District is Save-A-Lot, a nationally known discount grocery chain, which is building a 16,000 sq. ft. store at the southeast corner of East Walnut Street (Route 13 eastbound) and South Marion Street. Four structures were demolished to make room for this exciting project, which is benefitting from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) incentives.

Approaching downtown Carbondale on Route 13 westbound also offers a view of another major project. Just a block north of the Save-A-Lot site, preliminary grading work is proceeding for the site a 13,500 sq. ft. First Southern Bank. The new bank, also a project in the TIF District, will anchor a five-lot

professional park, which offers even more potential for new development to downtown Carbondale.

The City of Carbondale is also making room for new development at the northwest corner of East Walnut and South Washington Street. The site of the former New Era Dairy building, this one acre property was cleared in August and is now available for development.

In addition to Carbondale's TIF District, other parts of town are experiencing redevelopment and new construction. Construction of a 94,000 sq. ft. Kohl's department store is now underway at 625 North Giant City Road, just south of East Main Street. A 2,100 sq. ft. commercial building in front of the Kohl's site, home to The Great Outdoors and Central Hospital for Animals is now open for business.

The Southern Illinois University campus is also seeing two major construction projects that promise to make the campus more attractive to prospective students and faculty. A new Student Health Programs facility is under construction adjacent to the SIU Student Recreation Center. The 57,000 sq. ft. building will place numerous health-related resources under one roof. Morris Library is also undergoing a \$42 million renovation that will add 50,000

sq. ft. to the library.

Even as we head into fall and winter, Carbondale's construction season shows no sign of cooling off. To learn more about the City of Carbondale's Tax Increment Financing District and

economic development opportunities throughout Carbondale, contact Jeremy Hayes, the City of Carbondale Economic Development Manager at 457-3286.



# City of Carbondale Police Department Granted Full Accreditation Status



Photo Compliments of the Carbondale Times.

Carbondale Police Chief Steve Odum presents Mayor Brad Cole with a plaque given to the Police Department in honor of its national certification.

On July 31, 2004, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies voted at their regional conference in Buffalo, New York to grant the City of Carbondale Police Department full accreditation status. Police Chief Steve Odum and Sergeant Paul Echols, who serves as the Accreditation Manager for the Police Department, attended the conference to represent the Department for accreditation and accept the award.

This is the fourth time the City of Carbondale Police Department has been granted full accreditation status. The Department was initially accredited in 1991

and was re-accredited in 1996 and 2001. In order to be granted accreditation, the Police Department must demonstrate compliance with over 400 standards, determined to be the "best practices" in policing. The City of Carbondale Police Department was one of 83 departments accredited at the Buffalo conference and is one of about 600 agencies nationwide to hold accredited status.

City of Carbondale Police Chief Steve Odum presented the plaque in honor of their national certification to the Mayor and City Council at the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, September 21, 2004.

## Facility Renovations and New Faces at the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center

This fall the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center welcomed its students and the new school year with a freshly renovated and remodeled facility and classrooms, visible from the moment you step onto the threshold.

Classrooms, offices and restroom facilities as well as connecting hallways have been completely converted from floor to ceiling, with installation of new ceiling tile, flooring, removal of room dividers, and bright and colorful paint throughout. Every room, including the hallways also received new lighting. The renovation of the facility also included replacement of classroom furniture, required play rugs and computers for each classroom. In addition,

telephone, security and computer systems have been upgraded and security cameras and monitors for the classrooms and the playgrounds will be installed in the next month. External improvements have been made to enhance the property as well.

The updated Center is currently under new management with the hiring of Jill Johnson in October to serve as the Child Care Center Director. Ms. Johnson brings to Carbondale an extensive background in Child Care, with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She has worked with young children for 15 years as a Head Start Preschool Teacher

and as a Director of a Child Care Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Child Care Center, which has been under City operation since 1975, provides affordable, quality childcare to families who need subsidized assistance, for parents who work, attend school or are in job training. If you live or work in Carbondale we invite you to consider the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center when you are looking for quality child care. We invite you to stop by and visit the newly remodeled Child Care Center located at 441 East Willow Street in Carbondale. The Child Care Center is enrolling children, infant to 12 years of age. For more information or to enroll a child, call 457-3302.

## Action Groups Report Progress, Encourage More Participation

Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, a project of the City's Human Relations Commission, has made significant progress over the last few months. At the May 1 Action Forum, various issues were voted as priorities for the Carbondale community. On Saturday, October 9, interested citizens and participants gathered at the Carbondale Civic Center to hear progress reports from each of the action groups. Here are some highlights:

**The Housing and the Neighborhood Groups** have combined their efforts to focus on rental housing, which impacts most neighborhoods in Carbondale. They are looking at city codes, including zoning, and how they are enforced; and landlord/tenant issues, with a focus on problems that arise with leases. They hope to bring a proposal to the next meeting of the Human Relations Commission. They are also working on increasing the number and effectiveness of neighborhood associations around town. A survey was conducted at the National Night Out in August to find out what neighborhood activities were already taking place, from Neighborhood Watches to Block Parties. The group will be following up on the information gathered.

**The Swimming Pool Group** wants Carbondale citizens to start talking about what they would like to see in an aquatic complex. The group's mission is "to provide the Carbondale area with a sense of community and to promote lifelong fitness through aquatic recreational and educational opportunities for all ages". Their motto will be, "Make a Splash for Carbondale." To encourage people's imaginations, the group will be hosting presentations from various companies that have built aquatic complexes in the region. These presentations will be held at the Civic Center and will be open to the public. The purpose is to provide

information and generate interest in and enthusiasm for an aquatic complex in Carbondale. **The Diversity Group** identified a need for students to learn about the many community-oriented groups in Carbondale. This group collected and distributed handouts from various organizations at the Welcome Fest, held at the SIUC Arena in August. The group has also put together a mission statement, and their future plans include a film and discussion series, a reading group, and skill-sharing workshops. **The Bucky Fuller Group** is working with the Board of Directors of the RBF Dome on the preservation and promotion of the Buckminster Fuller Dome Home, a residence for Bucky Fuller when he taught at SIUC, which is now on a list of ten most endangered historical sites in Illinois. Six architectural firms have submitted bids and plans for restoring the Dome. A commemorative Buckminster Fuller Stamp was released in July, and over 300 people visited the Dome, which was a functioning post office for the occasion. About \$3000 was raised that day selling limited edition cachets (still available at Kaleidoscope).

More information is available at [www.buckysdome.org](http://www.buckysdome.org). In addition to these groups the May Action Forum established groups to deal with Beautification, Student-Community Relations, Information, and Dialogue. Reports are anticipated from these groups in the upcoming months.

If you are interested in learning more about the Carbondale Conversations for Community Action committees or in the next meeting for any of these groups, we encourage you to contact the Study Circles Office at 549-5302x386 and leave your phone number, or send an e-mail to [study-circles@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:study-circles@ci.carbondale.il.us). All meetings are open to the public and it is never too late to get involved.

## Be Prepared When Winter Weather Arrives

Carbondale enjoys relatively mild winters in comparison to northern Illinois and much of the midwest, however there are times each winter when cold weather with snow and ice visits Carbondale. Here are a few tips to help you be prepared for inclement weather:

**Have your heating system checked by a heating contractor.** Make sure it is in good working order and that the chimney or flue pipe are not obstructed. This is also a good time to install a carbon monoxide detector (if you have gas cooking and/or heating appliances) and smoke detectors if you do not already have them. Check to make sure that detectors in your home are working properly.

**Protect your water and sewer pipes from freezing.** Keep cold air from reaching the pipes. If you leave your home for a winter break or

vacation, do not turn off the heat. You may want to turn down the heat to conserve energy, but keep enough heat in the house to keep the pipes from freezing.

**Be prepared in the event of snow and ice.** Make sure you have shovels to clear snow off of your sidewalk and the sidewalk along the street in front of your home and a supply of salt to melt the ice. The Carbondale City Code requires tenants and property owners to remove snow and ice from the public sidewalks adjoining their property. If you plan to be away from your home for a winter break or vacation during the winter months make sure you have arranged for someone to remove the snow and ice in your absence.

**Keep an emergency kit and a few days supply of food and water on hand.** In the event of a blizzard there may be days when you are not able to get to the store.

**Be prepared in the event of loss of electricity and heat.**

In the event of an ice storm, electric and telephone lines may be pulled down by the weight of the ice. Make sure you have an ample supply of warm clothes and blankets and sources for emergency light.

**Winterize your vehicle before cold weather arrives.** Pack an emergency safety kit to store in your vehicle.

**Dress in layers.** If you have to be outside in the cold, dress appropriately and do not over exert yourself. Several thin layers of clothing are better than one or two layers of heavy clothing. If you start getting hot you can remove layers. If you get wet from sweat, you can increase your chances of getting hypothermia when you start cooling off. Remember to use caution when shoveling snow. Shoveling wet, heavy snow can lead to sore backs or even heart attacks.

# Carbondale City Calendar

## November

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Wednesday - 3rd & 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Tuesday - 9th & 16th	City Council	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 - 2nd	Partnership for Disability Issues	1:30 pm
Monday - 15th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
<b>Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations</b>		
Wednesday - 10th	Library Board, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Tuesday - 16th	Elem. School Dist. #95 1150 E. Grand, Middle School	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 17th	CCHS School Dist. #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
<b>THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON:</b> Thursday, November 11, 2004 in honor of the Veteran's Day Holiday; Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26 in honor of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.		

## December

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Wednesday - 1st & 15th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Tuesday - 7th & 21st	City Council	7:00 pm
Monday - 13th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
<b>Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue</b>		
Monday - 6th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 16th	Energy & Environmental Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 20th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
<b>Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations</b>		
Wednesday - 8th	Library Board, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 16th	CCHS School Dist. #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 28th	Elem. School Dist. #95 1025 N. Wall St., Thomas School	7:00 pm
<b>THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON:</b> Friday, December 24, 2004 in honor of the Christmas Holiday; Friday, December 31 in honor of the New Year's Day Holiday.		

# 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](mailto:jhayes@ci.carbondale.il.us) for detailed information and a loan application.

# Reglamento para la colocación de letreros

¿Sabía Ud. que las ordenanzas de la Ciudad de Carbondale prohíben la colocación de carteles, avisos o volantes en propiedades públicas dentro de los límites de la Ciudad de Carbondale? La Sección 10-2-16 del Código Revisado de Carbondale dice: "Nadie colocará o fijará o autorizará o dirigirá la colocación o fijación de ningún aviso, cartel, volante o ningún otro papel o artefacto con el propósito de llamar la atención del público, en ningún poste del servicio público, instalación, poste del alumbrado eléctrico, árbol, arbusto, acera, señal o poste

de señal; o en ninguna estructura o edificio público; excepto cuando sea autorizado o requerido por la ley. Se presumirá que el dueño o persona encargada de cualquier negocio o evento promovido por medio de tal aviso, cartel, volante u otro papel o artefacto haya colocado o fijado, autorizado o dirigido la colocación o fijación de dicho aviso, cartel, volante u otro papel o artefacto;...". Las ordenanzas de la Ciudad también prohíben la colocación de volantes, folletos, carteles, avisos u otros papeles o artefactos en vehículos sin el

consentimiento de su dueño antes de la colocación.

Estas ordenanzas no pretenden prevenir que la gente coloque avisos en las fachadas o vitrinas de negocios con la autorización del dueño de la tienda o negocio. Pretenden mantener la estética de la comunidad bien cuidada y bonita y reducir la cantidad de basura y de escombros dentro de la Ciudad y del cercano Shawnee Forest.

Con su ayuda, ¡podemos mantener bonita la Ciudad de Carbondale!

# Grant Funds Assist Carbondale Preservation Commission Projects

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission has recently completed its photo display project. The project, partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, included the design and development of high quality display materials for permanent informational exhibits. These new exhibits will be used at various venues including Carbondale Main Street events, Southern Illinois University student activities and various functions

held by civic organizations. The display will help promote the Carbondale Preservation Commission's mission, the General History of Carbondale, the History of Town Square and other programs and activities. The display project was completed at the beginning of October 2004, and examples from the project are shown.

Progress continues on the Carbondale Preservation Commission's current projects which include a photo archiving

project and the "Early Carbondale History" oral history project.

The photo archive, a long-term project through which the Preservation Commission is compiling and indexing photos of local historical interest, is expanding. The Commission appreciates the donation or loaning of photographs for additions to this project. The Commission will gladly make photo-quality copies of any photographs that members of the public would like to share. If you

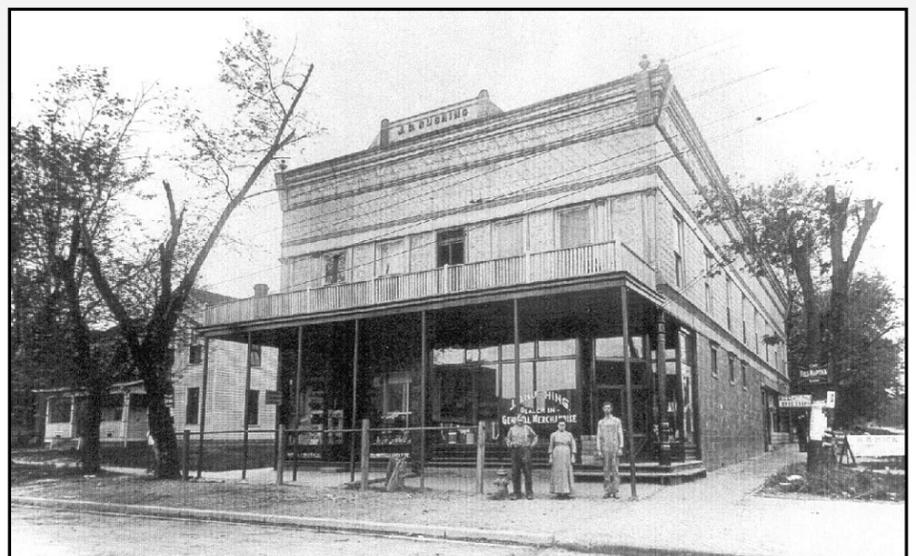
are interested in this project, or would like to view its current progress, please visit the City of Carbondale Planning Services Division in City Hall located at 200 S. Illinois Avenue in Carbondale.

The Preservation Commission also continues to coordinate efforts for local groups and individuals to become involved in the "Early Carbondale History" oral history project. The Preservation Commission conducted an oral history

orientation with an enthusiastic group of about 20 Carbondale area citizens on September 14, 2004. Those in attendance were in various stages of beginning and conducting oral history projects of their own. If you or a group to which you belong are interested in finding out more about the oral history project, please contact Joe Hinton in the City of Carbondale Planning Services Division at 457-3235 or by email at [jhinton@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:jhinton@ci.carbondale.il.us).



The Club Saloon, as it appeared around 1900, was located in the 100 block of N. Washington Street.



The J.D. Rushing building was located at 300 S. Illinois Avenue.

Haven't You Heard...



**Saturday December 4, 2004**

Lights Fantastic Parade Begins at 6:30 p.m.  
Travels from Grand Avenue to Jackson Street to Washington Street  
Over 70 lighted entrees  
Fantastic Santa Float Completes the Parade  
Pre-Parade Activities begin at 3:00 p.m.

**Town Square Pavilion**

Pony Rides, Concessions and Winter Activities

**Carbondale Civic Center**

Third Floor Rock - Playing a mix of groovy holiday music and Beatles tunes  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**Rotary Club of Carbondale - Breakfast Chili Supper**

Catered by Mary Lou's Restaurant  
Chili, Vegetable Sticks, Desert, Tea or Coffee  
5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

**The Fine Art of Wreath Design  
Silent Auction & Design Exhibit**

November 30 - December 5  
Closing Reception 2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. on December 5, 2004

Look for the Fantastic Winter Weekend Brochure  
and Poster Available in November.

For More Information Contact Carbondale Main Street at  
529-8040 or Carbondale Community Arts at 457-5100.

## Sharing the Responsibilities of Pet Ownership

by **Cindy Nelson, Animal Control Officer**

Christmas is just around the corner and many children may have a new puppy under the tree on Christmas morning. Few things mean more to a child than having a new puppy to play with, but puppies need looking after and children need a clear understanding of what their role in caring for the new pet will be.

Some parents will not bring home a dog or puppy unless they make a bargain that the child assumes full responsibility for the totally dependent animal. Other parents are fearful of the child assuming any of the pet care chores for fear of harming the animal and/or the child. There are some aspects of pet care that should always be handled by an adult. However, there are many activities connected with a pet's health and happiness that can and should be shared or can be designated as the sole responsibility of the younger members of the household.

Shared responsibility of walking the dog and feeding the dog are tasks that most children, depending on their age can accept responsibility for. Grooming is another pleasant activity that children love to get involved with and is a task they can accomplish by themselves. Simple medical chores such as giving medicine, changing dressings, and checking for fleas are not very difficult and can help a child develop a sense of responsibility as a pet owner. There are also activities that can be shared by all members of the family, such as a trip to the veterinarian's office. Bathing the dog can also be a shared experience or one that older children can accomplish on their own. Sharing these responsibilities will make pet ownership rewarding for the whole family.

Remember the 2 L's - License & Leash.

## Holiday Fire Safety Tips

### From the City of Carbondale Fire Department

The holiday season is close upon us. To keep your holiday season joyful, we would like to take a few moments to discuss important fire safety issues. Holiday safety should be part of our planning when preparing for these festive days.

#### A Few Suggestions

- Be sure to test your smoke detectors.
- Clean the oven and range prior to the holidays. Often the extra cooking on these appliances causes a fire due to the high use and extra grease build-up. Keep kitchen clutter away from the range and oven.
- Take extra care when handling matches and candles. Make sure candles are made of flame retardant materials. Always place candles in non-combustible containers.
- Avoid loose, flammable clothing. Clothing often catches on fire around candles, matches, fireplaces, and ranges (both electric and gas).
- Keep decorations away from sources of heat such as open flames, electric heaters, and exposed electric bulbs.

#### Christmas Tree Safety

- Make a fresh cut in the trunk of your tree and place the tree in a sturdy base filled with water. Make sure to check the water level in the base daily.
- Spray the Christmas tree with a flame re-tardant.
- Place the tree away from heat sources, such as

fireplaces and heaters.

- Do not use candles on or near the tree.
- Safely dispose of your tree before it becomes dangerously dry, however never burn your tree or tree parts in the fireplace.

#### Christmas Light Safety

- Purchase only UL approved lights. Miniature lights are the safest because they produce less heat.
- Check all indoor and outdoor lights prior to use for frayed cords. Do not use lights that have frayed cords or have an empty socket.
- Lights should not touch combustible materials.
- Use only outdoor lights when decorating "outdoors".
- Turn off all Christmas lights prior to leaving your home or going to bed.
- Do not overload electrical circuits, such as wall outlets and extension cords; use a circuit strip. It is best to avoid using extension cords but if you choose to, follow instructions carefully.

#### Christmas Wrappings

- Keep combustible materials away from heat sources.
- Never burn wrappings in your fireplace.

If you would like more information, please contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department at 457-3234.

## Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The City of Carbondale Forestry Division will conduct curbside Christmas tree recycling during the period beginning January 3 and ending January 28, 2005. Trees should be placed at curbside on the same day as the City collects refuse and recycling in the resident's area. Collection and chipping will occur the following day. Those wishing to discard trees at times other than their normal refuse day may use one of the following neighborhood drop-off sites (WATCH FOR SIGNS):

- Public Works Complex on North Michaels Street (at gate)
- East Recycling Drop-Off Center on East College located in the parking lot west of Stor-N-Lok
- Parrish Park parking lot on West Sunset Drive (East end)
- Attucks Park south parking lot on North Wall Street

Please discard pine rope, wreaths, and flocked trees with regular refuse.

Questions about this program may be directed to the Environmental Services Manager or the City Forester at 549-5302, Ext. 332.

## NOTICE of Seasonal Leaf Collection

Carbondale's Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will be offered during the months of November, December and one-half of January. Calls for service will be accepted beginning November 1, 2004, with the final calls being accepted January 14, 2005. Participating residents should first rake their leaves to curbside or street side and then call the Environmental Services Office for scheduling. Please do not block sidewalks or rake into ditches or gutters.

The fee during this special Seasonal Program period is \$17.00 for each collection. The regular fee outside the program period remains at \$27.00.

- Call 457-3275, 8am - 4 pm to schedule service
- Leave both name & address w/recorded message and identify as requesting loose leaf collection.

The Landscape Waste Bag & Bundle program will continue as usual. Those desiring collection of bagged leaves and grass or bundles or brush may continue to call the same number listed above and identify as requesting bag and bundle service.

Wayne Wheelles  
Manager of Maintenance and Environmental Services



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