



Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars Teeter-Carter-Watson Post 2605 worked with Carbondale Main Street to Develop the Veterans Memorial Plaza Wall that designates the Veterans Memorial Plaza located on the southeast quadrant of the Town Square. The Veterans Memorial Plaza Wall was dedicated to the City of Carbondale in July of 2004 and stands in memory of the City's Veterans. The plaza serves as the site of the annual Veterans Day Ceremony that will be held this year on Tuesday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Haven't You Heard...

Carbondale Prepares to Draft Long-Range Plan

The City of Carbondale will soon embark on drafting a new Comprehensive Plan that will serve as a policy document and official plan guiding growth and development of the community and its future growth area during the next decade. The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council in 1997, and since that time there have been a number of new developments and changes to the physical surroundings and economic climate that the new plan will take into consideration.

The Comprehensive Plan identifies the forces that have and will influence the City's land use pattern, social structure and economy and sets forth a planned response to the changes that they will likely bring. This plan will build on the relevant policies of the previous plans, by focusing on the current strengths of the community and recognizing future trends. Because of its nature, taking into account all facets of the community, it is rightly described as a "comprehensive" plan. It will be in place in Carbondale for much of

the next decade, and used as a template to guide community decision-making at many levels.

Funding to engage the services of a professional consultant firm to assist City staff in preparing the Comprehensive Plan are included in the City's FY 2009 budget. Upon selection of a consultant firm, it is anticipated that the Comprehensive Plan will take twelve 12-18 months to complete. Upon completion, the plan will be presented to the City Council for adoption.

To date a Comprehensive Plan Review Committee and a Housing Study Committee have been established to work with the professional consultants and City staff in preparing the Plan. In addition, there will be opportunities throughout the various stages of completing the Comprehensive Plan for public input and interaction. Informational meetings, community surveys, and discussion forums will be held. Updates about the updated plan will also be posted on the City's web site.

City and SIU Partner on Career Preparation Program

A collaborative effort between Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Career Preparation Program and the City of Carbondale opened in the Eurma C. Hayes Center located at 441 East Willow Street in Carbondale on September 2, 2008. This new office serves a dual purpose. It is an expansion of the Career Preparation Program, which strives to enhance academic skills in core areas such as reading, math and writing, as well as personal skills, and provides social services to prepare young students for post-secondary education. The office and expanded program also serves as a community-learning laboratory and features after-school academic assistance.

The Career Preparation Program employs SIUC students as mentors for the monthly October through May schedule and a two-week summer session. In addition, University academic departments are utilizing the expanded after-school program

as training labs, providing a means for SIUC students and faculty to gain work experience in the community, while helping young students strive to achieve academic success.

The Office of the Associate Chancellor for Diversity launched the Career Preparation Program many years ago, working with middle and high school students throughout the region through a monthly seminar and intensive two- or three-week summer academic program. The expanded program now goes beyond the monthly meetings, providing assistance to community youth on a continuous basis.

Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Anna Jackson, a lecturer in the SIUC English Department, serves as the coordinator for the Career Preparation Program. For more information about the program, contact Ms. Jackson at 536-6646.

From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

This edition of our newsletter has been organized to give special recognition to our veterans. As communities all around the nation pause to commemorate Veterans Day, we are taking this opportunity to share stories and information about veterans from our own past, present and future.

All of us probably have thoughts of loved ones or personal memories that involve military service. While I was not in the military, my dad served in the United States Navy during the Korean War and my uncle (his brother) had a long career in the Navy and was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. They both served with distinction and took pride in their affiliation with their service branch. I often wish I had followed in their footsteps and still have an affinity to the Navy because of them.

When my dad passed away in 2006, an honor guard was arranged for his

funeral and a special Navy honor guard assisted. I will never forget the 21-gun salute and the folding of the flag and its presentation to my mom by the senior Navy officer in command of the funeral detail. "On behalf of the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy and a grateful nation, I present to you the flag under which our faithful brother served," are the words that were spoken and that said so much with such respect and reverence.

We are at an interesting time in our nation's history and development. It is a time when so many veterans of World War II and the Korean War are aging and dying, when thousands of Vietnam-era veterans are reaching retirement, with a generation of Americans near my age that went without compulsory service, and now with a young, new cadre of veterans who are serving overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. This cycle of service and its impact on our society, and its effect on the individuals involved, might not be fully known for years or decades to come.

To all of the veterans and to all of those continuing to serve in reserve or active duty posts, we thank you. We thank you for your commitment to our country and for your part in preserving the ideals of a nation that knows that freedom is never free.

For us today, in Carbondale and everywhere in America, let us take time to reflect on our memories and to honor those who served in any number of different capacities and in any of the different branches of service. It is the least we can do.

Brad Cole, Mayor



Inscribed into the stone work at the Veterans Memorial Plaza are the words "They gave their today for our tomorrow" and the names of hundreds of Carbondale veterans who lost their lives during all the foreign wars to date.

Grant Received to Expand City Recycling Program

The City of Carbondale has been selected by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to receive \$60,000 in grant funds to aid the City in expanding its curbside recycling program to include mixed paper. These funds will be used to purchase recycle bins, promotional and educational materials, and aid in the purchase of a new recycling truck necessary in the expansion of the City's recycling collection program. The grant will be augmented by funds from the City's Solid Waste Fund which were approved in the City's FY2009 budget.

With these grant funds, and in cooperation with Southern Recycling Center in Carbondale, the City will be able to expand the current curbside recycling program to include mixed paper. Mixed paper includes all paper products typically generated by

residential households including newspapers, advertisements, magazines, junk mail (including window envelopes), cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, wrapping paper, colored paper, phone books, etc.

The expansion of the City's recycling program to collect mixed paper is dependent on two main processes, collection and disposal. The City's role in this expansion will be collection and Southern Recycling Center's role will be disposal. In order to facilitate the collection of mixed paper it is necessary to have an additional and separate recycling bin for curbside collection that will only be used for paper products.

It is anticipated that the collection of paper products under this program will begin in the spring of 2009. For more information contact the Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.

Join
Mayor Brad Cole
as he delivers the
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**Tuesday,
 December 9
 Carbondale
 Civic Center**

**Doors Open at 11am • Lunch at 11:30am
 Speech at 12:00pm
 \$15 • RSVP by December 1
 618-549-2146**

**BOARD OF FIRE
 AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
 FIRE FIGHTER EXAM**

A written examination and physical fitness assessment for the position of Fire Fighter will be given in the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois, Carbondale, at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 12, 2009. Candidates receiving a passing score on the written exam will be eligible to take the physical fitness assessment at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. 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. on Friday, December 26, 2008. The application, pre-employment agreement and information on the testing process are available at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall or may be downloaded from the City of Carbondale's website at www.ci.carbondale.il.us.

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Carbondale Civic Center



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Officers from the German Bundeswehr (national military) visited Carbondale on October 1, 2008, as part of their annual two-week study tour through the United States. Mayor Brad Cole provided a discussion on state and local government and presented each officer with a City of Carbondale baseball cap to commemorate their visit.

Carbondale Police Department Survey

The Carbondale Police Department continuously strives to improve services to the community. By taking a few minutes to complete this survey, you will help the department to meet the goal of providing the highest quality police service possible. The results will be tabulated to help in the establishment of training and service goals.

What was the nature of your most recent contact with the Carbondale Police?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I called to report an accident | <input type="checkbox"/> I was a witness to a crime or incident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was contacted about a problem/disturbance | <input type="checkbox"/> I was the victim of a crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I requested information | <input type="checkbox"/> I was involved in a traffic accident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was issued a traffic citation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Based on your most recent contact, please rate the performance of the officer or staff member.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Courtesy	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Knowledge	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Professionalism	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Attitude	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Response Time	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fairness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

What is your perception of crime community-wide in Carbondale?

- Major Problem Somewhat of a problem Minor problem No problem

The following apply specifically to your neighborhood: Always Usually Never

- Do you feel safe in your home? _____
- Are you comfortable walking in the day time? _____
- Are you comfortable walking at night? _____

Please identify three main problems/concerns in your neighborhood:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How can we improve the quality of our service in the future?

In which portion of the city do you live? (Use Main Street & the railroad tracks as the divider. South is South Illinois, south of Pleasant Hill Road)

- Northeast Southeast Northwest Southwest South Non-resident

How long have you lived in Carbondale?

- Less than One year 5-10 years
- 1-5 years More than 10 years

What is your age?

- 18-25 26-34 35-44 45-54 55-65 Over 65

I am Male Female

My race is:

- Asian Native American
- African-American White
- Hispanic Other

I am a student Yes No If yes, at which institution _____

Have you every been a victim of a crime in Carbondale? Yes No

Thank you for your time to complete this survey. Please mail the survey to: City of Carbondale Police Department, Attn: Sgt. Hank Banycky, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, Illinois 62902, or you may drop the form off at the Carbondale Police Department at 610 East College Street.

Haven't You Heard...

The City of Carbondale Salutes Employees That Have Served and Continue to Serve Our Great Country

Bateman, Bob	Army	Equipment Maintenance
Bonali, Mike	Army National Guard	Police Department
Boyd, Brad	Marines	Police Department
Bryant, Ronald	National Guard	Bldg./Neighborhood Services
Buritsch, Jeff	Marines	Police Department
Cross, Dee	Army Reserves	Police Department
Dysart, Gary	National Guard	Sewer Collection
Greer, Clayton	Marines	Water Distribution
Greer, Mike	Army	SEWWTP
Holmes, Jared	Army Reserves	Sewer Collection
Johnson, Jimmy	Navy	Fire Department
Jones, Mark	Army	Information Systems
Kimmel, Mike	Air Force	City Attorney
Kline, Jerry	Marines	Street Maintenance
Lam, Brad	Army	Fire Department
Ledbetter, Bob	Army Reserves	Police Department
Matthews, Kerry	Army	Fire Department
Michaels, Steve	Army	Police Department
Mieling, Ted	Army	Lake Management
Miller, Kevin	Army National Guard	Fire Department
Mitchell, Earl	Army	Street Maintenance
Myers, Bill	Air Force	Equipment Maintenance
Pengress, Robin	Navy	Engineering Division
Penn, Thomas	Army National Guard	Water Treatment Plant
Priddy, Scott	Army National Guard	NWWWTP
Quinn, Blake	Army	Police Department
Reamy, Dale	Army Reserves	Police Department
Reno, Heather	Army National Guard	Police Department
Ruhe, Eric	Navy	Police Department
Simpson, Kristina	Army National Guard	Police Department
Sisk, Carl	Army National Guard	Fire Department
Stearns, Calvin	Marines	Police Department
Stearns, Mark	Air Force	Police Department
Stiff, Keith	Army Reserves	Police Department
Street, Zachary	National Guard	Police Department
Tessone, Ernie	Army	Finance Department

Welcome Home Jared Holmes

Jared Holmes is a Utility Maintenance Worker for the City of Carbondale in the Sewer Collection Division. Holmes recently returned from Iraq. Jared joined the Army Reserves, Unit 318th out of St. Louis, Jefferson Barracks, in May 2006. He was assigned to Psychological Operations (Psy-OP) and graduated in October 2006 out of Ft. Bragg. Shortly after completing his training, Jared was deployed to Iraq for 14 months during which time his unit, in three man teams, interacted with local people in the Baghdad area to gather and distribute information. Jared Holmes was wounded in a grenade explosion in June 2007. He was transferred to a

hospital in Germany and then back to Ft. Bragg for treatment. On a more enjoyable trip, he was able to visit Ireland while on leave. Jared says the experience in Iraq was both good and bad. He was amazed by the completely different culture of that country. Along with all City employees who extend their thanks to Jared for his service, Mayor Brad Cole noted, "it is through the service and patriotism of men and women such as Jared Holmes that our country remains a beacon for freedom and democracy; for that, all of our veterans deserve recognition."

21st Annual Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery Campaign

To save lives and prevent needless injuries in Carbondale, the City of Carbondale Fire Department has joined forces with Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the 21st year of the Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery® campaign. The program urges all people to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries when changing clocks back to standard time each fall. Changing smoke alarm batteries at least once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce these tragic deaths and injuries. In fact, working smoke alarms nearly cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire. Additionally, the International Association of Fire Chiefs recommends replacing your smoke alarms every ten years. Communities nationwide witness tragic home fire deaths each year. An average of two children per day die in home fires and 80 percent of those occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Non-working smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits home fire safety devices were designed to provide. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms: worn or missing batteries. "The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when most families are sleeping"

says Fire Chief John Michalesko. "Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths. Children and senior citizens are most at risk, and a working smoke alarm can give them the extra seconds they need to get out safely." In addition, Chief Michalesko recommends that residents use the "extra" hour they save from the time change to test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors by pushing the test button, planning "two ways out" and practicing escape routes with the entire family. Families should also prepare a fire safety kit that includes working flashlights and fresh batteries. to die in a home fire. Many seniors are unable to escape quickly. The City of Carbondale Fire Department will provide and install at no charge a smoke detector for any disadvantaged persons' home in Carbondale. Our department will also provide a free battery to our citizens that cannot afford to purchase one. We encourage our citizens to take advantage of this program. For more information about fire safety, call the City of Carbondale Fire Department at 457-3234 or the Keep Safe. Keep Going® hotline at 314-727-5700, ext.104.

Carbondale Recibe Subvención para Mejorar la Seguridad en las Escuelas

La Ciudad de Carbondale recibirá \$22,875 del Departamento de Justicia de Estados Unidos para mejorar la seguridad en las escuelas públicas. El Departamento de Justicia está adjudicando aproximadamente \$1.58 millones, por medio de su Oficina de Servicios Policiacos Orientados a la Comunidad, a 12 ciudades de Illinois y a agencias del cumplimiento de la ley del programa "Aseguremos Nuestras Escuelas". El gobierno está

otorgando \$14.4 millones a nivel nacional para este programa. La subvenciones pueden utilizarse para pagar hasta la mitad del costo de la instalación de equipo de detección de metales, para cerraduras y para alumbrado, y también para el entrenamiento de personal y para hacer evaluaciones de la seguridad. Carbondale es la única ciudad del Sur de Illinois que va a recibir dinero a través de este programa.

Thank you for your patience as we removed tree and limb debris from recent storms.

Tribute to Veteran James Henry Hogan, Jr.

Although many loyal men and women sought to join the war effort, African Americans were initially denied the opportunity to serve their country in World War II. However, as the war continued it was determined that the war effort required additional manpower. The United States military began allowing African Americans to start serving in the war, and within a few years, these patriotic men and women were joining fellow Americans to fight. African Americans from Carbondale were among those men that served in the war effort. Mr. James Henry Hogan Jr. not only served in World War II, but was the first African American from Carbondale to lose his life for the love of his country during that conflict.



James Henry Hogan, Jr.

Hogan was born January 8, 1925 in Clarksdale, Mississippi where his parents were sharecroppers. The family first moved to Missouri, and then to Carbondale. Being the youngest of twelve children, Hogan arrived in Carbondale around age 4. The family lived at 303 E. Oak Street. Reverend Archibald Mosley lived across the street from Hogan. Hogan and Mosley grew up together. One of their favorite past times was playing baseball together. Growing up during the depression, the boys did not have the luxury of having balls and bats, or even a field to play on. Dusty and unpaved Oak Street became their playing field, sticks became baseball bats, and their parents' old stockings were bundled together to make a ball. Hogan and Mosley also played basketball together. Here again they used their creativity to substitute buckets for basketball hoops. Mr. Hogan attended Bethel

AME Church in his youth and attended Attucks School, where he and Charles A. Brown were classmates. Attucks School, named after Crispus Attucks, was a school for African American children in Carbondale from the 1920's through the 1960's. Hogan's enjoyment of sports led him to play basketball for the school team, the Attucks Bluebirds. All who knew Hogan described him in positive ways. Reverend Mosley remembered Hogan as being very honest and someone you could trust. Mr. Brown remembered Hogan as a serious student, one who never joked around or played pranks. Hogan graduated from Attucks in 1943, a time when all of his classmates were drafted into the war.

Although all of Hogan's classmates were drafted in 1943, he was deferred and did not get drafted until a year later. Hogan was first stationed in Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and then sent to Europe to fight. James Henry Hogan, Jr. died of wounds in Italy by the Rhine River in 1944. He is buried in Carbondale's historic Woodlawn Cemetery.

Testing of Outdoor Warning Sirens

Outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. During inclement weather, sirens will not be tested. If a siren is sounded other than during a scheduled test, this would indicate an actual emergency. Remember that a watch means

that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop and a warning means that severe weather is occurring and you should take shelter immediately. For more information please contact the Emergency Management Services Department at 457-3245.



CITY OF CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS NOTICE OF ELECTION

On Tuesday, April 7, 2009, the City of Carbondale will hold an election for the purpose of selecting three City Council Members for four-year terms. Information and nomination forms are now available in the City Clerk's Office. Petitions must be filed in the City Clerk's Office from December 8 through December 15, 2008. If thirteen or more persons file for City Council Member, a primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. The City Clerk's Office is located in Room 165 of City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Questions may be addressed to Carbondale City Clerk Janet Vaught at 457-3280 or via e-mail at jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Carbondale City Calendar

November

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 18th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 5th & 19th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 10th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other Scheduled Meetings At The Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue

Monday - 3rd	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 17th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 20th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

Wednesday - 12th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 20th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Tuesday - 18th	Elementary School District #95 Administrative Center, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm

THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Tuesday, November 11, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday refuse collection routes will be pushed back one day that week. Monday's refuse collection route will not be affected. City Hall Offices will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The City's Thursday refuse collection route will be collected on Friday that week. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday refuse collection routes will not be affected.

December

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

Other Scheduled Meetings At the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue

Monday - 1st	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 18th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

Wednesday - 10th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 18th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 18th	Elementary School District #95 Thomas School, 1025 N. Wall Street	7:00 pm

THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED AT: Noon on Wednesday, December 24, and all day on Thursday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday. Thursday's refuse collection route will be collected on Friday that week. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday refuse collection routes will not be affected. City Hall Offices will also be closed on Thursday, January 1, for the New Years Day holiday. Thursday's refuse collection route will be collected on Friday that week. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday refuse collection routes will not be affected.



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CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE

Haven't You Heard...

18th Annual
Lights Fantastic Parade
Saturday, December 6, 2008
Carbondale, Illinois
6:00 pm

Parade will begin at Mill Street and South Illinois Avenue.

This year Grand Avenue will remain open to through traffic.

Seasonal Leaf Collection Program Offered Thru Jan. 31, 2009

Carbondale's Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program is being offered during the months of November, December and January. Calls for the vacuum collection service will be accepted from November 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009. The fee during this special program period is \$20.00 for each collection. (Note that the regular fee for vacuum leaf collection is \$30.00).

City of Carbondale Residents desiring to participate in the program should first rake their leaves to the curbside or street side (please be sure not to block streets, sidewalks, ditches or gutters), then call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 and request a 'Vacuum Leaf Collection'.

Calls for service will be accepted 24 hours a day by leaving a message at the above number. Please be sure to leave your name, address and telephone

number and identify your request as 'Vacuum Leaf Collection'. If you would like to speak to a person directly, please call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The City's Landscape Waste Bag & Bundle program will continue as usual with scheduled pickup on Wednesday and Friday of each week. Those desiring collection of bagged leaves and grass, or bundles of brush may continue to place their landscape waste in clear bags or tied bundles and purchase and affix one sticker to each bag or bundle. Once you place the bags or bundles curbside, please call the number listed above and leave your address along with your request for 'Bag and Bundle' or 'Landscape Waste Collection' and you will be scheduled the following Wednesday or Friday.

Reminder: No Burn Ordinance Within City Limits

It is unlawful to burn refuse, landscape waste or any other combustible material within the City of Carbondale with the exception of recreational fires contained in an approved device designed for such

purpose. Fires on the ground, in "fire pits" or open containers are not allowed. For additional information please contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department Administrative Office at 457-3234.

Ordinance Promotes Pedestrian Safety During Winter Weather

Snow, sleet, and ice on sidewalks is hazardous to pedestrians, particularly those who are elderly or disabled. Carbondale is also home to a large number of student residents who walk to and from school. In order to help promote safe travel for pedestrians, City Ordinance requires owners and occupants of properties adjoining public sidewalks to keep those sidewalks clear of snow, sleet or ice accumulation. This Ordinance requires that a path of at least 30 inches wide be cleared on sidewalks within 48 hours after the end of a snow or other freezing precipitation event.

Occasionally snow, ice, sleet, or freezing rain

on a sidewalk becomes so hard that it cannot be reasonably removed without damaging the sidewalk. In these situations, a sufficient amount of sand or some other abrasive material should be placed on the sidewalk to make travel as safe as possible until the frozen material can be removed. Being proactive and removing snow, sleet, or ice from the sidewalk soon after the freezing precipitation has ended usually makes the removal and clearing process much easier.

If you have any questions about the City's snow and ice removal requirements, please contact the City of Carbondale's Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

Reminder to Move Vehicles During Snow, Sleet or Ice

Parking is prohibited on Emergency Snow Routes during a snow emergency. A snow emergency is automatically declared when an accumulation of snow and/or ice exceeds two inches. When this occurs, parking on any portion of an Emergency Snow Route street is prohibited, and vehicles will be towed so the snow plows can safely clear the streets.

Permanent signs are posted on each street that is designated as an Emergency Snow Route. These streets are given primary attention during snow, sleet, and ice removal operations.

When snow or other freezing precipitation is

forecasted, please make arrangements to move your vehicle(s) to the driveway or garage so that you may avoid having your vehicles towed and or blocked in by piles of compacted snow.

As the streets designated as Emergency Snow Routes become substantially clear of snow, sleet and ice (clear from edge to edge, for the length of an entire block) the "no parking" snow emergency is terminated and parking is again allowed on the street.

If you have questions, please contact the City of Carbondale's Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.

Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program Begins Jan. 5, 2009

The City of Carbondale Forestry Division will conduct its annual Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling Program from January 5, 2009 through January 30, 2009. Residents desiring to participate in this program should place their Christmas trees curbside on their normal refuse and recycling collection day (please note that the actual collection and chipping of the trees will occur the following day). Any residents wishing to dispose of their Christmas trees on days other than their normal refuse day may also take their Christmas trees to one of the following neighborhood drop-off sites:

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

Please discard pine rope, wreaths, garland, and flocked trees with regular refuse. Questions about this program may be directed to the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 or to the City Forester at 549-5302 ext. 332.

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 call 457-3302 or visit 441 East Willow Street, Carbondale, Illinois.