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Downtown development quickly taking shape

After several days of rainy weather, construction work was in overdrive Thursday afternoon at the growing development project on the Strip in Carbondale, where a new, five-story apartment complex is rapidly taking shape. The building, dubbed Evolve, is being constructed at the site that until recently was home to 710 Bookstore. The building, which will include retail space on the ground floor, is expected to be ready for occupancy in fall 2015.

Carbondale Downtown Master Plan Meetings Provide Opportunity for Public Input

The Downtown Advisory Committee, appointed by the Carbondale City Council to solicit public input on what a new Downtown Carbondale should look like, is off to a very productive start. Since August, the Committee has been hosting a series of public meetings to discuss topics including vision and strategy, transportation, traffic and parking, business development, interfaces between SIU and SIH (Memorial Hospital), and signage and street-scapes, and arts and entertainment in Downtown Carbondale. A meeting scheduled for November 12 at Carbondale Community High School at 6:30 p.m. will address economic, civic and neigh-

borhood viability and a meeting a scheduled for December 3rd at the Carbondale Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. will focus on vision and strategy, as well as other areas of interest or concern that may be identified.

There is great enthusiasm and anticipation for the changes this new plan could have in store for Downtown Carbondale in years to come. Some of the recommendations received to date involve bringing a multi-purpose inter-modal transportation center to the middle of the district, constructing more outdoor patios and cafes, implementation of two-way street traffic to create a more pedestrian friendly destination, bike paths to link the downtown more

seamlessly to the university, and more art and landscaping. The last Downtown Master Plan for Carbondale which was completed in 1989 resulted in significant developments in Carbondale's downtown district that included: Consolidation of City Hall and the construction of a new Civic Center to hold public and private events, rehabilitation of the Town Square and restoration of the Old Illinois Central Railroad Station for public use, and construction of the railroad underpass on Mill Street that has served as a convenient route and helped alleviate long lines of traffic traveling east and west through the community.

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Mayor's Corner

What Is Expected of a City Council Member or the Mayor in Carbondale?

I have had the opportunity to observe Carbondale City Council Members and Mayors carrying out their duties for over 40 years. But there is nothing like actually filling one of those positions to fully grasp what all is involved with the position. I was elected to the City Council in April 2011, and was selected to serve as Acting Mayor in February of this year when our previous Mayor resigned. This has given me direct experience as both a City Council Member and Mayor. Soon there will be an election of three City Council members and a new Mayor. Here are some thoughts on what it takes to serve as a City Council Member or as the Mayor or Carbondale:

Carbondale has a City Council/City Manager form of government. Basically the City Council as a whole (including the Mayor who has a vote on the City Council) sets policy for the City, and the City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the City. The City Manager is hired by the City Council and can be let go by the City Council. The City Manager in turn hires all other City employees and provides supervision for them, including discipline. The City is legally a municipal corporation. The role of the City Council is like that of a Board of Directors for the Corporation with the Mayor



Mayor Donald D. Monty

serving as Chairman of the Board and the City Manager serves as the Chief Executive Officer.

The formal role of the City Council involves passing ordinances (local laws), levying (imposing) taxes, approving the annual City budget, approving the payment of City bills, awarding contracts (for over certain amounts), authorizing the purchase and sale of real estate and establishing policies for the operation of the City. Ordinances considered by the City Council can be as simple as prohibiting littering to as complex as a Zoning Ordinance which regulates land use in the City and area within 1 and 1/2 miles of the city limits. Zoning issues are often the most difficult to decide.

Approving the City budget is a complex issue that requires balancing many interests. The City must have a balanced budget. That means making sure that there is as much in revenue as there will be in authorized expenditures. Thus,

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Carbondale City Council Meeting Schedule

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November / December 2014

November 18

Regular City Council Meeting

December 2

Regular City Council Meeting

December 16

Regular City Council Meeting

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the City Council has to weigh imposing fees and taxes to raise the revenue, and the City Council also has to decide what services the City will provide at what levels based on the available revenues. This is always a difficult decision for City Council members. Services include basics such as police and fire protection, providing water and sewer services, and providing good streets. But there are many other services provided by the City that residents want and expect the City to provide. In reality, the demands for services always exceed the funds available to provide the services. This requires that the City staff and City Council set priorities for expenditures. Sometimes the City is mandated by the State to make certain expenses but the State leaves it up to the local government to raise the money to pay the expenses. In the end the City Council has the ultimate responsibility to adopt a balanced budget.

By State law, the City regulates liquor sales in the city limits. This includes deciding where liquor will be sold, issuing liquor licenses, establishing regulations for the possession and sale of liquor, etc. In Carbondale, the City Council members constitute the membership of the Local Liquor Control Commission. Liquor issues can be controversial.

Obviously, dealing with all the issues described above, and many more, takes lots of time. The City Council meets about 22 times per year. Each meeting usually takes at least two hours, often three or more hours. A few days prior to each meeting City Council members receive a "Council packet" which contains the written background on each item and recommended actions. Depending on the complexity

of the agenda items, it can take a few to many hours to read all the material and prepare for the City Council meeting.

But attending and preparing for City Council meetings is only part of the responsibility for a City Council Member. Members are often approached by citizens in stores or other venues with questions or comments. Council Members receive letters, e-mail messages and telephone calls from residents. Responding to them takes time. City Council Members are often invited to local organizations' events. Although not required to do so, Council Members often attend these events. Sometimes issues of concern to a Council Member or resident result in Council Members doing substantial research on the issues. Training is important for any "job." City Council members have the opportunity to attend training sessions such as the annual three-day Illinois Municipal League meeting. All City-Council Members must take training on the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act. Some City Council members also serve on City boards or commissions or represent the City Council on other organization's boards.

The Mayor is a full member of the City Council. The Mayor can vote on every item before the City Council. The Mayor chairs the City Council meetings. The Mayor cannot veto legislation passed by the City Council. The state and federal governments recognize the Mayor as the "Chief Elected Official" of the community. Although this is a legal formality, many residents also look to the Mayor as the leader of the City government. Under Illinois law, the Mayor is vested with certain powers during times of natural

disaster or civil disorder. The Mayor can declare a "state of emergency" and take emergency actions (such as imposing a curfew, banning the sale of alcohol, requisitioning supplies, etc.). Those actions must be reported to the City Council. In Carbondale, the Mayor serves as the Chairperson of the Local Liquor Control Commission. In exceptional situations, the Chairperson can suspend liquor licenses for up to seven days without the action of the Local Liquor Control Commission.

The Mayor is the designated City official who signs deeds when the City sells real estate. The Mayor also is responsible for signing all ordinances and resolutions passed by the City Council and also signs the "warrant" approved by the City Council to pay the City's bills. The Mayor can issue proclamations recognizing individuals, organizations or events. The City Manager often confers with the Mayor in the Mayor's role as "leader" or the City Council. Sometimes this is just to give the Mayor a "heads up" about something happening or upcoming with City government. Other times, the City Manager is seeking the Mayor's opinion about issues. One thing that is very important is for the Mayor and City Manager to both remember their respective roles under the Council/Manager form of government. No individual City Council member or the Mayor can give direction to the City Manager. But once the City Council as a whole has given direction, it is up to the Mayor to make sure that the City Manager follows the City Council's direction.

The Mayor is "expected" to be at more meetings and events than City Council members. For example, I try to make every ribbon cutting for a new business. When economic development prospects are visiting Carbondale, the presence of the Mayor is more than just sym-

bolic of the City's interest in a project. There is an expectation that the Mayor will be at events such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day breakfast or the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. The Mayor is often asked to give a formal "welcome" message at local meetings or events. As Mayor, I have been asked to judge the Great Pumpkin Race. One role of Carbondale's Mayor is to be the sole judge of who will receive a scholarship provided from contributions to the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce for a Carbondale Community High School student to attend SIUC. It takes many hours to pour over all the applications and make this very important decision.

The Mayor is often called upon to write items. For example several times a year the Mayor writes this column for The Carbondale Communique and messages to be placed on the City's website. Sometimes it is necessary to write letters of support for various grant applications or permits. Other times a staff member may have drafted a letter for the Mayor's signature, but the Mayor needs to go over them carefully (and, if necessary, make changes) before signing them. The Mayor is his or her own "speech writer" whether for a simple welcome greeting at an event or making presentations at forums or meetings.

Just as City Council members are approached by citizens when out in public and receive e-mail messages and phone calls from members of the public, the Mayor has the same interaction with the public, but more so. Unlike City Council Members, the Mayor has an official office at City Hall. The Mayor is expected to be in the office for at least part of the day or evening most weekdays. Sometimes the Mayor goes to the office on weekends to catch up on things. Residents "drop in" to talk to the Mayor, or they make ap-

pointments to discuss matters. The Mayor receives many items of mail. Some are from residents expressing an opinion or seeking assistance. Others are official correspondence. The Mayor receives many e-mails every day at the office computer. Some are just informational, but others require a response. Residents are more likely to call the Mayor's office about an issue than to call a City Council Member.

The Mayor also serves as the City's official representative to the Southern Illinois Mayor's Association and is the City's voting member for the Illinois Municipal League. The Mayor is the City's representative on the Policy Board of the Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization (but this can be delegated to someone, if the Mayor so chooses). The Mayor is an ex-officio, non-voting, member of the Board of Directors of the Carbondale Business Development Corporation and the Carbondale Tourism Bureau Board. On the other side of the coin, the Mayor is the one who appoints persons to serve on City boards, commissions and committees. This is done with the advice and consent of the City Council. Finding qualified people to serve on the City's many boards, commissions and committees is challenging and takes considerable time.

Serving as a City Council Member or Mayor is an act of public service. There is a small amount of pay that goes with these positions, but the amount of time to do them well is far greater than what would be expected for a "part-time" job at that rate of compensation. All too often, elected officials are berated or scorned. Yes, there are some bad apples at all levels of government. We can disagree on policy matters. But in Carbondale, we can be proud of the dedication of those who serve on our City Council.

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Carbondale Splash Park Updates



The 8-lane competition pool is now complete and ready for water.



The lazy river is taking shape.

Carbondale Downtown Master Plan
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The meetings have been widely attended by residents, business owners, developers, and other persons interested in the development of the Downtown district. There is still time to join a committee and attend the public meetings. You can also follow the updates of the meetings on the website and provide

your thoughts on specific topics of interest through the website. The members of the committee are volunteers who care about Carbondale and are working to generate the best plan for downtown development. The committee invites interested citizens to get in touch with the committee at downtownplan@ci.carbondale.il.us.

For additional information and

to learn more about the Committee meetings and progress to date visit the Downtown Master Plan Advisory Committee Web site www.downtowncarbondale.com where you will find notices of upcoming meetings, meeting minutes and related announcements. The site also includes extensive information pertaining to Carbondale development and history.

PETITION PACKETS FOR CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE FILED NOVEMBER 17 – 24, 2014

In April 2015, the City of Carbondale will hold an election to select a Mayor and three City Council Members for four-year terms. Information and petition forms are available in the City Clerk's Office.

This election will be for the seats presently held by Acting Mayor Donald Monty, Councilwoman Jane Adams, Councilman Lance Jack, and Councilwoman Corene McDaniel. The seats of City Council Members Lee Fronabarger, Carolin Harvey, and Jessica Bradshaw expire in 2017.

Signed nominating petitions must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office during the statutory filing period of Monday, November 17, through Monday, November 24, 2014. Candidates should consult the 2015 Candidates Guide available through the Illinois State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov and are strongly advised to obtain legal counsel regarding their qualifications for office and how to correctly circulate, complete and file their petitions.

If five or more candidates file for the Mayoral seat or thirteen or more candidates file for the three City Council positions, a primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. The General Election will be held on April 7, 2015 and the elected Mayor and City Council Members will take office on May 5, 2015.

The City Clerk's Office is located in Room 165 of City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Phone inquiries may be addressed to the City Clerk's Office at 549-5302.

CARBONDALE PARK DISTRICT • CARBONDALE COMMUNITY ARTS

SPLASH of ART

The Carbondale Park District invites you to a community art exhibit and sale. Generous donations from local artists and collectors will be displayed at the:

Carbondale Civic Center Corridor Gallery
November 23rd - December 18th.

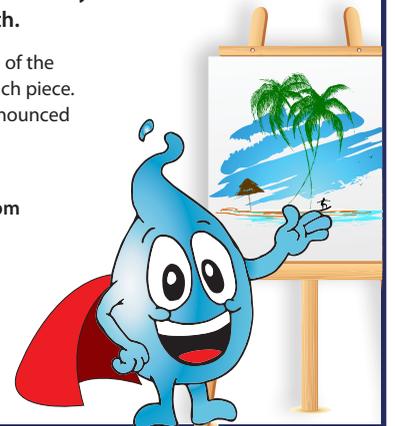
A Silent auction will run the duration of the exhibit, with bid sheets posted on each piece. Final bidding and winners will be announced at a reception featuring live music, refreshments, beer and wine

Thursday December 18th from 5-7pm

All proceeds to benefit the
Super Splash Park.

Carbondale Civic Center Corridor Gallery
200 S Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, IL

This exhibit is presented with collaborative support from Carbondale Community Arts.



Recent DRA Graduates



On September 11, Gary Williams was among 52 leaders that graduated from the Delta Leadership Institute at the Arkansas State Capitol in Little Rock. Pictured are IL DRA Board Designee Bill Stanhouse, DRA Co-Chairman Mike Marhsall, Federal DRA Co-Chairman Chris Masingill. Williams had the distinct honor of being chosen to speak at the DLI graduation ceremony, being recognized as the classmate that best embodied the spirit and character of the DLI. In attendance were former Clinton administration Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater, DRA state delegates, and members of the Delta Leadership Network.

Governor Quinn Announces Grant



On September 22, Governor Quinn was in Carbondale, Illinois and announced a \$4 million grant to construct a Regional Emergency Response Center at the Southern Illinois airport

Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Announces the 2015 Southern Illinois Home and Garden Exposition Set for March 28 and 29 at the SIU Arena

The latest in home improvement ideas and outdoor living products and services will be on display at the 2015 Southern Illinois Home and Garden Exposition, set for March 28 and 29 at the SIU Arena.

The show, organized by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce and presenting media partner River Radio, will offer home owners, do-it-yourselfers and outdoor living enthusiasts an opportunity to visit with area contractors, retailers and service providers offering a wide range of home and outdoor products and services.

"This event is sure to be a one-stop shop for people eager for the arrival of spring," explains Les O'Dell, executive director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. "The show will feature exhibits with all sorts of products for homes and yards, as well as ways to make outdoor living more enjoyable."

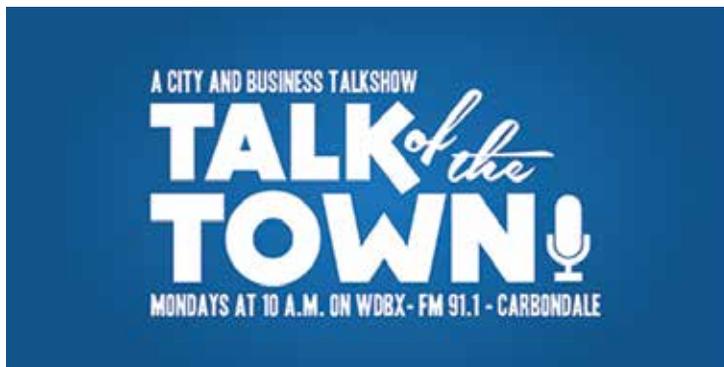


Organizers expect as many as 2,000 visitors to attend the two-day show. The event will be supported by extensive advertising on television, radio and in newspapers.

O'Dell added that the two-day expo will include a special area where children can undertake their own projects sponsored

by Lowe's Home Improvement Centers, a \$500 cash giveaway, a "sneak preview" of the Carbondale Farmers Market spring season and other surprises.

Information on the show, including how to reserve booth space, is available by calling the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce at (618) 549-2146.



Longbranch Café and Bakery receives bike racks from health department



The Jackson County Health Department Built Environment Action Team recently provided free bike racks to Carbondale businesses that included Varsity Center for the Arts, Boys & Girls Club, FWS Countertops, and Longbranch Café & Bakery.

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January 2015

January 6 – Council meeting
January 27 – Council meeting

February 2015

February 10 – Council meeting

March 2015

March 3 – Council meeting
March 24 – Council meeting

April 2015

April 14 – Council meeting
April 28 – Council meeting

May 2015

May 5 – Council meeting
May 19 – Council meeting

June 2015

June 9 – Council meeting
June 30 – Council meeting

July 2015

July 21 – Council meeting

August 2015

August 11 – Council meeting

September 2015

September 1 – Council meeting
September 15 – Council meeting

October 2015

October 6 – Council meeting
October 20 – Council meeting

November 2015

November 3 – Council meeting
November 17 – Council meeting

December 2015

December 8 – Council meeting
December 22 – Council meeting



Got Shoes? Too many?



Recycle them!



Handbags too!

Find a shoe recycling bin Nov. 10-25 at the **Thrift Shop (215 No. Illinois)**, & at **SIUC Student Center**. Plus, bins will be at the **Carbondale Farmers Markets** on November 8, 15, and 22.

Through Gateway2Give (www.gateway2give.com), donations are repurposed for sale in developing world countries, helping to grow micro businesses and local economies, while decreasing the load on local landfills. More info – keepcb1326@gmail.com or 618 525 5525



Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The City of Carbondale Forestry Division will conduct its annual Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling Program from January 2, 2014 through February 1, 2014. Residents who would like 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 later on in the week). 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 (618) 457-3275 or to the City Forester's Office at (618) 549-5302 ext. 332.

Applications Being Accepted for Homebuyer Assistance Grant Program

The City of Carbondale has received a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority. Over the next year, the Homebuyer Assistance Program will use these funds to assist lower-income persons with the purchase and rehabilitation of a home located within the Carbondale city limits.

Assistance Available: The maximum amount of assistance for the purchase and rehabilitation of a home is \$40,000. The Homebuyer program provides up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs, with the remaining funds for rehabilitation of the property in order to bring the dwelling up to the City's current housing codes. The homebuyer must provide at least \$1,000 towards the down payment, and qualify for and obtain financing from a participating lender. Based on the amount of assistance, this pro-rated, zero percent interest loan will be forgiven in five or ten years. Home owners must live in the house as their primary residence for the duration their loan.

Eligible Persons: Applicants must be a first-time homebuyer, or have not owned a home within the previous three years. The total household income, before taxes, must be less than or equal to 80% of the area median income. Income limits annually set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are based

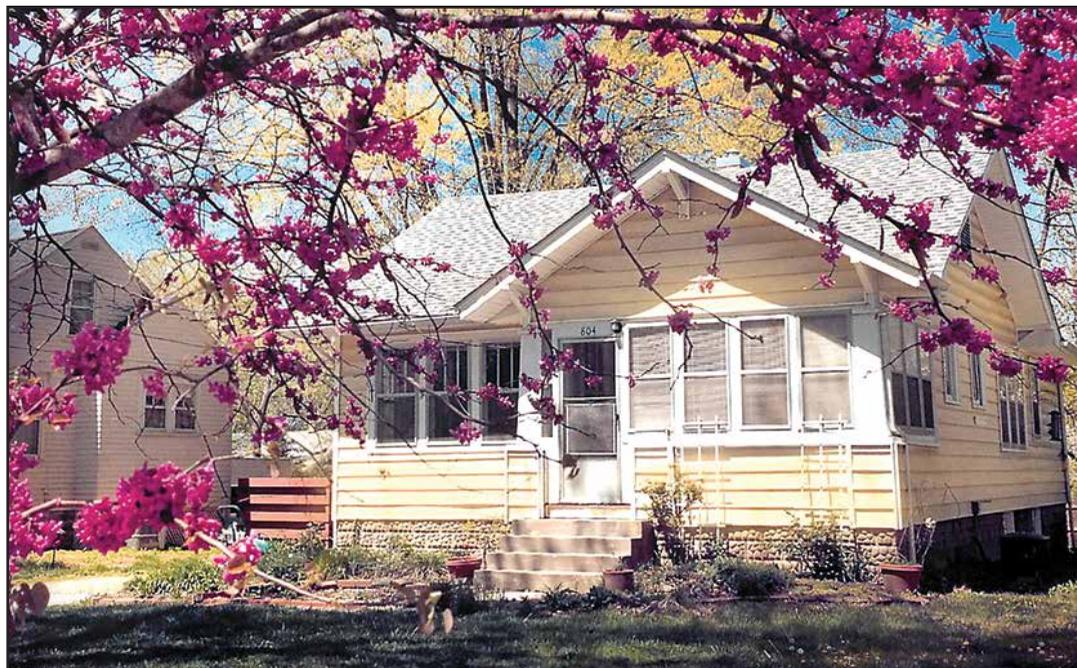
on the number of persons in the household. Currently the income limits are 1 person-\$32,700; 2 people-\$37,350; 3 people-\$42,000; 4 people-\$46,650; 5 people-\$50,400; 6 people-\$54,150; 7 people-\$57,850; and 8 people-\$61,600.

Private Financing for Home Purchase: City staff will evaluate information provided by the applicants to see if they meet basic program eligibility criteria. Eligible applicants will be required to attend a Homebuyer counseling program. Upon successful completion of the program, applicants will be able to contact participating local lenders to apply for a home loan. Persons participating in the program will apply separately to participating local lenders for the primary loan for the home purchase. The lenders will use their normal criteria to evaluate the loan applications and decide whether to approve or deny a loan.

Application Availability and Acceptance: If you are interested in further program information, please contact Travis Taylor at 457-3233.

The process from application to closing the sale on your new home may take several months. If you are interested in buying a home or are considering it for the future, you are urged to request application materials and submit them as soon as possible.

2014 Historic Preservation Award



D. Gorton and Jane Adams were awarded the 2014 Historic Preservation Award for the interior restoration of 804 W. Cherry Street. Photo Supplied by applicant D. Gorton

Historic Preservation Award Nominations due no later than March 6, 2015

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission is honored to be sponsoring the 10th Annual Historic Preservation Awards. Any property located within the Carbondale city limits is eligible for a Historic Preservation Award. Carbondale residents are invited to submit nominations for any property that they feel is deserving of an award.

Properties can be nominated in one of four categories:

- Preservation - This includes buildings that have been kept in their original architectural style and are being used for their

original purpose.

- Restoration - Properties that have been restored to their original style or appearance.

- Sympathetic Addition - Construction of an addition to an existing structure that is consistent with the original architectural style of the structure.

- Compatible New Construction - Any new structure that is consistent with the original architectural style of the neighborhood or that utilizes historic building materials and techniques.

Anyone can nominate a property; however owners are encour-

aged to nominate their own property. The award winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting in May in association with National Preservation Month. Nomination forms are available in the Planning Services Division Office in City Hall or can be found online at www.explorecarbondale.com. Please submit all applications by 4:30 p.m. on March 6, 2015.

For further information on the Historic Preservation Awards or any other activities of the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission contact the Planning Services Division at 618-457-3248.

Safety for Pedestrians During Winter Weather

Snow, sleet, and ice on sidewalks are 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 that 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 be-

comes 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 (618) 457-3237.

City Seeking Additional Housing Rehabilitation Contractors to Work in the Housing Rehabilitation Program

The City of Carbondale is seeking additional contractors to work in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The City administers grants for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) grant, the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA)

HOMEbuyer grant, and an IHDA Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation (SFOOR) grant. The City is currently administering both the Homebuyer and SFOOR programs and expects to begin a CDAP program at the beginning of 2015.

Contractors experienced in building and renovating homes are encouraged to contact the

Housing Rehab Specialist, Ron Bryant, at 549-5302 x 252. The City is an equal opportunity contractor and encourages minority and women owned businesses to consider this contracting opportunity. The City also is seeking contractors who are licensed by the State of Illinois to perform lead-based paint mitigation in homes being rehabilitated.

City Staff Partner with IDNR to Attract State Endangered Species to Cedar Lake



Osprey (*Pandion haleatus*)



Osprey viewing platform at sundown

by John Wallace, Lake Supervisor

Public Works staff installed an osprey nesting platform on City property at Cedar Lake this fall. An osprey (*Pandion haleatus*) is a fish-eating hawk that is classified as a state endangered species. Endangered plants and animals are those at risk of disappearing from the state as a breeding species. The birds may be seen throughout spring and fall migration but none have been known to nest at Cedar Lake.

Osprey stand 21-24" tall and have a 4 1/2' - 6' wingspan. They nest in the tops of large, dead or open-topped trees, and on rock formations. Successful nesting sites are closely associated with bodies of water. Osprey have also adapted to nest building on artificial structures

placed on poles or towers. While in flight, the birds dive into water for prey, which they carry to a perch to consume. Since the birds have been observed successfully catching fish, perching and soaring at Cedar Lake, it is plausible that they may also choose to nest, should a desirable nesting site become available to them.

Since very few osprey actually nest in Illinois, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has launched an osprey recovery project with hopes of restoring stable breeding populations to the state. Components of the recovery project include hacking young osprey and building nesting platforms adjacent to bodies of water to encourage nesting throughout the state. Relocating

raptor chicks, feeding them and ultimately releasing young raptors into the wild is accomplished through a procedure known as hacking. Since last year, ten osprey chicks have been taken from Virginia and hacked out of structures similar to nesting platforms at two central Illinois lakes. In locations where osprey are already active platforms are built to encourage nesting. Since 2005, more than 40 nesting platforms have been installed, statewide. A second platform will likely be constructed and put in place at Cedar Lake sometime next fall.

For more information on Cedar Lake and wildlife management on City of Carbondale land visit the City's website at www.ExploreCarbondale.com or call the Cedar Lake office at 618/549-8441.



Tune into CityVision 16 to see the Carbondale City Council meetings televised live or watch the meetings streamed live on the city's website www.explorecarbondale.com



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 alarm indicates 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.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

City Hall Offices will be closed
Tues, Nov. 11 for Veterans' Day
Thurs, Nov. 27 & Fri, Nov. 28
for Thanksgiving

Day/Date	Meeting	Time
<i>The Following Meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave., and Televised Live on CityVision 16</i>		
Tues/18th	Carbondale City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wed/5th & 19th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Mon/3rd	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 p.m.

Other Scheduled Meetings at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue

Mon/3rd	Human Relations Commission	6:30 p.m.
Tues/6th	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 p.m.
Mon/17th	Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/20th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings at Other Locations

Wed/12th	Library Board of Trustees Conference Room, 405 W. Main	4:30 p.m.
Thurs/20th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 E. Walnut St.	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/20th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Carbondale Elementary School Administrative Center	7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

City Hall Offices will be closed
Wed, Dec. 24 at Noon and
Thurs, Dec. 25, 2014 for Christmas

Day/Date	Meeting	Time
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Tues/2nd & 16th	Carbondale City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wed/3rd & 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Mon/8th & 29th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 p.m.

Other Scheduled Meetings at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue

Mon/1st	Human Relations Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs/4th	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 p.m.
Thurs/18th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 p.m.

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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 (618) 457-3237.

No Burn Ordinance Within City Limits

Pursuant to Carbondale City Code it is unlawful to burn refuse, landscape waste or any other combustible material within the City of Carbondale with the exception of recreational fires, established in the following guidelines.

- The fire is intended for pleasure, religious ceremony, cooking or warmth.

- The fire must be in the rear yard. The fire must be no more than three feet in diameter and two feet in height.

- The fire must be at least twenty-five feet from a structure or other combustible material; fifteen feet if

in an approved container.

- A method of extinguishment must be readily available; i.e. extinguisher, hose, buckets, etc.

- The fire must not be objectionable because of excessive smoke or odor.

The fire must be constantly attended at all times.

- The fire department may order extinguishment of open fires that create or add to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

For additional information please contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department Administrative Office at 457-3234.

Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule

The offices of City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. All refuse and recycling routes will be pushed back one day this week (Tuesday's Route will be collected on Wednesday, Wednesday's Route on Thursday etc.). Landscape waste bag and bundle collection occur on Thursday only for this week.

City offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday,

November 27, 2014 and Friday, November 28, 2014. Refuse and recycling collection for this week will be collected on your regularly scheduled day with one exception: Thursday's refuse and recycling route will be collected on Friday, November 28, 2014. Landscape waste bag and bundle collection will take place on Wednesday only during Thanksgiving week.

City offices will also be closed at noon on Wednesday, December

24, 2014 and all day on Thursday, December 25, 2013 for the Christmas holiday, and on Thursday, January 1, 2014 for the New Year's Day holiday. Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling routes will be collected as usual, however the Thursday collection routes will be pushed back one day for both of these two holiday weeks. Landscape waste bag and bundle collection will only occur on Wednesday during these two holiday weeks.

24th Annual

Lights Fantastic Parade

Saturday, December 6 • 6:00pm, along Illinois Avenue, Carbondale

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Business Window Decorating Contest!

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I'm Dreaming of...

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