

## Haven't You Heard...

### Carbondale Experienced Substantial Business Growth in 2010

New construction and business expansion highlight the economic scene throughout Carbondale during 2010. These developments, expansions and improvements contribute to an economic climate that has kept Carbondale below the regional, state and national unemployment averages and has increased Carbondale's presence as a regional destination for people seeking a wide variety of local specialty shops and restaurants as well as national retailers and chain restaurants.

On the west side of Carbondale, the City welcomed Sound Decision, KC Pet Grooming, Holistic Wellness Institute, Firehouse Grill and Diner, Doctor Donuts and the Hundley House Bed & Breakfast. Subway expanded its operations and relocated to the former Hardee's location and Burger King completed an extensive renovation. Construction was completed on a second Walgreens location and JES Development announced the acquisition of West Park Plaza and Gold's Gym relocated to the shopping center.

In the downtown business area

the City welcomed the opening of Cross Fit of Southern Illinois, Gasoline Alley, Scrubs-n-More, Sew-A-Lot and Campus Shoe Repair. OnMedia relocated into the Newell House building, Payne Gaertner & Associates relocated into the former AmerenCIPS building to allow for their continued growth and Hot Heads Salon relocated next to Mary Lou's. Pagliai's Pizza relocated to a larger facility, re-construction began on the new Hangar 9 facility and Italian Village is nearing completion of a dining room addition and outdoor patio.

The face of the downtown area is seeing a major change with the recent demolition of the property located at 315 S. Illinois Avenue, formerly know as Animal Crackers. The site will be used for additional Amtrak station parking and makes way for the future development of an intermodal transportation center that will accommodate an expanded Amtrak rail station and other services. Structures have also been demolished at 805 and 807 S. Illinois Avenue, making way for future developments.

Construction began late this summer on the City of Carbondale Public Safety Center which will be

a 32,000 square foot, 2-story brick structure on the site of the former Lincoln Middle School property on Washington Street. Although construction is not scheduled to be complete until Spring 2011, an extensive portion of the construction project will be completed by year end.

New businesses on the east side of Carbondale include Shawnee Health Care, Nova Care Rehabilitation, Clear Vision Family Eyecare, Hess Alternative Healthcare and DiMaggio's Pizza has signed a lease and will be moving into the former Godfather's Pizza Location on Walnut Street. Construction was completed on the new Chili's Restaurant and TJ Maxx, Party City and Sports Clips opened in University Place. In addition, Wal-Mart welcomed new students and residents back to Carbondale this fall after an extensive remodel of their facility.

The Reed Station Road business area welcomed SI Wireless and Blue Fish Liquors & Cigars and Houlihan's Restaurant is enclosing their outdoor patio to provide more indoor seating. Further to the east Carbondale welcomed the addition of Hot Wheels Skatium, a new destination for family entertainment.

### From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

The winter holidays are always an exciting time and this year should prove no different. With many blessings that surround us throughout the year, it is important to stop and note our thankfulness and to recognize that another year has come and gone, and another will soon be on its way.

As we wrap-up 2010 and look ahead to 2011, we also move from the national and statewide elections that were just held and into local, municipal elections that will be conducted this coming Spring. We have elected a new U.S. Senator, an Illinois Governor, and numerous other officials that will help guide our governments, but now the focus will shift toward electing a new Mayor and new members of the City Council.

This will be the first Carbondale election with which I have not been somehow involved since the early-1990's. Not being on the ballot, myself, is also something of a first, since my term as Mayor will end on May 3, 2011 and I have announced my intention to not seek a third term. Many people have asked why I chose not to run again and if I would reconsider my

decision to step aside... I hope most of those comments and questions are based in a favorable opinion of the job we have been doing during my administration. Since I have been asked so many times, I thought I would openly respond here.

The simple answer is that I believe in self-imposed term limits and I believe in the power of new ideas. Term limits exist in each election cycle, but I think it is important for office holders to understand that they can get comfortable or stale in their perspective, and so it is necessary to allow for a fresh, new look at things and one way to guarantee that is to make way for other leaders. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Mayor and I am satisfied that we have accomplished most – and perhaps all – of the pledges that were offered in my 2003 and 2007 campaign position papers. But now is the time for someone different to make their mark and work with a newly constituted City Council to serve the needs of the community and region.

If you are one of the many candidates that have come forward, you have my wishes for good luck. To everyone else, please stay in touch with the people that are seeking election, get to know the issues that are important and make your voice heard in this process. Local government is the closest unit of government to the people being represented and now is your time to help shape the direction our community will face for the next several years.

Enjoy and celebrate the holidays and have a wonderful New Year.

Brad Cole, Mayor

### Primary Elections for Mayor and City Council Members to be Held on February 22, 2011

Five Carbondale residents have filed for the four-year term as Mayor and sixteen residents have filed for the three four-year terms on the City Council that will come up for election in 2011.

The election is for the Mayor's seat presently held by Mayor Brad Cole and for the City Council seats presently held by Council Members Steven Haynes, Mary Pohlmann and newly-appointed Council Member Michael G. Neill. The seats of City Council Members Corene McDaniel, Chris Wissmann and Joel Fritzier expire in 2013.

In order to reduce the number of candidates to four per seat (four candidates for Mayor and twelve candidates for City Council), state law requires that a primary election be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

Assuming none of the candidates withdraw from the election and that no objections are filed to any of the nominating petitions, the five candidates for Mayor (in the order they will appear on the primary ballot) are:

George Maroney, 37 Pinewood Drive  
Sam Goldman, 504 Lexington Court  
Joel Fritzier, 123 South Violet Lane  
Brent Ritzel, 2511 South Illinois Avenue Unit 71  
Steven N. Haynes, 605 East Burke Street

Again, assuming none of the candidates withdraw from the election and that no objections are filed to any of the nominating petitions, the thirteen candidates for the three four-year terms on the City Council (in the order they will appear on the primary ballot) are:

Donald Monty, 418 South Giant City Road  
Jane Adams, 606 West Elm Street  
Lee M. Fronabarger, 1140 Morningside Drive  
John Holt, 406 South Oakland Avenue  
Hugh Richard Williams, 611 East Park Street #117  
Jerrold Henrich, 610 West Sycamore Street  
Jessica Bradshaw, 404 North Smith Street  
Janet Elizabeth Donoghue, 505 North Springer Street  
Earl Czajkowski, 805 West Main Street Apt. 1  
Craig Anz, 1216 West Sycamore Street  
Tom Grant, 5370 Springer Ridge Road  
Candle Wester-Mittan, 804 South Valley Road  
Michael C. Riley, 920 Kira Court  
Montana Goodman, 412 East College Street  
Lance D. Jack, 1026 North Bridge Street  
R. Rick Jackson, 314 East Jackson Street

The four candidates for Mayor and the twelve candidates for City Council who receive the most votes at the February primary election will be placed on the ballot for the April 5, 2011, general election. Ballot placement for the general election is determined by the number of votes received by each candidate in the primary election, with the candidate receiving the most votes appearing in first position on the general election ballot, the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes appearing second on the ballot, etc.

All Mayoral and City Council candidates run on a non-partisan basis, which means they are not affiliated with a specific political party for the municipal election. They are also elected at-large rather than from wards, which entitles them to receive votes from all areas of the City. Once the Mayor and Council Members are elected, they represent the entire City and all of its citizens, not just one geographic area or one particular group of people. The new Mayor and Council Members will take office on May 3, 2011.

The deadline for registering to vote prior to the February 22nd primary election is January 25, 2011.

### Michael G. Neill Appointed to Fill City Council Vacancy



Michael G. Neill

Following the resignation of Councilman Lance D. Jack on October 5, 2010, the Mayor and City Council have taken action to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the open term.

At its regular meeting on November 9, 2010, the appointment of Michael G. Neill was presented by Mayor Brad Cole and unanimously approved by the City Council.

Mr. Neill was sworn-in at the regular meeting of the City Council, on November 23, 2010 and will serve until May 3, 2011, when the term will naturally expire.

"I think we made a good decision," said Mayor Cole. "The appointment of Mike Neill will allow the City Council to move forward with someone who already understands the workings of the City government and through the eyes of a respected local businessman."

Michael G. Neill was raised in Carbondale and is a graduate of Carbondale Community High School, DePauw University and Drake Law School. He has worked in financial services for 25 years and is currently Trust Officer for TrustBank. Mr. Neill previously served on the Carbondale City Council (1995-2003) and the Carbondale Park District Board (1987-1995). Michelle, his wife, is employed in the Office of International Students and Scholars at Southern Illinois University; together, they have two children: Chelsea, a graduate of Denison University who teaches environmental education in California, and Colin, a freshman at DePauw University.

Eight letters of interest were received from community members seeking appointment to fill the vacancy.

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**Phase II of the City Hall Tile  
 Project Completed**

Mayor Brad Cole recently announced that the installation of Phase II of the City Hall Tile Project is complete. This project is a 30 foot tile mosaic that lines both sides of the first floor corridor of Carbondale's City Hall and features miniature masterpieces created by hundreds of students from Carbondale Elementary School District 95.

The Tile Project was inspired during Mayor Cole's 2005 Sister City Tour, where he saw a similar "homage to the imagination of community children" at Chong-Ming Elementary School in Tainan City, Taiwan. The first phase of the Tile Project was completed in 2007, when a 16-foot tile mosaic was installed on the second floor corridor of

City Hall.

The new tiles were painted by first through eighth grade students from Parrish, Thomas and Lewis schools and Carbondale Middle School during the fall of 2009. The tiles were fired at the SIUC School of Art and Design and installed in the first floor corridor under the supervision of City staff.

For visiting officials, members of the public doing business with the City and for City employees who work in the building, the mosaic mural offers a warm and vibrant setting. For the hundreds of students whose works of art now hang permanently in City Hall, the mural offers a source of pride and ownership in their local government.

**City Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

The City of Carbondale has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its current Fiscal Year 2011 Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. This is the 24th year Carbondale's City budget has been recognized by GFOA.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award reflects the commitment by the City's governing body and staff to meet 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.

To date, only two cities in Illinois have received more budget awards than Carbondale. In 2009, only 62 municipalities and 38 other units of government in Illinois, including counties, school districts, park districts, and special

districts received the GFOA budget award. Nationwide, Carbondale ranks among the top 10% of governmental units receiving the most Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. In the United States, 757 municipalities and 471 other units of government received the GFOA budget award for the year.

GFOA is a non profit professional association serving 17,600 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

**EVER DREAM OF OWNING YOUR OWN HOME?  
 Homebuyer Funds Available to  
 Make Your Dream a Reality**

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 payments 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. Based on the amount of assistance, this prorated 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. The home purchaser must provide at least \$1,000 towards the down payment, and qualify for and obtain financing from a participating lender.

**Eligible Persons:** Applicants must currently not own a home. 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- \$30,600, 2 people-\$35,000, 3 people-\$39,350, 4 people-\$43,700, 5 people-\$47,200, 6 people-\$50,700, 7 people-\$54,200, and 8 people-\$57,700.

**Private Financing for Home Purchase:** City staff will evaluate information provided by the applicants to see if they meet basic program eligibility criteria. The eligible applicants will be required to attend a Homebuyer counseling program. Upon successful completion of the counseling 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 Khristina Vaughn, Housing Programs Administrator, at 618-549-5302 x 346.

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.

**Mandatory Rental Registration Fees Due January 31, 2011**

The preservation and stabilization of residential neighborhoods, along with ensuring that the housing stock in the community is maintained in a safe, sound and sanitary condition is a priority of the City of Carbondale. The Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program has been effective in gradually improving the housing stock of the community, particularly in older neighborhoods where single family houses have been converted for multiple occupancy use.

Through the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program, detailed inspections are conducted on the exterior and interior of rental properties. The scheduled inspections are initiated through the City's Building & Neighborhood Services Division. Violations that are noted are required to be corrected before a certificate of occupancy can be issued.

In November, 2007 the City Council approved an annual registration of all rental units in

Carbondale. The revised requirements on registration took effect on January 1, 2009. An annual fee of \$35.00 per residential rental dwelling unit is required to be paid at the time of registration by the property owner.

Invoices have been mailed out to property owners and managers, with full payment due by January 31, 2011. For further information about the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program, contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

**La Renovación de las Licencias de Animales se Debe Pagar  
 Cada Año Para el 30 de Enero**

Todos los perros de cuatro meses de edad o mayores, deben ser registrados y tener una licencia emitida por la Oficina de Control de Animales. La inscripción anual para perros castrados cuesta \$5.00 y para perros no castrados \$25.00. Las licencias se pueden obtener en el Departamento de la Policía de Carbondale situado en la calle East College, número 610. El formulario de solicitud para las licencias también está disponible en la página web de la Ciudad [www.explorecarbndale.com](http://www.explorecarbndale.com). El

formulario completado y el pago requerido se pueden enviar al Departamento de Policía a la dirección antes mencionada. La etiqueta de inscripción tiene que estar en el collar del perro y debe llevarla en todo momento. La renovación de la licencia se debe pagar cada año para el 30 de enero. Los perros "de compañía" que han sido entrenados para asistir a los ciudadanos con impedimentos visuales o con discapacidades están exentos del costo de esta licencia. Las etiquetas se otorgan gratis.

Todos los perros y gatos tienen que ser vacunados contra la rabia. Las etiquetas de vacunación tienen que estar marcadas en el collar del animal y deben ser llevadas a todas horas. Si se pierden las etiquetas, pueden ser reemplazadas, siempre y cuando las vacunas sean aún válidas, en el departamento de Control de Animales del Condado Jackson llamando al 687-7235.

Para más información sobre licencias y otras reglas y regulaciones, contactar al Oficial de Control Animal en el 457-3200 ext. 424.

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## City Begins Budget Development for the New Year

The City has begun the process of preparing its FY 2012 Budget (May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012). The process began with the City Council reviewing the proposed tax levy truth in taxation determination on November 23, 2010. On December 21, 2010, the City Council will adopt the tax levy.

In January the City Council will review the City's community goals and the Five Year Community Investment Program (CIP). Also, during January and February, City

Departments will be preparing budgets for their operations.

In February, the City Manager will review the budgets submitted by the Department Directors, and the Community Investment Program will be prepared. In mid-March, the proposed City Budget and Community Investment Program will be distributed to the City Council and made available for public review at the Carbondale Public Library, the Finance Department and the City Clerk's

Office. The public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for March 29, 2011. City Council action on the proposed Budget and Five Year Community Investment Program is scheduled for April 19, 2011.

Preparation of the City Budget takes a significant amount of staff and City Council time each year. This is an important process for the City of Carbondale because the budget becomes the blueprint for City operations for the entire year.

## City's Web Site Recognized Again

Carbondale's internet presence has again been lauded by an organization that rates local governments' commitment to transparency. ExploreCarbondale.com was recently one of four Illinois municipal web sites to earn a "Sunny Award" from The Sunshine Review, a non-profit, pro-transparency organization. The Web sites of DuPage County, Evanston and Lake County were also among the Illinois' Sunny Award honorees. Carbondale's Web site is only one of 12 sites nationwide to achieve a perfect score from Sunshine Review.

"It's important for folks to have access to information, and I think we're probably the only city in Illinois that's doing as much as we are," Mayor Brad Cole said. Carbondale was the state's only Web site to achieve a perfect, "A-plus" score. "We spent a considerable amount of time redeveloping our Web site with a new domain name, explorecarbondale.com, and we've put just about everything possible on it," Mayor Cole said. "It's nice to be recognized."

The Sunshine Review's "Transparency Checklist" analyzes Web sites for information about budgets, meetings, elected and administrative officials, permits and zoning, audits, contracts, lobbying, public records, and taxes. The "checklist" measures what content is

available on government Web sites against what should be provided.

"Sunny Award winners deserve recognition for making information available to citizens and for setting a transparency standard that all governments can, and should, meet," said Mike Barnhart, the president of Sunshine review. "Access to information empowers every citizen to hold government officials accountable for the conduct of public's business and the spending of taxpayers' money. Official accountability is the cornerstone of self-government and liberty."

The Sunshine Review is a non-profit organization dedicated to state and local government transparency. SunshineReview.org shares transparency information and uses its 10-point checklist to evaluate content of every state and more than 5,000 local government Web sites.

In all, 39 Web sites received the Sunny Award, which is given to any site that received an "A" from Sunshine Review. The Sunshine Review collaborates with individuals and organizations throughout America in the cause of an informed citizenry and an accountable government.

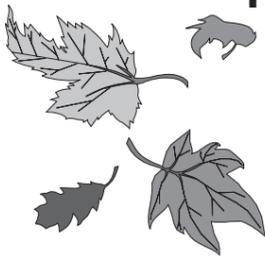
## Reed Station Road & Veterans Parkway Construction Completed

Motorists traveling on Reed Station Road between East Walnut Street and IL Route 13, and on Veterans Parkway, are witnessing the benefits of a \$1.6M federal grant.

The section of Reed Station Road that was re-constructed is now much safer and offers better access to the businesses located in Carbondale Business Park East. The new road has an asphalt surface and includes paved shoulders on each side. As part of the work, utilities were relocated and upgraded.

Work on Veterans Parkway includes a new right-in, right-out intersection for westbound IL Route 13 traffic and provides access along the west side of the Hampton Inn. The construction also opens access to approximately 40 acres of land for commercial development.

## Seasonal Leaf Collection Program Available Through January 28, 2011



Carbondale's Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will be offered through January 28, 2011. The fee during this special program period is \$20.00 for each collection. (Note that the regular fee for vacuum leaf collection outside the program period is \$30.00).

City of Carbondale residents that would like to participate in the

program should rake their leaves to curbside or street-side. Please be sure not to block streets, sidewalks, water meters, ditches or gutters. 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 this 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 collection 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. When 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 collection will be scheduled the following Wednesday or Friday.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

## "Remembering Carbondale" Event Planned

To help promote historic preservation in our community, the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission will be hosting "Remembering Carbondale", an informational open house. The purpose of this event is to give residents an opportunity to learn about Carbondale's history and the role the Preservation Commission plays in the community. Planned activities include an overview of the landmark designation process, display of the city's photo archives, tips on conducting historical research and several presentations from local artists and school groups. The event is planned for March 27, 2011 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Carbondale Civic Center/City

Hall. More information will be available in coming months.

Over the next few months, the Preservation Commission is continuing to accept old phone directories and historical photos to add photos to the archives, which are available for viewing in City Hall. If you have any historical photos of people and places in Carbondale please consider forwarding them to the Carbondale Preservation Commission so that we can document them and share a bit of local history.

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

## Carbondale Preservation Commission Accepting Historic Preservation Award Nominations

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission is honored to be sponsoring the Fourth Annual Historic Preservation Awards. Any structure 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.

The only stipulation is that all nominations will require the owner's permission. We also encourage property owners to nominate their own property. The award winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting in May, in association with National Preservation Month. The response to last year's award program was overwhelming and we look forward to another successful year. Nomination forms can be picked up in the Planning Services Division at City Hall or can be found on the City Web site [www.explorecarbondale.com](http://www.explorecarbondale.com).

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 457-3248.

To learn more about  
The Carbondale Preservation Commission  
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### CITY OF CARBONDALE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS ENTRY LEVEL FIRE FIGHTER EXAM

A written examination for the position of Entry-level Fire Fighter will be given on Monday, January 24, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. 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, January 7, 2011. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, or you may download the application from the City of Carbondale website at [www.explorecarbondale.com](http://www.explorecarbondale.com).

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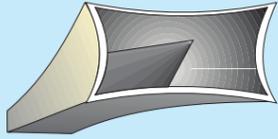
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## Outdoor Warning Sirens Tested Monthly

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.

### December

The Following Meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and Televised LIVE on CityVision 16

Date	Meeting	Time
Tues/21st	Carbondale City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wed/1st & 15th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Mon/13th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 p.m.

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

Mon/6th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs/16th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings at Other Locations

Wed/8th	Library Board of Trustees Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 p.m.
Thurs/16th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/16th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Thomas School, 1025 North Wall Street	7:00 p.m.

City Hall will be closed Friday, December 24th, for the Christmas holiday. Refuse collection routes will not be affected.

City Hall will also be closed Friday, December 31st, for the New Years holiday. Refuse collection routes will not be affected.

### January

The Following Meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and Televised LIVE on CityVision 16

Date	Meeting	Time
Tues/18th	Carbondale City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wed/5th & 19th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Mon/10th & 31st	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.
Mon/10th	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 West Main Street	4:30 p.m.
Thurs/20th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/27st	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Administration Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 p.m.

City Hall will be closed Monday, January 17th, for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The city's refuse collection routes will be delayed one day on all routes.



The Carbondale Preservation Commission is pleased to announce the recent designation of the Rogers-Parkinson home at 803 W. Pecan as a landmark district on Carbondale's Register of Historic Places. The house, built in 1905, is of the Princess Anne architectural style and was the home of several notable Carbondale residents.

## City 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 that owners and occupants of properties adjoining public sidewalks 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 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 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 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 to allow the snow plows access to 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 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 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 JANUARY 3

The City of Carbondale Forestry Division will conduct its annual Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling Program from January 3, 2011 through January 28, 2011. Residents that would like to participate in this program should place their Christmas trees curbside on their normal refuse and recycling collection day. Please note that collection and chipping of the trees will occur the following day. Residents wishing to dispose of their Christmas trees on days other than their normal refuse day may 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)
- 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's Office at 549-5302 ext. 332.



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