



Mayor Brad Cole

As staff can verify, writing these Communiqué articles is often the last thing on someone's list of items to get done. This newsletter is an important tool for the City of Carbondale to use in spreading information, but it is also an easy item to place on the back burner when other pressing job duties are stacking up. I have often been the one that is pushing to make sure we get it done right and on time, but sometimes I fall behind on getting my own column finished prior to the deadline.

That is not the case with this article. In fact, I started writing this article shortly after I formally announced that I would not be seeking a third term as your Mayor.

Why, you might ask? Well, simply because I had some points that I wanted to make and I didn't want to forget about them as they came to mind. So this piece has been a work-in-progress for quite a while. I hope it provides some expanded understanding about the role I have been fortunate to fill over the past eight years.

The first thing I said to staff (when I came in to office in 2003) is that I took this job with the purpose in mind of advancing the community and preparing it for the next Mayor. I have never seen this job, or any other, as a lifetime appointment. I firmly believe that people should take on difficult tasks, accomplish their goals, and move to the next challenge. That had a lot to do with my run for office to begin with and I think things might be better in government if others would also impose self-disciplined term limits. I think leaders must make way for new leaders, which provides for a constant flow of ideas and new objectives.

A lot of people have been asking what will happen with the elections and what direction the City administration will take afterward. It is flattering to have had so many people encourage me to stay and seek another term, and it is funny to hear some of the reasons from them. One reason is the reality that there is an unknown waiting around the corner. People ask, "what if we don't get someone who will do X, Y, or Z?" and countless other "what ifs?" The funny part is that some of those questions were being asked when I was first elected, since it was such a close vote count and we were

From the Mayor

bringing broad generational, philosophical and political changes to the office. Everything worked out and I'm sure that will be the case this time, too.

The job of Mayor is mostly self-defined, at least the extent to which it is generally seen by the public. I have chosen to be very active and to put my all into the position, working all day, every day to lead this community and its governmental organization. That may not be the case for the next occupant of the office, and that's okay. Our system allows for shared responsibilities with the staff in some areas, clearly delineated duties in others, and still other areas are open for interpretation. It has been a wonderful challenge to learn the ins-and-outs of city government from this perspective and it has been a deeply enriching experience for me. I truly believe there is no higher office than local office, and my appreciation for that has grown every day in this role. I hope the next Mayor will share that sentiment and realize what a tremendous honor it is to represent a community as diverse and dynamic as Carbondale.

I would like to leave you with one guiding thought that I discovered as the chief elected official for this city: it only takes one.

It only takes one... one person to either make or break someone's day.

I have no way to count the number of hours spent at my desk or in City Council meetings. There is no way to know how many different meetings I have attended or how many groups with which I have spoken. There is no way to recount every proclamation ordered, resolution signed or ordinance drafted, or to remember every issue that was discussed either privately or publicly. But there are moments I can remember and many of them have to do with just one person (although not the same person every time).

The ones that stand out the most, but only at that particular moment in time, are the ones who call or stop by to complain and chew your tail for something, something which I usually had no knowledge of or involvement with. Those were the people that often didn't take personal responsibility for their own actions or had not taken the time to fully understand an issue prior to jumping off the deep end. Those were the people that walked in with an agenda and were not going to take yes, no or maybe for an answer if it was anything different than what they had predetermined and demanded. They know who they are and they know they'll never be happy or satisfied with anything from me or anyone else. Those are the ones I will quickly forget.

It only takes one of those people to ruin your day and send you into a state of depression or frustration that can impact lots of others around you. How often it has been

that we tried and tried our best and put in extra hours on something, only to get a person who decides civility is no longer an option in discussion and wants to launch personal or political attacks that are not just mean spirited, but outright ugly and unnecessary.

In contrast, it also only takes one person to wipe away all of those frustrations with a sincere gesture of thanks, either in a note or a phone call or a passing comment on the street.

Those are the ones I will always remember. And to them, I say "thank you" for taking the time to make my day when it easily could have gone a different direction. I doubt that I have thanked enough people along the way and I know that I have demanded excellence from our employees, but when a citizen takes time to stop and recognize someone for something they have done it seems to have a much larger impact. There were days when almost nothing went right and when it seemed like none of what we did mattered. Then someone would change that and make it all worthwhile again.

I am proud of the men and women who work for the City of Carbondale. Every one of them brings a set of skills and values, and a sense of worth and importance to City Hall. Each of them has their own personal and professional issues, but they strive to do their best for the people they serve on a daily basis. We have all not always agreed, but there has been a respectable amount of give-and-take and we have moved forward together. To the staff and volunteers, you have my personal thanks.

I am also proud of the relationships we built with other communities, both nearby and around the state. Our presence is felt in the state capitol and our leadership has been requested on important issues that affect municipalities throughout Illinois. Mayors and City Council members work hard to represent their constituents in thoughtful and deliberate ways, and it has been a pleasure to interact with all of them, and to learn from each of them, in so many different settings and circumstances.

Finally, I wish to give my deepest and most heartfelt expression of gratitude to the people of Carbondale. Thank you for entrusting me with the keys to the Office of the Mayor for these past eight years. We have seen good times and bad times; we have made difficult decisions in agreement and disagreement; we set a course for the future and we have made remarkable achievements; we have grown and experienced the joys of new life and the tragedy of lost lives; we have just about done it all, and I wish nothing but the best for each of you and for all of us in times ahead.

Thank you.
Brad Cole, Mayor



photo courtesy of the Carbondale Times

During the December 21, 2010 City Council Meeting, Mayor Brad Cole accepted the "2010 Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan" from Rob Kowalski of the Illinois chapter of the American Planning Association. The award jury was particularly impressed with the thoroughness and user-friendliness of the new Carbondale Comprehensive Plan, as well as the emphasis on fostering a stronger partnership with SIU. The award is named after legendary architect and urban planner Daniel Burnham (1846-1912).

City of Carbondale Receives Award for Comprehensive Plan

The American Planning Association – Illinois Chapter (APA-IL) recently announced its 2010 Chapter Award winners. The City of Carbondale received notification that it has been awarded the Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan for the recently adopted City of Carbondale Comprehensive Plan. The award was accepted by Mayor Brad Cole at the December 21, 2010 City Council Meeting.

The American Planning Association – Illinois Chapter serves as a source for networking and professional development in the field of urban planning. The Illinois Chapter strives to enhance planning skills and knowledge through a number of activities including annual statewide conferences, section meetings, planning awards, and professional development assistance. The APA-IL serves as a liaison between the National APA and Chapter members. Chris Wallace, Senior Planner for the City of Carbondale, serves on the Executive Board of the APA Illinois State Section as Region 6 Coordinator.

The Comprehensive Plan for the City of Carbondale will help guide the growth and development of the community over the next twenty years. The Comprehensive Plan is available at City Hall and on the City's website at www.explorecarbndale.com.

Rachael Keehn Appointed City Clerk



Rachael Keehn

At its regular meeting on December 21, 2010, the Carbondale City Council approved the appointment of Rachael Keehn as City Clerk, effective February 18, 2011.

Janet M. Vaught, the current City Clerk, announced her retirement

several months ago, to be effective February 18, 2011. The appointment of a replacement at this time will allow for a smooth transition in the office.

"I think Rachael Keehn will do an outstanding job for the City of Carbondale," said Mayor Brad Cole. "Her interest in municipal government is obvious and her legal education will be quite beneficial in performing the work of the City Clerk."

Ms. Keehn is a native of Carterville, Illinois and has a bachelor's degree in Paralegal Studies from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and a Juris Doctor from the SIU School of Law. She began her employment with the City on January 3, 2011, as an assistant in the Clerk's office. The City Clerk is appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council.

Haven't You Heard...

CITY ELECTIONS COMING SOON

City Primary Election - 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 Fritzler 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 Fritzler, 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 Hennrich, 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

General Election - April 5, 2011

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.

Voter Registration Deadlines

The deadline for registering to vote prior to the February 22nd primary election was January 25, 2011. The deadline for registering to vote prior to the April 5th general election is March 8, 2011.

SOME POLLING PLACES CHANGED FOR CITY PRIMARY ELECTION

The Jackson County Clerk's Office has consolidated some precinct polling places for the February 22nd City primary election. According to Larry Reinhardt, Jackson County Clerk, "this consolidation of precincts into poll centers minimizes the number of precincts moved temporarily to a different poll place while cutting the number of reporting precincts from 26 to 14 thus cutting costs for election judges and setup by approximately 40%."

Shown below is the list of polling places for the February 22nd City primary election. Precincts listed with an asterisk (*) are the polling places that have been moved for the February 22nd election. It is important to note that polling places will return to their normal locations for the April 5th general election.

February 22nd polling places are:

- Precincts 1, 18 and 19* - Carbondale High School, 1301 East Walnut
- Precincts 2 and 29 - Carbondale Middle School, 1150 East Grand Avenue
- Precincts 3*, 4 and 5* - Housing Community Center, 207 North Marion
- Precinct 6 - Senior Adult Services, 409 North Springer
- Precinct 8 - Church of Christ, 1805 West Sycamore
- Precinct 9 and 26 - Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue
- Precinct 11 - Carbondale Towers, 810 West Mill Street
- Precinct 12 - University Baptist Church, 700 South Oakland
- Precinct 13 and 14 - Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 Chautauqua
- Precincts 15 and 16 - Grace United Methodist Church, 220 South Tower Road
- Precincts 17 and 24 - Dunn Richmond Center, 150 East Pleasant Hill Road
- Precincts 21*, 22*, 23* and 25* - Student Center, SIU Campus
- Precinct 27 - Southern Illinois Airport, 665 North Airport Road
- Precinct 28 - Senior Citizens High Rise, 1425 Old West Main Street



Public Hearing on FY 2012 Proposed Budget March 29, 2011

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 adopted the tax levy.

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

Departments continued work on 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.

Historic Preservation Award Nominations Due March 11, 2011

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.explorecarbndale.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.

Carbondale Police Department Accredited through Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

On December 2, 2010, the City of Carbondale Police Department became the fourth agency in the state to become accredited through the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP). The Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program recognizes law enforcement agencies that have applied and met the standards, criteria and regulations developed and established by the ILEAP accreditation body. The ILEAP constitutes the first joint effort of this type in the history of the State of Illinois.

The goal of the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is to make available a framework whereby the Illinois law enforcement community is provided a voluntary, relatively low-cost accreditation program that is comprehensive, obtainable, and based on nationally recognized standards that reflect professional service delivery. This framework incorporates community-policing principles with the goal of building trust in the communities that these departments serve. In developing the program, the Board recognizes the limited financial and work force resources of a great many departments, and has developed standards that would not place an overwhelming demand on those resources.

The benefits of being accredited through ILEAP include:

- Greater Accountability within the Department—ILEAP Standards give the Chief Executive Officer a proven management system of written directives, sound training, clearly defined lines of authority, and routine

reports that support decision-making and resource allocation

- Reduced risk and liability exposure—Many agencies report a reduction in their liability insurance costs and/or reimbursement of accreditation fees
- Stronger defense against civil lawsuits—Accredited agencies are better able to defend themselves against civil lawsuits. In addition, many agencies report a decline in legal actions against them, once they become accredited
- Support from government officials—Accreditation provides objective evidence of an agency's commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management, and service-delivery. Thus, government officials are more confident in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and meet community needs
- Increased community advocacy—Accreditation embodies the precepts of community-oriented policing. It creates a forum in which law enforcement agencies and citizens work together to prevent and control challenges confronting law enforcement and provides clear direction about community expectations

The City of Carbondale Police Department is very proud of this accomplishment and is certain that the community will benefit from the hard work it has taken to become ILEAP-accredited. If you have any questions about our status or the accreditation process, please feel free to contact Accreditation Manager Lieutenant Heather Reno at 457-3200, who will be pleased to share the value of accreditation with you.

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The success of the Inner City Merchant located at 110 East Oak Street, is a result of the hard work of Abdul Rahim Khalil and the training he received through 'Operation Bootstrap', an entrepreneurship program offered at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center on the SIUC campus. This business is a welcome addition in the City's northeast business sector.

Preservation Commission Hosting "Remembering Carbondale" Event March 27, 2011

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 Carbondale 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.

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.

City of Carbondale Awarded \$336,000 Homebuyer Assistance Grant

The City of Carbondale was recently awarded 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 into compliance with the City's 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 of their loan. The home purchaser must provide at least \$1,000 toward 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 criteria to evaluate the loan applications and determine eligibility.

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 in the future, you are urged to request application materials and submit them as soon as possible.

Registro de bicicletas 2011

Las bicicletas son un modo de transporte útil y una forma excelente de recreación y ejercicio. Carbondale está rodeada de hermosos paisajes que hacen del ciclismo, tanto en la ciudad como en sus alrededores, una experiencia placentera. Para aumentar el uso de bicicletas, algunas calles de Carbondale se han demarcado específicamente con vías para bicicletas.

Por su seguridad y la seguridad de los demás, usted debe recordar lo siguiente cuando esté manejando su bicicleta:

- Los ciclistas tienen que obedecer las mismas leyes de tránsito que los vehículos motorizados. Esto incluye parar en las señales de parada y en los semáforos en rojo, doblar desde el carril apropiado, viajar en el mismo sentido del tráfico motorizado y tener el registro o matrícula visible.

- Debido al gran volumen de tráfico peatonal en Carbondale, se prohíbe manejar bicicletas en las aceras, pero hay dos excepciones: niños menores de 12

años de edad que manejen bicicletas con ruedas de un tamaño menor de 24 pulgadas y en áreas en donde las aceras estén específicamente demarcadas para tráfico de bicicletas.

- Las bicicletas tienen que registrarse, ya sea en la Ciudad de Carbondale o en el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de SIUC. Con el registro se archiva una descripción completa del vehículo, junto con su número de serie, en caso de que la bicicleta sea robada. El equipo requerido incluye reflectores delanteros, laterales y traseros. Las bicicletas que se vayan a manejar durante la noche tienen que tener una luz blanca adelante.

El registro está disponible por \$2.00 en el Departamento de Policía de Carbondale de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes. Los estudiantes de SIUC pueden registrar sus bicicletas en SIUC Parking Division en Washington Square B, de 7:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m. No hay ningún costo para los estudiantes que presenten su carné de estudiante.

Keep Carbondale Beautiful Spring Clean-Up & Recycling Day April 16

On Saturday, April 16th, Keep Carbondale Beautiful will hold its 25th Annual Spring Clean-up and Recycling Day at Turley Park from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. During this annual event, volunteers assemble to collect litter from assigned locations in Carbondale. Individuals and community groups are welcome to attend. Adopt-A-Spot groups are encouraged to save their monthly clean-up for this day.

Registration will be accepted from 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. at Turley Park. Volunteers will receive a clean-up location and materials, a free recycled T-shirt and a complimentary lunch in the park. At the end of the day the total garbage collected will be weighed and reported. We hope to continue this success again.

For more information or to register for this event, contact Valerie Rasp, Executive Director of Keep Carbondale Beautiful at 525-5525 or email www.keepcb1326@gmail.com.

CITY OF CARBONDALE POLICE OFFICER EXAM TO BE SCHEDULED IN MAY

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will conduct a written examination for the position of Carbondale Police Officer in May in the Civic Center located at 200 South Illinois Avenue in Carbondale. All candidates will be required to take the Physical Fitness Assessment prior to the exam. To be eligible to take the exam, applicants must be citizens of the United States, possess a valid drivers license, have no felony or certain misdemeanor convictions, and be at least 20 years of age. According to Police Department policy, tattoos and body art are permitted but cannot be visible when wearing a uniform. Applicants must possess 60 semester hours in education from an accredited college or university, except that applicants who have graduated from a law enforcement training academy accredited or approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and who have experience as a regular, full-time police officer (at least 37+ hours per week) may substitute such experience and training for the required education in accordance with the Governing Rules of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. An optional Candidate Tutorial Session will be held prior to the exam in the Carbondale Civic Center. Persons interested in applications and pre-employment agreements should contact the City's Human Resources Office. Applications are available at the Human Resources Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling 618-549-5302 ext. 328, by e-mailing mmcfarland@ci.carbondale.il.us or by printing the application, pre-employment agreement and information from the City of Carbondale's website www.explorecarbondale.com.

The City of Carbondale encourages minority and female applicants. The City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Energy Efficiency Grant Received for Attucks School Renovations

A long awaited revitalization of the old Crispus Attucks High School in Carbondale is in the process. On one of Carbondale's busiest roadways, a building that was once a symbol of segregation has become a community project to save the historic site and use it for the benefit of future generations. When renovations are complete, the building will become home to the African American Museum of Southern Illinois, the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, a community welcome center and house interpretive centers that provide history on military veterans and Woodlawn Cemetery.

The City has recently received grant funds in the amount of \$63,705 through the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The grant will, when combined with local matching funds, allow the completion of phase one of the project. Grant funds received in 2009 assisted with initial renovations during the first phase of the project to secure the building with a new roof and exterior improvements to include new doors and windows, and ensuring the overall stability of the structure. Phase two of the project will focus on the building's interior. Funding received from the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant will be used for the installation of a new HVAC system.



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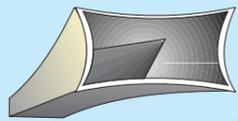
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Outdoor Warning Sirens Tested Monthly

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.

February

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/8th	Carbondale City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wed/2nd & 16th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Mon/14th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 p.m.

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

Mon/7th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 p.m.
Mon/14th	Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/17th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings at Other Locations

Wed/9th	Library Board of Trustees Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 p.m.
Thurs/17th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/24th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Administration Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 p.m.

City Hall will be closed Monday, February 21st, for the Presidents Day holiday. Refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

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Thurs/24th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Administration Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 p.m.

April

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/19th	Carbondale City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wed/6th & 20th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Mon/11th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 p.m.

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

Mon/4th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 p.m.
Mon/18th	Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/21st	Sustainability Commission	6:00 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings at Other Locations

Wed/13th	Library Board of Trustees Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 p.m.
Thurs/28th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/28th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Lewis School, 801 South Lewis Lane	7:00 p.m.

City Hall will be closed Friday, April 22nd, for the Good Friday holiday. Refuse collection schedule will not be affected.



This illustration shows what the new Carbondale Public Safety Center will look like from its entrance along Washington Street. Its architectural style will be similar to the Carbondale City Hall/ Civic Center.

Construction of New Carbondale Public Safety Center to be Completed in Late March

At the June 22, 2010 City Council meeting the Carbondale City Council approved the construction contract for the Carbondale Public Safety Center. The construction of a new Public Safety Center has been one of the projects funded with a dedicated Home Rule sales tax adopted by the City.

Based on the low bid submitted, Contegra Construction Company, LLC of Edwardsville, Illinois, was awarded the contract to construct the Public Safety Center which will be a 32,000 square foot, 2-story brick structure on the site of the former Lincoln Middle School. The building faces Washington Street, with a staff entrance and parking lot in the rear, entering from Marion Street. The architectural style will be similar to the existing City Hall. Construction began on the facility in July 2010.

The facility is designed to meet the present and immediate future needs of the Police Department, including anticipated increases in department staffing. The structure will meet higher than normal seismic requirements of today's codes, and will feature a hardened central core to protect vital functions. The building will include administration, patrol, investigations, male and female locker rooms, fitness room, telecommunications, interrogation and interview rooms, evidence processing and storage, and a training room. A radio antenna and 911 answering equipment will be relocated from the existing facility and updated. While LEED certification has not been pursued, building design and systems have been planned using a life-cycle costing analysis, and will feature much more efficient lighting and HVAC systems, natural lighting

through large windows, and a limited number of windows that will open for natural air circulation when possible.

The total cost of construction of the building, attachments, site preparation, parking lots, and all building systems will be \$7.1 million. Purchase of the site and demolition of the school were funded by an Illinois FIRST Grant of \$637,887. The project has been funded by a bond issue of \$7.9 million, which includes construction, architectural and engineering fees, furnishings, moving costs, and landscaping. A combination of Build America Bonds and Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds were used with an overall net interest cost to the City of 3.18%.

Construction of the new Carbondale Public Safety Center will be completed in late March 2011 and occupancy is expected in late April.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities Available

Early each spring, generally in March, the City begins the process of hiring its Temporary (Seasonal) Positions which usually include a Weed Control Inspector, four Public Works Seasonal Workers, four Cedar Lake Maintenance Workers, a Head Lifeguard and numerous Lifeguards. Job opening announcements for these and other temporary positions that may become available are posted at City Hall, are available on the City's Web site at explorecarbondale.com under Job Opportunities and on CityVision 16 (Mediacom Channel 16). In addition, ads are also run in the *Southern Illinoisan* newspaper and, for the Lifeguard positions, in the *Daily Egyptian*.

The City's Application for Employment forms are available at City Hall at the Receptionist's desk and in the Human Resources Office. The application form is also available on the City Web site explorecarbondale.com.

Applications are reviewed and candidates are selected for interviews based on their qualifications and interviewed by a team of management personnel. This team makes recommendations for filling these positions to the City Manager who makes the final decision. The City of Carbondale encourages female and minority applicants. The City of Carbondale is an equal opportunity employer. For more information about employment opportunities with the City of Carbondale contact the Human Resources Office at 457-3228.

Residential Spring Clean-Up Begins April 29, 2011

The City of Carbondale will conduct the annual Residential Spring Clean-Up Program beginning April 29, 2011. This program serves single family dwellings up to and including 4-unit buildings. The Spring Clean-Up Program allows residents to dispose of household items and general rubbish generated from the dwelling being served.

The following items will not be collected as a part of this program:

- Tires, appliances, or yard waste - these items can be disposed of by the CityLandscape & Special Waste Sticker Program.

- Hazardous materials including: paint, oil, gasoline, car batteries, pesticides, and other chemicals. Note that many of these items may be disposed of through a Household Chemical Collection event which will hopefully be put on by the Jackson County Health Department to take place on a Saturday sometime later this spring. For more information check the Jackson County Health Department's website at www.recyclejacksoncounty.org.

- Contractor

To participate in this program, place your household rubbish at the curbside no earlier than five (5) days prior to your collection day and no later than 8:00 a.m. on your collection day (please note that items set at the curbside for collection after 8:00 a.m. on the listed collection day will not be collected). Household items will be collected from the curbside on Fridays, based on the following schedule:

Monday

All residences east of the Canadian National (CN) railroad tracks.

Tuesday

All residences located east of Little Crab Orchard Creek and west of South Oakland Avenue and all residents south of West Main St. up to and including Chautauqua Street (excluding residences along South Oakland Ave.)

Wednesday

All residences located west of the CN railroad tracks, from South Oakland Avenue east and from West Main Street south. And all residences from West Main Street north and North Oakland Avenue east, up to and including West Sycamore Street as well as residences on North Baine Drive; All residents west of the CNRR tracks, east of Little Crab Orchard Creek and south of West Chautauqua Street (excluding residences on Chautauqua St.)

Thursday

All residences west of the CN railroad tracks, north of West Sycamore Street (excluding residences located along West Sycamore St. and North Baine Dr.) and all residences west of Little Crab Orchard Creek.

Please be sure not to block sidewalks, streets, ditches or drainage ways with your items. Also placing items and/or allowing items to remain at the curbside earlier than 5 days prior to or after 8:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day is a violation of City Code and may subject you to a citation. If you have any questions, please contact the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275.



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