

City expands food truck licenses



photo courtesy of Carbondale Times

Christine Miklosik dresses some hot dogs at her food cart in Carbondale. Miklosik has been operating her cart for about four years on private property, but an expansion approved on February 23 will allow such mobile vendors to set up on specified public property throughout the city. 'I think it's great,' Miklosik said of the change.

Dustin Duncan

Southern Illinoisan

While vendors are gearing up to bring their food trucks to Southern Illinois's largest city within the next few weeks, some restaurant owners surrounding the town square aren't worried about the impact the new businesses might have on them.

The City Council approved an ordinance on Feb. 23 allowing food trucks to operate near the town square, Turley and Attucks Parks and the Superblock Sports Multi-Complex.

Elaine Ramseyer, general manager of Longbranch Café, said she loves the idea of food trucks.

"I think it is fantastic," she said. "Anyone who travels to larger cities have seen food trucks out before and they are usually wonderful."

Ramseyer said it allows people — sometimes with limited funds — to start a business and see what sells. She noted that many restaurateurs started out in the business with a food truck and graduated to having

a full-fledged restaurant.

"I kind of love competition," she said. "People are entitled to options and the more options, the better."

While Ramseyer was in favor of the idea, Tam Rachatanavin, owner of Thai Taste, was open-minded about the addition of more options in the downtown. He also said he doesn't see it as competition to his business.

"Anything that brings more people into the town square and into the area is a good thing," he said. "I am pretty neutral about it. I am not upset about it, and I am not excited about it."

Interim Carbondale City Manager Gary Williams said Monday that the city should have the application process allowing the trucks to operate on certain public property ready next week. He said any vendor that's interested would need to get a Jackson County Health Department permit before obtaining the permit from the city.

Certain Southern Illinois food truck vendors have already expressed interest in coming to the Carbondale area.

Sean Hopkins, who operates the Say Cheese truck, said he has already called city hall inquiring about the process, and he is getting his inspection with the health department completed in the next week.

Hopkins has typically operated out of West Frankfort, but says the town square location is ideal for his.

"Turley Park is good, too, during the Sunset Concerts," he said. "I think SIU draws a lot from up north with people who have experienced food trucks in the past."

John Bible, operator of Johnny B's Biblegrove BBQ, has been all over Southern Illinois, but lives in the Anna-Jonesboro area.

The truck specializes in pulled pork, ribs and smoked chicken, but also will have pork steaks, soups and cheese steaks depending on Bible's mood.

"We are pretty excited about it," Bible said. "The closer we can get to the university, the better. We have been looking forward to breaking into that market for a while."

Mayor's Corner

Interested in Serving on a City Board or Commission?

The Carbondale City government has many citizen boards and commissions that may benefit from your involvement, including the Planning Commission, the Human Relations Commission, the Library Board of Trustees, the Preservation Commission and many more. If you are interested in becoming involved in your City government and would like to be considered for a position on one of the boards or commissions, complete an application and submit it to the Department of the City Manager at 200 South Illinois Avenue in Carbondale, Illinois 62901 or Applications are always welcome and are reviewed for consideration as openings occur to match interests and experience with community and membership needs.

You may complete the **"Boards and Commissions Application"** on the City's website at <http://explorecarbndale.com/> or email the application to commissions@ci.carbondale.il.us in care of the Mayor's Office.

The following list includes City boards as well as regional boards that the City appoints a representative to:

- Board of Fire and Police Commissioners



Mayor John M. Henry

- Building Board of Appeals
- Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau
- Carbondale Information and Telecommunications Commission
- Community Development and Loan Grant Review Board
- Electrical Commission
- Fire Fighters Pension Fund Board of Trustees
- Human Relations Commission
- Jackson County Emergency Telephone Services Board
- Library Board
- Liquor Advisory Board
- Personnel Board
- Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees
- Preservation Commission
- Southern Illinois Airport Authority
- Sustainability Commission

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Carbondale City Council Meeting Schedule

All regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in City Council Chambers at the Carbondale Civic Center. Any changes to this meeting schedule will be published in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Additional local government meetings are listed on the calendar on page 7.

April / May 2016

April 5
Regular City Council Meeting

May 10
Regular City Council Meeting

City Hall offices will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

April 19
Regular City Council Meeting

May 24
Regular City Council Meeting

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This issues' featured commission:

PLANNING COMMISSION - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The specific duties of the Planning Commission include, but are not limited to:

(1) To originate, prepare and recommend to the City Council a Comprehensive Plan as a guide for the future physical and social development of a territory which includes the city and up to one-and-one-half miles from the corporate limits.

(2) To review and make recommendations concerning alleviating or solving social problems which confront the citizenry, provide for the economic development of the City, or provide for the improvement of housing conditions within the City.

(3) To review and make recommendations to the Council concerning the Capital Improvements Pro-

gram as it relates to the Comprehensive Plan.

(4) To promote the Comprehensive Plan.

(5) To review and make recommendations on proposed subdivisions;

(6) To cooperate with other municipal and regional planning commissions and other agencies to recommend to the Council after a public hearing, amendment changes, supplements or repeals of the zoning ordinance, and to make recommendations on other matters relative to the developmental aspects of the City.

Composition: Nine members appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Council, and one City Council Member serving in an ex-officio capacity. Not less than seven members shall reside within the City and two may live within the 1 1/2 mile zone beyond the City limits. All members elect the Chair. Four year terms. (CRC 15-1A). Planning Commission members also serve as the membership of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Carbondale City Employee Recognition



Name: Blake Harsy
Title: Carbondale Police Officer



On June 18, 2015, an individual walked into the Circle K gas station, held the attendant at gun point and robbed the store of cash and cigarettes. Minutes later, officers with the Carbondale Police Department responded to the scene, including Officer Blake Harsy, who observed a vehicle driving the wrong way on a one way street near the Circle K gas station. Officer Harsy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and while speaking with the driver, Officer Harsy realized the individual was the robbery suspect. The individual refused to exit and began to reverse the vehicle. When the vehicle reversed, the vehicle dragged Officer Harsy across the parking lot. Officer Harsy was able to get free from the vehicle and the suspect fled in the vehicle in an alley. Officer Harsy was able to get back to his patrol vehi-

cle and pursue the individual, who abandoned his vehicle and fled on foot. Officers then set up a perimeter and began searching. After a few hours, officers located the suspect hiding nearby in a vacant house. The stolen money and cigarettes, along with the loaded handgun were also found nearby. The defendant was charged and later pled guilty to Armed Robbery. Last month, the defendant was sentenced to twenty-one years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Officer Blake Harsy demonstrated a very high degree of selflessness, personal courage and devotion to duty, despite great personal risk in apprehending a violent offender and helping to keep Carbondale safe. Officer Blake Harsy is hereby commended for his actions in this incident.

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.explorecarbndale.com

Residential Spring Clean-Up Begins May 6, 2016

The City of Carbondale will conduct the annual Residential Spring Clean-Up Program beginning May 6, 2016. 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.

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's City Refuse Collection Route - Friday, May 6th

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

Tuesday's City Refuse Collection Route - Friday, May 13th

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's City Refuse Collection Route - Friday May 20th

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's City Refuse Collection Route - Friday, May 27th

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.

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

- Electronics such as computers and computer accessories; televisions and TV accessories; MP3 and IPOD players.
- Tires, appliances, or yard waste - these items can be disposed of by the City's Landscape & 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 by the Jackson County Health Department to take place on an announced Saturday in May at the SIU Arena*

Parking lot for Jackson County residents only. For more information check the Jackson County Health Department's website at www.recyclejacksoncounty.org.

- Contractor's remodeling or construction debris - residents or contractors must dispose of these items using private haulers.

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 (618)457-3275.

City of Carbondale 2016 Holiday Schedule Refuse and Recycling Routes/ May 2016

Monday 30
Memorial Day
Holiday

Tuesday 31
Monday Route

Wednesday 1
Tuesday Route

Thursday 2
Wednesday Route

Friday 3
Thursday Route

Carbondale Central Laboratory

A state-of-the-art, modern facility staffed with operators who perform extensive testing for Carbondale as well as over 100 neighboring communities and water districts

The City of Carbondale has its own Laboratory to perform a multitude of tests for compliance with EPA regulations and constantly monitors drinking water quality as well as wastewater for compliance with our discharge permits. We are very proud of the services offered by the Central Laboratory which is a state-of-the-art, modern facility staffed with operators who perform extensive testing for our City as well as over 100 neighboring communities and water districts.

Our staff performs a variety of wet chemistry, microbiological, and analytical instrument tests and are highly skilled in their specialized bench areas. The staff samples rivers, streams, Cedar Lake, and the old City reservoir to monitor water quality parameters. The Laboratory staff routinely samples over 30 sites

monthly and all the water towers twice monthly throughout the City and tests for coliforms and drinking water quality. Staff also regularly performs metals testing (i.e. lead, copper and others) as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

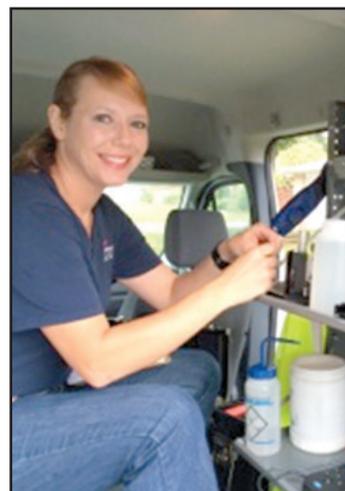
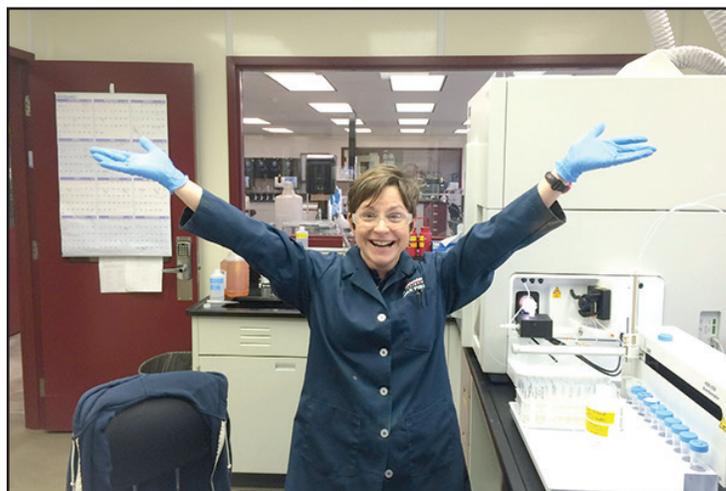
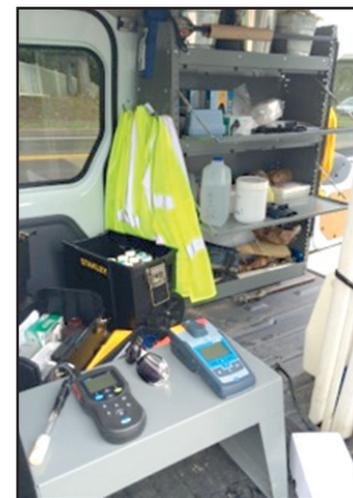
Several hours following a water main break, distribution samples are taken and tested in the field in the Field Mobile Laboratory vehicle. Other coliform tests are performed in the Laboratory to monitor and ensure that no contamination has occurred. The Transit Connect mobile Laboratory vehicle was purchased and set up in 2014 for sampling and testing on-site in the City for immediate results of the water quality.

The Laboratory is located with-

in the Water Treatment Plant in a 2,500 sq. ft. facility where bench testing is performed. Staff performs over 60,000 tests annually on finished drinking water, environmental waters, waste waters, and distribution samples. The Laboratory is accredited by NELAP (State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) and IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health). Recently, a Thermo Fisher ICP-Mass Spectrometer was added to the Laboratory analytical bench to perform metals analysis. An upgrade of the Gas Chromatograph to a new Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer system is planned to be added later this year to perform disinfection byproducts THM (Trihalomethanes) and HAA (Haloacetic acids) drinking water tests here on-site. These are just a few of the very important contaminants that we monitor

for any contaminants in the drinking water and to ensure that the treatment process is meeting all the EPA standards. The Laboratory has a full menu of testing offered such as Anions, Organic carbon, Lead, Copper, Phosphate, Nitrogen, algae toxins, Coliforms, E.Coli, Metals, Alkalinity, Hardness, BOD (Biological Oxygen Demand), COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand), Total and Sus-

pended Solids to name a few. Private residential tests are available to homeowners for a fee, and can be helpful to determine the source of a leak. Other private homeowners who have well systems frequently utilize the Laboratory services to monitor their water quality. We are proud to be able to offer affordable high quality testing services right here in Carbondale!



Crimestoppers announces reward increase

Crimestoppers, which services the City of Carbondale, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, City of Murphysboro, and the Jackson County area has increased the reward structure for all tips which lead to arrests. Anonymous tipsters providing information leading to arrests for wanted persons and violations of State and Federal laws can now earn up to \$1,500. Local Ordinance violations are not eligible for reward consideration.

Since its inception in 1992 Carbondale Crimestoppers has solved 173 cases, made 161 arrests, recovered \$85,920 worth of property and paid out over \$32,000 in reward money. Crimestoppers anticipates the increase of the reward amounts will result in an even greater number of credible tips. This is an important improvement because some crimes such as burglary occur more often than others which results in a significant number of tips. Under the former reward schedule, a tip leading to arrests in reference to a burglary would range from \$200 to \$650. Under the new

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reward schedule the same tip leading to arrests would range from \$500 to \$900.

The public is law enforcement's greatest asset in both preventing and solving crime. To provide an anonymous tip, you may call the Carbondale/SIU Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (618) 549-COPS (2677) or the Murphysboro/Jackson County anonymous tip line at (618) 687-COPS (2677). Anonymous tips may also be made by visiting "Crime Stoppers" on Facebook, through the Carbondale Police Department web site at www.carbondalepolice.com or by clicking the following link: <http://carbondalepolice.com/crime-stoppers>. Remember, crime doesn't pay, but Crime Stoppers does!



Annual Chamber banquet award winners

A tireless volunteer, a community-minded banker, the area's first licensed distillery and a regional business that has drawn national attention to Southern Illinois were among honorees at the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet, Feb. 19 at the SIU Student Center.

More than 400 individuals attended the annual event which featured a reception, catered meal and concert.

Award recipients included:

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: Grand River Spirits was recognized as the Chamber's Business of the Year. Grand River Spirits is the area's first licensed distillery producing the Red Eye line of whiskey and True Kinship bourbon.

BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR: Robert Bleyer, president of The Bank of Carbondale was named as Business Leader of the Year. Bleyer has led the financial institution through several decades of growth and community involvement. Each year the bank is involved in numerous charitable projects including a

fishing day for special populations and an extensive scholarship program.

REGIONAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: 17th Street Bar and Grill of Murphysboro was named the Chamber's Regional Business of the Year. Under the direction of owner Mike Mills, 17th Street has become a destination for barbecue fans and he has become known simply as "The Legend" among barbecue circles. The company also has a growing consulting business for others in the industry.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR: Jason Sigler of the Illinois Small Business Development Center was named the Chamber's Young Professional of the Year, an honor reserved for individuals under the age of 40. Sigler serves as a counselor at the SBDC where he assists start-ups and existing businesses with growth, development and planning. Personally, he has worked as an employee in several start-up businesses and also volunteers with Southern Illinois University Athletics.

PRESIDENTS' SERVICE AWARD: Matt Carnaghi was recognized for his service to the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce with the Presidents' Service Award, an honor chosen by the organization's five most recent presidents. Carnaghi currently chairs the Chamber's Saluki Pride Committee and is a frequent participant in Chamber events. Professionally, he is the director of business development for Harness Digital Marketing.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: Mark "Skip" Cosgrove was named Carbondale's Citizen of the Year. Cosgrove is a former volunteer coach for SIU Saluki Softball, was the driving force in bringing the Travelling Vietnam Wall to Carbondale last year and spearheads the region's annual Toys for Tots campaign.

CARBONDALE COMMUNITY ARTS KEEPING ART IN BUSINESS AWARD: Carbondale Community Arts recognized Cristaudo's Café and Bakery and Sixpence gift shop with the organization's Keeping Arts in Business Award. The business was recognized for its commitment to area artists through exhibitions, consignments and fundraisers.

Talk of the Town

Talk of the Town is a weekly radio program featuring news and information about Carbondale events, groups and businesses. Hosted by Interim City Manager Gary Williams and Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les O'Dell, Talk of the Town airs at 10 a.m. each Monday morning on WDBX, 91.1 FM.



Second annual Spring Home and Garden Expo just around the corner

Now in its second year, the latest in home improvement ideas and outdoor living products and services will be on display at the 2016 Southern Illinois Home and Garden Exposition, set for April 1 and 2 at the SIU Arena.

The show, organized by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, 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 more than 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 and a \$500 cash giveaway. In addition to exhibitor space on the main floor of the SIU Arena, the 2016 show also will have booths in the Arena's east lobby and several large exhibits outdoors.

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

Carbondale Tourism Updates



Carbondale Tourism is busy this spring planning tourism events for the coming months. On April 30th, Carbondale Tourism is again partnering with the SIU's Professional Chemistry Club for the **43rd annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta**.

The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta originated on SIU campus in 1974 and continues to this day! This year the Boat Regatta will be held in conjunction with the Carbondale Park District and will take place at Evergreen Park. Boat registration begins at 10 a.m. and the racing starts at 1:00p.m.

Anyone and everyone are welcome to participate in the races or just swing by to watch. The cost is \$15 to enter a boat in the race and spectating is free.

The regatta is broken into boat classes and each entry must follow the rules and regulations. There are boats powered by paddles, mechanical boats powered by paddle wheels, propellers or other forms of muscle-driven propulsion, and boats that are built the



day of the regatta. Instant boat kits will be for sale the day of the races; participants will have approximately two hours to build their boat.

The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta is a wonderful family event and is sure to entertain kids of all ages! Refreshments will be available from 17th Street Barbeque.

Carbondale Tourism is also collaborating on the **2016 Illinois Aviation Conference** will be held in Carbondale this May 4th & 5th at Southern Illinois Airport.

This is an annual event sponsored by the Illinois Aviation Trade Association and Illinois Department of Transportation, to showcase the significance general aviation brings to the state's economy & the lives of thousands of workers in the industry.

The conference will bring nearly 350 professionals to Carbondale, who will stay at our hotels for the duration of the event.

IATA & IDOT are excited to host this industry wide event in an academic environment and Carbondale Tourism is ecstatic about working to make this conference and future endeavors at the Southern Illinois Airport a success.

If you would like more information about these events please contact Carbondale Tourism at 618-529-4451 or visit carbondale-tourism.org.

News on Main Street



In its 26th year, the Brown Bag Concerts Series will continue to showcase local and regional musicians for Carbondale residents and visitors at lunchtime downtown. The concerts will be held every Wednesday in May through July from 12pm to 1pm in the Carbondale Town Square Pavilion. The concert series provides a relaxing mid-week break for the public and offers the opportunity to enjoy spending time in the Town Square.

The shows are family-friendly and attendees are encouraged to purchase lunch in a downtown restaurant before enjoying the show. Carbondale Main Street offers a free raffle for a \$25 gift certificate to a downtown business to create opportunities for residents to learn more about our diverse shops and restaurants.

For more information about this or any other Carbondale Main Street event, please visit CarbondaleMainStreet.com.

and restaurants. Downtown business participation not only expands opportunities for artists and musicians but also contributes to the overall feel and vibrancy of a community event downtown.

Each month will celebrate a different aspect of Carbondale with a kick off celebration on Earth Day, April 22nd. Additional dates and celebrations include Bike Carbondale on May 27th, Americana on June 24th, Beat the Heat on July 22nd, Battle of the Bands on August 26th and Latino Heritage Month Celebration on September 23rd.

For more information about this or any other Carbondale Main Street event, please visit CarbondaleMainStreet.com.



Partnering with Southern Illinois University Fermentation Science Institute and Southern Illinois Brewers, Carbondale Main Street will bring CarbondALE Brew Fest to the Town Square Pavilion this May. The event will play host to local and regional breweries from all over the Midwest on Friday, May 6 from 6pm – 9pm with early entry for VIP ticket holders and an after party hosted by Hangar 9.

Advance tickets are \$25 for General Admission and \$40 for VIP, at the door tickets are \$25 for General Admission and \$45 for VIP. General Admission tickets include; admission to the festival, souvenir tasting glass, tickets for tastes and 3 bonus Home Brew tastes. VIP tickets include; early entry to the festival, premier tasting glass, a swag bag filled with tickets for tastes and 3 bonus Home Brew tastes.

Tickets are on sale now at CarbondALEBrewFest.com or by calling Carbondale Main Street at 618-529-8040.

An evolution of the Friday Night Fairs, the Fourth Friday Fairs will take place in the Carbondale Town Square Pavilion



Fourth Fridays April through September 6pm – 9pm. A monthly series allows for the fairs to span three seasons and allocate more resources into each fair for a greater impact. Fourth Friday Fairs will continue to offer live music, interactive games and learning experiences, local artists, food vendors and more.

Partnering with Carbondale Community Arts and the Carbondale Park District, Carbondale Main Street is inviting businesses around the Square to participate either by setting up at the Fair or through special offerings within their shops

Illinois Secretary of State Vehicle Registration Email Reminder

The City of Carbondale Police Department urges residents to check their vehicle registration plates and prepare to make arrangements to update the registration sticker prior to expiration. Operation of a motor vehicle with expired registration can lead to being stopped a by police officer and receiving a

traffic citation. While the Illinois Secretary of State's Office suspended the mailing of Vehicle Registration Renewal Reminders, due to the current budget stalemate, residents are urged to sign up to receive electronic reminder notices by email. To sign up for this service please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com

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Tornado season is here

Tornadoes are spawned by severe thunderstorms, and are only one of the thunderstorm's hazards. Lightning is also very dangerous and should not be taken lightly. If lightning catches you outside, keep a safe distance from the nearest high conductive object.

Tornado Watch means tornadoes may develop. Listen to the radio and television for further information.

Tornado Warning means that one or more tornadoes have been spotted. Take Shelter!

Immediate action may save your life upon the approach of a tornado:

- In homes, take shelter in the basement and/or under heavy furniture in the center area of the

house. Open some windows, but stay away from them.

- In schools, move quickly (following advance plans) to shelter areas or to an interior hallway which on the lowest floor.

- In office buildings, follow the instructions given above for schools

- In shopping centers, go to a designated shelter area, NOT to a parked car.

- Mobile homes are particularly vulnerable to overturning and crashing into adjacent structures during strong winds. They should be evacuated.

During a severe thunderstorm or tornado emergency, listen for radio and television broadcasts of the latest weather bulletins. Battery operated radios are handy in case of power failure.

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.

City of Carbondale Celebrates 35th Year as a Tree City USA Community & 2nd Growth Award

What is Tree City USA?

The Tree City USA program was established in 1976 by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the United States Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program. The program promotes and celebrates sustainable management and care of trees where we live. It encourages community pride, education & individual action that improves forest resources & quality of life in our community. More than 3,400 communities across the United States are recognized each year and over 135 million people live in or near a Tree City community.

The City of Carbondale's Forestry Management Division is proud to announce our 35th consecutive year as a Tree City USA. Tree City USA and Tree City Growth Awards are a highly respected and sought after recognition in Illinois. Illinois currently is ranked 3rd in the United States for the most communities with 174. The City of Carbondale is one of only four in Illinois that have held the national honor for 35 consecutive years or more.

The City of Carbondale is celebrating for the second year in a row a Tree City USA Growth Award; this award recognizes Tree City USA communities for environmental improvements and achieving a higher level of tree care for the community.

In Illinois, as in most other states, the last Friday in April is designated as Arbor Day. This year Arbor Day is April 29th. This annual tree planting day originated in Nebraska where it was first observed on April 10, 1872, with more than 1 million trees planted.

The City of Carbondale's Forestry Management Division, in cooperation with the Carbondale Park District and Elementary School District #95, will celebrate Arbor Day with the 3rd graders at Thomas School. This will be the 13th year of our Arbor Day tradition at Thomas School, where every 3rd grader pots their own seedling and are given instructions on how to care for their young trees. Every year we give away close to 300 white pine seedlings, except for our 10th anniversary when the children received white oaks. This important celebration would not be possible without the generosity of: Mr. George Sheffer and Murdale True Value; New Page Corporation in Wickliffe Kentucky for donating the trees; Betsy Nance with Anna Nursery for donating the pots; and Mrs. Ann Hamman 3rd grade teacher at Thomas School for coordinating the event.

The City of Carbondale's Forestry Management Division will end our celebration of Arbor Day with the commemorative planting of two trees at our historic Woodlawn Cemetery by Mayor Mike Henry and City Council Members. Be on the lookout for more

information on this event coming soon. Residents can also take an active part in Arbor Day by planting your own tree, or just taking the time to appreciate the trees in our community or on the campus of Southern Illinois University.

On one final note, the City of Carbondale's Forestry Management Division is proud to announce that Southern Illinois University received its first national award as a Tree Campus USA. There are 254 campuses nationwide that are designated with this honor and SIU is one of 22 campuses in Illinois to receive the distinguished award. SIU will celebrate their Arbor Day observance, with the planting of trees in the morning and afternoon at lot #7 in front of Pulliam Hall on Friday April 22nd.

Wood Chips Available

The City has a large supply of wood chips available free of charge to the residents of Carbondale. These chips are by-products of the Forestry Management Division tree trimming and removal program. Chips are located at the Maintenance Environmental Services yard at 212 W Willow Street. To schedule a time to pick up chips, please call (618) 457-3275. The City does not deliver chips. For further information or questions contact Mark McDaniel, City Arborist at (618) 549-5302 ext.332

What to do in case of severe weather

Americans live in the most severe weather-prone country on Earth. Each year a startling 10,000 thunderstorms, 2,500 floods, 1,000 tornadoes, and 10 hurricanes impact the United States. Potentially deadly severe weather impacts everyone. Here's what you can do to prepare yourself and your family.

Before Lightning Strikes

Keep an eye on the sky. Look for darkening skies, flashes of light or increasing wind. Listen for the sound of thunder.

If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Go to safe shelter immediately!

Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for the latest weather forecasts. Listen to City of

Carbondale radio station on AM1620, like us on Facebook at Carbondale Office of Emergency Management, and follow us on Twitter at @CarbondaleEMA for notifications.

When a Storm Approaches

Find shelter in a building or car. Keep car windows closed and avoid convertibles.

Telephone lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity. Unplug appliances. Avoid using a landline telephone or any electrical appliances.

Avoid taking a bath or shower, or running water for any other purpose.

Turn off the air conditioner. Power surges from lightning can overload the compressor, resulting in a costly repair job.

Draw blinds and shades over win-

dows. If windows break due to objects blown by the wind, the shades will prevent glass from shattering into your home.

If Caught Outside

If you are in the woods, go to a safe building. Make sure it is fully enclosed with a roof and four walls. Tents, shelters, pavilions, or dugouts will not keep you safe.

If you cannot get to a safe building, get in a safe, hard-topped vehicle. Roll up the windows, close the doors and avoid all metal surfaces.

If you are boating or swimming, get to land and find shelter immediately!

Protecting Yourself Outside

Go to a low-lying, open place away from trees, poles, or metal objects. If you're caught in the open, lightning

often hits the tallest object which could be you in an open field. Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding.

Be a Very Small Target

Get low to the ground, on the balls of your feet in a crouching position. The goal is to get as low as possible, while minimizing your contact with the ground. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Make yourself the smallest target possible.

Do not lie flat on the ground - this will make you a larger target!

After the Storm Passes

Stay away from storm-damaged areas.

Listen to the radio for information and instructions.

If Someone is Struck by Lightning

People struck by lightning carry no

electrical charge and can be handled safely. Call for help. Get someone to dial 9-1-1.

The injured person has received an electrical shock and may be burned, both where they were struck and where the electricity left their body. Check for burns in both places.

Give first aid. If breathing has stopped, begin rescue breathing. If the heart has stopped beating, a trained person should give CPR.

Learn First Aid and CPR

Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR course. Call your local Red Cross chapter for class schedules and fees.

This information brought to you by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the City of Carbondale Office of Emergency Management. For more information on severe weather, please contact the City of Carbondale Office of Emergency Management at 457-3245.

CMS Math Counts Team takes first place

A big congratulations goes out to the CMS Math Counts Team. On Saturday Feb 20, 2016 they competed in Chapter competition at SIU and the team came in first place!

Several Carbondale Middle School students also placed in the top ten as individuals in the competition: Ray Shang-1st, Kylee Korando-4th, Lorenzo Riley-Acuy-8th. These three along with Imo Madjid will be heading to the state competition on March 19, 2016.

Other Carbondale students competing as individuals on Saturday were: Niko Johnson-Fuller, Daniel Wisen, Brian Oh, Arkaprabha Kolay, Gabriela Benyas, and John Patton. The team is coached by Ashley Burgenner, 8th grade social studies teacher at CMS.

CMS Principal Marilyn Ross proudly stated, "The commitment of the students and parents has been amazing! Thank you for all your sup-



port and we look forward to competing in the state competition." Superintendent Michael Shimshak agreed adding, "We are proud of the

learning and effort our students and their coach put forth to realize great results and wish them good luck at state."

Carbondale Elementary School District No. 95 hosted a special annual Black History Month Program in February



Carbondale Elementary School District No. 95 hosted a special annual Black History Month Program on Monday, February 22, 2016 at Carbondale Middle School. Over 100 parents, staff members, and community members were in attendance to support Carbondale students present on notable figures, such as Duke

Ellington, Ruby Bridges, Benjamin Banneker, and others. After an opening welcome ceremony by Carbondale Middle School Principal Marilyn Ross, Restorative Justice Coordinator, Jimi Bradley facilitated the event as the M.C. Students from Parrish Elementary presented a play on Ru-

by Bridges, and also gave a reading of "Hey Black Child" an encouraging poem by Harlem Renaissance writer, Countee Cullen.

Carbondale Middle School and Lewis School students also presented their skit "Mt. Inspiration". Highlights from the event include student John Patton's reading of "What Freedom Means to Me", an essay he wrote for a statewide competition. Carbondale Middle School student Kirsten Matthews covered famed late singer Whitney Houston's "The Greatest Love of All" hit single to an applauding audience.

The event concluded with a presentation on The Scottsboro Boys Trial by Carbondale Middle School student Nia-Arii Grant. Parrish, Thomas, and Lewis School students also participated in the poster board displays for those in attendance that they have worked on in preparation of the event, covering a range of subjects.

This year's theme "African Americans Who Left Their Stamp on History: A Celebration of Many Lives" inspired all. Thank you to all the students, teachers, and staff who helped make this year's event a success!

APRIL CALENDAR

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/5th & 19th	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

Thurs/7th	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 p.m.
Mon/18th	Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
Mon/4th	Human Relations Commission	5:00 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 St.	4:30 p.m.
Thurs/21st	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut St.	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/28th	Carbondale Elementary School Dist. #95 Carbondale Elementary School Administrative Center	7:00 p.m.

MAY CALENDAR

City Hall Offices will be closed Monday, May 30, 2016 for Memorial Day

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>		
Mon/9th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 p.m.
Tues/10th & 24th	City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wed/11th & 25th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.

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

Mon/2nd	Human Relations Commission	5:00 p.m.
Mon/16th	Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/19th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 p.m.
Thurs/5th	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings at Other Locations

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Thurs/19th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut St.	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/26th	Carbondale Elementary School Dist. #95 Carbondale Elementary School Administrative Center	7:00 p.m.



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.explorecarbndale.com

ALL SPECIES PUPPET PARADE



EARTH DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016

Parade Kicks-off at 5:00 pm. *All species welcome!*

Participants should arrive at 4:30 pm. Parade route concludes at Turley Park with youth activities, story telling, and songs.

Make Plans to Visit Poplar Camp Beach at Cedar Lake

One of the best locations for fun in the water and sun is on beautiful Cedar Lake at Poplar Camp Beach. Providing a safe and family friendly atmosphere, the beach will be opening for the season on Friday morning May 27, 2016, prior to the Memorial Day Weekend. Beach hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The sandy waterfront leads to a swim and play area, an area for relaxing on rafts and a lap swim lane. Red Cross certified lifeguards are on duty during beach hours with Cedar Lake personnel and the Carbondale Police patrolling the beach. Restrooms, picnic tables, and a concession stand are also available. In mid to late August, the beach will be open on weekends only (after local schools start back) through Labor Day, September 5, 2016, when the beach will close for the season. The fee for a single admission is \$2.50 per day but children 4 years of age and younger are admitted free. Ten (10) visit passes will be available for \$20.00 and twenty (20) visit passes will be available for \$35.00. Passes



bought will be good for the entire 2016 beach season and can be used by anyone at anytime. Children twelve years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

To reach Poplar Camp Beach from Carbondale, travel south on U.S. Highway 51 to the second traffic light south of Pleasant Hill Road. Turn right on Old Hwy.51 and drive ½ mile to Cedar Creek Road. Turn right onto Cedar Creek Road

and follow to Poplar Camp Road on the left, across from Union Hill on the right. Turn left on Poplar Camp Road which ends at the beach parking lot. The City of Carbondale owns Cedar Lake as its water source and operates Poplar Camp Beach along with the City's boat ramp and access area. The boat ramp is located at the west end of Cedar Creek Road. For more information call 549-8441.

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CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

Comes to Evergreen Park!

April 30, 2016

Create a boat entirely of corrugated cardboard of any thickness and hold it together with glue, caulk, tape or similar substances and add some simple waterproofing. Boat registration and inspection begins at 10:00 am. Races start at 1:00 pm. For more information, contact Mary Kinsel at 618/453-6428.



SUPER SPLASH PARK

Grand Opening!

SATURDAY MAY 28 • 10:30 AM

Contact the Carbondale Park District for more information:
(618) 549-4222 or (618) 549-6565. www.cpkd.org



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