



This illustration by FGM Architects shows what the new Carbondale Fire Department Engine House will look like from its entrance on Glenview Drive. The new station will be located at the intersection of Glenview Drive and Sycamore Street. Construction will begin in early 2013.

2012 Carbondale State of the City Address

The Carbondale Chamber of Commerce will host the 2012 Carbondale State of the City Address on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 during their monthly luncheon at noon in the Carbondale Civic Center located at 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Lunch will be catered by DiMaggio's and tickets for the event are \$15.00 for chamber members who RSVP and \$20.00 for non-members or members who do not RSVP. Reservations can be made by calling 549-2146. This event is open to the public.

Five dollars of each ticket will go towards the Mayor's Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for Carbondale Community High School students attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

An additional fundraiser for the Mayor's Scholarship Fund is Mayor Fritzler's Second Annual "Shave It or Save It" campaign. This campaign will decide whether Mayor Fritzler "shaves or saves" his mustache. Last year \$1,514.97 was raised from the

luncheon and the campaign. Three \$500 scholarships were awarded to CCHS students and Mayor Fritzler had to shave off his mustache.

There are various ways for voters to cast their monetary votes. Ballot cans will be at various "Shave It or Save It" voting precincts around town and at the State of the City Address. Voters can cast their votes (checks, loose change, and/or bills of any denomination) into either the "Shave It" can or the "Save It" can. Checks for any amount can be sent to the Chamber office at 131 S. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, IL 62901. Checks should be made payable to the "Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Foundation" and need to either include the notation "Scholarship Fund - Shave It" or "Scholarship Fund - Save It." Votes can also be purchased with a credit card at the Chamber office or by calling the Chamber at 549-2146. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

City Begins Budget Preparation for the New Year

The City has begun the process of preparing its FY 2014 Budget (May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014). The process began with the City Council reviewing the proposed tax levy truth in taxation determination on November 27, 2012. On December 28, 2012, 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). 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 April 2, 2013. City Council action on the proposed Budget and Five Year Community Investment Program is scheduled for April 16, 2013.

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.

14 CANDIDATES FILE FOR CARBONDALE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2013

The filing period for Carbondale City Council Member petitions ended November 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Listed below are the Candidates who filed for City Council Member. An "L" before the Candidate's name indicates that their placement on the ballot will be determined in the Lottery for Ballot Placement. The remaining Candidates will appear on the ballot in the order their petitions for candidacy were received.

- L - Lee M. Fronabarger, 1140 Morningside Drive
- L - Carolin Harvey, 109 South Tower Road
- L - Brent Ritzel, 810 North Springer Street
- L - Blaine Tisdale, 1101 East Grand Avenue, Apartment E-4
- 5 - Jessica C. Bradshaw, 512 North Carico Street, Apartment A
- 6 - Lorena Masterson, 402 South Orchard Drive
- 7 - Navreet S. Kang, 613 South Terrace Drive
- 8 - William Graham, 403 West Elm #3
- 9 - Jerrold Hennrich, 610 West Sycamore
- 10 - Carl R. Flowers, 1 Pine Lake Drive

- 11 - Luke L. Adams Jr., 809 West Walnut Apt. 4
- 12 - Karim H. Abdullah, 915 East Cindy Street
- 13 - Tony D. Holsey, 1010 N. Almond Street
- 14 - Pepper Holder, 410 East James & Thelma Walker Avenue

Since there were thirteen (13) or more candidates who filed for City Council Member, a primary election will be held on February 26, 2013, to narrow the field to six (6) candidates, as outlined in Carbondale Revised Code Section 1-2-3. The ballot placement for the candidates advancing to the General Election will be determined by the number of votes received in the primary.

The Lottery for Ballot Placement will be held in the City Clerk's Office at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4th. All Candidates and the public are invited to attend.

Questions regarding the City Council election may be addressed to the City Clerk's Office or by e-mail to jstorrell@ci.carbondale.il.us.

DECEMBER & JANUARY CARBONDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- December 11, 2012 - Regular City Council Meeting
- December 18, 2012 - Special City Council Meeting
- December 28, 2012 - Special City Council Meeting
- January 8, 2013 - Regular City Council Meeting
- January 29, 2013 - Regular City Council Meeting

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 the back page of this issue.

From the Mayor



Mayor Joel Fritzler

WOW!!! I first typed two exclamation marks but, I just left an event that deserves three. This spectacular event gave proof to two facts, 1) Carbondale is indeed the Cultural Capital of Southern Illinois, and 2) everyone can be confident that Carbondale's future will be in good hands. For those of you that just missed the Third Annual Carbondale Youth Showcase (which has grown to take up the SIUC Ballrooms), I would highly recommend that you put next year's event on your calendar now. I don't know the exact date but, Ryan Reed, President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, will know and he can be reached at: ryreed@siu.edu.

Ryan and a countless number of volunteers and sponsors from various SIUC student organizations and local organizations and businesses, organized a truly great "Town and Gown" event. I would be amiss if I didn't point out that the City's own Greta Matthews accompanied a youth choir on the piano but, as I alluded to above, it was all about the youth of our community and the talents that they shared with the audience.

As Mayor, it was an inspiring and encouraging event. It was obvious that the dancing, the singing and the music that was played took hours of practice, dedication and discipline. Part way through the Showcase, I was privileged to give a few mayoral remarks and, I started with, "WOW!!!" I then asked for a democratic vote with a show of (clapping) hands of who believed that a school district's budget for the arts should be at least the same as for athletics. The applause was almost deafening. So, as mayors do, I offered a mayoral challenge and asked them to contact their superintendents, school board members and elected officials

that oversee educational funds, and challenge them to balance the budget between the arts and athletics.

To keep this article about the Youth of Carbondale, a few weeks ago, SIUC's International Services and families from the surrounding school districts hosted 12 junior high students from Tainai City, Japan (one of our Sisters Cities). This has been an annual event for several years and this year the City of Carbondale hosted the Farewell Pizza Party with pizza donated by Pagliai's, Quatro's, and DiMaggio's for about 80 people including the Japanese students, the host families, and members of the City Council.

Last year, I challenged the City Council to re-budget \$10,000 for a Student Ambassador Program; funds which had previously been budgeted annually as Sisters Cities Projects for mayoral travel abroad and local functions when delegations from overseas visited Carbondale. The program was to be a matching program as both superintendents of the two Carbondale school districts agreed to budget funds for such a program. The program would allow students from Carbondale the opportunity to travel to one of our Sisters Cities, stay with a host family, learn about another culture, tell others about Carbondale, and to return home as a better informed resident of Carbondale.

Unfortunately, only Councilman Wissmann voted with me to establish such a program. However, I believe the Pizza Party and the energy that existed there between the young Japanese and American students inspired some of the council members to reconsider such a program and understand the benefits it would bring to Carbondale so, I'm issuing a challenge to all who are reading this article to contact members of the City Council and ask them to support a Student Ambassador Program.

I hope that in the next few months you will have several "WOW!!!" moments in your life and if you ever have any questions about the Cultural Capital of Southern Illinois, feel free to contact me at jfritzler@ci.carbondale.il.us or 457-3229.

Joel Fritzler, Mayor

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AVAILABLE

The City of Carbondale announced the live video streaming of its City Council meetings on the internet beginning with the November 27, 2012 City Council Meeting.

According to Mayor Joel Fritzler, "The use of video streaming technology is the latest step in the City's efforts to maintain the highest level of openness in municipal government." Prior to this, only Carbondale residents who were subscribers to Mediacom Cable service could view the meetings on tv. The new service can be used by all members of the public with computer access and can be accessed through the City of Carbondale's website, www.explorecarbndale.com/streaming-media or from the City's homepage on the left side near the bottom of the homepage is a graphic that will link you LIVE to the broadcast.

Video streaming on the internet will allow the viewer to watch the meeting and view the agenda and associated documents as they are being discussed. The service will also archive the meetings and allow for viewing of the meetings at a later date. Persons without access to a computer will still be able to view the meeting on Mediacom Channel 16.

Carbondale Welcomes Its Newest Businesses

- **Family Dollar**, 900 W. Main St.
- **Lane Bryant**, University Mall
- **Little Britches Clothing & Gear**, 632 E. Walnut St.
- **Mattress Firm**, 1330 E. Main St.
- **Ross Dress for Less**, University Mall
- **Shoe Department Encore**, University Mall

Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau Office Reopened Its Doors: New Hours

The Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau reopened its office to the public. The Bureau staff welcomes all visitors and is enthusiastic to help educate the public on what's happening in Carbondale and Jackson County. They are looking forward to becoming more integrated in the community. The doors are open to the public from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, except major holidays.

The Carbondale Convention & Tourism Bureau is a not-for-profit organization responsible for marketing Carbondale and Jackson County. The Bureau, commonly referred to as CCTB, also dedicates itself to providing valuable information on southern Illinois to visitors and residents.

To keep up-to-date with CCTB, please find them on Facebook and Twitter, or visit the website www.cctb.org. They strongly encourage community members to email them regarding their events or other happenings in southern Illinois.

If you are seeking information, or have any questions feel free to call the Bureau at 618-529-4451 or stop by their office. The Bureau is located just across from SIU on South Illinois Avenue in Carbondale.



Mayor Fritzler Launched New City of Carbondale Website

The City of Carbondale has launched a new website designed to showcase the community as a place to start and stay, while exploring Carbondale and Southern Illinois. This new website contains the latest news and information pertaining to all areas of City government, front page access to the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager, an expanded calendar of events in the Carbondale community, as well as links to area organizations and events and the abundant resources available in Southern Illinois.

"This new website www.explorecarbndale.com has been redesigned to make it easier for students, residents, visitors and persons looking to relocate their family or start a business in our community to access the information they are looking for. Whether you are wanting to pay a bill on-line, view the City Council Agenda, find information about the City's economic development programs or see what events are happening in the community to plan your weekend, you can easily access this information from the first page of the website," said Mayor Joel Fritzler.

"We hope that you will discover an attractive and inviting new look that showcases our community and makes it easier for everyone to find the information they need. As we continue to grow our website, your suggestions on how it can be more effective and useful are certainly appreciated," said City Manager Kevin Baity.

We encourage everyone to get online and become acquainted with our new website.

NEW VETERANS ADMINISTRATION COMMUNITY OUTPATIENT CLINIC OPEN IN CARBONDALE

In order to provide the best and most convenient care possible for Veterans throughout the region, Marion VA Medical Center has opened a new Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Carbondale. A grand opening ceremony was held on November 8th.

The new clinic features over 9900 square feet of space dedicated to serving Veterans and their healthcare needs. Based on the Patient Aligned Care Team, or PACT model, Marion VA Medical Center Director Paul Bockelman says he feels this clinic is just another example of how the VA is putting the needs of Veterans first.

"The PACT model is all about the Veteran-what he or she needs, what is convenient for them, and not what's most convenient for the provider," Bockelman says. "We really kept that in mind when we designed this facility. Veterans walk in and go to their PACT pod, or area, and receive all their care there, instead of having to walk from office to office in order to get

the job done."

The new clinic is divided into office clusters, or "PACT Pods". Each pod houses a team of providers for patients. The team includes a primary care provider, RN case manager, clinical and administrative staff, as well as other clinical services necessary to meet the health care needs of each Veteran. The job of the provider team is to revolve around the Veteran's needs in order to provide the most easily accessible and comprehensive care possible in a timely manner. As Bockelman says, "It's the ultimate in patient centered care."

The Marion VA Medical Center System provides healthcare services to over 42,000 Veterans living in Southern Illinois, Northwestern Kentucky, and Western Indiana.

For more information, contact Laura Schafsnitz in the Marion VA Public Affairs office at 618-997-5311, ext. 54819, or email laura.schafsnitz@va.gov.

City Receives Budget Presentation Award for 26th Year

The City of Carbondale has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its current Fiscal Year 2013 Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. This is the 26th year Carbondale's City budget has been recognized by the 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 the same number or more budget awards than Carbondale. In 2011, only 70 municipalities and 39 other units of government in Illinois, including counties, school districts, colleges, park districts and other special districts received the GFOA budget award. Across the United States and Canada, Carbondale ranks among the top 10% of governmental units receiving the most Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards. In the United States and Canada, 823 municipalities and 505 other units of government received the GFOA budget award for the year.

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving approximately 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.

SEASONAL VACUUM LEAF COLLECTION SERVICES CONTINUE THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2013

Carbondale's Seasonal Vacuum Leaf Collection Service will continue during the months of December and January. Calls for this service will be accepted until January 31, 2013. The fee during this Special Program period is \$25.00 for each collection. The regular fee for vacuum leaf collection is \$35.00.

City of Carbondale residents interested in this service should rake their leaves to the edge of the curb or street (please be sure not to block streets, sidewalks, ditches or gutters), then call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at (618) 457-3275 and request a vacuum leaf collection.

Calls for service will be accepted 24 hours a day by leaving a message at the above number. Please be sure to leave your *Name, Address, and Telephone Number*

and identify your request as "*vacuum leaf collection*". If you would like to speak to a person directly please call between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The City's Landscape Waste Bag & Bundle Program will continue with collection on Wednesdays and Fridays. Residents interested in 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 have placed the bags or bundles at the curb please call the number listed above and leave your address along with your request for "Bag and Bundle" or "Landscape Waste Collection". Collection will be scheduled for the following Wednesday or Friday.

SHOP LOCAL & WIN!
NOV. 23 - DEC. 28, 2012

Pick up a stamp card at any of the participating retailers or the Chamber office. Have the cashier stamp your card for amounts you spend in \$5 increments pre-tax. Bring your completed card to the Chamber by Thursday at 5pm each week to be entered into drawings for \$25 shopping sprees at the participating business of your choice. All completed cards must be turned in to the Chamber office by 5 pm on Thursday, January 3rd to be entered for the \$500, \$250, and \$150 shopping sprees at the participating businesses of your choice.

VISIT THESE PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

710 Bookstore	Italian Village	Thai Taste
Attitude Designs	Mississippi Flyway	The Apple Tree
B and A Travel Service	Monte Alegre Vineyard & Cellars	The Blue Martin
Blend Tea and Crepe Lounge	Murdale True Value	The Furniture King
Castle Perilous Games and Books	My Favorite Toys	The Great Outdoors Company, Inc.
Clear Vision Family Eyecare	Neighborhood Co-Op Grocery	Tickled Pink Boutique and Gift
F-W-S Countertops	The Newell House Bistro Cafe	TJ's Fine Jewelry
Hunan	SINC (Southern Illinois Network Consultants)	

FOR MORE INFO VISIT CARBONDALECHAMBER.COM.

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WINTER FARMERS MARKET COMES TO CARBONDALE

After years of discussion by many people in the community, Carbondale now has a Winter Farmers Market. The first winter market of the season was held on Saturday, December 1st and these markets will continue every Saturday (except Dec. 29) through March 2013 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Winter Farmers Markets are held at Thomas School located at 1025 North Wall Street in Carbondale, where Principal Linda Flowers offered the use of the school cafeteria for the weekly event. Carbondale Elementary School District 95 has been encouraging students to eat healthier, including more fresh fruits and vegetables, so this project meets those goals.

The market was organized by two people. This past June, Keep Carbondale Beautiful Executive Director Sarah Heyer approached Elissa Johnson, produce buyer at the Neighborhood Co-op, after Johnson hosted a presentation with local growers at the Neighborhood Co-op. Over the next months, Johnson started talking to vendors while Heyer looked for locations and for an organizer. "I talked

to anyone who would listen. Everyone loved the idea, and many had tried it before, but no one was in a position to take it on and run with it. Finally, Elissa said, 'Let's just do it!' and she has set up the blog and the Facebook page."

Johnson explained, "More and more farmers are using high tunnels and advanced growing methods to continue production right through the winter months. Some have been driving to St. Louis every week with their produce, so they are excited to have a local outlet, not just to save a drive, but because they are a part of this community and would rather do business with their friends and neighbors."

Interested people can find more information at carbondalearwintermarket.blogspot.com and carbondalearwintermarket on facebook, or by writing to carbondalearwintermarket@gmail.com. Interested persons may also contact Elissa Johnson at (618) 924-4222 or by email at eliss.uhj@gmail.com and Sarah Heyer at (618) 525-5525 or by email at Keepcb123@gmail.com.

Carbondale Preservation Commission Accepting Historic Preservation Award Nominations

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission is honored to be sponsoring the 8th Annual Historic Preservation Awards. Any property located within the Carbondale city limits is eligible for a Historic Preservation Award. Carbondale residents are invited to submit nominations for any property that they feel is deserving of an award.

Properties can be nominated in one of four categories:

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

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

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

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

Anyone can nominate a property; however, owners are encouraged to nominate their own property. The award winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting in May, in association with National Preservation Month. Nomination forms can be picked up in the Planning Services Division at City Hall or can be found online at www.explorecarbondalear.com. Please submit all applications by 5:00 p.m. on March 8, 2013.

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

Winter Weather Safety Information

The City of Carbondale Emergency Management Services Department has assembled the following information to help residents be prepared for winter weather.

Assemble a disaster supplies kit containing:

- First-aid and essential medications.
- Battery-powered NOAA weather radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
- Canned food and can opener.
- Bottled water (at least one gallon of water per person per day to last at least three days).
- Extra warm clothing, including boots, mittens and hats.

Stay tuned for storm warnings.

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, your local radio stations including AM1620 and TV stations for updated storm information.

Know what winter storm watches and warnings mean.

- A winter storm watch means a winter storm is possible in your area.
- A winter storm warning means a winter storm is headed for your area.
- A blizzard warning means strong winds, blinding wind-driven snow, and dangerous wind chill are expected. Seek shelter immediately!
- A snow emergency is automatically declared whenever an accumulation of snow and/or ice exceeds two inches.

When a winter storm watch is issued:

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio including AM1620, and TV stations, or cable TV such as the Weather Channel for further updates.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.

When a winter storm warning is issued:

- Stay indoors during the storm.
- If you must go outside, several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Gloves (or mittens) and a hat will prevent loss of body

heat. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs.

- Understand the hazards of wind chill, which combines the cooling effect of wind and cold temperatures on exposed skin.

Avoid traveling by car in a storm unless absolutely necessary.

- Carry a disaster supplies kit in the trunk.
 - Keep your cars gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
 - Let someone know your destination, your route and when you expect to arrive.
 - Take along a cell phone and charger.
- If you become stranded in your vehicle:**
- Stay with your car. Do not try to walk to safety.
 - Tie a brightly colored cloth (preferably red) to the antenna for rescuers to see.
 - Start the car and use the heater for about 10 minutes every hour. Keep the exhaust pipe clear so fumes won't back up in the car.
 - Leave the overhead light on when the engine is running so that you can be seen.
 - As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to keep blood circulating and to stay warm.
 - Keep one window away from the blowing wind slightly open to let in air.

What to do after a winter storm:

- Continue listening to local radio or television stations or a NOAA Weather Radio for updated information and instructions.
- Help a neighbor who may require special assistance such as infants, elderly people, and people with disabilities.
- Avoid driving until conditions have improved. Roads may be blocked by snow or emergency vehicles.
- Follow forecasts and be prepared when venturing outside. Major winter storms are often followed by even colder conditions.

For more information contact the City of Carbondale Emergency Management Services Department at 457-3245.

Reminder to Move Vehicles During Snow, Sleet or Ice Events

Parking is prohibited on Emergency Snow Routes during a snow emergency. A snow emergency is automatically declared when an accumulation of snow and/or ice exceeds two (2) inches. When this occurs, parking on any portion of an Emergency Snow Route street is prohibited, and vehicles will be towed so the snow plows can safely clear the streets.

Permanent signs are posted on each street that is designated as an Emergency Snow Route. These streets are given primary attention during snow, sleet, and ice removal operations. When snow or other freezing precipitation is forecasted, please make arrangements

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

As the streets designated as Emergency Snow Routes become substantially clear of snow, sleet and ice (clear from edge to edge, for the length of an entire block) the "no parking" snow emergency will be 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 (618) 457-3275.

9th Annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting January 26th

Carbondale's 9th Annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church located at 214 W. Main Street on Saturday, January 26th. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. with registration, coffee and informational displays. The program opens at 10:00 a.m. with introductions of all City officials present, new members on boards and commissions and candidates for City Council. The agenda for the meeting will include reports from Carbondale neighborhood organizations and group discussion and updates on City programs and initiatives. The meeting ends at 12:00 p.m. Participants are invited to stay for a chili lunch following the meeting.

This meeting is organized by the Carbondale Neighborhood Action Group, a public group which meets monthly to explore ways to improve Carbondale's neighborhoods and the community. The Neighborhood Action Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center. For more information contact Mary O'Hara at 713-0820.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

In February 2011, the City entered into a contract with Duncan Associates to update the City's Zoning Ordinance. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance were based on recommendations included in the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the amended Zoning Ordinance can be viewed at City Hall and is also available on the City's website.

A public hearing will be scheduled before the Planning Commission and revisions to the Zoning Ordinance will be made based upon the comments received from the community. A public hearing date and time will be scheduled in the coming weeks. For further information on the Zoning Ordinance update, please contact Chris Wallace in the Development Services Department at 457-3248 or cwallace@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Winter Farmer's Market

Saturdays

December 1st through March 23rd
9am-1pm

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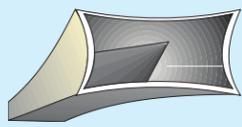
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Outdoor Warning Sirens Tested Monthly

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.

Ameren Presents Carbondale With A Most Progressive City Award

In November, Carbondale was presented an Act on Energy Most Progressive City Award from Ameren Illinois. In recognition of significant energy efficiency achievements, Ameren Illinois annually presents the Act on Energy Most Progressive City Awards to cities in each of the six Ameren Illinois operating divisions. Carbondale was the only municipality to earn the honor in Ameren Illinois Division VI, which encompasses more than 20 Southern Illinois counties.

During the ceremony more than a dozen businesses were recognized for reducing nearly 1.3 million kilowatt hours of energy consumption in one year, mostly through improved efficiency in lighting. The amount of energy saved from June 2011 through May 2012 represented a six percent improvement from the previous year, the highest amount in the region.

“Those kilowatt hours are representative of 132 residential homes’ usage for a year,” said Ameren’s Cheryl Miller at the ceremony recently held at the Carbondale City Civic Center.



The businesses in Carbondale recognized were: Henry Printing, Com-Pac International, Mac’s Convenient Stores, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Southern Illinois Healthcare, JC Penney, Panera Bread, Intertape Polymer Corp., Schnucks, Edward Jones Investments and Petco.

Mayor Joel Fritzler said the business’ efforts reflected those of the city, which spent \$60,000 to make City Hall more energy efficient. “We’re all looking at the bottom line,” Fritzler said.

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/11th	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.
Thurs/20th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 p.m.
No Meeting	Preservation Commission	

Scheduled Meetings at Other Locations

Wed/12th	Library Board of Trustees Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 p.m.
Wed/20th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/20th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Administration Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 p.m.

City Hall offices will close at noon on Monday, December 24 and will be closed Tuesday, December 25, 2012 for the Christmas Holiday

Reminder: No Burn Ordinance Within City Limits

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

- The fire is intended for pleasure, religious ceremony, cooking or warmth.
- The fire should be in the rear yard.
- The fire must be no more than three feet in diameter and two feet in height.
- The fire must be at least twenty-five feet from a structure or other combustible material; fifteen feet if

in an approved container.

- A method of extinguishment must be readily available; i.e. extinguisher, hose, buckets, etc.
- The fire must not be objectionable because of excessive smoke or odor.
- The fire must be attended at all times.

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

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

Holiday Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

City offices will be closed at noon on Monday, December 24, 2012 and all day on Tuesday, December 25, 2012 for the Christmas holiday, and on Tuesday, January 1, 2013 for the New Year's Day holiday. Except for Monday's route (which will be collected on Monday) all refuse and recycling collection for both weeks will be pushed back one day. Landscape waste bag and bundle collection will take place on Thursday only during these two holiday weeks.

Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The City of Carbondale Forestry Division will conduct its annual Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling Program from January 2, 2013 through February 1, 2013. 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 the actual collection and chipping of the trees will occur the following day). Any residents wishing to dispose of their Christmas trees on days other than their normal refuse day may also take their Christmas trees to one of the following neighborhood drop-off sites:

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

Please discard pine rope, wreaths, garland, and flocked trees with regular refuse. Questions about this program may be directed to the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at (618) 457-3275 or to the City Forester's Office at (618) 549-5302 ext. 332.

Safety for Pedestrians During Winter Weather

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

Occasionally snow, ice, sleet, or freezing rain on a

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

If you have any questions about the City's snow and ice removal requirements, please contact the City of Carbondale's Building and Neighborhood Services Division at (618) 457-3237.

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/8th & 29th	Carbondale City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wed/2nd & 16th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues/14th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 p.m.

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

Mon/5th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 p.m.
No Meeting	Preservation Commission	
Thurs/17th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 p.m.
Thurs/3rd	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 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 Tuesday, January 1, 2013 for New Year's Day and Monday, January 21, 2013 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday



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