



**Mayor Joel Fritzler**

Those of us that spent the summer in our fair city didn't think the heat would ever end so, I'm really glad to be writing this message in temperatures 20 degrees less than a few days ago. My mom recently wrote that Portland, Oregon didn't have a single July day in the 90s for the first time in 18 years but meanwhile, this past July in Carbondale was the hottest of the 181 months that I have lived here; not that I'm counting. To

## From the Mayor

the new and returning students and residents of Carbondale, thank you for bringing us some cool temperatures.

Fall is my favorite time of year to be in Southern Illinois as the weather is usually perfect for getting outside to enjoy the various activities organized by groups throughout Carbondale and the region. Last week, my wife and I took some relatives to some of the natural wonders of Southern Illinois including Herrin Pond, Garden of the Gods, and Giant City State Park.

On Friday evenings through October, come to the Town Square Pavilion in Downtown Carbondale to enjoy some live music and local food at Carbondale Main Street's Friday Night Fairs. Colorfest takes place in Union County October 7, 8 & 9 and throughout Southern Illinois as the leaves change to brilliant colors. On Oct 15 & 16, you don't want to miss the famous Vulturefest, a short drive south in Makanda. Also on Oct. 16, if you're not playing in my first Mayor's Golf

Scramble at Hickory Ridge Golf Course at 1:00 to benefit the Boys & Girls Club, the Good Samaritan food pantry, and the St. Francis animal shelter, you may want to go the Jacob Wurst Mart; definitely the best wurst festival in Illinois.

Whether you are from a small town or a big city, Carbondale and Southern Illinois have something to offer you to make you feel right at home. And, whether you live on campus or in one of our many neighborhoods, I want you to feel and be part of the community. There are many ways to get involved by volunteering with a number of community groups but, in any case, the best way to feel that you are a part of the community is to be part of the community.

If you are new or returning to Carbondale, Welcome! And, if you or any of your family members ever have any questions, feel free to contact me at [jfritzler@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:jfritzler@ci.carbondale.il.us) or 457-3229.

Have a great fall,  
Joel Fritzler, Mayor

## City Officials and Staff Extend a Warm Welcome to New Students and Residents

Welcome all new residents and students to Carbondale. Carbondale offers the luxuries people expect in a large city while maintaining the comforts and charm of a small town.

In Carbondale you will find abundant housing options for students through retirement living, state of the art medical, technical and professional services and facilities, excellent schools and churches, and outstanding social and cultural activities sponsored by the community and University. The City has an expansive retail district, more than 100 restaurant options, unique specialty shops in a historic Downtown District, as well as attractive parks and recreational facilities, all nestled amid the natural beauty of Southern Illinois.

We invite you to get acquainted with your City and all of the services available to you as residents of Carbondale. Through this newsletter, City staff are dedicated to providing municipal news to residents of the community. In every issue you will find information on services available, as well as announcements and upcoming events. We also encourage you to visit the Carbondale Web site [www.explorecarbndale.com](http://www.explorecarbndale.com) for news and information pertaining to all areas of City government, as well as links to area organizations and the abundant resources available in Southern Illinois.

From the governmental perspective, Carbondale strives to have an open platform for its citizenry, where the voices of all residents are heard and respected. Regular City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center at 200 South Illinois Avenue. The meetings are also televised live on the City's governmental cable channel CityVision 16, which may be found on Mediacom Channel 16. City Council recordings are also available on the City's Web site.

The Mayor, City Council and City staff are here to serve you and look forward to making your acquaintance. For information about all of the services available to you through the City of Carbondale, contact the Carbondale City Hall at 549-5302 or stop by and visit us at 200 South Illinois Avenue.

## Single Family Housing Conversion Program Provides \$5,000 Grant Incentive to Convert Registered Rental Homes to Owner Occupied Residences

The City of Carbondale's Single Family Housing Conversion Program is still available for application. The Single Family Housing Conversion Program was designed to stimulate and encourage the conversion of single family houses that have been registered rentals to owner occupied homes.

### City's Commitment

- A \$5,000 grant will be given to approved home buyers of a single family house that has been registered with the City of Carbondale's Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program in excess of two years at the time of purchase. The home must be located in a residential zone within the corporate limits of the City of Carbondale.
- The City will waive all applicable permit fees required in the improvement of the house for two years after the purchase.
- The City will provide the homeowner with a housing inspection performed by a Building and Neighborhood Services Housing Inspector.

### Owner's Commitment

- The owner agrees to place a covenant on the property that would require the house remain occupied by the owner of record for a minimum of 10 years.
- Property purchased must be occupied as the principal residence and be a single-family home, a condominium or a cooperative unit and be purchased through a fee simple title.

### Application Process

- Once you are ready to purchase a home, complete an

application and provide all necessary documentation to the Housing Programs Administrator at City Hall.

- The Housing Programs Administrator will verify that the home to be purchased is an eligible rental home that has been registered with the City for at least two years prior to the closing date of the home purchase.
- With the seller's permission, one of the City's Neighborhood Services Housing Inspectors will perform a housing inspection on the home.
- Meeting the above requirements does not guarantee participation in the Single Family Housing Conversion Grant Program. Eligible applicants are served on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Once the home is determined to be eligible and grant funds are available, the home buyer will sign an agreement with the City. After the agreement is signed, the home buyer must provide evidence of the covenant filed upon the deed of record and shall provide the City with proof of said covenant within thirty (30) days of the signing of the agreement.
- Upon receipt, verification and approval of the information as required, the City shall submit the \$5,000 payment to the grant recipient within sixty (60) days after closing for the purchase of the property.

If you are interested in further information, please contact Kristina Vaughn, Housing Programs Administrator at 459-5302 x 346 or email [kvaughn@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:kvaughn@ci.carbondale.il.us).

## CITY MANAGER ALLEN GILL RETIRING AT YEAR END

City Manager Allen Gill announced recently that he intends to retire from his position at the end of this calendar year after three years as Carbondale's top administrator. In a statement to the Mayor and council, he stated that this decision is based solely on personal and family concerns. Gill will reach the age of 65 in December and states that he will be able to pursue other part time professional opportunities.

Gill has been Carbondale City Manager since July 2008. He has been a city manager or administrator

for 32 years, serving 6 cities in Missouri, Kansas and Illinois. He has also served as an elected city council member. Prior to entering the city management profession, Gill served as a social worker and municipal management analyst for 10 years.

At the August 16, 2011 City Council Meeting, Carbondale City Council approved a contract for Voorhees Associates, LLC to direct the search for a new City Manager for the City of Carbondale. It is anticipated that an appointment of the new City Manager will be made in late November.



**Allen D. Gill**

### Interested in serving on a City Board or Commission?

The 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, contact the Office of the Mayor for more details at 457-3229 or stop by City Hall.*

## New Carbondale Public Safety Center Open at 501 S. Washington Street

In April, the City of Carbondale opened the newly completed Carbondale Public Safety Center. The construction of a new Public Safety Center was one of the projects funded with a dedicated Home Rule sales tax adopted by the City.

The City of Carbondale Police Department is now providing all services at the new Public Safety Center located at 501 S. Washington Street. Public parking is located on the south side of the facility and the public entrance is on the west side of the facility. All phone numbers for the Police Department remain the same.



## Town Square Depot Recognized on Landmarks Illinois Top 40 Success List

Landmarks Illinois recently named its top 40 preservation success stories in the state. The non-profit group included the Town Square Depot in its "40 over 40" list commemorating the 40th anniversary of Landmarks Illinois.

These projects represent a cross section of some of the very best grassroots preservation efforts in Illinois," Landmarks Illinois President Jim Peters said in a news release. "We also hope that these projects will encourage communities to save and revitalize important historic buildings."

According to a new release from the organization, the depot made the list because the City purchased it in 1990 "spurring the rehabilitation of other historic commercial buildings surrounding the town square." The depot houses the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, Carbondale Main Street and Station Carbondale.

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## Notice of Water and Sewer Rate Change

At the regular meeting of the Carbondale City Council on April 19, 2011, an ordinance was approved to increase the water and sewer user rates approximately 5% per 1,000 gallons. The increase will help to cover the increased cost of operations, maintenance and capital projects in the water and sewer system.

Effective July 1, 2011, the water rates increased from \$3.35 to \$3.52 for residential and commercial consumers, from \$3.03 to \$3.18 for Southern Illinois University 10 inch meters and for the South Highway Water District, and from \$3.15 to \$3.31 for the Lakeside Water District.

The sewer rates increased from \$3.56 to \$3.74. An average residential bill of 4,300 gallons increased from \$29.71 to \$31.22 or \$1.51 per month. The City of Carbondale water customers who previously were customers of the Crab Orchard Water District are seeing a rate adjustment from the current \$5.42 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.69 per 1,000 gallons.

## Input Wanted for Community Improvements

Carbondale has a Community Investment Program (CIP) Five Year Plan that is updated on an annual basis. The City of Carbondale is interested in your suggestions for improvements that can be made to enhance your neighborhood and the community. Projects included in the Community Investment Program are for street reconstruction, storm sewer construction, sanitary sewer construction or replacement, sidewalks, curb and gutter replacement, traffic signals, public buildings, public drainage improvements, water or wastewater treatment plant construction or expansion and bicycle paths.

The City of Carbondale staff reviews the projects recommended by City residents and formulates recommendations to the City Council in November for consideration in the upcoming fiscal year budget. The City Council then makes a determination as to which projects should be included in the Community Investment Program Five Year Plan. During City budget preparation this winter, staff will work to match approved projects with available funds.

If you would like to propose a capital improvement project for inclusion in the next Community Investment Program Five Year Plan, please complete and submit the form below to the City Manager's Office, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, IL 62902-2047. Proposals must include the location of the project and the nature of the project. Deadline for submission of proposals is October 28, 2011.

### Community Investment Program Proposal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to:

City of Carbondale, Office of the City Manager  
200 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, Illinois 62902-2047

## 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 Kristina 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.

## The City of Carbondale Fire Department Encourages Residents to Keep Their Homes Safe During Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9 - 15, 2011

The City of Carbondale Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during October 9 - 15, 2011, to let our community know: "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" This year's campaign focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires -- cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. Additionally, it urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning.

While preventing home fires in the City of Carbondale is always the number one priority, it is not always possible. City of Carbondale residents need to provide the best protection to keep their homes and families safe in the event of a fire. This can be achieved by developing an escape plan which you practice regularly and equipping homes with life-saving technologies like smoke alarms and home fire sprinklers.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department is promoting "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" to better educate citizens about the power of prevention and available technologies to protect your own families from fire. To actively support this campaign the City of Carbondale Fire Department will kick off National Fire Prevention Week with an Open House at Fire Station #2, located at 300 South Oakland Avenue, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8th. Sparky will be present for pictures with children and will again provide free

picture buttons. Please stop by the fire station and give us an opportunity to become better acquainted and to inform you of our services.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department will conduct fire drills at Parrish, Thomas, Lewis and Carbondale Middle School and will visit the schools throughout the week of October 9th through October 15th for presentations.

In addition, the City of Carbondale Fire Department has once again joined forces with the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the 24th annual "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign to save lives and prevent needless injuries. The program urges everyone to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: change smoke alarm batteries when changing clocks back to standard time, this year on November 6th. The City of Carbondale, with support from the Office the State Fire Marshal, will provide and install free a smoke detector for any disadvantaged person's home in Carbondale. The department will also provide a free battery to our citizens that cannot afford to purchase one. We encourage our citizens to take advantage of this program.

This information is brought to you by the City of Carbondale Fire Department and the National Fire Protection Association. To learn more about "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department Administrative Office at 457-3234 or visit NFPA's web site at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

## City Building and Neighborhood Inspectors Assist Students with Rental Property Issues

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

Through the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection

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

If you have an issue in a rental dwelling or if you have questions about the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program, contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

## CARBONDALE POLICE REMIND RESIDENTS OF PARKING REGULATIONS

With the recent arrival of thousands of new and returning residents in Carbondale, the Carbondale Police Department would like to ensure that everyone is mindful of parking regulations in place.

Carbondale Ordinance prohibits parking on or across sidewalks. Besides being an inconvenience to all pedestrians, this parking violation threatens the safety of people using the sidewalk, according to a department statement. If a car is blocking a sidewalk, a ticket may be issued and the car may be towed.

There is a 72-hour time limit for on-street parking. Vehicles suspected to be in violation will be marked and ticketed when it is determined that a 72-hour violation has occurred. Vehicles are subject to being towed if they are not moved and have at least two

unpaid parking citations.

Other parking regulations include: parked vehicles must not block private driveways or crosswalks; parking is prohibited in loading zones or any other area posted as a no parking zone; parking is prohibited within 15 feet of fire hydrants, 30 feet of stop signs or stop lights, and 50 feet of railroad crossings; double parking and parking that would block the normal flow of traffic is illegal; parking between the curb and sidewalk (on City right-of-way) is not allowed; and disabled vehicles must be moved from the roadway promptly.

If you have questions pertaining to the City's parking regulations contact the Carbondale Police Department at 457-3200.

## Notice of Newly Implemented Traffic Changes

At the January 18, 2011 City Council meeting action was taken to convert East College Street between Washington and Wall Streets from west bound only, to two-way traffic and to eliminate the on-street parking. The action also made Logan Street between College and Mill Streets, one way southbound with parking on the west side only and Graham Street between College and Mill Streets, one way northbound with parking on the east side only. The intersection of College and Marion was converted to a four-way stop.

These changes were implemented in June 2011.



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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EDITION AVAILABLE

If you did not see the recent Special Edition of the Carbondale Communique dedicated to Emergency Preparedness or would like to obtain additional copies, please contact the City Manager's Office at 457-3226 or stop by City Hall.

## Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau Has Relocated Downtown

The Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau has relocated to Saluki Plaza, on South Illinois Avenue. The move places the bureau closer to Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Quigley Hall, which houses the university's Hospitality and Tourism Administration Program.

"We want to be more accessible to the students, so we can provide enhanced learning opportunities," Executive Director Debbie Moore said in a statement. "Our move

isn't only based upon the needs of current students, we also see a need to be a better information resource for student's parents and for visiting alumni, who frequently seek travel information."

Office hours at the South Illinois Avenue location are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. The hours will be expanded during weekends such as Family Weekend, Graduation and Homecoming.



## Sean C. Henry Appointed Public Works Director for City of Carbondale

City Manager Allen Gill announced the appointment of Sean C. Henry as Public Works Director for the City of Carbondale. Mr. Henry has been Acting Director since April of this year. He served as Maintenance and Environmental Services Manager for the City since July 2006 and as a Civil Engineer from June 1994 to November 1996. From 1996 to 2006, he was Director of Civil Engineering for the firm Asaturian Eaton and Associates.

Mr. Henry is a graduate of Carbondale Community

High School, and attended John A. Logan College. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla. He currently resides in the City of Carbondale and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.

City Manager said over 35 resumes were received for the position. Mr. Henry was selected for the broad diversity in his engineering background and his proven management skills.

## Refuse and Recycling Collection Guidelines for City Residents

The City offers weekly curbside refuse collection services for single family residences, duplexes and three family residential units. This service is provided for a fee that is billed monthly along with your water and sewer bill.

Refuse must be secured in garbage containers with tight fitting lids which may be placed curbside after 6:00 p.m. on the night before your regularly scheduled collection day. Refuse may also be secured and placed curbside in plastic 20-35 gallon garbage bags. Refuse in bags may not be placed curbside prior to 6:00 a.m. on your collection day. Plastic bags must be a minimum of 1.2 mils thick with contents weighing 25 pounds or less.

### Landscape and Special Waste Collection

Organic yard waste, white good appliances and tires cannot be disposed of with refuse. As a result, Carbondale has developed Landscape Waste and Special Waste Management Programs through which such waste placed curbside may be collected by City crews, properly disposed of, and ultimately recycled.

"Landscape" or "Special Waste" stickers must be purchased and the appropriate number attached to each landscape item, each white good appliance and each tire for curbside collection. Landscape waste must be

properly packaged in specific bags or tied into bundles. Pick-ups are arranged on a call-in basis.

### Recycling Collection Services

City crews also provide convenient, curbside recycling collection services to residents living in single family residences, duplexes and three family residential units. As an added convenience to all Carbondale residents, there are recycling drop-off locations throughout the City that may be used for disposing of recyclables 24 hours a day. Items accepted at drop-off locations and through the City's curbside program include plastic bottles and jugs; aluminum and steel cans; glass bottles and jars; clean paper products (mixed paper) and cardboard. To have a recycling bin delivered to your residence please call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275.

More information about all of the City's refuse and recycling collection services is available on the website [www.CarbondaleRecycles.com](http://www.CarbondaleRecycles.com) or by calling the City's Maintenance and Environmental Services office at (618) 457-3275. Please stop by City Hall at 200 South Illinois Avenue to sign up for refuse collection service.

## Carbondale Animal Control and Licensing Information

If you own a pet or are planning to own one, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with the responsibilities that pet owners must consider toward their neighbors and the community. In Carbondale rules and regulations have been established to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City and to ensure the humane treatment of animals.

All dogs four (4) months old and older must be licensed and registered with the Animal Control Office. The annual fee is \$5.00 for dogs that have been neutered and \$25.00 for dogs that have not been neutered. Licenses may be obtained from the Carbondale Police Department located at 501 S. Washington Street. The license application form is also available on the City Website at [www.explorecarbndale.com](http://www.explorecarbndale.com). License renewal fees are due by January 30th each year. License fees do not apply to "seeing eye" dogs which have been trained to assist the visually impaired or companion dogs which are trained to assist disabled citizens. These tags are issued at no charge.

All dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies. Vaccination tags must be displayed on the dog's collar and on the dog at all times. If tags are lost, replacement rabies tags are available as long as the vaccination is valid from Jackson County Animal Control by contacting 687-7235.

Residents that keep animals on their property within the City of Carbondale must provide adequate safe and sanitary shelter and such shelter must be sufficient to provide natural light or artificial illumination, protection from weather and be of a sufficient size for the animal to stand in an upright position and lie down stretched out so that no part of its body need touch any wall or roof of the structure. This shall not include animal carriers, recycled chemical drums or other personal property which is not intended to provide animal shelter.

All dogs must be restrained by a leash or other physical restraint when the dog is not on the owner's premises. Verbal command is not recognized as a form of restraint. Dogs are not allowed to run on school property or recreation areas, such as parks, unless controlled by a physical restraint. Dogs are prohibited from cemetery grounds.

In addition, the City has an ordinance in place to further ensure the safety of residents in the event a dog is determined to be dangerous or vicious. Special rules have also been established regarding some types of exotic pets, such as reptiles and primates, and the number of animals allowed per household. For more information about licensing and other rules and regulations, contact the Carbondale Animal Control Officer at 457-3200 ext. 424.

## Historic Preservation Bus Tour October 17, 2011

To help promote historic preservation in the community, the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission will be hosting a Historic Preservation Bus Tour this fall. The date for the tour is October 17, 2011. This year's tour will highlight the southeast quarter of the City, past Preservation Award winners and the surrounding

neighborhoods. More information regarding the time and reserving a seat for the tour will be available soon.

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

## NEWS ON MAIN STREET

### The Carbondale Community Friday Night Fair

Carbondale Community Friday Night Fairs are continuing this fall and are held from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Town Square Pavilion. These events feature local vendors, artisans and entertainment. During the fairs local merchants display their products while local bands are featured on the Fair Stage. A kid's corner has crafts, games and educational activities for little community members. Young professionals, couples on their way to dinner, families and people of all ages will enjoy the food court, rotating products and of course, the live music. The Carbondale Community Friday Night Fair will run through October 28, 2011, with the exception of Friday, September 23rd.

### Carbondale Main Street's Brown Bag Concert Series Continues This Fall

The Brown Bag Summer Concert Series has returned once again to downtown Carbondale. The concerts are held every Wednesday from noon – 1 p.m. in Carbondale's Historic Town Square. This concert series was created to give people in the local community a chance to take a break from their daily routine and enjoy the weather and music from local artists. Every Wednesday in September the weekly Brown Bag concerts will feature local and regional musicians. Each band is family friendly so anyone can enjoy the entertainment. Surrounding Carbondale's Town square are also many local restaurants where people can grab a bite to eat during the show.

### Carbondale Main Street Seeking Volunteers for the Curb Appeal Program

Carbondale Main Street created the Curb Appeal Program to improve the façade of downtown Carbondale. Through volunteers working together with discounted or donated materials, the goal of each project is to improve the look (and the property values) of downtown buildings for a fraction of the normal renovation costs. Carbondale Main Street coordinates the projects. The first project was Harbaugh's Cafe located at 901B S Illinois Avenue in July 2010. The renovation was a success and has paved the way for recent projects which include PK's patio addition and the China Express renovation, both located on Illinois Avenue.

Carbondale Main Street has been promoting the downtown district since 1989 and by renovating the downtown area building by building and coordinating special events downtown hope to improve the façade of the city and attract new community residents.

Volunteers are always welcome at Carbondale Main Street so please do not hesitate to contact them if you are interested in the Curb Appeal Program or in helping with any of the community events. Visit the Website [www.carbondalemainstreet.com](http://www.carbondalemainstreet.com) or call Carbondale Main Street at 529-8040.

## WANTED: Housing Rehabilitation Contractors

The City of Carbondale is seeking additional contractors to work in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Currently, the City administers grants for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP), a Single-family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Grant (SFOOR), and a Homebuyer grant. The City has operated rehabilitation programs for the past fifteen years.

Contractors experienced in building and renovating homes are encouraged to contact the Housing Programs Administrator, Khristina Vaughn at 549-5302 x 346. Applications are also available on the City's website [www.explorecarbndale.com](http://www.explorecarbndale.com). The City is an equal opportunity

contractor and encourages minority and women owned businesses to consider this contracting opportunity. The City also is seeking contractors who are licensed by the State of Illinois to perform lead-based paint mitigation in homes being rehabilitated.

For more information contact Khristina Vaughn, Housing Programs Administrator at (618) 549-5302 x 346 or [kvaughn@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:kvaughn@ci.carbondale.il.us).



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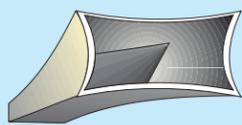
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### Carbondale Civic Center



618-457-3209  
[lchamness@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:lchamness@ci.carbondale.il.us)



## 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.

### September

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/6th & 20th	Carbondale City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wed/7th & 21st	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Mon/12th	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.
Mon/19th	Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/15th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 p.m.
Tues/1st	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings at Other Locations

Wed/14th	Library Board of Trustees Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 p.m.
Thurs/15th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/22nd	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Parrish School, 121 North Parrish Lane	7:00 p.m.

### October

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/4th & 18th	Carbondale City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wed/5th & 19th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Mon/10th & 31st	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 p.m.

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

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

Scheduled Meetings at Other Locations

Wed/12th	Library Board of Trustees Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 p.m.
Thurs/19th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/27th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Carbondale Elementary School Administrative Center	7:00 p.m.

### November

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/1st & 15th	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/21st	Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
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/15th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Carbondale Elementary School Administrative Center	7:00 p.m.

City Hall offices will be closed Friday, November 11, 2011 in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2011 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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## CARBONDALE POLICE ISSUE A REMINDER FOR BICYCLE RIDERS

The City of Carbondale Police Department would like to remind residents of the State laws and local ordinances that affect bicycle riding in our city.

It is important to remember that many traffic laws relevant to motor vehicles apply to bicycles as well. This includes stopping at stop signs and red lights, turning from appropriate lanes, riding in the same direction as motorized traffic and displaying registration.

Bicycles must be registered with either the Carbondale Police Department or the SIUC Department of Public Safety. This places a complete description of your bicycle on file, along with its serial number, should your bicycle ever be stolen. Returning a recovered bicycle to its owner is greatly facilitated if this information is readily available.

To register your bicycle with the city, you must bring your bike to the Carbondale Police Department. There, you will provide owner and bicycle information on a bicycle registration form and your bicycle will be checked to ensure that it is properly equipped

(reflectors, functioning brakes, etc.). Upon payment of the \$2.00 fee, a decal will be placed on your bicycle frame. A copy of the bicycle registration form can be downloaded and then printed from your computer at [www.carbondalepolice.com](http://www.carbondalepolice.com)

Some required bicycle equipment includes side, front, and rear reflectors. Bicycles ridden during nighttime hours shall be equipped with a white light to the front.

Because of the large volume of pedestrian traffic in Carbondale riding bicycles on sidewalks is prohibited, except for children under 12 years of age on bicycles with wheel size less than 24" in areas where the sidewalk is specifically marked for bicycle traffic (the south side of East Grand near the Recreation Center, for example). There are several bikeway routes and bicycle-only lanes on Carbondale streets. Pedestrians have the right-of-way on the Drainway/Greenway Paths and bicycle riders should yield to them.

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Resource Officer at 457-3200 Ext. 465.

## 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, unless none exists, then in a side yard behind the front plane of the house. In no instance should the fire ever be located between the structure and the street.
- 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;
- A method of extinguishment must be readily available; i.e. extinguisher, hose, buckets, etc.
- The fire must not be objectionable because of excessive smoke or odor.
- The fire must be constantly attended at all times.
- The Fire Department may order extinguishment of open fires that create or add to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

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

## SEASONAL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM BEGINS NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Carbondale's Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will be offered during the months of November, December and January. Calls for the vacuum collection service will be accepted from November 1, 2011 through January 27, 2012. The fee during this special program period is \$20.00 for each collection. (Note that the regular fee for vacuum leaf collection outside the program period is \$30.00).

City of Carbondale residents that would like to participate in the program should rake their leaves to curbside or street-side. Please be sure not to block streets,

sidewalks, water meters, ditches or gutters. Call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 and request a "Vacuum Leaf Collection".

Calls for service will be accepted 24 hours a day by leaving a message at this number. Please be sure to leave your name, address and telephone number and identify your request as "Vacuum Leaf Collection". If you would like to speak to a person directly, please call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The City's Landscape Waste, Bag

& Bundle program will continue as usual with scheduled collection on Wednesday and Friday of each week. Those desiring collection of bagged leaves and grass, or bundles of brush may continue to place their landscape waste in clear bags or tied bundles and purchase and affix one sticker to each bag or bundle. When you place the bags or bundles curbside, please call the number listed above and leave your address along with your request for "Bag and Bundle" or "Landscape Waste Collection" and collection will be scheduled the following Wednesday or Friday.

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