



Mayor Brad Cole

Within the last few weeks, we have been able to announce a few positive, news-worthy items that hopefully caught your attention. We have also just completed our annual budget preparation cycle and have adopted our fiscal blueprint for the next twelve months. It has been a busy time at City Hall, as it usually is and as it will continue to be.

The first bit of good news was the announcement that T.J.Maxx will be opening a new 25,000 square-foot store in August, in what remains of the former

From the Mayor

K-Mart store at University Place Shopping Center. Dick's Sporting Goods was the first store to utilize part of that space and now this will help fill the remaining portion, which is yet another nationally-known store that will bring its products to our region. This investment will also bring new jobs and maintain our growth on the east side corridor.

The second piece of news for construction and economic development is that Walgreen's is fast on their way to completing an additional store, this one on the west side near Rural King. This store will help anchor new growth in the Murdale Shopping Center area, which continues to serve a heavily residential side of our community.

Third, the City of Carbondale was proud to announce our new "Bank on Carbondale" program that offers assistance, through local banks, for people to obtain free or low-cost bank accounts and banking services. This program is designed to help people better manage their money and to establish themselves with good credit and sound financial planning

skills. A "Bank on Carbondale" decal is displayed at all of the participating bank branches, so you'll know where to go if you want to find out more about what is available to you or someone you know who could use the help.

With regard to our annual budget, the City Council was faced with tough decisions and approved a meaningful budget that continues to address public safety and infrastructure as priorities for our future, while maintaining a conservative forecast for our financial stability. With a lack of leadership coming from our state capitol, municipalities across Illinois are attempting to solve problems at the local level that are being created by uncertainty at the state and federal levels. This will be an issue for us in the months, and possibly years, to come. In the meanwhile, the City Council is making the most of what we have and planning for the worst when it comes to revenue sharing from the state.

Brad Cole, Mayor

Haven't You Heard...

Mayor Cole Launched "Bank On Carbondale"



Photo courtesy of Carbondale Times

Mayor Brad Cole formally launched Bank On Carbondale recently, aiming to sign up Carbondale-area residents for free and low-cost bank accounts. The City of Carbondale partnered with the Illinois State Treasurer's Office to bring the nationwide "Bank On" program to Carbondale. The Bank On Initiative helps millions of working families open bank accounts so they can begin saving, build a credit history and invest in their future.

There is an estimated 368,600 households in the state of Illinois that do not have a checking or savings account. Hundreds of Carbondale households currently rely on check-cashers, payday lenders and pawn shops to cash checks, to pay bills and borrow money. These individuals and families, who are already struggling to make ends meet, are paying up to \$75 a month to cash payroll checks, relying on pawnshops that charge high interest rates for loans, and unsafely storing cash in their homes.

"The people in Carbondale who have the least amount of money are spending the most on banking. Our goal is to help people save money for a better future," said Mayor Brad Cole.

Bank on Carbondale financial institution partners include The Bank of Carbondale, Banterra Bank, First Southern Bank, Old National Bank, Regions Bank and SIU Credit Union. Free financial education workshops will be provided by Alpha Kappa Psi. Outreach partners who can answer questions and offer referrals to Bank On Carbondale participants include the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, Carbondale Main Street, the United Way of Southern Illinois, Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. and Southern Illinois Head Start.

"Bank On Carbondale will help our residents get a fresh start on building a stronger financial future. Because of Old National Bank's commitment to impacting lives and strengthening communities, we are now helping create these programs in nearly a dozen cities and towns. We're especially proud to partner with Mayor Cole and our community's financial institutions and community organizations in launching Bank on Carbondale," stated Jeff Speith, the President of Old National Bank in Carbondale.

"The Bank of Carbondale has worked to serve the unbanked in our community. We believe the Bank On Carbondale program will be a benefit to those individuals currently not utilizing a financial institution," Robert Bleyer, the President of The Bank of Carbondale said.

Bank On Carbondale partners will identify people who lack accounts, don't have Social Security numbers, or have negative (but not fraudulent) credit histories. Bank on Carbondale partners can accept alternative identification including: Mexican Matricula Consular or Guatemalan Consular identification card, ITIN, or a foreign passport.

Bank On Carbondale also provides free financial education courses to help community members gain the tools they need to make the most out of their accounts and start saving for the future. The first of these courses was held in the Civic Center on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Another workshop has been scheduled for May 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the SIU Student Center. Additional workshops are being planned in the future.

For more information on Bank On Carbondale or to reserve a space at one of the financial education workshops, visit www.explorecarbndale.com.

CARBONDALE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 31, 2010

The annual Carbondale Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m. in historic Woodlawn Cemetery on East Main Street in Carbondale. The keynote speaker will be P. Michael Jones, Director of the John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro. Mayor Brad Cole will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Other participants in the Service will include Commander David Conrad and Veterans of Foreign Wars Teeter-Carter-Watson Post 2605, the Daniel H. Brush Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 514, the Carbondale Preservation Commission and Carbondale Cub Scout Packs #37

and #60. Company C of the 31st Illinois Volunteer Infantry will present Special Military Honors with its traditional 21-gun salute from Civil War-era muskets. The Bankester Family of Carbondale will sing The National Anthem.

The Memorial Day Service is conducted regardless of the weather. Ample seating will be provided.



Woodlawn Cemetery in Carbondale is the site of the first Memorial Day Service in Illinois and is the location of the Annual Memorial Day Service in Carbondale.

8th Annual Carbondale Bike-To-Work Day May 21, 2010

Since 1956, the League of American Bicyclists has recognized the month of May as National Bike-to-Work Month, a national campaign to promote bicycling as a healthy and efficient transportation alternative.

Communities are encouraged to sponsor a Bike-to-Work Day giving metropolitan areas the opportunity to call attention to the benefits of bicycling and to increase safety awareness among bicyclists and motorists.

In Carbondale, the 8th Annual Bike-To-Work Day event will be held on May 21, 2010, with bicyclists gathering at the Town Square Pavilion for lunch at 12:00 noon. Trophies will be awarded to participants who travel the longest distance, and for the organization that has the most people ride their bikes to work that day.



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Visit the City of Carbondale Web site
www.explorecarbndale.com

Residential Spring Clean-Up Program Continues During May

The City of Carbondale began the annual Residential Spring Clean-Up Program on April 30, 2010. This program serves single family dwellings up to and including 4-unit buildings. The Spring Clean-Up Program allows residents to dispose of household items and general rubbish generated from the dwelling being served.

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

- Tires, appliances, or yard waste - these items can be disposed of by the City's Landscape & Special Waste Sticker Program.
- Hazardous materials including: paint, oil, gasoline, car batteries, pesticides, and other chemicals.
- Contractor's remodeling or construction debris - residents or contractors must dispose of these items using private haulers.

To participate in this program, household rubbish must be placed at the curb 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 curb for collection after 8:00 a.m. on the listed collection day will not be collected. Household items will be collected from the curb on Fridays, based on the following schedule:

Tuesday's City Refuse Collection Route - Friday, May 7th

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

Wednesday's City Refuse Collection Route - Friday, May 14th & May 21st

All residences located west of the CN railroad tracks, from South Oakland Avenue east and from West Main Street south, 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 and all residences west of the CNRR tracks, east of Little Crab Orchard Creek and south of West Chautauqua Street (excluding residences on Chautauqua Street)

Thursday's City Refuse Collection Route - Friday, May 28th

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

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

REFUSE AND RECYCLING FEES INCREASED MAY 1, 2010

The costs of providing refuse and recycling services have continued to rise in recent years. In the spring of 2008 it became evident that the rising costs of fuel, equipment, labor and disposal fees could no longer be absorbed by the City of Carbondale Solid Waste Fund and that increases in fees were necessary. In order to keep residents from having to burden a large increase all at one time, it was recommended to the City Council that the necessary fee increases be spread out over a three year period. On April 15, 2008, the Carbondale City Council adopted a resolution to raise the City's residential refuse collection fee by \$0.75 per year for three years and the City's recycling assessment by \$0.25 per year for three years. May 1, 2010 marks the third scheduled increase, whereupon the City's Residential Refuse Collection fee will increase \$0.75 to \$9.50 per month and the City's recycling fee will raise \$0.25 to \$2.00 per month. These small increases allow the City of Carbondale to continue to provide quality refuse and recycling collection services to its residents at a relatively low cost.

CITY LEADERS ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS

If you have not already completed and returned your census form, there is still time. Census employees have begun visiting residents that have not returned the form to assist them with filling out the form and to collect those forms that have been completed but have not yet been mailed.

It has been estimated that Carbondale could receive approximately \$77.00 per year (for ten years) for each accurately counted resident. If the City's population is counted accurately this figure could equate to more than \$20 million in federal funds over the ten year period that can be used for the construction of new roads, housing developments, job training centers, schools, hospitals and other community infrastructure improvements.

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census be taken once every 10 years. The census is used

to determine state, county and municipal population counts. It is very important to obtain a complete and accurate census count because the data collected is used to determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, the allocation of more than \$400 billion annually in federal funds to states, counties and municipalities and the need for additional allocations for social services, block grants and urban revitalization programs.

One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form contains only ten questions and should take less than ten minutes to complete. Completing the census form is easy, important and safe. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

In an effort to obtain an accurate count in 2010, the City

has become a 2010 Census Partner. Through this partnership, the City is informing the public about temporary census jobs in the community, sharing the importance of the census at public meetings, creating Complete Count Committees in the area to promote the completion of the census questionnaire and increase census participation, and is making information available to the public through public service announcements and printed materials.

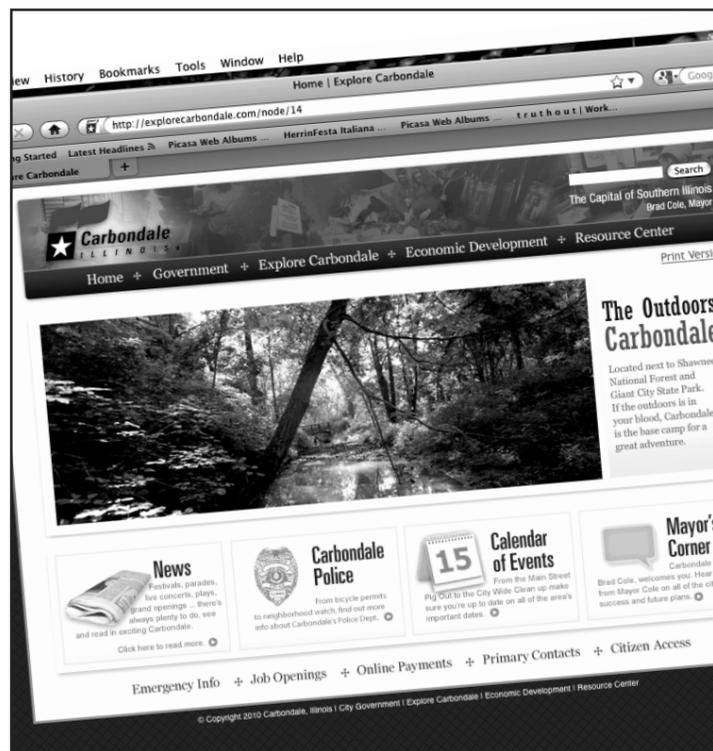
Census questionnaires were mailed to households in March and the goal was to have them returned by April 1, 2010. At the time of printing of this edition, 62% of Carbondale residents had returned their forms. City Leaders are encouraging all residents to help the City attain its complete count. For more information visit the City Web site www.explorecarbndale.com.

City's Web Site Recognized for Commitment to Open Government

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

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

The Sunshine Review's "Transparency Checklist" analyzes Web sites for information about budgets, meetings, elected and administrative officials, permits and zoning, audits, contracts, lobbying, public records, and taxes. The "checklist" measures what content is available on government Web sites against what should be provided. "Sunny Award winners



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

The Sunshine Review is a non-profit organization dedicated

to state and local government transparency. SunshineReview.org shares transparency information and uses its 10-point checklist to evaluate content of every state and more than 5,000 local government Web sites.

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

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Carbondale Civic Center



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Outstanding Youth Awards to be Presented at May 4th City Council Meeting

Each year the City of Carbondale recognizes the community service contributions of its youth who represent a healthy lifestyle, are committed to serving others and through their actions and leadership, serve as a role model in the community.

Outstanding Youth and the Youth Volunteer of the Year winners will be recognized at a ceremony to be held during the City Council Meeting on May 4, 2010. Mayor Brad Cole will present the awards to the individuals in the presence of their families, nominators, elected officials and the media. Mayoral Scholarship Awards will also be presented in the amount of \$500.00 each to two high school students planning to attend SIUC.

Middle school and high school students were nominated for the Outstanding Youth Award in recognition of their efforts in exceeding expectations as a role model, through community service and/or helping others. To be eligible to be nominated for the Youth Volunteer of the Year, nominees were to be high school juniors or seniors, who had at least a B+ grade point average, had completed 50 volunteer hours of community service and participated in other community activities.

The City of Carbondale is proud of its youth and the outstanding efforts they make in contributing to the betterment of the community.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAY 19TH

The Carbondale Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on May 19, 2010 for the purpose of gathering public comment on the proposed Comprehensive Plan. The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Room 108 of the Carbondale Civic Center. Copies of the draft Comprehensive Plan are on file in the City Clerk's Office and the Carbondale Public Library for review during business hours. The proposed Comprehensive Plan is also available on the City of Carbondale's Web site www.explorecarbndale.com.

The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1997 and over the years there have been a number of new developments and

changes to the physical surroundings and economic climate which are being addressed in the proposed plan. Throughout the course of preparing the new Comprehensive Plan the public has had many opportunities to provide input and share concerns that were important in framing the recommended actions and strategies. A Comprehensive Plan Review Committee was established by the Mayor and City Council to serve in an advisory capacity and to work closely with City staff and the consultants through the process of preparing the plan.

The Comprehensive Plan identifies the forces that have and will influence the City's land use

pattern, social structure and economy and sets forth a planned response to the changes that they will likely bring. The proposed Comprehensive Plan builds on the relevant policies of the previous plans by focusing on the current strengths of the community and recognizing future trends. The plan will be in place in Carbondale for much of the next decade, and used as a template to guide community decision-making at many levels. For additional information about the proposed Comprehensive Plan contact the City of Carbondale Planning Services Division at 457-3248 or visit the City of Carbondale Web site www.explorecarbndale.com.

El Departamento de Policía Suministra Educación para Resistir el Abuso de Drogas

El programa de Educación para Resistir el Abuso de Drogas, conocido generalmente en inglés como D.A.R.E., es un programa de prevención a la drogadicción suministrado a las escuelas locales por el Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Carbondale. El currículo de D.A.R.E. se concentra en entrenamiento para resistir la presión de grupo, en el mejoramiento de la auto-imagen, y en la valoración de juicios sobre el respeto a la ley y la seguridad personal. Las metas de D.A.R.E., a largo plazo, son la reducción en el suministro de sustancias controladas como resultado de la reducción en la demanda, una identificación más positiva con los oficiales de policía, mejorar la toma de decisiones y en general una reducción de la criminalidad.

El Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Carbondale ha entrenado oficiales para que suministren el programa D.A.R.E. a los grados tercero y quinto de las escuelas de Carbondale. Un oficial uniformado enseña el programa D.A.R.E. en cada clase, estando presente el maestro de la clase. D.A.R.E. está respaldado por nuestras escuelas locales y es efusivamente recibido por padres de familia, estudiantes, maestros y personal escolar. Los oficiales del programa están siempre ansiosos por enseñar el programa D.A.R.E. y de tener la oportunidad de tener un contacto positivo con la juventud de nuestra comunidad.

Las graduaciones del programa D.A.R.E. son eventos importantes, que incluyen tanto al Gobierno Municipal y a oradores de la comunidad, como la entrega de diplomas y una recepción después del evento. A ellas asisten representantes de la policía, del distrito escolar y de la Ciudad, así como también las familias de los graduandos.

Este programa es un esfuerzo colaborativo patrocinado por la comunidad. La Junta Directiva de D.A.R.E., compuesta por varios líderes de la comunidad, administra los fondos y supervisa el programa.

Si desea mayor información sobre este programa, contacte, por favor, al Oficial Randy Mathis al (618) 457-3200, ext. 428 o por email: rmathis@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Haven't You Heard...

City Keeping History Alive at Woodlawn Cemetery

Woodlawn Cemetery, located at 405 East Main Street, was incorporated by a special act of the Illinois General Assembly in 1854 and was first operated by the Carbondale Cemetery Association in February 1855. Daniel Brush, Asgill Conner and Dr. William Richart, founders of the City of Carbondale, served as the cemetery's first directors. When Brush died in 1890, the Association became dormant, and the City took over maintenance of the cemetery, which it continues to operate.

Daniel Brush designed Woodlawn Cemetery in 1853, and burials at the cemetery began soon after. The cemetery was originally designed with two concentric pathways which was slightly modified over the years. The cemetery includes 217 plots on approximately a 2.5 acre tract and contains over 400 grave sites. Buried at Woodlawn are many Union and some Confederate soldiers as well as other prominent townspeople of the mid-to-late 1800s. The last burial at Woodlawn was in 1954.

The first memorial service in Illinois, one of the first in the nation to honor those who had died in the Civil War, took place at Woodlawn Cemetery on April 29, 1866. On the previous Sunday, three returning veterans of the Civil War were waiting for church services to begin at the Crab Orchard Christian Church, located southwest of Carbondale. They saw a young woman with two infants approach a small, unmarked grave in the church yard cemetery, place flowers on the grave and kneel in prayer next to it.

The veterans then collected wild flowers from fields around the church and placed them on the

graves of all the dead soldiers in the cemetery. It occurred to them that the graves of the war dead in Carbondale's Woodlawn Cemetery should also be decorated with flowers, so they arranged with community leaders to have a parade of veterans and a memorial service on the following Sunday, April 29, 1866.

When the day of remembrance came, a group of more than 200 veterans gathered at the old "Blue Church" on what is now East Jackson Street. Methodist Minister J.W. Lane stood on the steps to greet them. The Marshall of the Day, Colonel E. J. Ingersoll, and the speaker, General John A. Logan of the Union Army, led a procession to Woodlawn Cemetery.

When the parade came into view of the crowd assembled at the Cemetery, silence fell. Reverend Lane led the assemblage in prayer. General Logan spoke to his neighbors, saying among other things, "Every man's life belongs to his country, and no man has a right to refuse when his country calls for it." These words and other notes of the day were recorded in a book owned by James Green, sexton of Woodlawn Cemetery and Logan's first cousin.

One of the most intriguing objects in Woodlawn Cemetery is the stone coffin, or the sarcophagus, which sits above ground near the center of the cemetery. According to an article by Frank Weller, published in 1950 in the Southern Illinoisian, a headstone next to the sarcophagus reads, "JW Landrum, Died July 4, 187.., Aged 47 years." There are a couple of different versions of who is buried there and the story behind it. The first story is that a young woman from Vicksburg,

Mississippi, the wife of JW Landrum, was buried in the above ground coffin. She was placed there because she did not want to be buried in Yankee soil. Her husband was a Carbondale native and was said to have sprinkled soil from Vicksburg inside her coffin before the lid was closed. The second story is that Lt. Colonel John Mills of the Union Army was supposedly buried there. His family found out that a Confederate soldier was to be buried at Woodlawn, and they had his body removed so that the two soldiers would not occupy the same land.

There are a number of commemorative monuments in Woodlawn Cemetery including one in the southeast corner to honor the memory of 30 freed slaves who are buried in an unmarked area of the cemetery. Their names are unknown. They died of smallpox in 1864 soon after coming from the South to Carbondale. The monument was dedicated at a Memorial Day service in 1983.

Following the Civil War, General Logan became commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. Impressed by the memorial observance at Woodlawn Cemetery, he signed General Order No. 11, setting May 30, 1868, as Memorial Day. Logan hoped the observance would be "kept up from year to year." By 1888, Memorial Day became a legal holiday in twelve northern states. Later, it became a legal holiday throughout the country. Woodlawn Cemetery was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 19, 1985, and was designated a Carbondale Historic Landmark on March 8, 1994.

BANK ON CARBONDALE
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

FREE Financial Education Workshop

Wednesday, May 5, 2010
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

SIUC Auditorium
Missouri & Kaskaskia Rooms

This workshop is free and open to anyone in the community.

For more information call 618-457-3226 or email bankoncarbndale@ci.carbondale.il.us

CITY OF CARBONDALE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS ENTRY LEVEL FIRE FIGHTER EXAM

A written examination for the position of Entry-level Fire Fighter will be given on Monday, July 12, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Candidates receiving a passing score on the written exam will be eligible to take the physical fitness assessment at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. To be eligible to take the written exam, an application must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2010. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, or you may download the application from the City of Carbondale website at www.explorecarbndale.com.

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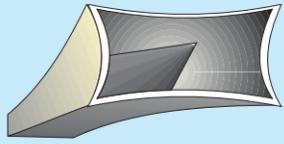
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Outdoor Warning Sirens Tested Monthly

Outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. During inclement weather, sirens will not be tested. If a siren is sounded other than during a scheduled test, this alarm indicates an actual emergency. Remember that a watch means that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop and a warning means that severe weather is occurring and you should take shelter immediately.

May

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 pm

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.

Scheduled Meetings at Other Locations

Mon/10th	Carbondale Park District Board Hickory Ridge Golf Course	6:00 p.m.
Wed/12th	Library Board of Trustees Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 p.m.
Thurs/20th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/27th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Carbondale Middle School, 1150 East Grand Avenue	7:00 p.m.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: Monday, May 31st, for the Memorial Day Holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

June

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/22nd	Carbondale City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wed/2nd & 16th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Mon/14th	Carbondale Park District	6:00 p.m.

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

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

Scheduled Meetings at Other Locations

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

BICYCLE REGISTRATION: A Benefit for Cyclists

Bicycles are a practical form of transportation and a great form of recreation and exercise. Carbondale is surrounded by beautiful scenery which makes riding both inside and outside the city a pleasant experience. To enhance the use of bicycles, some Carbondale streets have specifically marked bicycle paths.

For your safety and the safety of others, you should remember the following while riding your bicycle:

- Cyclists are required to obey the same traffic laws as motor vehicles: stopping at stop signs and red lights, turning from appropriate lanes, riding in the same direction as motorized traffic and displaying registration.
- Because of the large volume of pedestrian traffic in Carbondale, riding bicycles on sidewalks is prohibited, with two exceptions: Children under 12 years of age on bicycles with wheel size less than 24 inches and in areas where the sidewalk is specifically marked for bicycle traffic.
- Bicycles must be registered with either the City of Carbondale or the SIUC Department of Public Safety. This places a complete description of the bicycle on



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file, along with its serial number, should the bicycle ever be stolen. Some required bicycle equipment includes side, front and rear reflectors. Bicycles ridden during nighttime hours must be equipped with a white light on the front.

Registration is available for \$2.00 at the Carbondale Police Department located at 610 E. College Street from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. SIUC students may register their bicycles with the SIUC Parking Division at Washington Square B, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for students that present a student identification card.

BICYCLE MAPS AVAILABLE HIGHLIGHT CITY BIKEWAYS

Bicycle enthusiasts in Carbondale and surrounding areas have a resource to take advantage of when planning their recreational bicycling or for utilizing as a means of safe transportation by bicycle through the City. The Carbondale Bikeway Map identifies Carbondale's on-street and off-street bikeways. The Bikeway Map also includes the Illinois Official

Bicycle Map for Jackson County and the Surrounding Area, and Bicycle Rules and Safety Tips. The maps are available at Carbondale bicycle shops, the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, the Carbondale Police Department, and the information booth located in the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center.

Carbondale Maintains Status as Tree City USA Community

Carbondale has been named Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the 29th consecutive year Carbondale has received this national recognition. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. Carbondale has continued to meet the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

"I think that speaks to this area's environmental record," Carbondale

City Manager Allen Gill said. "Bordering the Shawnee National Forest really sets the tone for a very green area, and it is impressive to have that long of a record."

Carbondale's tree stock experienced a large loss in the May 8, 2009 storm during which it is estimated that more than 4,000 trees were lost between Carbondale and the Southern Illinois University Carbondale campus. City Manager Allen Gill stated that the efforts of the Carbondale Park District, Keep Carbondale Beautiful and Ameren all played significant roles in replacing damaged trees, and in making sure those trees were and continue to be planted in safe areas, away from power lines. "I

know that last year's storm hit hardest the City's oldest trees, but one of the things some of the experts have told us, and that has borne out, is some of these older trees being lost have exposed, or made more room for younger trees to grow up and fill the spaces. It was gratifying to see how green the City was, even after the storm."

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation. Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest.

Poplar Camp Beach at Cedar Lake Opens Friday, May 28

Hours: Monday through Friday 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday/Sunday/ Holidays 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

State Certified Lifeguards are on duty during beach open hours.

Admission: \$2.00 per person (Children age four (4) and under are admitted free). Ten (10) visit passes are available for \$15.00 and twenty (20) visit passes are available for \$25.00. Passes bought are good for the entire 2010 beach season and can be used by anyone at anytime.

For information about beach closings, call 549-8441 or 549-5302.

For the safety of all visitors alcoholic beverages, glass containers and fires are prohibited at the beach.

Ordinance Requires Maintenance of Tall Grass & Weeds

The City of Carbondale Code declares grass and weeds over eight (8) inches in height to be a nuisance and requires their removal. The provision of the City Code pertaining to mowing grasses and weeds over eight inches in height does not apply to land zoned as "Forestry" or "Agriculture" which is used for agricultural purposes as long as a 20-foot perimeter adjacent to any right-of-way and/or residentially zoned property is mowed and maintained so as not to exceed the eight inch height. Owners and tenants are reminded that they are also required to keep adjoining public right-of-way

mowed to the back of the curb, the edge of the street pavement and the alley.

Most property owners and tenants comply with the City of Carbondale's standards for the maintenance of tall grass and weeds. However, some property owners/tenants do not mow their property until the City posts the property in violation of the tall grass and weed ordinance. Therefore, upon finding the same property in violation more than once during the same growth season, a Court Citation will be issued to all owners and occupants of the property at the time of the second posting and for

each subsequent posting that may be necessary during the balance of the growth season. If the tall grass and weeds have not been mowed within seven days after the posting, the City's mowing contractor will mow the property and the property owner will be billed for the mowing by the City.

For more information about this ordinance, contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237. To see if a property has been posted, visit the City of Carbondale Web site explorecarbondale.com. A weed posting report can be viewed under the Government section.



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