



From the Mayor



Mayor Joel Fritzler

For those of you returning from your summer excursions, "Welcome back." If you are new to Carbondale then, "Welcome to the Cultural Capital of Southern Illinois." Whether you are here to live and work, or to attend SIU, you have made the right choice. Having lived in three states and four countries prior to the last 17 years in Carbondale, to sum up why I enjoy living here, I like to say, "There is no place quite like this place."

We have four distinct seasons in Carbondale but, fall is my favorite season to be in Southern Illinois but, we experienced many exciting changes in Carbondale during the summer season. Construction on the new Fire Station on the west side of town has been taking place through the summer and is almost completed. The re-construction of Schwartz St., between Oakland and Eason Streets, is providing the residents along this stretch of road with a street of the same high standard enjoyed by the majority of Carbondale residents. I have been fighting for these two projects since joining the city council eight years ago. And, although there was some resistance from a few council members, the majority of the council saw that funding these projects was the prudent thing to do.

One could say that 2013 was the brightest summer ever seen in Carbondale. The City organized the Fourth of July firework display this year and, with \$6,000 from the City, \$3,000 from SIU, and \$1,000 from the Lions Club, people that saw the display said that it was biggest firework display ever seen in Carbondale. The historic Illinois Central caboose received a new coat of bright red paint as a gift

from the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company, and colorful artwork from the Carbondale Middle School is displayed on the panels across the tracks from the Amtrak Station. For more color this fall, don't miss the Union County Colorfest Celebration which takes place October 11, 12 & 13.

Since food is always on my mind, I was ecstatic when Pita Alley, McAlister's Deli and a new donut shop, Delish, opened in Carbondale this summer. McAlister's is located across from the Mall and east of Barnes & Noble. Delish is located at 813 E. Main, across from Hunan, and also serves sandwiches, wraps, and rice bowls for lunch. Pita Alley, located in the Murdale Shopping Center at 1711 W. Main, offers Greek, Middle Eastern, Turkish, and Vegan cuisine. And, located in the CCHS parking lot on Saturday mornings, a second Farmers' Market opened this summer.

Fall is a great time to be outdoors in Carbondale so, pick up some takeaway food on Wednesdays and Fridays in September, come to the Town Square Pavilion in Downtown Carbondale, and enjoy some free live music at two of Carbondale Main Street's famous events. Every Wednesday at noon, they sponsor a Brown Bag Concert with music by local musicians. Bring your own lunch (and a chair) or pick up something from a downtown restaurant. Every Friday night from 6:00 to 9:00, come out for Main Street's Friday Night Fair featuring live music, locally grown produce, and handmade products.

Besides the countless events, festivals, and concerts for which Southern Illinois is known, there are a number of organizations in the region that are working on projects that may be of interest to you. There are many ways to get involved and we need you to be involved, whether by volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club, the Red Cross, or the I Can Read Program. In any case, the best way to feel that you are a part of a community is to become part of the community.

If you ever have any questions about the city, feel free to contact me at jfritzler@ci.carbondale.il.us or 457-3229.

Have a great fall,

Joel Fritzler, Mayor



Governor Quinn Announces \$1.5 Million to Build Ultra High Speed Broadband Network in Carbondale

Governor Pat Quinn today announced an investment of \$1.5 million to build an ultra high-speed broadband network in Southern Illinois. The partnership between Frontier North, Inc., the City of Carbondale, Southern Illinois University and Connect SI will use the funding to build a high-speed fiber optic network to Carbondale's businesses, schools, hospitals and neighborhoods.

The gigabit broadband, up to 100 times faster than speeds currently available, is anticipated to help recruit new business to the region and enable Southern Illinois University's scholars, innovators and entrepreneurs to connect globally. Capabilities for telemedicine and telehealth through the University's School of Medicine are also expected to impact citizens in Southern Illinois and allow for faster transmission of medical records and vital information.

"Ultra high-speed internet access is a key to success for the future of Illinois," Governor Quinn said in a release. "In order to remain competitive in today's digital society, Illinois must have broadband infrastructure second to none."

Supported by the Governor's Illinois Jobs Now! capital construction project, the Illinois Gigabit Communities Challenge sought proposals from private and public organizations to encourage ultra high-speed broadband deployment projects throughout Illinois. The City of Carbondale

worked in conjunction with Man-Tra-Con and Southern Illinois University to put together an application to bring the ultra high-speed internet access to Carbondale. The process included seeking proposals from interested internet service providers and selecting providers to partner with in preparing the grant application.

Applicants were required to provide a viable plan to connect at least 1,000 end users to an ultra high-speed broadband network. Part of the criteria for the application included improving employment opportunities, enhancing economic development through the development of "smart communities" bringing Illinois closer to the goal of increasing the proportion of residents with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60 percent by the year 2025, connecting health care professionals with their patients, and positioning Illinois' universities to continue to lead the nation in research, technology and innovation.

"This grant will upgrade connectivity to Carbondale K-12 schools, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, healthcare institutions, commercial corridors and non-profit organizations across the city," said Mayor Joel Fritzler. "We know that state-of-the-art technology is critical to support our educational system and it is an absolute must for successful companies of all sizes."

"The best part of the Governor's grant is that it isn't about fiber

optics and lasers; it is about a world class community network built to drive jobs and new opportunities for Carbondale and the region," Frontier Senior Vice President and General Manager Mike Flynn said in a release. "Frontier Communications couldn't be more proud to be a part of this community effort as we work every day to provide advancing broadband services across all of Southern Illinois."

"Southern Illinois has a long history as a leader in broadband," Broadband Illinois Interim Executive Director Brad Housewright said in a release. "Through the efforts of Connect SI, Frontier and stakeholders from business and industry, we're excited to build a public-private partnership around this initiative." Today's Carbondale announcement represents the fourth major Gigabit Communities Challenge broadband infrastructure project announced since Governor Quinn took office in 2009. Governor Quinn has invested more than \$71 million in broadband infrastructure throughout the state as part of his Illinois Jobs Now! capital construction program. This investment has leveraged more than \$214 million in additional funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and more than 3,000 miles of fiber optic cable have been installed throughout Illinois. For more information visit Gigabit.Illinois.Gov.



September & October Carbondale City Council Meeting Schedule

September 17, 2013, Regular Meeting

October 8, 2013, Regular Meeting

October 22, 2013, Regular Meeting

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in City Council Chambers at the Carbondale Civic Center located at 200 S. Illinois Avenue in Carbondale. Any changes to this meeting schedule will be published in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

City Council meetings are streamed live on the internet to allow interested persons that are unable to attend the meeting the opportunity to watch the meeting and view the agenda and documents as they are being discussed. All members of the public with computer access can use this service through the City of Carbondale's website, www.explorecarbndale.com where there is a graphic on the left lower side of the homepage that will link you LIVE to the broadcast. Persons in Carbondale without access to a computer can view the meeting on Mediacom Channel 16.

Additional local government meetings are listed on the calendar on the back page of this issue.



State Senator Mike Bost joins the Saluki Pride Committee of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce on its annual Paw Print Painting Day on August 11th.

Carbondale Welcomes Its Newest Businesses!

McAlister's Deli
1382 E. Main Street

Delish Bakery & Restaurant
813 E. Main Street

The Shop Full Service Salon
703 S. Illinois Avenue

Game Fusion
215 E. Main Street

Input Wanted for Community Improvements

The City of Carbondale has a Five Year Community Investment Program (CIP) Plan that is updated on an annual basis. The City is interested in your suggestions for improvements that can be made to enhance your neighborhood and/or the community as a whole. Projects typically included in the Community Investment Program include construction, reconstruction or replacements of: streets, storm sewers, sidewalks, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, traffic signals, drainage improvements, sanitary sewers, water mains, public buildings, parking lots, and water or wastewater treatment plant improvements or expansions.

City staff will review the projects suggested by residents and formulate recommendations for possible inclusion in the upcoming fiscal year budget to the City Council in November. The City Council will then make determinations as to which projects should be included in the Five Year Community Investment Program Plan. Then, during the City's regular budget preparation process this winter, staff will work to prioritize and match approved projects with available funds.

If you would like to suggest a capital improvement project for consideration and possible inclusion in the FY2015 Five Year Community Investment Program 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 25, 2013.

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

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 must 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 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.

Carbondale Police Host Neighborhood Watch Informational Meeting October 1, 2013

The City of Carbondale Police Department is interested in increasing participation in the Neighborhood Watch program in an effort to increase the safety of our community. In early 1972, the National Sheriffs Association developed a model program for today's Neighborhood Watch programs. Since its establishment, Neighborhood Watch has developed thousands of local residential crime prevention programs in which individual citizens work to make their own homes and families less inviting targets for crime.

The Neighborhood Watch program gives citizens the opportunity to work together with law enforcement, which places the responsibility on both the police department and private citizens. The fact is the impact

on crime prevention by law enforcement alone is minimal when compared with the power of private citizens working with law enforcement and with each other. Neighborhood Watch is based on the concept of cooperation. When citizens take positive steps to secure their property and neighbors learn how to report suspicious activity around their homes, the opportunity for burglaries and related offenses decreases dramatically.

To learn more about Neighborhood Watch, we invite you attend a Neighborhood Watch informational meeting at the Carbondale Police Department on Tuesday October 1, 2013 at 10 a.m.

For more information contact Kimberly McCutchen Brooks at 457-3200 ext. 471.

City of Carbondale Fire Department Reminds Residents to 'Prevent Kitchen Fires' During Fire Prevention Week October 6 - 12, 2013

Fire Prevention Week is October 6 - 12, 2013 and the City of Carbondale is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for this year's fire safety campaign, "Prevent Kitchen Fires". During this year's fire safety campaign, the City of Carbondale Fire Department and safety advocates are promoting 'Prevent Kitchen Fires' to better educate citizens about the importance of cooking safety, as well as the power of prevention.

According to the latest NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen, more than any other place in the home. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries. When called to a fire that started in the kitchen, often residents state that they only left the kitchen for a few minutes. Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start.

Safety tips that firefighters and safety advocates will be emphasizing include:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room even for a short period of time turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home and use a timer to remind you.
- If you have young children use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- When you cook wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn away from your stovetop.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.
- Have a lid readily available to smother out any flames if necessary. Do not put water or other kitchen items such as flour on the flames.
- Do not attempt to take a burning pan outdoors. You risk getting burned.
- If an emergency arises call 911 immediately for help.

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 5th. 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 Schools and along with CCHS Lifesavers will visit the schools for presentations during Fire Prevention Week.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department Administrative Office at 457-3234. To learn more about the campaign "Prevent Kitchen Fires" visit NFPA's website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Reminder: Change Your Smoke Alarm Battery When You Change Your Clock November 3rd

The City of Carbondale Fire Department has once again joined forces with the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the 26th 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 3rd.

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 citizens that cannot afford to purchase one. We encourage citizens to take advantage of this program.

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

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www.explorecarbndale.com

Prescription Drug Cards Still Available

The City of Carbondale is participating in the National League of Cities Prescription Discount Card Program. The program, which is administered by CVS Caremark helps residents cope with the high cost of prescription drugs. This is not a prescription insurance program, it is a discount card program. Residents can save an average of 23% off of the full retail cost of prescription medication that is not covered by an insurance provider. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on the frequency of use. The discount card is accepted at more than 60,000 pharmacies nationwide, including major pharmacy chains and most local independent pharmacies. Currently there are seven pharmacies in Carbondale that are participating in the program.

Discount cards are available at participating pharmacies and at several locations including Carbondale City Hall, the Carbondale Public Library, the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, Carbondale Main Street, Carbondale Community High School and the SIU Student Center. These cards can be used at any participating pharmacy in the United States, not just in Carbondale.

Additional details about the program can be found on the City of Carbondale website, www.explorecarbndale.com or on the National League of Cities website, www.nlc.org. Information can also be obtained by calling the City of Carbondale at 549-5302.

Pick up a card at one of the participating locations and start saving today!!

An Invitation to Join a Neighborhood Action Group

Study Circles' Neighborhood Action Group is evaluating its nine year effort to promote neighborhoods in Carbondale. We would like your input. What follows is a draft of a purpose statement for the Neighborhood Action Group:

The Neighborhood Action Group is a working group of the City of Carbondale's Human Relations Commission initiated in 2004 as a result of the City's Study Circles Project. The purpose of the Neighborhood Action Group is to promote, preserve and revitalize Carbondale's neighborhoods by identifying, researching and organizing on issues of significance to neighborhoods.

Major goals of the Group are to promote the development of neighborhood associations and cross neighborhood work, as well as to ensure the role of neighborhoods as stakeholders in Carbondale's land use and design review.

If you are interested in neighborhoods or would like to get neighborhood association going, please contact Mary O'Hara at (618) 713-0820 or maryohara@mchsi.com. A short history of the Neighborhood Action Group can be obtained using the same contact. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in Carbondale City Hall. Our meetings take about 1 hour. Please join us.

Applications Being Accepted for Homebuyer Assistance Grant Program

The City of Carbondale has received 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 up to the City's current 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 their loan. The home purchaser must provide at least \$1,000 towards 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- \$31,500, 2 people-\$36,000, 3 people-\$40,500, 4 people-\$44,950, 5 people-\$48,550, 6 people-\$52,150, 7 people-\$55,750, and 8 people-\$59,350.

Private Financing for Home Purchase: City staff will evaluate information provided by the applicants to see if they meet basic program eligibility criteria. Eligible applicants will be required to attend a Homebuyer counseling program. Upon successful completion of the 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 normal criteria to evaluate the loan applications and decide whether to approve or deny a loan.

Application Availability and Acceptance: If you are interested in further program information, please contact Travis Taylor at 457-3233.

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

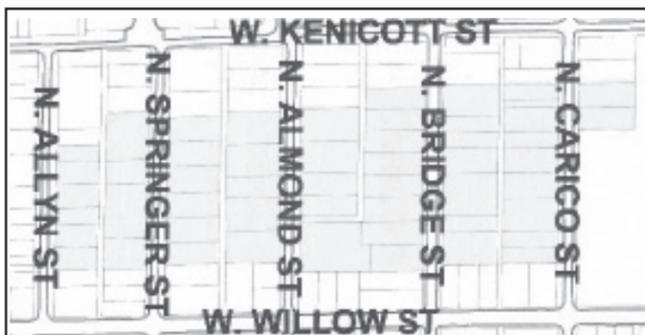
City of Carbondale Still Accepting Applications for Rehabilitation of Single Family Owner Occupied Homes in Targeted Area

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has awarded the City of Carbondale grant funds through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) for housing rehabilitation. The City of Carbondale will implement the rehabilitation program within a targeted area of northwest Carbondale. The Program can provide repairs to owner-occupied homes in a targeted area of the City of Carbondale. Eligible houses will be brought up to the City's current housing codes. Repairs can include roofing, wiring, plumbing and weatherization. General improvements such as siding, deck repairs and painting may also qualify.

Assistance Available: Housing rehabilitation assistance up to a maximum of \$40,000 per home is available. Work can include structural, plumbing, electrical, weatherization, heating, roofing and general upgrades to meet current codes.

Eligible Persons: Applicants must own and live in their home which must be located in the program's targeted areas: The proposed target area includes parts of Northwest Carbondale that are North of West Willow, South of West Kenicott, and bounded by North Allyn and North Carico. See Map for specific details. Maximum adjusted gross income cannot exceed the following amounts for the household size:

1 Person	\$32,150
2 People	\$36,750
3 People	\$41,350
4 People	\$45,900
5 People	\$49,600
6 People	\$53,250
7 People	\$56,950
8 People	\$60,600



Application Process: Once the applications are submitted they will be screened for basic eligibility. The applications will be measured against a set of selection criteria and points assigned. The houses will also be examined and housing condition points established. The eligible applications with the most points will be selected for housing rehabilitation if the work can be done within the \$40,000 maximum allowed for each home. Meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee participation in the program. For more information or to request an application, please contact the Housing Programs Administrator, Travis Taylor at 457-3233, or email ttaylor@ci.carbondale.il.us.

NEWS ON MAIN STREET

Mark Your Calendars for All the Events Happening in September and October in Downtown Carbondale!



- Sept. 5-7 Carbondale Rocks Music Festival
- Sept. 13 Nightlife Rock N Run to support Carbondale Main Street
- Sept. 14 Carbondale Main Street and Hangar 9 Welcome Fest
- Sept. 21 Downtown Art & Wine Fair and Art Around the Square
- Sept. 28 CarbondALE Microbrew and Music Festival
- Oct. 26 Halloween on Main Street, including downtown trick-or-treating, the Rotary Club's Pumpkin Race, and the Carbondale Main Street Zombie Walk

Details about all these events are available at www.carbondalemainstreet.com

Start Your Weekends at the Carbondale Community Friday Night Fair

Carbondale Community Friday Night Fairs will continue during September and will held every Friday from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Town Square Pavilion. These events feature local vendors, artisans a kid's corner and different entertainment every week.

Carbondale Main Street's Brown Bag Concert Series Continue Through September

The concerts are held every Wednesday from noon – 1 p.m. in Carbondale's Historic Town Square. Every Wednesday in September the weekly Brown Bag Concerts will feature local and regional musicians.

Call to Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome at Carbondale Main Street so please do not hesitate to contact them if you are interested in helping with any of the community events and beautification efforts for downtown Carbondale. Visit www.carbondalemainstreet.com or call Carbondale Main Street at 529-8040. We'll See You Downtown!!

Rotary Club of Carbondale-Breakfast to Begin New Pumpkin Race Tradition

The Rotary Club of Carbondale - Breakfast is sponsoring Carbondale's First Great Pumpkin Race on Saturday, October 26th. Handcrafted pumpkins will race beneath the Mill Street Underpass in downtown Carbondale starting at 4:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of race classes and categories for pumpkins that complete the course including: largest, fastest, most creative, and many more. A \$5 registration fee is required, however students 18 and under can bring three non-perishable food items in place of the fee. The fee for all adult pumpkin racers is \$5 per pumpkin per heat.

Club organizer Marcia Sinnott said, "We're planning to bring some real family fun to Carbondale this fall. Pumpkin Racing is more about art and luck than it is about sport. They're totally unpredictable."

Special incentives will be offered for the first 25 teams or individuals who register. Advanced registration forms will be available beginning September 13th at Carbondale Tourism, Carbondale Main Street and online at www.carbondalebreakfastrotary.com. On-site registration begins at 3:00 p.m. on the day of the event, with races starting at 4:00 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carbondale Breakfast, with cooperation and support from Carbondale Tourism, Carbondale Main Street, Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Carbondale.

To find out more about the Rotary Club of Carbondale - Breakfast and the First Great Pumpkin Race, visit: www.carbondalebreakfastrotary.org.

Splash of Golf

WHEN
Friday Sept. 13th
Starting at noon

WHERE
Hickory Ridge
Golf Course

Join us in a golf scramble to raise money and awareness for the NEW Super Splash Park Outdoor Aquatic Center. Friday September 13 - lunch at noon, golf at 1pm. A 9 hole scramble, \$50.00 per person, 4 man teams. (\$50, gets you lunch, 9 holes, and a cart.)

Please contact Hickory Ridge Golf Course at 618-529-4386 to reserve your spot. Or by mail at PO Box 1326 Carbondale, Illinois 62903. Make Checks payable to Carbondale Park District/Splash.





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.



Carbondale Middle School Brings Art Downtown

Passengers arriving and departing from the Carbondale Amtrak Station now have a new colorful view. Artwork has recently been affixed to the decorative panels that had been placed along the east side of the Canadian National Railroad tracks. The placement of the panels was originally designed to serve as a privacy screen separating the downtown station from the adjacent residential area. With artwork now in place the screen is also serving to beautify the downtown streetscape.

The artwork was designed and painted by the art students at Carbondale Middle School under the instruction of Mr. Brad Moore. The participating

students were very excited to have the opportunity to create art for the community. The artwork was then affixed to the panels to create an art exhibit in the downtown district.

The 100 feet of decorative panels were constructed by City of Carbondale Public Works as a part of the Community Investment Program. "This location is an ideal setting to showcase the talent and abilities of Carbondale art students and this exhibit will complement the placement of the future downtown bike path that is currently under design. We hope to identify additional locations to continue to bring art downtown in a public venue," said Mayor Joel Fritzler.



Local Businesses Partner to Preserve Historic Carbondale Landmark

Three local businesses have partnered with the City of Carbondale to preserve a historic City landmark. Sherwin Williams, Gracie Painting Company and Weatherford Signs together gave the historic caboose at the old Illinois Central Depot in Carbondale a fresh new look. Sherwin Williams of Carbondale supplied the paint and labor, and Weatherford signs will supply the decal work for the caboose. The caboose sits on a section of track behind Carbondale's old Illinois Central Train Depot, coupled to a locomotive.

Not only was the railroad the determining factor in the location of Carbondale, it was of great importance in the development of the town and of Southern Illinois. The old Illinois Central Depot in Carbondale serves as a frequent stop for tourists visiting Carbondale and Southern Illinois.

When Amtrak relocated and built a new Amtrak station, the old Illinois Central Depot in Carbondale was abandoned, but local interest persisted in preserving Carbondale history and in restoring the old building for contemporary use. In 1998 Station Carbondale, a non-profit group formed by a group of Illinois Central Railroad retirees put the wheels in motion to create a museum in the old Illinois Central Depot when the

group obtained a 1940's Model caboose to be housed at the old Illinois Central Depot. The Illinois Central Railroad not only donated the caboose, the railroad also covered all costs associated with the car's restoration. In addition, the group was instrumental in pursuing the addition of a locomotive for the site and placement of the old Illinois Central Depot on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

In 2005 Station Carbondale joined with Carbondale Main Street to formally open the station's museum in the old Illinois Central Depot in Carbondale. Today the Station Carbondale Museum offers visitors the unique opportunity to "experience" railroading by taking an interpretive hands-on tour through a locomotive, caboose and train depot. The collection at the Station Carbondale Museum boasts a range of memorabilia and artifacts and requests for additional contributions go out to anyone wishing to add to the collection.

In addition to providing the location for the Station Carbondale Museum, the old historic depot houses the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce and the Carbondale Main Street organizations. For more information about the Station Carbondale Museum visit www.stationcarbondale.org.

New Outdoor Warning Siren Installed in Carbondale

A new outdoor warning siren has been installed at the end of Vercliff Drive in Carbondale. This Whelen solar 4-cell siren with voice module produces 70 decibels at 3500', which is just over 1/2 mile in all directions. This siren will be an addition to the twelve sirens currently located within the City of Carbondale corporate limits,

five of which are owned and maintained by SIUC. This new siren will be the second solar powered siren owned by the City of Carbondale. These solar powered sirens are low maintenance and very cost effective. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Carbondale Emergency Services Department at (618) 457-3245.

Keep Carbondale Beautiful and Green Earth Team Up for One Day Sale of Trees and Shrubs

A one-day sale of trees and other native perennials will be held on Saturday, October 5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Carbondale's Murdale Shopping Center. Once again, Green Earth and Keep Carbondale Beautiful are teaming up to make it easier for property owners to plant natives, all from Forrest-Keeling Nursery. Experts will be on hand to advise shoppers on best practices.

Green Earth's Stephanie Eichholz looks forward to the event as a way to interact with and educate the public. "Our last sale was in conjunction with the Illinois Indigenous Plants Symposium. That was a group of people who knew the value of natives." Natives are generally hardier, and fit into the ecology of the area, resisting harmful insects while attracting butterflies to their flowers and birds to their fruit. KCB Executive Director, Sarah Heyer, added that Keep America Beautiful encourages all its affiliates to plant and promote native species.

Fall is the best time to plant trees, and Keep Carbondale Beautiful is offering a wide variety of native species, which can be pre-ordered by going to their website, keepcb.org, or by phone or e-mail. Popular items are decorative trees like dogwood, fringetree, and service berry, as well as nut trees and various oaks. Non-native species can also be ordered in advance, but will not be available at the sale.

Displays of plants and order forms are on websites at keepcb.org and greenearthinc.org. For more information call Keep Carbondale Beautiful (618) 525-5525, or Green Earth (618) 201-3774.

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
Wed/4th & 18th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Mon/9th & 30th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 p.m.
Tues/17th	Carbondale City Council	7:00 p.m.

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

Thurs/5th	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 p.m.
Mon/9th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 p.m.
Mon/16th	Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/19th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings at Other Locations

Wed/11th	Library Board of Trustees Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 p.m.
Tues/19th	Carbondale High School District #165 CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 p.m.
Thurs/26th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95 Carbondale Elementary School Administrative Center	7:00 p.m.

Carbondale City Hall offices will be closed Monday, September 2, 2013 for Labor Day.

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
Wed/2nd & 16th	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues/8th & 22nd	Carbondale City Council	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

Thurs/3rd	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 p.m.
Mon/7th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs/17th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 p.m.
Mon/21st	Preservation Commission	7:00 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 Carbondale Elementary School Administrative Center	7:00 p.m.



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