

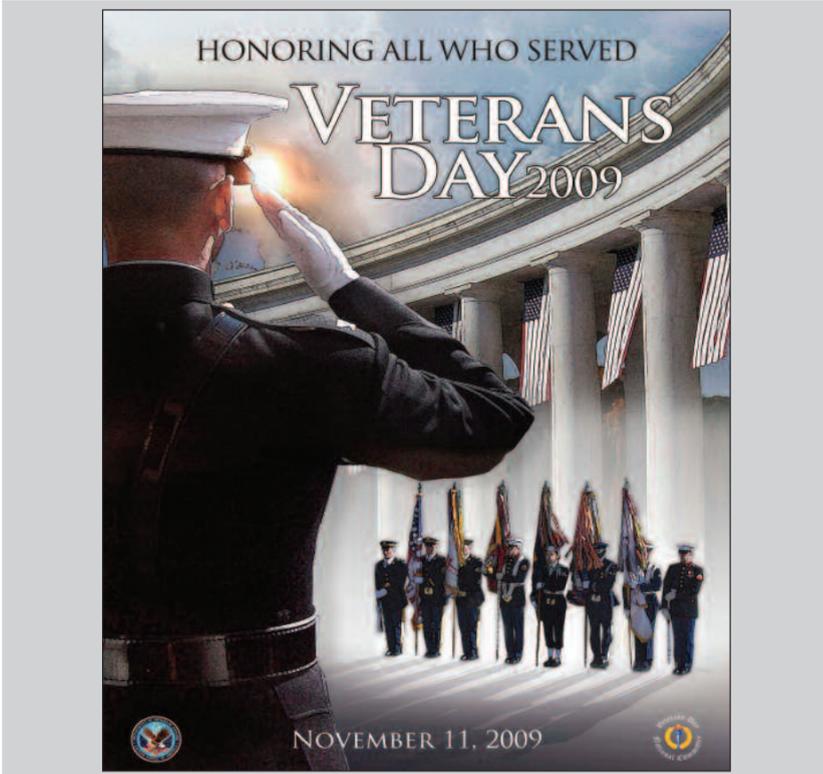


Carbondale Communiqué

November - December, 2009

City of Carbondale, Illinois

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars Teeter-Carter-Watson Post 2605 presents the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Plaza located on the southeast quadrant of the Town Square. Join City officials and Carbondale residents as they honor all those that have served and continue to serve our great country at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony that will be held on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Haven't You Heard...

Carbondale Received Governor's Home Town Award

The City of Carbondale is proud to announce it has been selected as the winner of a 2009 Illinois Governor's Home Town Award. The award is presented annually in recognition of a community's improvement efforts which are the results of a voluntary commitment of community residents and organizations.

The City's application focused on the revitalization of the Varsity Theater and the creation of the Varsity Center for the Arts. From the first communication with the Kerasotes family about the possibility of obtaining the property to the last stage set being completed as the curtain rose on opening night, community volunteers made this project possible. "Counting only registered volunteers who physically worked with remodeling the Varsity Theater from March 1, 2008 until October 20, 2008, (78) seventy-eight community members contributed to the remodeling project, logging 4,410 hours. These volunteer efforts included residents and students who worked on development and design, cleaning, construction and painting. In addition more

than (40) forty businesses provided support and donated services and materials and supplies to this project," reports Jack Langowski, Executive Director.

Even though the results have been outstanding, the full impact of this project has yet to be realized. As more funds become available, the building will continue to be transformed with additional theaters, viewing rooms, offices, and galleries being created. With the current success of fundraising efforts, the project's planned completion date of 2012 is realistically attainable. The capital campaign is going very well, and the Varsity Center for the Arts has already obtained over 25% of the funding they need for the entire project.

"The Varsity Center for the Arts has made a truly positive impact on the community. The physical transformation of the vacant movie theater into a vibrant performance theater is truly inspiring," concluded Mayor Brad Cole.

The Governor's Home Town Awards Program is administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Voter Registration for Primary Election Closes January 5

The 2010 Illinois Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Positions to be nominated include United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, Representative to U.S. Congress, State Senator and State Representative as well as regional, county and judicial positions.

Voter registration will close statewide on January 5, 2010. Voter registration is available in Carbondale City Hall located at 200 South Illinois Avenue.

Persons wishing to register to vote should bring two forms of identification; one ID must include the registrant's name and current Jackson County address and the other ID needs only to include the registrant's name. At least one ID must include the registrant's photograph.

Grace period voting will be available in the Jackson County Clerk's Office in Murphysboro during the period of Wednesday, January 6 through Tuesday, January 26, 2010. During grace period voting, persons who wish to vote in the Primary Election may register to vote (or change their

voting address) and cast their primary ballot at the same time. Persons not wishing to vote in the Primary Election must wait until Thursday, February 4 to register to vote.

Early voting will be available in the County Clerk's Office during the period of Monday, January 11 through Thursday, January 28, 2010. Only persons who are already registered to vote may participate in early voting. Early voting will also be conducted in the Carbondale Civic Center on dates and times to be announced later by the Jackson County Clerk's Office.

In-person absentee voting will be available in the County Clerk's Office during the period of Monday, January 11 through Monday, February 1, 2010. Absentee voting by mail is also available through the County Clerk's Office. An application for an absentee ballot must be requested no later than Monday, January 25, 2010.

The Illinois General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Questions regarding voter registration or the election calendar may be addressed to the City Clerk's Office at 457-3280 or the Jackson County Clerk's Office at 687-7366.

From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

Where does the time go? Every day seems to go by faster than the day before and every year many of us, around this time of year, start asking ourselves "what happened?" with the time.

The holidays will soon be upon us. Winter weather is already peeking at us from around the corner. Baseball season will soon become basketball season. Time spent cutting the lawn will shift to time spent shoveling the snow. High hopes and good intentions for superior grades this semester will soon become desperate pleas for divine intervention during final exam week. Long days full of sunlight will contrast into longer nights. Then, before we know it, we'll be on the front steps of a new year and renewed hope for fresh opportunities.

So, where does the time go? I often hear people talk of "long days" and wish that I had more than 24 hours in each of mine. I suppose the length of the day refers more to the amount of work one had to accomplish or the amount of sleep

one didn't get. This prompted me to think about what I would do if I had an extra 30 minutes or an hour every day, or even once a week. Where would that extra time go? Would I spend it wisely? Would I give it away in the service of others? Would I keep it to myself? Would I waste it? Would I use it to get more exercise or read or write more? Where would it go?

The truth is that we have the time now, if we want to realize it and prioritize it among our other, every day tasks and chores. It may be hard to see, but the time is there.

The end of each year has just as much potential as the beginning of each year. And as we approach the end of 2009, perhaps we should make time for that extra hour or so in our days or weeks and consider the good that could come from it. Why wait until the new year for a new year's resolution? How about a current year's resolution that includes setting some time aside to actually take time for the things we wish we had time for? (I hope that makes sense.) And as we settle with family and friends in our living rooms or around our kitchen tables, maybe some of that time could be spent catching-up on the things we saw, the places we went, the people we met and the experiences we had over the last year that went by so fast.

Some of that time may have been full of happiness and some full of sadness or grief, but if we don't take the time to pause today, it will be too late and tomorrow will be here before we know it.

Brad Cole, Mayor



Carbondale teen William Dunkel, who educated local residents on disaster preparedness as part of his Eagle Scout project, recently donated \$500 to the Carbondale Fire Department's Fire Prevention Program. City Manager Allen Gill, Fire Chief John Michalesko and a crew of firefighters were on hand for the check presentation. The Fire Prevention Program includes fire safety education in elementary schools, a mobile fire safety trailer, home fire safety inspections and free smoke detectors and batteries for those in need.

Work Began on Attucks School in November

A long awaited revitalization of the old Crispus Attucks High School in Carbondale began in November. On one of Carbondale's busiest roadways, a building once a symbol of segregation will now become a community project to save the historic site and use it for the benefit of future generations. When renovations are complete the building will become home to the African American Museum of Southern Illinois, the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, a community welcome center, interpretive centers to provide history on military veterans and Woodlawn Cemetery, as well as a historically accurate presentation classroom that will be designed to provide a look back into Attucks educational beginnings.

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole announced that the City received a \$112,131 Tourism

Attraction Grant to begin the revitalization project on the structure during the City's Memorial Day service at Woodlawn Cemetery. Mayor Cole announced the grant on behalf of Governor Pat Quinn, who he said wanted to attend the service but was unable to take time away from state budget duties.

The grant will, when combined with local matching funds, allow the start of phase one of the project this month. The first phase will secure the building with a new roof and exterior improvements to include new doors and windows, and workers will ensure the overall stability of the structure. Phase two of the project will focus on the building's interior. It is anticipated that interior renovations could begin in early 2010. Mayor Cole said he hopes the entire project can be completed within 18 months.

La Ciudad recibió subsidio para expandir los Servicios de Defensa de Víctimas

Recientemente el Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos, Oficina de Programas de Justicia, Oficina de Violencia en contra de la Mujer le otorgó a la Ciudad de Carbondale un subsidio de \$366.351 por medio de GTEAP: Fondos para Estimular Políticas de Arresto y Programa de Refuerzo de las Ordenes de Protección.

Mediante este subsidio, el Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Carbondale, en colaboración con sus asociados para el servicio de víctimas, continuará implementando estrategias para mejorar la respuesta a la violencia doméstica con énfasis en el mejoramiento de la prestación de servicios a las víctimas hispanas. El Departamento de Policía de Carbondale va a tener disponible a un Coordinador de Proyecto que vigilará todas las actividades del proyecto; ampliará el Departamento de Programas y Servicios para la Defensa de Víctimas para incluir servicios de defensa en las noches en el Departamento de Policía de Carbondale y en la Oficina del Sheriff del Condado Jackson; suministrará representación legal a las víctimas de violencia doméstica que estén buscando órdenes de protección a través de la Clínica de Violencia Doméstica de la Escuela de Leyes de la Universidad Southern Illinois de Carbondale; realizará chequeos de verificación de libertad condicional conjuntamente con la Oficina de Libertad Condicional del Condado Jackson; y para costear una posición de defensor de víctimas en el Centro de la Mujer que suministre servicios directos a las víctimas de violencia doméstica. Además, la subvención provee los fondos para programas de entrenamiento relacionados con violencia doméstica específicamente para oficiales de

refuerzo de la ley, para personal de justicia criminal y profesionales de defensa del área.

El Alcalde Brad Cole declaró, "Esta adjudicación demuestra el compromiso de la Ciudad de Carbondale con el aumento de la seguridad de las víctimas y la responsabilidad de los ofensores en casos de violencia doméstica a través de políticas pro-arresto y de una respuesta coordinada de la comunidad. Las asociaciones de colaboración entre las agencias de justicia criminal, los proveedores de servicios a las víctimas y las organizaciones de la comunidad que responden a casos de violencia doméstica son una parte integral del sistema de justicia y esta subvención intensificará sus esfuerzos futuros aún más."

Debemos elogiar al personal profesional del Departamento de Policía por su trabajo con esta subvención altamente competitiva, la que, a la larga, beneficiará a toda la comunidad de Carbondale. @

El Comité Directivo del Proyecto para solicitar la subvención GTEAP consiste en representantes del Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Carbondale, del Centro de la Mujer de Carbondale, del Departamento de Seguridad Pública y la Escuela de Leyes de la Universidad Southern Illinois de Carbondale, de Servicios de Libertad Condicional del Primer Circuito del Condado Jackson, de la Oficina del Fiscal del Estado del Condado Jackson, de la Oficina del Sheriff del Condado Jackson y del Departamento de Policía de Murphysboro.

El Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Carbondale ha estado recibiendo esta competitiva subvención desde 1997 y el total de los subsidios adjudicados por la iniciativa del Departamento sobrepasa ahora el \$1.7 millones de dólares.

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Proper Storage Required of Inoperable and Unlicensed Vehicles

City codes and ordinances prohibit the storage of inoperable and unlicensed vehicles on private property and City right-of-way. City Code (Sec.17-3-1) defines an inoperable motor vehicle as any motor vehicle from which, for a period of at least thirty (30) days, the engine, wheels or other parts have been removed, or on which the engine, wheels or other parts have been altered, damaged, or otherwise so treated that the vehicle is incapable of being driven under its own motor power. No person shall park or store any unlicensed vehicle on any residentially zoned property other

than in a completely closed building or carport. Storage of such vehicles in the open air under a tarp does not meet the ordinance.

As part of the neighborhood inspection program Building and Neighborhood Inspectors tag inoperable and unlicensed vehicles giving notice that such vehicles must be removed or stored in an approved manner within 10 days.

If the inoperable vehicle is not removed or properly stored within the time frame the owner will receive an ordinance violation citation requiring a court appearance.



City of Carbondale Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Entry Level Firefighter Exam

A written examination for the position of Entry-level Firefighter will be given on Monday, January 25, 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, January 8, 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 Web site at www.explorecarbondale.com.

The City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer



Officers from the German Bundeswehr (national Military) visited Carbondale on September 23, 2009, as part of their annual two-week study tour through the United States. Mayor Brad Cole provided a discussion on state and local government and presented each officer with a City of Carbondale baseball cap to commemorate their visit.

Carbondale Police Department Survey

Dear Carbondale Resident,

The City of Carbondale Police Department is asking for your assistance. In an effort to provide the best police service to the residents of the City of Carbondale, we would like to know your level of satisfaction with the police service you have received. By completing this short survey, you will help us meet our goal of providing the best service possible.



Sincerely,
Jody O'Guinn
Chief of Police

What was the nature of your most recent contact with the Carbondale Police?

- I called to report an accident
- I was contacted about a problem/disturbance
- I requested information
- I was issued a traffic citation
- I was a witness to a crime or incident
- I was the victim of a crime
- I was involved in a traffic accident
- Other (Please Specify): _____

Please check the Carbondale Police Department employee(s) with whom you had contact:

- Police Officer
- DARE Officer
- School Resource Officer
- Supervisor
- Community Service Officer
- Crime Prevention Officer
- Investigator/Detective
- Telecommunicator
- Records Clerk

Based on your most recent contact, please rate the performance of the officer or staff member.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Courtesy	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Knowledge	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Professionalism	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Attitude	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Response Time	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fairness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cultural Sensitivity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Competence	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

What is your preception of crime, community wide, in Carbondale?

- Major Problem
- Somewhat of a problem
- Minor Problem
- No Problem

The following apply specifically to your neighborhood:

	Always	Usually	Never
Do you feel safe in your home?	_____	_____	_____
Are you comfortable walking in the day time?	_____	_____	_____
Are you comfortable walking at night?	_____	_____	_____

Please identify three main problems/concerns in your neighborhood:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How can we improve the quality of our service in the future?

In which portion of the city do you live? (Use Main Street & the railroad tracks as a divider. South is South Illinois, south of Pleasant Hill Road)

- Northeast
- Southeast
- Northwest
- Southwest
- South
- Non-resident

How long have you lived in Carbondale?

- Less than One year
- 1-5 years
- 5-10 years
- More than 10 years

What is your age?

- 18-25
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-65
- Over 65

I am:

- Male
- Female

My race is:

- Asian
- Hispanic
- White
- African-American
- Native American
- Other

I am a student

- Yes
- No
- If yes, at which institution? _____

Have you ever been a victim of a crime in Carbondale?

- Yes
- No

Thank you for your time to complete this survey. The results will be tabulated to help us establish training and service goals. Please mail your survey to: City of Carbondale Police Department, Attn: Lt. Heather Reno, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, Illinois 62902, or you may drop the form off at the Police Department at 610 East College Street or the Carbondale City Hall at 200 S. Illinois Avenue

Haven't You Heard...

The City of Carbondale Salutes Employees That Have Served and Continue to Serve Our Great Country

Acray, Matthew	(Army)	Police Department
Bayles, Barry	(National Guard)	Police Department
Bonali, Mike	(Army National Guard)	Police Department
Bryant, Ronald	(National Guard)	Bldg. & Neighborhood Services
Buritsch, Jeff	(Marines)	Police Department
Cross, Dee	(Army Reserves)	Police Department
Dysart, Gary	(National Guard)	Sewer Collection
Greer, Clayton	(Marines)	Water Distribution
Greer, Mike	(Army)	SEWWTP
Holmes, Jared	(Army Reserves)	Sewer Collection
Johnson, Jimmy	(Navy)	Fire Department
Jones, Mark	(Army)	Information Systems
Kimmel, Mike	(Air Force)	City Attorney
Kline, Jerry	(Marines)	Street Maintenance
Lam, Brad	(Army)	Fire Department
Matthews, Kerry	(Army)	Fire Department
Michaels, Steve	(Army)	Police Department
Mieling, Ted	(Army)	Lake Management
Miller, Kevin	(Army National Guard)	Fire Department
Mitchell, Earl	(Army)	Street Maintenance
Myers, Bill	(Air Force)	Equipment Maintenance
Pengress, Robin	(Navy)	Engineering Division
Penn, Thomas	(Army National Guard)	Water Treatment Plant
Priddy, Scott	(Army National Guard)	NWWWTP
Quinn, Blake	(Army)	Police Department
Reamy, Dale	(Army Reserves)	Police Department
Reno, Heather	(Army National Guard)	Police Department
Ruhe, Eric	(Navy)	Police Department
Simpson, Kristina	(Army National Guard)	Police Department
Sisk, Carl	(Army National Guard)	Fire Department
Stearns, Mark	(Air Force)	Police Department
Stiff, Keith	(Army Reserves)	Police Department
Street, Zachary	(National Guard)	Police Department
Tessone, Ernie	(Army)	Finance Department

Housing Surveys To Be Conducted in Carbondale

The City of Carbondale will be conducting a City wide housing survey to determine the target area for future housing rehabilitation grant applications. Information gathered from the housing surveys will provide the City with an accurate picture of the neighborhoods where focus of housing rehabilitation assistance is needed to improve the overall housing stock of the community. The target areas will be based on the greatest concentration of lower income, owner occupied households in need of rehabilitation.

City staff will be conducting the door to door surveys from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during the month of November. The housing survey consists of statistical and housing related questions that are required to qualify an area for assistance and should only take about five minutes to complete.

The statistical data will include questions such as the number of people living in the home, ethnicity, gross household income, if there are any

household members who are physically disabled, if there are any household members who are age 62 or older and the gender of the head of household. The survey will also gather data about the home such as if the home is owner occupied or rental, how many rooms are in the home, the general state of the home and if major improvements are needed.

All information will be used for statistical analysis to determine the housing rehabilitation target area for upcoming grants and will be kept strictly confidential in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579). Residents are urged to participate as this will be vital in the City's efforts to continue securing funding to improve and enhance the City's residential neighborhoods.

If you are interested in further program information or wish to be put on a mailing list to be notified of housing grants available please contact Kristina Vaughn, Housing Programs Administrator, at 549-5302 x 346.

Corene McDaniel Received Illinois Humanities Service Award

The Illinois Humanities Council along with Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole recently announced that Ruth Corene McDaniel is the recipient of the 2009 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award. This local "humanities hero" has been recognized by Mayor Cole and the City of Carbondale for her outstanding effort on behalf of the humanity.

Of her many contributions to the community, McDaniel is being honored specifically for being the inspiration and the primary force behind the African American Museum of Southern Illinois, which has brought Carbondale a wonderful historic museum and a greater appreciation of African American history.

Upon being notified by the Illinois Humanities Council that McDaniel had been selected for the award, Mayor Brad Cole said, "I am very pleased that the Illinois Humanities Council has recognized Corene for her hard work and dedication in bringing this community dream to fruition. The African American Museum of Southern Illinois is truly a valuable community asset and will serve as a great educational tool for persons of all ages and races for many, many years to come."

"The Illinois Humanities Council could not have identified the more than 40 Studs Terkel medalists without the help of Illinois mayors and village presidents," said IHC Executive Director Kristina Valaitis. "We are so pleased that in the 10th year of this program, we were able to honor these champions of the humanities that make their communities and our

whole state more vibrant."

Recipients of the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award will receive an engraved medal of recognition struck by the Medallion Art Company, America's oldest and largest private mint. The medal will be presented to Corene McDaniel at a City Council meeting in November.

McDaniel is the second recipient from the City of Carbondale to receive the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award. Dr. Blanche Carlton Sloan received the award in 2006.

Named after the prize-winning oral historian and author Studs Terkel, the award reflects the spirit of this prominent son of Illinois. Terkel was a modern-day renaissance man: an actor, playwright, jazz columnist, film narrator and disc jockey. He is perhaps most admired for documenting 20th century America through the words and voices of ordinary people.

Recipients were selected for their service in the humanities, which include significant and sustained efforts to further public understanding of, and appreciation for, the humanities at the community level. This program was started in 1999 in honor of the Illinois Humanities Council's 25th anniversary. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Studs Terkel Award.

For more information about recipients of the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award, contact the Illinois Humanities Council offices at (312) 422-5580 or visit www.prairie.org/studsterkelaward.

Monthly Outdoor Warning Siren Testing

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.

Join Mayor Brad Cole as he delivers the STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS



Tuesday, December 8 Carbondale Civic Center

Doors Open at 11am • Lunch at 11:30am
Speech at 12:00pm

\$15 • RSVP by December 1st
618-549-2146

Seasonal Leaf Collection Program Offered Through January 29

Carbondale's Seasonal Leaf Collection Program is being offered during the months of November, December and January.

Calls for the vacuum collection service will be accepted from November 2, 2009 through January 29, 2010.

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 streetside. Please be sure not to block streets, sidewalks, 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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- Rooms for 2 to 600
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- Portable bars
- Upright Baldwin piano
- Portable and fixed Stage

We Listen...

So we'll know
what combination
of resources will make
your event a success



Carbondale Civic Center



618-457-3209
lchamness@ci.carbondale.il.us

Carbondale City Calendar

November

Date	Meeting	Time
The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 3rd, 17th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 4th, 18th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 9th, 30th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 2nd	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 16th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 19th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 pm

Scheduled meetings at other locations		
Wednesday - 4th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Tuesday - 17th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Parrish School, 121 North Parrish Lane	7:00 pm
Thursday - 19th	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: Wednesday, November 11th for the Veterans Day holiday. Wednesday and Thursday refuse collection routes will be pushed back to Thursday and Friday respectively. Monday and Tuesday refuse collection routes will not be affected. City Hall will also be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thursday refuse collection route will be collected on Friday. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday refuse collection routes will not be affected.

December

Date	Meeting	Time
The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 1st, 15th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 2nd, 16th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 14th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 7th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 17th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 pm

Scheduled meetings at other locations		
Wednesday - 9th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 17th	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 17th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Thomas School, 1025 North Wall Street	7:00 pm

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: At noon on Thursday, December 24th and will remain closed on Friday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday. Refuse collection routes will not be affected. City Hall will also be closed Friday, January 1st for the New Years Day holiday. Refuse collection routes will not be affected.

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Steven Haynes, Councilman
Lance Jack, Councilman
Joel Fritzier, Councilman
Mary Pohlmann, Councilwoman

Allen D. Gill, City Manager

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CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUÉ

Haven't You Heard...

19th Annual Lights Fantastic Parade

Saturday, December 5, 2009
Carbondale, Illinois
6:00 pm

Parade will begin at Mill Street and South Illinois Avenue.

Grand Avenue will remain open to through traffic.

City Fire Department Offers Free Home Safety Inspections

In an ongoing effort to reduce the number of house fires in the City of Carbondale, the Fire Department has in place a home fire safety inspection program. This is a complimentary service for Carbondale residents. The inspection is an advisory visit to help residents take proactive steps to prevent home fires.

Fire service personnel will look at both the interior and exterior of the home for safety problems. They will also give helpful fire prevention recommendations to residents. Some of the things they will look for are: proper house identification (visible street addresses), kitchen safety, smoke detector operation, home escape plans, and proper storage of flammable materials.

The following are ways that you can protect yourself and your property:

- Make sure you have an outside street address that is easily seen from the road and is adequately lit at night to make it easier for emergency personnel to locate your home in the event of an emergency.
- Identify where the outside utilities are located (gas and electric) and how to shut off the gas in case of an earthquake or other emergency.
- If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, make sure that you keep it accessible by clearing shrubs or obstacles away from it. Remember, seconds count when a fire occurs and fire fighters do not have time to clear a path to the nearest fire hydrant.
- If you store flammable liquids in a shed or garage, make sure they are stored in a proper container and locked away from children.
- It is recommended that residents conduct a

yearly cleaning of storage areas and dispose of unused papers, magazines, or anything that contributes to the fire load in your home.

- If you are experiencing any electrical problems contact a licensed electrician and have your electric service checked.
- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis, not as permanent wiring. Do not overload the cords.
- Practice safe cooking techniques. Never leave food unattended when it is cooking. If there are children in the home, always turn the pot handles inward to make it less likely for a child to reach up and pull a hot pan down on him/herself.
- Check your smoke detectors to ensure that they are working properly. They can save your life and the lives of your family if there is a fire in your home.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department looks forward to visiting with residents of Carbondale to share fire safety and prevention information. In addition to offering a free home safety inspection, you can obtain a Household Risk Analysis Checklist which will allow you to perform an inspection at your convenience.

If you would like to schedule a free home safety inspection or would like to obtain a Household Risk Analysis Checklist please contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department Administrative Office at 457-3234.

Additional fire prevention information including the Household Risk Analysis Checklist is also available on the City's Web site www.explorecarbndale.com.



Through the Futures Program, a partnership between the City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, Carbondale businesses provided employment opportunities for Carbondale Community High School students. Futures Program students and participating local employers were recognized at the September 22, 2009 Carbondale City Council Meeting.

Southern Region Early Childhood Programs to Relocate to Eurma C. Hayes Center

The Carbondale City Council recently approved the lease of space in the Eurma C. Hayes Center located at 441 E. Willow Street to the Southern Region Early Childhood Programs. The programs will provide Center-Based Prevention Initiative services for sixteen families with infants and toddlers less than three years of age.

The Southern Region Early Childhood Programs, funded by the Illinois State Board of Education, have been in existence for 23 years.

The programs serve young at-risk children and their families in four southern Illinois counties: Jackson, Perry, Randolph and Franklin, in collaboration with 19 public schools, SIUC Head Start, SIUC Child Development Lab School and

other community programs, including healthcare providers.

With the close of the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center in the summer of 2009, the Illinois State Board of Education transferred the Eurma Hayes Prevention Initiative Program to the Southern Region Early Childhood Programs.

Services provided under these programs at the Eurma C. Hayes Center will include parent education in child development, nutrition, reading instruction, positive guidance strategies, and health and dental care. The programs are licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Hours of operation will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Working Street Lights Keep Citizens Safe

If you notice a street light out or malfunctioning on your street or down the block, in town while you are walking, jogging, bicycling to class, or while driving, dining or shopping during the evening hours, don't keep us in the dark.

Contact the City of Carbondale Citizens Assistance line at 457-3226 or email

jporter@ci.carbondale.il.us to report the location. We rely on you letting us know when you are in the dark. The sooner you call us, the sooner we can get the lights back on.

Help us keep your neighborhood and the City well illuminated. Working street lights keep citizens safe.