



Carbondale Communiqué

March - April, 2010

City of Carbondale, Illinois

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Completing the Census is Equivalent to Writing a Check to the Community

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 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.



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 will be mailed or delivered to households in March and are to be returned by April 1, 2010.

To learn more about the 2010 Census, visit the City Web site www.explorecarbndale.com.

City Code Enforcement Operations Upgraded

Carbondale has a new permitting and inspection software system to improve code enforcement operations. The computer software program was developed specifically to manage the City's permit and code enforcement functions, including the mandatory Rental Residential Inspection Program. The address-based system handles permitting, code enforcement, building inspections, ownership, certificates of occupancy, business licensing, impact fees and work orders.

The program is improving efficiency by streamlining the data entry process, providing quick search mechanisms to easily locate information, and offers comprehensive and user-friendly,

reporting mechanisms. The software provides a workflow system to expedite the tracking of land development projects, permit issuance, code compliance and business registration as well as capability to respond to citizen complaints and inquiries more promptly.

The software is integrated with the City's Geographic Information System that is used to visually track, display and analyze data that the Building and Neighborhood Services Division uses to enforce property maintenance and other City codes.

For more information about this new software system, contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division Office at 457-3237.

2010 Youth Award Nominations Being Accepted

Each year the City of Carbondale recognizes the community service contributions of its youth and again this year, the City invites nominations of youth who have gone above and beyond expectations in their service to others and the community. Specifically, the City is looking to recognize 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 a City Council Meeting on May 4. Invitations will be sent to the winners, their families, nominators, elected officials and the media.

Middle school and high school students may be 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. Youth Volunteer of the Year nominees must be high school juniors or seniors, have a least a B+ grade point average, must have completed 50 volunteer hours of community service and participated in other community activities.

Nominators may be youth or adults who know of a special person. Nomination forms are available in the Mayor's Office and are due in April. To obtain a nomination form contact Deborah McCoy at 457-3247.

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From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

For many local governments, Spring brings more than just warmer weather and an end to Winter... it brings budget meetings and public hearings on how we will allocate and spend public funds for the upcoming year.

The City of Carbondale's annual budget runs from May 1 through April 30 each year, which is different than the state's budget year (July 1 through June 30) and the federal government's fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). The process for us actually begins in November and will conclude when a final budget proposal is presented by the City Manager to the City Council for adoption in April.

In Carbondale, we have a very public process that allows for citizen comments, input and recommendations at almost every step of the way. We invite citizens to submit ideas and requests for new construction or infrastructure repair projects, we review information about the

community organizations and private agencies that receive funds for their programs and services, we meet with all City departments to forecast their internal needs, we place the proposed budget on public display in numerous locations at City Hall and throughout the community, and we have numerous, open discussions at City Council meetings that lead up to the final action of adopting a budget. Our process is unique in southern Illinois and stands as a model for other communities to follow, should they wish to promote more citizen engagement in the development of budget priorities.

Of course, this doesn't necessarily mean that everyone ends up happy with the final product, but it does mean they have ample opportunity to be involved with what will eventually be considered by the elected officials. There are always more requests for money than there is money, and there are usually more services that could be provided by a local government than what should be reasonably expected. Out of all this, we try to achieve a workable balance that responds to the resources available yet still meets the needs and desires of the constituents we serve.

I encourage you to attend or watch our meetings as the public process unfolds. Please understand that the City Council will make its decisions based on recommendations we receive from the City Manager and our professional staff and according to the best information we have available, as all of those factors fit within the priorities, goals and objectives we establish for the years ahead.

Brad Cole, Mayor



The Shelton House located at 601 West Oak Street is one of the properties that will be highlighted on the Historic Tour on April 26, 2010. The house stands as the only remaining turreted Queen Anne house in Carbondale. The Shelton House is listed on Carbondale's Register of Historic Places and was named as a winner of the Carbondale Preservation Commission's Historic Preservation Award in 2006.

Preservation Commission Events Celebrate City's History

To help promote historic preservation in our community, the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission will be hosting a Historic Tour on April 26th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The tour will showcase past Preservation Award winners and recent additions to the Carbondale Register of Historic Places and the surrounding neighborhoods. The tour leaves from the Civic Center. Among the highlights will be the Varsity Theater, Hickory Lodge, The Train Inn and Shelton House.

In May, the Preservation Commission will recognize the 2010 winner of the Historic Preservation Award. This annual program recognizes properties that are nominated within the City of Carbondale's City limits that meet that the following criteria:

- **Preservation:** Buildings that have been kept in their original architectural style and are being used for their original purpose.

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

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

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

The award winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting on May 4, in association with National Preservation Month. For additional information about the Historic Tour, the Historic Preservation Awards or other activities of the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3248.

Notice of Refuse & Recycling Fee Increases 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.

Carbondale Crime Stoppers Annual Spaghetti Dinner March 25

Carbondale Crime Stoppers would like to invite you to the 18th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, March 25, 2010. The dinner will be catered by Heartland Food Service, who is donating their time and food. The meal will include salad, spaghetti, bread sticks and beverage. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Officer Randy Mathis at the Carbondale Police Department at 457-3200 ext. 428. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the night of the dinner.

The dinner will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Carbondale Middle School located at 1150 East Grand Avenue. Students from the SIUC Suzuki Strings Program and the John Thomas Strings Program will be playing music during the event. The event will also include door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Businesses wishing to contribute door prizes are encouraged to contact Officer Randy Mathis.

All proceeds will help fund Carbondale Crime Stoppers, a not-for-profit organization and

community program involving the public, the media, the SIUC Police Department and the City of Carbondale Police Department in the fight against crime in Carbondale. Crime Stoppers provides a way for information to flow from citizens to police without having to give your name, address or phone number. Citizens that provide tips that lead to an arrest are eligible for cash rewards up to \$1,000.

Carbondale Crime Stoppers is proud to announce since its inception in 1993, more than \$30,000 in cash has been paid for information which has led to arrests for crimes including attempted murder, drug dealing, armed robbery, persons wanted on warrants, burglary and more. The money for these rewards comes from this annual fund raiser and from occasional donations from public and private organizations. For more information contact Officer Randy Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 428, SIUC Officer Russ Thomas at 453-3771 ext. 274 or visit the Crime Stoppers page on the Carbondale Police Web site www.carbondalepolice.com.

City Fire Department Offers Free Home Safety Inspections

In an ongoing battle 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 provided at no charge 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 flammables.

Safety reminders that residents should keep in mind:

- 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.
- Residents should 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 the home.

- If you have any type of 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 will install a smoke detector free of charge for any disadvantaged persons home in Carbondale. The department will also provide a free battery for citizens that cannot afford to purchase one. Citizens are encouraged to take advantage of this program.

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 an inspection performed by members of the Fire Department, you can obtain a Household Risk Analysis Checklist which will allow you to perform an inspection at your convenience. The Household Risk Analysis Checklist is available on the City's website www.explore.carbondale.com or can be obtained at the Fire Department. If you would like to schedule a 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.

City to Co-Sponsor a Business Resource Fair March 18, 2010

The City of Carbondale in partnership with SIUC Entrepreneurship and Business Development, the Small Business Development Center, the Carbondale branch NAACP and the John A. Logan Procurement Technical Assistance Center, is hosting a Business Resource Fair. The event will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Eurma C. Hayes Center located at 441 East Willow Street in Carbondale. A light dinner will be provided by Southern Que BBQ.

Event sponsors encourage minorities and women who are interested in starting their own business or strengthening their existing business to attend. One of the goals of the event is to increase minority and women business participation in economic development projects in the area.

Participants will learn about business ownership, free counseling services and workshops available to assist with starting and expanding a business, methods of finding financial resources and securing financing, services available to help Illinois firms

(contractors, vendors, suppliers, etc.) compete for government contracting opportunities, City economic development resources and incentives available for businesses that locate in an Enterprise Zone or a Tax Increment Financing District.

Registration is limited. Please register by March 16th. Registration forms can be obtained and completed at Carbondale City Hall located at 200 South Illinois Avenue, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or at the Eurma C. Hayes Center located at 441 East Willow Street on Tuesdays and Fridays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Completed registration forms may be placed in the drop box in the NAACP office at the Eurma C. Hayes Center. Registration will also be accepted by phone. To register by phone contact Faith Johnson at 457-3229.

For additional information contact Marilyn James, Community Relations Officer at 457-3246 or leave a message at the NAACP office for Rev. Sidney Logwood at 457-7722.

Conteo regresivo hacia el Día del Censo: 1 de abril del 2010

La Constitución de los Estados Unidos requiere que se haga un censo nacional cada 10 años. El censo determina la población de los municipios, de los estados y del país. Es muy importante que con el censo se obtenga un conteo completo y exacto porque la información recogida se usa para determinar la representación en la Cámara de Representantes de Estados Unidos y la apropiación anual de más de 400 mil millones de dólares en fondos federales para los estados, los condados y los municipios. Los datos del Censo servirán de guía en la planificación para la construcción de nuevos hospitales, carreteras, proyectos de urbanización, centros de adiestramiento laboral, escuelas y otras instalaciones de la comunidad y para determinar la necesidad de apropiaciones adicionales para servicios sociales, subvenciones y para programas de revitalización urbana.

El formulario del Censo del 2010 es uno de los más breves de la historia. Contiene diez preguntas y llenarlo debe tomar menos de diez minutos. Llenar el

formulario del censo es fácil, importante y seguro. Según la ley, la Oficina del Censo no puede compartir con las respuestas de un individuo con nadie, ni tampoco con otras agencias federales o entidades del cumplimiento de la ley. En un esfuerzo por obtener un conteo exacto en el 2010, la Ciudad se ha convertido en un Socio del Censo del 2010. A través de esta asociación, la Ciudad informa al público sobre trabajos temporales en la comunidad relacionados con el Censo, comparte la importancia del censo en reuniones públicas, crea Comités de Conteo Completo en el área para promover el diligenciamiento del cuestionario del censo e incrementar la participación en el censo, y pone la información a disposición del público por medio de anuncios de servicio público y de impresos.

Los cuestionarios del Censo se enviarán por correo o se entregarán a los hogares en marzo y tendrán que devolverse para el 1 de abril del 2010. Para más información sobre el Censo del 2010, visite la página Web de la Ciudad www.explore.carbondale.com.

Ordinance Requires Maintenance of Tall Grass and Weeds

The City of Carbondale Code declares grass and weeds over eight (8) inches in height to be a nuisance and requires its 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 you may visit the City of Carbondale Web site www.explore.carbondale.com. A weed posting report can be viewed under the Government section.

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Community Events to Honor Life and Work of R. Buckminster Fuller April 18 - 22, 2010

Building local legacy and honoring an internationally recognized visionary is the focus of events planned in Carbondale this April. The fiftieth anniversary of the construction of the R. Buckminster and Anne Hewlett Fuller Dome Home takes place April 19, 2010.

The R. Buckminster Fuller Dome not for profit organization (RBF Dome NFP) will honor the occasion with the launch of "The Fuller Dome Transformation Initiative," an event running Sunday, April 18th through Thursday, April 22nd. Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole has signed a proclamation naming the week of April 19th officially "R. Buckminster & Anne Hewlett Fuller Dome Home Week" in Carbondale.

The Fuller Dome Home has been named as one of the most historically significant geodesic dome structures in the United States and is considered to be one of Carbondale's most historic treasures. Its restoration could have an immense impact on Carbondale and the Southern Illinois region. For this reason the RBF Dome NFP is dedicated to restoring this national treasure to its original form.

In April "The Fuller Dome Transformation Initiative" includes an exciting range of events that

reflect the contribution, philosophy and work of R. Buckminster Fuller. Events are planned in conjunction with a number of community & university organizations and local businesses. During the event there will be presentations, panels and exhibits, a Fuller music festival, documentary debuts, film showings, theatrical performances, poetry readings, improv and sketch comedy. There will also be Fuller design and architectural-related competitions and exhibits that are open to the entire community.

The week of April 19, 2010 also includes the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, on Thursday, April 22, which was determined an appropriate occasion to honor Buckminster Fuller, who has been heralded as the father of "sustainability" and the Green Movement, with his teachings on doing more with less, seeing pollution and waste as an asset rather than liability, and applying the geometry of nature to human structural forms.

For those who wish to participate in, contribute to, or volunteer for this five-day celebration, please contact RBF Dome NFP President Brent Ritzel at 618.203.4844 or RBFdome@yahoo.com. Please also visit www.BuckysDome.org.

Residential Spring Clean-Up Program Begins April 30, 2010

The City of Carbondale will conduct the annual Residential Spring Clean-Up Program beginning 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. Note that many of these items can be disposed of through the Jackson County Health Department's Household Chemical Collection event which generally takes place on a Saturday in early May at the Southern Illinois Airport.

For more information visit the Jackson County Health Department's Web site at www.recyclejacksoncounty.org

- 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:

Monday's City Refuse Collection Route Friday, April 30th

All residences east of the Canadian National (CN) railroad tracks

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 St. up to and including Chautauqua Street (excluding residences along South Oakland Ave.)

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 St.)

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 St.) and all residences west of Little Crab Orchard Creek

Please do not block sidewalks, streets, ditches or drainage ways with your items. Placing 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. Contact the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 with questions.

Police Provide Enhanced Communication Tool for Citizens

The City of Carbondale Police Department is pleased to provide citizens an interactive tool to help them become more informed about crime in their neighborhoods and to help fight crime in their community. Citizens can visit the Carbondale Police Department Web site and view the fully interactive Crime Mapping program called CrimeReports.

Working with nearly 700 law enforcement agencies across North America, CrimeReports is the largest and most accurate online resource for up-to-date crime and sex offender information. The CrimeReports network offers affordable, easy-to-use software tools for law enforcement agencies to understand crime trends and share up-to-date neighborhood crime data with the public. Community members can access the integrated crime map and receive email crime alerts for free, empowering them to make informed decisions to help improve the safety and quality of life in their neighborhood and community.

Crime mapping allows citizens to learn more about the location and type of crime in their neighborhood and community and includes information and photographs of registered sex offenders, as well as informative articles on crime prevention and internet safety. Citizens are also able to access free, customizable crime alerts which will automatically provide them with electronic mail notifications when a crime occurs in their neighborhood. Proactive police activity, including vehicle stops, foot patrols and extra patrol requests are also included. Crime mapping data is updated on a daily basis.

Mayor Brad Cole stated, "In an effort to release

more information and provide more data to the public about crime and criminal activity, we continue to lead by offering more to our residents than any other community in Southern Illinois. We have instituted an e-mail news release system that allows us to share information with anyone who is interested. Citizens are able to selectively search the program, which uses google maps to securely probe the Police Department's database, and plot crime reports by date, time, location and event type. This is just one more way that Carbondale residents can gather information about the community."

Chief Jody O'Guinn added, "The information age continues to provide us with technological advancements that assist us in the collaborative effort between the Police Department and the citizens of Carbondale to fight crime within our City. It is my hope that CrimeReports will provide citizens with an additional, accurate, and timely means to increase their awareness of the crime issues faced by our community and, in some instances, even dispel some of the misinformation that tends to cause anxiety. It allows for a greater level of departmental transparency that will increase our accountability to the public, allowing them to see firsthand, our proactive response to criminal activity. The more informed residents are about crime, the more they can help keep themselves and other members of our community safe."

To access CrimeReports visit the Police Department's Web site, www.carbondalepolice.com, and select "Crime Mapping" located on the left side of the screen. Citizens can search for incidents based on crime types or by the dates which they are reported.

Keep Carbondale Beautiful Spring Clean-Up & Recycling Day April 17

On Saturday, April 17th, Keep Carbondale Beautiful will hold its Annual Spring Clean-up and Recycling Day at Turley Park from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. During this annual event, volunteers assemble to collect litter from assigned locations in Carbondale. Individuals and community groups are welcome to attend. Adopt-A-Spot groups are encouraged to save their monthly clean-up for this day.

Registration will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Turley Park. Volunteers will

receive a clean-up location and materials, a free recycled T-shirt and a complimentary lunch in the park. At the end of the day the total garbage collected will be weighed and reported. Last year, 223 volunteers collected 6,887 pounds of litter from the streets of Carbondale. We hope to continue this success again.

For more information or to register for this event, contact Valerie Rasp, Executive Director of Keep Carbondale Beautiful at 525-5525 or email www.keepcb1326@gmail.com.

City Water Office Offers Convenient Bill Payment Options

The City of Carbondale offers customers convenient ways to manage monthly water and sewer bills by setting up automatic debit of the customer's checking or savings bank account or utilizing the E-Pay service. Both options provide advantages to the customer. Bills are paid on the due date, you don't have to write or mail a check and you can save postage, as well as late payment fees.

To establish automatic debit of your monthly bill, you simply need to bring a voided check to the Water Office and sign an authorization form. You will receive a statement showing your water consumption and the amount to be debited from your account on the due date.

The City of Carbondale has

also partnered with the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer to offer services within E-Pay. The E-Pay program was launched under a state master services agreement that is available for local units of government in Illinois. E-Pay allows a user to make payments through the internet with MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit card brands. The service, which other cities including Champaign and Bloomington use, can be accessed through the City of Carbondale's Web site www.explore.carbondale.com.

If you have questions about setting up automatic debit or using the E-Pay service contact a Customer Service Representative in the City of Carbondale Water Services Office at 549-5302.

City Encourages Residents to Participate in Expanded Recycling Program

Since Carbondale expanded its curbside recycling collection services to include mixed paper, more and more residents have been participating in the City's recycling efforts. Last July, the City's Refuse & Recycling Division began collecting most clean paper waste products including newspaper, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, books, corrugated cardboard and paperboard (such as cereal boxes) for recycling. The expansion of Carbondale's recycling program was assisted by a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

During the first seven months of the new program (July 2009 through January 2010), residents contributed and City workers collected more than 235 tons of

materials for recycling, for a net increase of 79% (more than 104 tons) over the amount of recyclables diverted from the landfill during the same period in 2008 and 2009.

This is great news for the community as recycling saves natural resources, reduces energy usage and saves limited landfill space. The City encourages its residents to keep up the good work and encourages additional residents to participate in the recycling programs.

Call 457-3275 to order recycle bins or for more information about the City of Carbondale's Refuse and Recycling services. The City will provide residences with a green bin to recycle paper products and a blue bin for recycling glass bottles, jars, cans and plastic bottles.

REFUSE & RECYCLING FACTS

Almost all of us have observed some of the City Refuse and Recycling workers while performing their daily tasks but did you know that ...

- On average, workers on two trucks collect 11.25 tons of refuse daily from city residents. That is more than 1,000 pounds of garbage an hour!

- From May 2008 through April 2009, on average, each residential refuse customer disposed of 1,953 pounds (almost a ton) of trash!

- Approximately 4,700 blue (cans & bottles) recycle bins are collected monthly.

- Approximately 3,355

green (paper) recycle bins are collected each month.

- On average each blue, cans & bottles bin contains over 6 pounds of recyclable materials.

- On average each green, mixed paper bin contains over 12 pounds of recyclable materials.

- About 15% of the total recyclable material collected by the City comes from two drop-off locations. Drop Off locations are located at University Baptist Church parking lot on S. Oakland Ave. and the parking lot across from Carbondale Police Station on E. Colledge St.

Carbondale City Calendar

March

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 - 2nd, 23rd	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 3rd, 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 8th, 29th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 1st	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 15th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 18th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 pm
Scheduled meetings at other locations		
Wednesday - 10th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 18th	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 25th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Lewis School, 801 South Lewis Lane	7:00 pm

April

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 - 6th, 20th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 7th, 21st	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 12th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 5th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 pm
Monday - 19th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled meetings at other locations		
Wednesday - 14th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 22nd	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Administrative Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: Friday, April 2nd, for the Good Friday holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will not be affected.

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.



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TO DEFINE WHO WE ARE AS A NATION

The Census: A Snapshot

- **What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- **Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.
- **When:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.
- **Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- **How:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data

- Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.
- Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Easy, Important and Safe

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

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CENSUS HISTORY

The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.

ABOUT THE CENSUS BUREAU

The Census Bureau was established in 1902. Today, in addition to administering the census of population and housing, the Census Bureau conducts more than 200 annual surveys, including the American Community Survey, the Current Population Survey and economic censuses every five years.



We move forward when you send it back.

2010 Census Key Dates

February - March 2010
 Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

March - April 2010
 Be Counted program is implemented. Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.

April 1, 2010
 CENSUS DAY

May - July 2010
 Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

Dec. 31, 2010
 By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.

March 2011
 By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Who should fill out the census questionnaire?**
A. The individual in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented should complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives.
- Q. How will the 2010 Census differ from previous censuses?**
A. In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire of just 10 questions. More detailed socioeconomic information previously collected through the decennial census will be asked of a small percentage of the population through the annual American Community Survey. To learn more about the American Community Survey, visit www.census.gov.
- Q. How are census data used?**
A. Census data determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census data also can help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers, and new construction, such as highways and hospitals.
- Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?**
A. 2010 Census questionnaire language assistance guides are available in a variety of languages. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will also assist those unable to read or understand the questionnaire. Large-print questionnaires are available to the visually impaired upon request, and a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) program will help the hearing impaired. Contact your Regional Census Center for more details about the types of assistance available and for QAC locations.
- Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?**
A. Census Bureau workers undertake extensive operations to take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those who have been displaced by natural disasters.

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to 2010census.gov.



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