

From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

This is why we keep working to bring in new businesses and try to support existing businesses. But it is also why each of us has an obligation to support our locally-owned and operated businesses and, especially, to support our largest employer and the largest economic engine in the region, Southern Illinois University. As the university's enrollment has dipped in recent years, the regional economy has also declined. Whether we have college-bound children or not, it is important for all of us to represent the campus with good intentions and to support the institution that supports us.

I am proud of the friendships I developed on campus and the two degrees (undergraduate and graduate) that I earned at Southern, and I share that pride everywhere I go. If we would each take an extra moment to think positively and to talk with young people we know, who are about to make college choices, we could see a significant impact on the enrollment of the university. A few hundred or a few thousand more students would have a huge impact on the campus, the community and all of southern Illinois. I have often said that "as goes Southern Illinois University, so goes Carbondale" and now is the time for us to realize that each of us can play a role in strengthening that connection.

So, for Christmas I wished for a more stable economy and lower unemployment, for higher enrollment at SIU, and for a terrific new year for all of us. It's not too late to add those things to your wish list, too.

Brad Cole, Mayor

It wasn't exactly a white Christmas in Carbondale, but winter is here and it has brought a new year with it, again. I hope the holidays were filled with the true and kind spirit of giving and thanks, and that friends and family were reunited for at least a few hours or days to catch up on the happenings of the year gone past.

As we move into 2010, the community continues to work through several issues with which I hope we will see improvement. Things could be worse, but they could also be better and we'll focus on getting things better instead of dwelling on the other. First and foremost among those issues is our goal to keep the local economy growing and to stabilize jobs and employment in the area. While our unemployment numbers are much lower than surrounding communities and the state as a whole, one needs only to loosely apply Albert Einstein's theories of relativity and realize that all things are relative... that is, if you're the one unemployed, the fact that other people are not isn't of much consequence.



The Comfort Inn and Suites hotel on Reed Station Parkway was a welcome addition to Carbondale in 2009. As tourism continues to grow in the area additional hotel rooms were identified as an essential need for the community.

Haven't You Heard...

New Business Growth Continues in 2010

This past year a number of new businesses moved into the City and some of the home town favorites expanded their locations. Despite the reports of the economy slowing on the national level, it has been a busy year in Carbondale and additional business activity is anticipated in 2010.

In 2009 the City welcomed several businesses to the downtown area which included Stadium Grille, Alliance Investment Group, OnMedia, Fat Patties, Magic Signs, Whiffle Boys, Dayshift Gift Shop, Hot Grill, Artistic Mind Laser Tattoo Removal, the relocation and expansion of the Jewel of India, and the opening of the Poblano Grill and Underground Pub on The Island. Ultimate Gymnastics opened a larger facility on Chestnut and University.

On Illinois Avenue Jimmy John's expanded and relocated to a larger location with indoor seating. This year a new Sergio's Mexican Restaurant will open on Illinois Avenue and replace Express Burrito as well as utilize the space formerly occupied by Jimmy John's.

Construction began in 2009 on a new 53,000 square foot National Guard Armory that will serve as a joint use facility for the National Guard, Army and Army Reserve units currently located in Cairo, Marion and Carbondale. The facility is being constructed adjacent to the main runway of the Southern Illinois Airport near the intersection of Airport Road and New Era Road. The estimated \$12 million project is funded through the Department of Defense and will have 17-20 full time employees and nearly 300 personnel performing weekend exercises. This facility is also being designed to have the capability to serve as a regional Emergency Operation Center and if necessary, will serve as a field hospital in conjunction with Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. Ground was also broken at the Southern Illinois Airport on the addition of a new Southern Illinois University Transportation Education Center.

On the west end of Carbondale Tequilla's Mexican Restaurant was a welcome addition, The Fish Net relocated and expanded and Larry's House of Cakes opened a new location at the Murdale Shopping Center.

The Carbondale branch of the First Bank and Trust of Murphysboro relocated and

expanded operations at West Park Plaza and Eggemeyer Associates and The Apple Tree expanded their locations in West Town Plaza. Work is progressing on the Walgreens development and the relocation and expansion of Subway on West Main Street. Two additional housing developments were initiated which included Prairie Living at Chautauqua Phase II and the Villas of Carbondale.

On the east end of town the Comfort Inn and Suites opened for business, Absolute Auto Body relocated from the Wallace Professional Building and began construction of a larger facility on Sweets Drive, Aldi relocated to a larger facility, Today's Technology opened a location behind University Mall, Shawnee Hills Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Center opened in The Office Place on Reed Station Parkway and The Bank of Carbondale opened a branch facility in the former Mid-Country Bank facility at Giant City Road.

New tenants have been signed to occupy the former University Teletrak location and also to fill approximately 30,000 square feet of space adjacent to Dick's Sporting Goods and announcements were also made that NovaCare Rehabilitation and Chili's Restaurant will locate at University Place Shopping Center.

An event of major importance occurred in 2009 when the surrounding taxing bodies in Jackson County collectively approved resolutions that extended the life of the Carbondale-Murphysboro-Jackson County Enterprise Zone for another decade, which will now expire in 2020. This action will help all of the communities within the county and it will particularly serve the City well as work continues to bring in the mentioned businesses as well as attract other new business ventures.

Interest from businesses continues to be shown in the sites of various sizes that are still available for commercial development in the Tax Increment Financing District, a 31 acre redevelopment project area bounded by Walnut Street, Main Street, Logan Street and the Canadian National Railroad.

Businesses and real estate developers interested in available properties in Carbondale should contact Kevin Baity, Assistant City Manager for Economic Development at 457-3226.



Ruth Corene McDaniel was presented with the 2009 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award by Illinois Humanities Council Vice Chair Patricia Simon and Mayor Brad Cole at the December 1, 2009 Carbondale City Council meeting.

Early Voting Dates Announced for Primary Election

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, State Representative, as well as regional, county and judicial positions.

Voter registration closed statewide on January 5, 2010 however, persons not yet registered can still register and take part in Grace Period Voting for the Primary Election. Grace period voting is 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 currently registered and not wishing to vote in the Primary Election must wait until Thursday, February 4 to register to vote in the General Election.

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 located at 200 South Illinois Avenue 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.

A listing of Carbondale polling places for the February 2, 2010 Primary Election is included in this edition of the Carbondale Communiqué.

The Illinois General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Voter registration for the General Election will reopen statewide February 4, 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.

Interested in Serving on a City Board or Commission?

The City government has many citizen boards and commissions that may benefit from your involvement, including the Planning Commission, the Human Relations Commission, the Library Board of Trustees, the Preservation

Commission and many more.

If you are interested in becoming involved in your City government, contact the Office of the Mayor for more details at 457-3229 or stop by City Hall.



The City of Carbondale Police Department Citizens Policy Academy Graduation was held on December 15, 2009. Pictured are the Class of 2009 graduates and officials and staff that participated in the ceremony. Pictured in the front row are Chief O'Guinn, City Manager Allen Gill, Wilma Reese, Albert Teran, Bryan Brown, Deana Zink, Officer Mathis and SIUC Director of Public Safety Todd Sigler. Pictured with Mayor Brad Cole in the top row are Michelle Brewer, Danny Martin, Julie Martin and Barbara Williamson.

Rental Property Registration Fees Due January 31

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

Through the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program, detailed inspections are conducted on the exterior and interior of rental properties. The scheduled inspections are initiated through the City's Building & Neighborhood Services Division.

Violations that are noted are required to be corrected before a certificate of occupancy can be issued.

In November, 2007 the City Council approved an annual registration of all rental units in Carbondale. The revised requirements on registration took effect on January 1, 2009. An annual fee of \$35.00 per residential rental dwelling unit is required to be paid at the time of registration by the property owner.

Invoices have been mailed out to property owners and managers, with full payment due by January 31, 2010. For further information about the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program, contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237

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.

Sixth Annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting January 16, 2010

Carbondale residents are invited to attend the sixth annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting which will be held on Saturday morning, January 16, 2010 at the Newman Center located at 715 South Washington Street in Carbondale. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for registration and refreshments. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at noon. Soup and chili will be served following the meeting.

The Neighborhood Alliance Meetings are sponsored by the Housing and Neighborhood Action Group of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action. The group's current project is the Map Your Neighborhood program. This program is being used around the country and the group has introduced the program to Southern Illinois.

At the Neighborhood Alliance Meeting, organizers will describe how they are mapping their neighborhoods and offer advice to new people interested in doing the same on their block. The Map Your Neighborhood program builds and strengthens disaster readiness among neighbors.

In the Map Your Neighborhood program, 10 to 20 neighbors gather to learn the nine steps to take immediately following a disaster, develop a neighborhood skills and equipment inventory, map

the neighborhood and identify areas of concern and verify which neighbors need extra help in a disaster.

At this meeting attendees will also obtain information on preparing for winter storms, discuss ways to improve food bank resources in the Carbondale area, receive an update on the City's Comprehensive Plan and ways that citizens can become involved in the process and also be provided with an overview of the City's new computerized programs for mapping crime, code enforcement and rental inspections.

The meeting is open to all who call Carbondale home. For more information about the meeting, contact Mary O'Hara by email at maryohara@mchsi.com or call (618) 713-0820.

The Carbondale Human Relations Commission initiated Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, a Study Circles program, in 2003 and selected the topic of Building Strong Neighborhoods. Since then, the Housing and Neighborhood Action Group has been working towards that goal.

For more information email studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us or call 549-5302 ext. 386.

Historic Preservation Award Nominations Due March 5, 2010

The Preservation Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Historic Preservation Awards Program. Any property located within Carbondale's city limits is eligible for a Historic Preservation Award. Carbondale residents are invited to submit nominations for any property that they feel is deserving of an award. Property owners are encouraged to nominate their own property. Properties can be nominated in one of four categories:

- **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.

Nominations are due no later than March 5, 2010. The award winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting in May, in association with National Preservation Month. Nomination forms can be picked up in the Planning Services Division at City Hall or can be found on the City Web site www.explore.carbondale.com.

For additional information on the Historic Preservation Awards, or any other activities of the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3248.

City Co-Sponsored Workshop on Construction Apprenticeship

The City of Carbondale joined with SIUC Construction Management Services, the NAACP, the Illinois Department of Transportation, E. T. Simonds, Attucks Community Services and several trade union representatives to provide an Educational Workshop on Construction Apprenticeship Programs this fall at the Eurma C. Hayes Center. One of the goals of the workshop was to attract more minorities and females to these types of opportunities and educate them on how to qualify for the various apprenticeship programs.

The event drew a crowd of over 150 participants who were very much interested in learning more

about the construction field and apprenticeship opportunities. The event brought encouragement to those that attended and several have asked for more events to be made available to local residents. For many of them it could be a first step toward an apprenticeship that could lead them to a job in the trades.

Plans are in the works for the City and its partners to sponsor a workshop in the coming months for minority and female owned businesses in an effort to increase their levels of participation in economic development projects in the area.

Las nuevas empresas y la expansión de negocios aumentaron las opciones de restaurantes y servicios de la Ciudad en 2009

Durante este año que termina varias empresas nuevas se han mudado a la Ciudad y algunas de las empresas locales favoritas han expandido sus operaciones. A pesar de los informes de que la economía está empeorando a nivel nacional, este año ha sido un año activo en Carbondale y se anticipa aún más actividad empresarial adicional en los próximos meses.

Este año la Ciudad dio la bienvenida a varios negocios en el centro, entre los que se incluyen Stadium Grille, Alliance Investment Group, Fat Patties, Magic Signs, Whiffle Boys, Dayshift Gift Shop, Hot Grill, Artistic Mind Laser Tattoo Removal, la mudanza y ampliación de Jewel of India, y la apertura de Poblano Grill y Underground Pub on The Island. Ultimate Gymnastics abrió un nuevo local en la cruce de las calles Chestnut y University. En la Avenida Illinois Jimmy John's va a expandir sus servicios y va a mudarse de su actual domicilio en 519 S. Illinois Avenue a un local más grande y con comedor, tres puertas más abajo. Un nuevo Sergio's Mexican Restaurant va a abrir sus puertas en la avenida Illinois, reemplazando a Express Burrito y utilizando además el espacio que Jimmy John's ocupaba anteriormente.

En el verano de este año comenzó la construcción de unas instalaciones nuevas de 53.000 pies cuadrados para la National Guard Armory que servirán como sede adjunta para unidades de la Guardia Nacional, el Ejército y las Reservas del Ejército, actualmente localizadas en Cairo, Marion y Carbondale. El complejo se está construyendo adyacente a la pista principal del Aeropuerto Southern Illinois, cerca del cruce de las calles Airport Road y New Era Road. El proyecto presupuestado en \$12 millones está auspiciado por el Departamento de Defensa y ocupará entre 17 y 20 empleados de tiempo completo y aproximadamente un personal de 300 realizando ejercicios durante los fines de semana. También se está diseñando esta facilidad para que tenga la capacidad

de servir como Centro Regional de Operaciones de Emergencia y, si fuese necesario, como hospital de campo en conjunto con el Memorial Hospital de Carbondale.

En el sector occidental de Carbondale, el Restaurante Mexicano Tequilla's fue una adición bienvenida; The Fish Net se mudó y amplió su local; Larry's House of Cakes abrió un nuevo local en el Centro Comercial Murdale. La sucursal de Carbondale del First Bank and Trust of Murphysboro se mudó y expandió sus operaciones en West Town Plaza; y Eggmeyer Associates y The Apple Tree también ampliaron sus locales en West Town Plaza. Se adelantan trabajos en la construcción de Walgreens y en la relocalización y ampliación de Subway en West Main Street. Se inició la construcción de dos urbanizaciones residenciales, que incluyen Prairie Living en Chautauqua Fase II y las Villas de Carbondale.

En el sector oriental de la ciudad, Comfort Inn and Suites inició operaciones; Absolute Auto Body se mudó de Wallace Professional Building a unas instalaciones más amplias en Sweets Drive; Aldi se mudó a un local más grande; Today's Technology abrió un local detrás de University Mall y Shawnee Hills Oral and Maxillofacial Center empezó a operar en The Office Place.

Continúa demostrándose interés en los locales de variados tamaños que aún están disponibles para desarrollo comercial en el Distrito Financiero Tax Increment, un proyecto con un área de 31 acres de re-desarrollo entre los límites de Walnut Street, Main Street, Logan Street y la carrillera de Canadian National Railroad.

Las empresas y los urbanizadores que estén interesados en las propiedades disponibles en Carbondale deben contactar a Kevin Baity, Sub-administrador de Desarrollo Económico, al 457-3226.

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Haven't You Heard...

Southern Illinois Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. January 17, 2010

The public is invited to attend the Southern Illinois Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which will be held at the Civic Center on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. The event is held annually and co-sponsored by communities of faith in Carbondale and Murphysboro.

The program will include music by the Community Choir, the Dedicated Men of Bethel, and an interpretive dance group from the Baber Chapel AME church in Carrier Mills. There will also be a special multi-media presentation created by Iesha Mona Wilson.

Murphysboro Mayor Ron Williams and Councilwoman Corene McDaniel will present the Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award. This award recognizes an individual or group that exhibits the character and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Nominations were accepted from the community until December 31, 2009.

Previous honorees include WDBX radio host Pepper Holder, the late U.S. Senator Paul Simon, SIUC Associate Chancellor Dr. Seymour Bryson and long-time citizen activist Lillian Adams, community volunteers and educators Marjorie Parker, Mary O'Hara and Donna Haynes.

Recipients of the awards are identified as having enacted or modeled a spirit of community service in the manner of Dr. King. For instance, he or she might have demonstrated a commitment to nonviolence and leadership in areas such as intervention for justice, equality and peace, conflict resolution, social change, improved race relations, improved conditions for workers or individuals in the face of inequity, or other efforts undertaken in the spirit of Dr. King.

For more information about the award and the event contact Rev. Bill Sasso at 618-529-2439 or email www.bsasso@juno.com.

City's New Comprehensive Plan Nearing Completion

Work is near completion on drafting a new Comprehensive Plan that will serve as a policy document and official plan guiding growth and development of the community and its future growth area during the next decade.

The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council in 1997 and since that time there have been a number of new developments and changes to the physical surroundings and economic climate that the new plan will take into consideration.

The Comprehensive Plan identifies the forces that have and will influence the City's land use pattern, social structure and economy and sets forth a planned response to the changes that they will likely bring. This plan will build on the relevant policies of the previous plans, by focusing on the current strengths of the community and recognizing future trends. Because of its nature, taking into account all facets of the community, it is rightly described as a comprehensive plan. It will be in place in Carbondale for much of the next decade, and used as a template to guide community decision-making at many levels.

Funding to engage the services of a professional consultant firm to assist City staff in preparing the

Comprehensive Plan were included in the City's FY 2009 budget. With the assistance of the selected consultant firm, it was anticipated that the Comprehensive Plan would take twelve 12-18 months to complete.

A community symposium was held on March 26, 2009 in which over 175 people attended to provide input on important issues facing the community. Input provided at the symposium along with community discussions is helping guide the overall plan.

The symposium was followed up with stakeholder interviews with various segments of the community. Draft chapters of the Comprehensive Plan that have been completed to date are posted on the City's Web site www.explorecarbondale.com for the public to review and provide comment on. It is anticipated that the plan document will be in final form and presented for formal adoption by the City Council during the first quarter of this year.

There is still time to provide your input in this project. For more information about the Comprehensive Plan project contact the City of Carbondale Planning Services Division at 457-3275.

Police Providing New Interactive Communication Tool for Citizens

The City of Carbondale Police Department is pleased to provide citizens a new, interactive tool to help them become more informed about crime in their neighborhoods and to help fight crime in their community. Citizens can now visit the Carbondale Police Department Web site and view the newly installed and 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. Additionally, it allows for a greater level of departmental transparency that will undoubtedly 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 simply 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.

Applications Being Accepted for Homebuyer Program Grants

The City of Carbondale has been notified that Homebuyer Program grants will be available from the Illinois Housing Development Authority in 2010. Qualified participants can receive up to \$40,000 in Homebuyer Program funds to assist lower income persons with the purchase and rehabilitation of a home located within the Carbondale corporate city limits.

The Homebuyer Program provides up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing cost assistance with the remaining funds for rehabilitation of the property in order to bring the dwelling in compliance with the City's housing codes. Based on the amount of assistance, the prorated loan will be forgiven in five years if the total amount of assistance is less than \$15,000 or ten years if the total amount of assistance is more than \$15,000. Home owners must live in the house as their primary residence for the duration the loan. The home purchaser must provide at least \$1,000 towards the down payment and qualify for and obtain financing from a participating lender for the mortgage on their home.

Applicant's household income must be less than or equal to 80% of the area median income. Income limits are set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and are based on the number of persons in the household.

Currently the income limits are: 1 person- \$30,400, 2 people-\$34,750, 3 people-\$39,100, 4 people-\$43,450, 5 people-\$46,950, 6 people-\$50,400, 7 people-\$53,900, and 8 people-\$57,350. Applicants must also not presently own a home.

City staff will evaluate information provided by the applicants to see if they meet basic program eligibility criteria. The eligible applicants will be required to attend a Homebuyer Counseling Workshop before putting a bid in on a home.

City Staff will be scheduling a Homebuyer Counseling Workshop at a later date for eligible applicants.

If you are interested in further program information, please contact Khristina Vaughn, City of Carbondale Housing Programs Administrator, at 549-5302 x 346.

Carbondale Police Officer Exam March 8, 2010

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will conduct a written examination for the position of Carbondale Police Officer at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 8, 2010, in the Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale.

All candidates will take the Physical Fitness Assessment which will begin at 2:00 p.m. on March 8th. To be eligible to take the exam, applicants must be citizens of the United States, possess a valid drivers license, have no felony or certain misdemeanor convictions, and be at least 20 years of age.

Applicants must possess 60 semester hours in education from an accredited college or university, except that applicants who have graduated from a law enforcement training academy accredited or approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and who have experience as a regular, full-time police officer (at least 37+ hours per week) may substitute such experience and training for the required education in accordance

with the Governing Rules of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

An optional Candidate Tutorial Session will be held on Monday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center. A practice test will be administered which will be scored on-site. Each candidate attending the tutorial session will be given a study guide to take home. The study guide includes additional practice test items. Applications and pre-employment agreements must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2010.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling 618-457-3281, by emailing jgarrett@ci.carbondale.il.us or by printing the application, pre-employment agreement and information from the City Web site www.explorecarbondale.com. The City of Carbondale encourages minority and female applicants. The City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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 earlier you call us, the earlier we can get the lights back on.

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

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www.explorecarbondale.com

Carbondale Polling Places February 2, 2010 Primary Election

Precinct	Polling Place
1	Carbondale Community High School, 1301 E. Walnut Street
2	Carbondale Middle School, 1150 E. Grand Avenue
3	Housing Authority High Rise, 300 S. Marion Street
4	Housing Authority Community Center, 207 N. Marion Street
5	Eurma C. Hayes Center, 441 E. Willow Street
6	Senior Adult Services, 409 N. Springer Street
8	Church of Christ, 1805 W. Sycamore Street
9	Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue
11	Carbondale Towers, 810 W. Mill Street
12	University Baptist Church, 700 South Oakland
13 & 14	Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 Chautauqua Road
15 & 16	Grace United Methodist Church, 220 N. Tower Road
17	Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center, 150 E. Pleasant Hill Road
18	Carbondale Community High School, 1301 East Walnut Street
19	Lakeland Baptist Church, 719 S. Giant City Road
20	Lakeland Baptist Church, 719 S. Giant City Road
21	University Hall, 1101 S. Wall Street
22 & 23	Grinnell Hall, SIU Campus
24	Evergreen Terrace, Activity Room, 150 Evergreen Terrace
25	Lentz Hall, Thompson Point, SIU Campus
26	Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue
27	Southern Illinois Airport, 665 N. Airport Road
28	Housing Authority High Rise, 1425 Old West Main Street
29	Carbondale Middle School, 1150 E. Grand Avenue

Carbondale City Calendar

January

Date	Meeting	Time
The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16		
Monday - 11th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm
Tuesday - 19th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 6th, 20th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm

Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 4th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 11th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 14th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 pm

Scheduled meetings at other locations		
Wednesday - 13th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Tuesday - 21st	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 28th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Administrative Center 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: City Hall will be closed Monday, January 18th for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

February

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 - 9th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 3rd, 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 8th	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 - 8th	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, Administrative Center 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: City Hall will be closed Monday, February 15th, for the President's Day holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.



In December of 2009, the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission announced that the Varsity Center for the Arts was designated as a Landmark District on the Carbondale Register of Historic Places. This is the 15th addition to the Local Register. The Varsity, built in 1940, has an art deco design, making it a unique building in Carbondale. It originally housed a two-tiered auditorium theater which was later split into an upper and a lower theater with a third theater being added in the 1980's. Renovation efforts are underway to restore the original 1940's architecture of the Varsity Center for the Arts and it is being used as a place for theatrical performances, art exhibits and the headquarters for Carbondale Community Arts and the Jackson County Stage Company.

Countdown to Census Day: April 1, 2010

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census be taken once every 10 years. The census determines 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 and the allocation of more than \$400 billion annually in federal funds to states, counties and municipalities. Census data will serve as a planning guide for the construction of new hospitals, roads, housing developments, job training centers, schools and other community facilities and to determine 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 ten questions and should take less than ten minutes to complete. Completing the

census form is easy, important and safe. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

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

Census questionnaires 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.



Pictured is a section of the All-America Cities Award winners quilt that was displayed in the Carbondale Civic Center in recognition of the City's strong showing in the competition.

All-America Cities Quilt National Tour Made a Stop in Carbondale

The completed 2009 All-America City Award winners quilt arrived in Carbondale as part of a national tour, and was displayed at the Carbondale Civic Center from December 1 through December 6 in recognition of the City's strong showing in the competition. Finalist cities were requested to submit a handmade quilt square that was representative of their city.

The All-America Cities quilt is a relatively new addition to the 61-year civic award program. This is the third year for the quilt which represents 30 of the named finalist cities.

The City of Carbondale was announced as a finalist in the All-America City Award competition earlier this year. Carbondale joined 32 other communities in being named a finalist for one of the 10 awards, which were bestowed by the National Civic League for outstanding civic accomplishments. Mayor Brad Cole said Carbondale had not applied for the award since 1971, when the city was named an All-America City.

The All-America City Award is like a civic "Oscar" for communities of all sizes. The program is unique because it recognizes the efforts of entire communities. The award program demonstrates inclusiveness,

collaboration, civic engagement and innovation.

An All-America City must demonstrate a proven capacity for community-based problem solving, grassroots civic engagement and cooperation between sectors (public, private and nonprofit). To become a finalist each participant completed an application documenting three community projects that address local challenges such as job creation/economic development, environmental sustainability, neighborhood revitalization and disaster recovery.

Cole said the City's 5,000-word application focused on local neighborhood revitalization efforts, the renovation of the Varsity Theater and the City's Futures Program, a program which places local high school students in jobs with local employers.

"We are very excited about the fact that we are a finalist for the All-America City Award," Cole said. "Being a finalist is an honor for Carbondale and all of the volunteers and businesses that strive to improve the quality of life for citizens in the community."

This designation is a true recognition of the efforts put forth by private citizens and businesses on a daily basis to benefit Carbondale.

Reminder to Move Vehicles During Snow, Sleet or Ice

Parking is prohibited on Emergency Snow Routes during a snow emergency. A snow emergency is automatically declared when an accumulation of snow or ice exceeds two inches. When this occurs, parking on any portion of an Emergency Snow Route street is prohibited and vehicles will be towed to allow the snow plows access to safely clear the streets.

Permanent signs are posted on each street that is designated as an Emergency Snow Route. These streets are given primary attention during snow, sleet and ice removal operations. When snow or freezing precipitation is forecasted, please make

arrangements to move your vehicle(s) to the driveway or garage so that you may avoid having your vehicles towed and or blocked in by piles of compacted snow.

As the streets designated as Emergency Snow Routes become substantially clear of snow, sleet and ice (clear from edge to edge, for the length of an entire block) the "no parking" snow emergency is terminated and parking is again allowed on the street.

If you have questions, please contact the City of Carbondale's Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.



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