



Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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Flags adorned the City Hall/Civic Center facade in honor of Flag Day June 14, 2008.

Haven't You Heard...

Futures Program Preparing Carbondale Youth for Job Market

The Futures Program, a partnership between the City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, is demonstrating early signs of success with Carbondale businesses providing employment opportunities for 25 Carbondale Community High School students. The City Council provided \$25,000 of City funds to help support the program this summer.

Mayor Brad Cole outlined this program's concept during his 2007 State of the City Address and challenged the Chamber of Commerce and area businesses to provide on the job training to area high school students who might not otherwise have exposure to such opportunities and who may not plan on pursuing post secondary education. During his address, the Mayor pledged City assistance in the amount of \$1,000 for each participant as incentive to engage the Carbondale business community in the future of Carbondale's workforce.

The program began in May with the selection of student participants from a large

pool of applicants and cooperative agreements signed with area businesses. Through an intensive screening process that involved school officials, eligible teenagers (age 16 and older) were selected to work at participating businesses on a part-time basis through December 2008. Extreme care was taken in matching employers' needs with students' interests and skill sets. With assistance from Southern Illinois Healthcare and the Illinois Department of Employment Security, students attended workshops on proper job etiquette, interview techniques, resume preparation and related job skills. In addition, two orientation programs were conducted for participating businesses.

Students began work with their new employers in June and will continue to work under this program through December. At the conclusion of the program, a recognition event will be held for the participating students and Carbondale businesses. It is the goal of the program that the students will continue their employment long after the programs' conclusion.

Allen D. Gill Appointed City Manager

On May 23, 2008 Mayor Brad Cole announced that Allen D. Gill would become the next City Manager for the City of Carbondale, Illinois.

Mr. Gill's appointment was approved by the Carbondale City Council at its regular meeting on May 27, 2008 and Mr. Gill assumed the office on July 1, 2008.

"We were fortunate to have a very strong candidate pool during this search process, and Allen was at the top of the list from the beginning" said Mayor Cole, remarking on the City Council's recruitment effort that was assisted by The PAR Group, a public management consulting firm that specializes in hiring city administrators. No other applicant/candidate was offered the position with the City of Carbondale.

"I have every confidence in Mr. Gill's abilities," said the Mayor. "I visited Pittsburg and was able to see first-hand the progress he made there, the relationships he built with their university, and the style of his management practices. He will be an immediate asset to the Carbondale community and the southern Illinois area."

Allen D. Gill previously served as City Manager for the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, a



Allen D. Gill

position he held since November 2002. Pittsburg is the home of Pittsburg State University, an NCAA Division II institution with a Fall 2007 enrollment of 7,087.

With more than 28 years of experience in the field, Mr. Gill has served in city management positions in Ferguson, Missouri, O'Fallon, Illinois, Clinton, Missouri, and Osawatimie, Kansas. He also served as Executive Director for Belleville Economic Progress, Inc., a non-profit regional economic development corporation.

Mr. Gill holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Webster University, a Master of Social Work degree from Washington University, and an undergraduate degree in Psychology and Sociology from the College of Emporia, Kansas. He is a native of St. Louis County, having grown-up in the Afton area. He and his wife Suzanne have two adult sons, both living in St. Louis.

Jeffrey W. Doherty, Carbondale's City Manager since 1992, announced his retirement on November 6, 2007, which was effective June 30, 2008.

From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

Summer is finally here and after weeks of nothing but rain, now we have the heat to contend with on a daily basis. The weather sure has been interesting this year. And remember, this is severe weather season, so please familiarize yourself and your family with emergency procedures in case of violent storms or tornados. In case you missed it, we published a special Communiqué issue last month with tips and information about emergency preparedness; if you didn't get a copy, please contact City Hall or stop by to get a free copy for your review and permanent files at home or work.

Summer also means the start of our annual community clean-up program, which is in its third year now. This program hires more than 40 youth from throughout the community who work all

summer cleaning-up litter and debris, trimming brush and trees, helping senior citizens on various projects and just generally making the community look better from top to bottom. If you see one of the crews working around town, please stop and say hello and thank them for their efforts.

We have also started a new youth job training program with the help of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. This program, the Carbondale Futures Program, identifies young people that might not be going to college but want to work at local businesses to establish some job skills that could lead to future, full-time employment in the community after high school. With a grant from the City of Carbondale, the program is in its first year and has hired two dozen high school students that have been placed in local businesses for the summer and fall. This program has exciting potential to be a real benefit to both the employees and the employers.

And, last but not least, summer means that Sunset Concerts are playing again every Thursday, alternating between Turley Park and the Old Main Mall on campus. This is the 30th year for the free concert series, and I'm sure it will be as good as or better than those in the past. Please come out and enjoy the music, the fun, and the new and old friends and help celebrate a terrific community event every week.

Brad Cole, Mayor



An artist's rendering shows how the Varsity Center for the Arts will look when restoration is completed.

Volunteers Needed for Varsity Center for the Arts Restoration

On February 29, 2008, Mayor Brad Cole oversaw the official transfer of the former Varsity Theater complex, located on South Illinois Avenue, which was donated by Kerasotes Theatres to the Stage Company for redevelopment to become The Varsity Center for the Arts. The City of Carbondale was instrumental in coordinating the donation and transfer of the property.

During the press conference, Mayor Cole said, "This is a terrific opportunity for the entire community. We are very thankful to the Kerasotes family for their support of our efforts to make the Varsity Theater a centerpiece for our downtown entertainment district. The Stage Company has a lot of work to do now, but I'm confident in their ability to get the job done."

The long road to restore and reopen the Varsity Theater is about to move into the express lane. On May 30, 2008 the Stage Company announced a partnership between The Stage Company and Carbondale Community Arts. Plans are to have the east theater and lobby of the Varsity Theater completed in the fall for the first production of The Stage Company's 27th

season. The remaining renovation of the building, including a 300 to 400 seat main theater, an intermission room and gallery space, is targeted for completion in 2012. The entire project is estimated to cost \$3 million and future renovation will advance as funds are available.

The Stage Company and Carbondale Community Arts are looking for volunteers to assist in the renovation. Work has started on cleaning and scouring the walls in the public areas and removing debris from storage areas for conversion into dressing rooms. The East Theater Crew is ready to start putting up the stage, and will need as many skilled carpenters as are willing to donate time. They are also looking for licensed electricians who are willing to donate time to this community project. In addition, there are many other ways the public can assist in the clean-up and restoration of the building.

If you are interested in donating time and/or expertise, contact Jack Langowski at 201-5245. Open work days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City of Carbondale Retired Employees



Retired employees of the City of Carbondale were recognized at the City of Carbondale Luncheon held on June 13, 2008.

Summer Clean Up Program Underway

The Carbondale Summer Clean Up Program is underway and will continue through July 21, 2008. This is a community wide program to clean up neighborhoods, provide summer jobs for youth and promote positive work ethic development for youth in the Carbondale community. Approximately 40 temporary workers, ages 16 years and above, were hired for an eight week period for the Summer Clean Up Program.

Owner occupied residential properties are eligible for clean up services, with priority given to residents 60 years of age or older and to residents who are physically unable to perform the work. Drainage ways and public properties will be cleaned during training periods and during times when there may not be sufficient

private property requests.

Anyone wishing to have property cleaned may file a request to the City of Carbondale. Forms may be obtained from the City website at ci.carbondale.il.us, at the reception desk in City Hall located at 200 South Illinois Avenue, or by contacting City Hall at 549-5302.

All forms must be returned to the City of Carbondale by July 14, 2008. Requests will be honored as time permits. Mail or deliver completed forms to the City of Carbondale, Post Office Box 2047, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, Illinois 62902. Request forms will be reviewed and prioritized upon receipt.

For more information about the Carbondale Summer Clean Up Program contact the Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.

Bicycle Maps Highlight City Bikeways

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

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

Firms Begin Design of Public Safety Center and Fire Station

At the June 10, 2008 regular meeting, the City Council approved agreements with Arcturis of St. Louis, Missouri to design the new Public Safety Center and FGM Architects of O'Fallon, Illinois to design the new Fire Station. A time line has been established for the \$6.2 million Public Safety Center and the \$1.375 million Fire Station.

The new Public Safety Center and the Police Station and new Fire Station require the City to engage professional architectural/engineering consultants to prepare design plans and construction documents for construction of the new facilities. At its February 12, 2008 regular meeting, the City Council approved Arcturis of St. Louis Missouri and FGM Architects of O'Fallon.. City staff utilized the formal Consultant Selection Process to develop recommendations for the City Council in determining the design consultants for the projects.

A formal Request for Proposals was released by the City on November 1, 2007 for architectural and engineering services related to the design of the new Public Safety Center and new Fire Station. The RFP was widely distributed through a local newspaper and

through professional publications. A total of 19 proposals were received by December 3, 2007. The RFP allowed the consultants to respond to one or both of the projects with the understanding that one consultant could be selected for both projects or two separate consultants could be selected for the projects. The response for the project designs was excellent and the RFP attracted consultants from throughout the Midwest.

The Consultant Selection Committee reviewed all the proposals in depth and selected five firms as finalists to be interviewed by the committee. Important criteria used in the selection process included experience of the firm in designing police and/or fire stations, the proposed project manager and other personnel that would be assigned to the project, and the firms understanding of the projects.

The agreements with Arcturis and FGM Architects contain the detailed scope of work, time line and fees for the projects. It is anticipated that the design phase for the new Fire Station is expected to be ten to eleven months and the design phase for the new Public Safety Center is estimated at seven months.

25th Annual National Night Out Celebration August 5, 2008

The City of Carbondale Police Department invites you to join them Tuesday, August 5, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Turley Park for the Annual National Night Out Celebration. The National Night Out event focuses on public education and safety awareness. National Night Out is designed to: increase awareness of crime and drug prevention; strengthen the neighborhood spirit and police-community relations; generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts; and send a message to criminals, letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out provides something for the whole family to enjoy. The Carbondale Police and Fire Departments and Jackson County Ambulance Service will have emergency vehicles on display at the park. McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog, and other guests are invited to make special appearances. Local businesses will be on hand with information relating to home security, personal safety, and other crime prevention-related areas. All who attend may register to win door prizes, gift certificates from local businesses, and other special prizes.

Children may participate in a crime prevention poster contest, and various games and face painting. Winners of the poster contest will be chosen from four different age groups, and will receive a savings bond, donated from local banks. There will be musical entertainment including the John A. Logan Community Band.

The Carbondale Police Department and Carbondale Crime Stoppers appreciates the many local businesses and individuals who are donating food, door prizes, equipment, entertainment, and personal time to make this event possible. Crime Stopper merchandise will be on sale to help raise money for the organization and sales of hotdogs and soft drinks during the event will benefit the Carbondale Crimestoppers organization.

Many volunteers are necessary to make National Night Out a success. Any individual or group wishing to help volunteer is encouraged to contact the Community Resource Officer at 457-3200, ext. 428. Help is needed on the day of the event from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Get Ready for the "Big Switch" to Digital TV

By James Wall, Senior Lecturer, Department of Radio-Television, SIU-Carbondale Vice-Chair, Carbondale Information and Telecommunications Commission

Today, the broadcast television industry is undergoing a dramatic change from a fifty-year old analog transmission system to a digital delivery system that is substantially reinventing television, for both the consumer and the industry itself. Over-the-air digital television (DTV) allows local television stations the capability to offer new program and content services, such as multiple channels of programming, mobile television, and data delivery. High Definition Television (HDTV) is the highest quality type of DTV, and offers remarkably clear wide screen pictures and multi-channel sound that together provide you with a movie theater-like viewing experience at home. All television programs will be digital, but not all of the digital television programs will be in high definition.

All full-power network television stations in our area have been transmitting DTV signals along with their existing analog programming for some time to help ease the transition from analog to digital for consumers. This transition period will end very soon. The current analog transmitters are about to be turned off forever. The "Big Switch" will occur on February 17, 2009. On this date, television sets that are only connected to an antenna will not be capable of receiving the DTV broadcasts without additional equipment. But there is some good news in all of this for those of us who have not purchased digital television sets yet, or who have perfectly functional older sets in other rooms of the house.

If you subscribe to a cable system such as Mediacom, or a satellite provider such as DirecTV or Dish Network, the conversion is already being made for you. There is nothing you need to do in order to continue to enjoy local broadcast stations on your

older television sets.

If you do not subscribe to a cable or satellite service and rely on either rabbit ears or an outside antenna to watch television on any TV set in your home, then you are eligible for up to two coupons worth \$40 off the purchase of a set-top converter box which receives the broadcast DTV signals and then converts them for use on older analog television sets. These converter boxes are currently available at most major electronics retailers for less than \$60, and the coupons must be used within ninety days of when they are mailed to you. You can apply for the government issued coupons at www.dtv2009.org, or by calling 1-888-388-2009. If you do not have this converter box attached to the older television set and your antenna, you will not receive any over-the-air television channels after February 17, 2009.

Understand that none of the older analog television sets will be capable of displaying any programs in true high definition. So if you want HDTV, you will need to buy a new digital television set. Also, in order to enjoy true high definition programming over cable or satellite, even on a new digital television set, you may need to subscribe to an HDTV package from your provider.

In summary, your choices for making "The Big Switch" to digital television are:

- 1) Subscribe to cable or satellite,
- 2) Install a DTV converter box and antenna on your older analog set or,
- 3) Purchase a new digital television set.

This fall, I will be coordinating a group of SIU Department of Radio-Television student volunteers who will help anyone in need of assistance. Watch for the upcoming announcements or you may contact me at 453-6287 or jwall@siu.edu. Additional information can also be obtained on the National Cable Telecommunications Association Web site at www.getreadyfordigitaltv.com.

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Haven't You Heard...

Carbondale Announced New Police Initiatives

The City of Carbondale announced June 12, 2008 a new community policing initiative and a new interactive website, www.carbondalepolice.com.

This new website offers the Carbondale community an opportunity to learn more about its Police Department. The site provides information about and access to services provided by the City of Carbondale Police Department. The website features information on programs such as Child Passenger Safety, Citizens Police Academy, Student Police Academy, DARE, GREAT, Neighborhood Watch, Personal Safety for Women, the Ride Along Program, Police and Children Together (PACT) Camp, and Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program (SHOCAP). Residents can access many of the forms for services or programs such as Bicycle Registration, Dog Licenses, House Watch, Commendation/ Complaints, Ride Along Application and Citizens Police Academy Application forms. This information can be downloaded and printed from the convenience of your computer, instead of making a trip to the Carbondale Police Department.

The interactive website also features a Kids Corner. Parents and children can learn more about ways to stay safe on the internet and find links to additional educational resources. There are also links to Danger Rangers and NetSmartz Kids sites where children can play games.

There is also a feature named "Press Center". The Press Center contains information about current events, crime prevention tips and current press releases from the Carbondale Police Department.

The benefits of this site are also extended to the Carbondale Crime Stoppers Program. If citizens have information about a crime, they can now report it online. Information or TIPS about crimes in Carbondale can now be submitted anonymously and at any time online. "Tipsters" will receive a unique code for each tip submitted. It is recommended that the "tipster" follow-up their online tip by calling the Crime Stoppers line at 549-2677 (COPS) Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The Crime Stoppers Coordinator may have additional questions which can help lead your tip to an arrest and possibly a cash reward.

The City of Carbondale also announced a new initiative designed to obtain information about four unsolved homicides. The City encourages citizens to assist the Police Department in solving serious

crimes in our community. The Police Department is currently investigating four (4) unsolved homicides which occurred in Carbondale over the last 16 years. In most of these cases, there may be someone who has valuable information which may solve a case. The City of Carbondale believes it is important to provide a means for that person to provide that key piece of information.

The City has established a \$5,000 minimum reward for each unsolved homicide case within the City. The reward money will be paid when information provided leads to an arrest and conviction in the homicide case. Hopefully, this reward money, when added to existing rewards, will encourage individuals who have key information toward solving these crimes, to contact the Police Department, and provide that information.

The families of the victims of these crimes still agonize over the loss of their loved ones. They cannot rest until someone is brought to justice in these cases and the City of Carbondale and its Police Department are determined to bring justice to these families.

The current unsolved homicide cases are:

- The Pyramid Apartments Fire which occurred on December 6, 1992 where five SIUC students died as a result of arson. The reward now stands at \$6,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction of those responsible for setting the fire.

- The Connie Cole-Holmes homicide occurred on June 6, 1996. Connie Cole-Holmes was found murdered in her home in southeast Carbondale. The reward now stands at \$10,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction of those responsible for her death.

- The Ryan Livingston homicide occurred on July 12, 2006. Ryan Livingston was stabbed to death on West Walnut Street in Carbondale. The reward now stands at \$16,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction of those responsible for his death.

- Falon Taylor was murdered in northeast Carbondale on January 6, 2007. The reward now stands at \$6,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction of those responsible for her death.

Help us solve these crimes and bring the person or persons responsible to justice. If you have information concerning these cases, call Crime Stoppers at 549-COPS (549-2677) or go online to www.carbondalepolice.com and report it on the Online Crime Stoppers form.



During attendance at his last City Council Meeting as City Manager, Jeffrey W. Doherty was honored by the City Council with a resolution acknowledging his outstanding career in the Manager's Office, and the total of 32 years he worked for the City. Mr. Doherty was also presented with a framed picture of the City's landmarks by Mayor Brad Cole. Mr. Doherty was the longest serving City Manager of the City of Carbondale, with 16 years, upon his retirement on June 30, 2008.

Police Officer Exam September 15, 2008

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, September 15, 2008, in the Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale. A Physical Fitness Assessment will begin at 3:00 p.m. for candidates who pass the written examination.

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 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, September 8, 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; this 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, August 29, 2008. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling 618-457-3281, by e-mailing jarrett@ci.carbondale.il.us or by printing the application, pre-employment agreement and information from the City of Carbondale's website at www.ci.carbondale.il.us

City Refuse and Recycling Rates Increased July 1, 2008

Effective with bills received after July 1, 2008, the City's Residential Curbside Refuse Pick-up monthly rates will increase from \$7.25 to \$8.00. In addition, the Recycling Fee that is included on all Carbondale monthly water bills will increase from

\$1.25 to \$1.50.

The refuse and recycling rate increases are necessary to provide ongoing services due to increasing operating costs and the need for new capital equipment.

Single Family Housing Conversion Program Funds Available

The City of Carbondale has long held as one of its goals to strengthen and promote neighborhood living. The City provides several programs including the Mandatory Rental Inspection Program, housing rehabilitation grant programs, first time home buyers low interest loan programs, grants for new owner occupied houses and grants for new owner occupied housing subdivisions. The City's Building and Neighborhood Services Division aggressively enforces the family occupancy ordinance in low density residential zoning districts. The preservation and stabilization of residential neighborhoods along with ensuring that the housing stock in the community is maintained is a priority of the City of Carbondale.

The City of Carbondale Fiscal Year 2009 Budget includes funding for the Single Family Housing Conversion Program. This program, which was approved by the Carbondale City Council at its regular meeting on October 16, 2007, is designed to assist home buyers in the purchase and rehabilitation of single family houses that have

been in the rental market, and the conversion of those houses to the owner occupied category. The main elements of the program are:

- A \$5,000 grant to the home buyer of a single family house that has been a rental house in excess of two years at the time of purchase.

- A covenant would be placed on the property that would require that the house remain occupied by the owner of record for a minimum of 10 years.

- Single family residential houses in all residential zoning districts within the corporate limits of the City of Carbondale qualify for the program.

- The City will waive all applicable building permit fees required in the improvement of the house.

For more information about the City of Carbondale Single Family Housing Conversion Program, and the other housing programs offered through the City of Carbondale, contact Kristina Vaughn, Housing Program Administrator at 457-3235.



Pictured is the Veterans Memorial Plaza in downtown Carbondale where the annual Veterans Day and Flag Day ceremonies are held. Inscribed into the stone work are the words "They gave their today for our tomorrow" and the names of hundreds of Carbondale veterans who lost their lives during all of the foreign wars to date.

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Carbondale City Calendar

July

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Wednesday - 2nd & 16th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Tuesday - 8th	City Council	7:00 pm
Monday - 14th & 21st	Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other Scheduled Meetings At The Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 7th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 21st	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 9th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 17th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 24th	Elementary School District #95 Lakeland Multi-Purpose Room, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm

THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Friday, July 4, for the Independence Day Holiday. The City's refuse collection routes will not be affected. Landscape waste will not be picked up on Friday.

August

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 5th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 6th & 20th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 11th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other Scheduled Meetings At the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 4th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 18th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 21st	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 13th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 21st	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 28th	Elementary School District #95 Lakeland Multi-Purpose Room, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm

Emergency Preparedness Edition Available

If you did not see the recent Special Edition of the Carbondale Communiqué dedicated to Emergency Preparedness or would like to obtain additional copies, please contact the City Manager's Office at 457-3226 or email jporter@ci.carbondale.il.us.



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CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE



Carbondale boasts one of Southern Illinois' most beautiful recreational facilities right in its own backyard – Cedar Lake.

Enjoy a Relaxing Summer Day at Beautiful Cedar Lake

Enjoy a peaceful day fishing or relaxing on the beach at one of the most beautiful lakes in Southern Illinois – Cedar Lake. The City owns and maintains a public beach and boat dock at Cedar Lake. The beach is best known for its family atmosphere and beautiful scenery and fishermen enjoy regular success reeling in crappie and bass amid the beautiful coves surrounded by towering bluffs.

Beach hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The Poplar Camp Beach sandy waterfront leads to a swim and play area, an area for rafts and floats, and a "lap" lane. Red Cross certified lifeguards are on duty during beach hours and Cedar Lake personnel and the Carbondale Police patrol the beach. Restrooms, picnic tables, and a concession stand are also available.

After August 22, 2008, the beach will be open on weekends only, and Labor Day is the last day the

beach will be open for the season.

The fee for a single admission is \$2.00 and children four (4) years of age and younger are admitted free. Ten (10) visit passes are available for \$15.00 and twenty (20) visit passes are available for \$25.00. Passes bought are good for the entire 2008 beach season and can be used by anyone at anytime. Children twelve years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

The boat dock at Cedar Lake allows access to the lake for boats with a ten (10) horsepower motor or less. The lake is located south of Carbondale. To drive to Cedar Lake, take U.S. 51 south to the intersection of Old and New U.S. 51, follow Old U.S. 51 approximately 1/2 mile to Cedar Creek Road, travel west on Cedar Creek Road and follow the signs to the beach or the boat dock.

For more information, call 549-8441 or 549-5302. We hope to see you there this summer!

Annual "Chill Out In The Park" Events Scheduled

The City of Carbondale Fire Department has participated in a program sponsored by the Carbondale Park District for several years called "Chill Out In The Park". This program is designed to provide a free and safe activity for children to participate in during these hot summer months. The Fire Department will provide a water spray from a fire hose for children to play in at city parks during the months of July and August. Children of all ages are invited to come join the fun at one of the Carbondale parks. For more information, contact the Carbondale Park District at 529-4222.

Wednesday, July 9th	Tatum Heights Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 13th	Turley Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 23rd	Attucks Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 6th	Parrish Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

Most property owners and tenants comply with the City of Carbondale's standards for the maintenance of tall grass and weeds. However, some property owners/tenants do not mow their property until the

City posts the property in violation of the tall grass and weed ordinance. Therefore, upon finding the same property in violation more than once during the same growth season, a Court Citation will be issued to all owners and occupants of the property at the time of the second posting and for each subsequent posting that may be necessary during the balance of the growth season. If the tall grass and weeds have not been mowed within seven days after the posting, the City's mowing contractor will mow the property and the property owner will be billed for the mowing by the City.

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

Celebre con seguridad las festividades del 4 de Julio

En Illinois, la expresión juegos pirotécnicos define e incluye cualquier compuesto explosivo cualquier sustancia o combinación de sustancias o artículos preparados con el propósito de producir efectos visuales o auditivos de tipo temporal por medio de una explosión, combustión o detonación.

Los juegos pirotécnicos pueden ser un complemento espectacular a días feriados y celebraciones, pero en las manos de gente sin experiencia, los fuegos artificiales pueden convertir las celebraciones en una tragedia. La gente joven es la que sufre la gran mayoría de las heridas con pólvora, las que generalmente lesionan los ojos, la cabeza o las manos.

Enséñeles a los niños desde una temprana edad que los juegos pirotécnicos son aparatos explosivos. No son juguetes.

Explíqueles a los niños el peligro de los explosivos y enséñeles a le digan a un adulto si encuentran aparatos pirotécnicos. Asegúrese de que entiendan que es demasiado arriesgado recoger cohetes y llevarse los a un adulto.

No deje que un niño sostenga una luz de bengala.

Las bengalas están diseñadas para quemarse con el calor y pueden alcanzar temperaturas hasta de 1800 F. Las bengalas conservan el calor mucho tiempo después de haberse quemado. Puede reemplazar las bengalas o los petardos comprando varitas mágicas fosforescentes y sonajeros no explosivos.

La Departamento de Bomberos de la Ciudad de Carbondale y la agencia Illinois Fire Safety Alliance recomiendan que el uso de todos los juegos pirotécnicos del 4th de Julio se deje en manos de profesionales. Simplemente es demasiado peligroso que usted mismo utilice fuegos artificiales o estar alrededor de amigos o familiares que los utilicen. En su lugar, disfrute de la emoción de los juegos pirotécnicos de alguna demostración pública que se presente por profesionales entrenados, la que, de conformidad con los códigos de seguridad actualizados, es una manera más segura de disfrutar los días festivos.

Si desea más información visite el sitio web de Illinois Fire Safety Alliance www.ifsa.org o contacte al Departamento de Bomberos de la Ciudad de Carbondale en el 457-3234.