



# Carbondale Communiqué

July - August, 2007

City of Carbondale

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Carbondale City Hall and Civic Center.

## Haven't You Heard...

### Carbondale Welcomes Its Newest Businesses

New businesses are moving in, building and expanding in every direction you look in the City of Carbondale. It has been a busy first part of the year and more activity is continuing and anticipated in the coming months.

With the opening this spring of the Gap and Gap Kids Outlets, Fujiyama Japanese Steak House, Tradehome Shoes, The Shoe Department, the Food Court at University Mall, and construction of Dick's Sporting Goods underway, the options for shopping, dining and services are growing in Carbondale. In addition, it is anticipated that announcements of new stores at University Mall and The Shoppes at University, as well as at other east side locations, will be made in the next few months.

More centrally located, the City is seeing new and expanding business. This spring the City welcomed the addition of Warehouse Shoes, Two Boutique, Elixir II Salon, Mirror Image Salon and Workforce Solutions. Two restaurants located downtown, Sam's Café and Wise Guys also opened additional locations. Gateway Foundation held a grand

opening at its expanded facility this spring and Man-Tra-Con opened a new location in the Old National Bank building. Construction continues on the Southern Illinoisan facility on Illinois Avenue, and on the Memorial Hospital \$14 million expansion.

On the west end of Carbondale, Ward Chrysler expanded its dealership with the new Kia product line, First Southern Bank is breaking ground on a new branch facility on Old Route 13, and the Bleyer Field ground has been cleared on West Main Street to make way for future developments.

Interest from businesses has also been shown in the excellent 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 should contact Kevin Baity, Assistant City Manager for Economic Development at 457-3226.

### City Rated "Excellent" in Financial Reporting

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded the City of Carbondale by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2006. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The City of Carbondale has received this recognition from GFOA for fifteen (15) consecutive years.

In addition, Finance Director Ernie Tessone received the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement as the individual responsible for preparing the award winning

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said, "We are very proud that the City of Carbondale continues to be recognized by other government finance professionals for our financial management."

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals in North America.

### 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.

## From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

Elected officials often chart their careers in blocks of two, four or six years, whichever may be the length of their term in office. For us locally, most elected positions hold a four-year term and so we sometimes plan in similar periods of time.

It's sometimes hard to believe that I have now completed my second four-year term on the Carbondale City Council; one term as a Council Member and one term as Mayor. When I was first elected in 1999, at the youthful age of 27, things seemed so much different than they do today. The work on the City Council is much the same, but the way we do things is different and, in my opinion, has improved. After experience and a few years, I suppose perspective might change some, too.

Just like when I first joined the City Council, we continue to focus on economic development, public infrastructure improvements, sound budgeting and we try to keep an eye

to what may be ahead or around the corner. Our goals have changed some and our pace is faster in attempting to accomplish those goals, which has led to many successes being noted in a shorter period of time. Among the many long range plans that still stand before us, we are aggressively working on funding for a new police station and we have great expectations for building an even-stronger relationship with Southern Illinois University. The interconnection between the City and SIU is perhaps the best it has been in decades, and both organizations are committed to making it better yet. The same is true for our partnerships with the local elementary and high school districts.

While we can look back at what has been done over the last four or eight years, we actually would rather look ahead and prefer to do so in both the short-term and extended terms. Our short-term goals are easy to see when they are completed. Our extended-term goals will take some hope and maybe a little faith on the part of the community, but they will get done and they will produce equally positive results in time.

And the best part of all of this is that we do everything with the utmost concern for citizen input and participation. If you see something you like that is happening, please let us know. If you know of something that isn't happening or could be done better, we want that feedback, as well. Together, we're making Carbondale the Capital of Southern Illinois.

Brad Cole, Mayor

### Carbondale Detective Receives Award From Illinois State Bar Association

Carbondale Police Lieutenant Paul Echols was presented with the 2007 Law Enforcement Award from the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) at the May 1, 2007 meeting of the Carbondale City Council. Attorney Mark Hassakis, of Mt. Vernon, an elected member of the ISBA's 25-member Board of Governors, presented the award.

The Law Enforcement Award was created to recognize sworn law enforcement officers for conduct that promotes justice and to distinguish those individuals whose service to the public brings honor and respect to the entire criminal justice system. The award is given sparingly to recognize those who truly excel in the field of law enforcement.

Lt. Echols's hard work and perseverance helped resolve a truly cold case involving the unsolved murder in 1981 of a female student at Southern Illinois University. Lt. Echols, a relatively new police recruit at the time, became interested in forensics and the use of DNA analysis to help solve crimes. He used that science to track down several suspects, and ultimately, his work paid off in the arrest of a man in Michigan, who was found guilty of the murder.

Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wepsiec wrote in his nomination that solving the case "brought a sense of justice" to not only the victim's family, but also the City of Carbondale, which had been haunted for years by the unsolved murder.



Attorney Mark Hassakis, Mayor Brad Cole, Lieutenant Paul Echols and Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wepsiec at the award presentation held during the May 1, 2007 City Council Meeting.

## Carbondale Community Wide Summer Clean Up Program Under Way

The Carbondale Summer Clean Up Program is underway and will continue through August 3, 2007. 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 42 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. Drainageways 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 must submit a request form to the City of Carbondale. Forms may be obtained from the City website at [ci.carbondale.il.us](http://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 20, 2007. Requests will be honored as time permits. Mail or deliver completed forms to the City of Carbondale, Attention Summer Clean Up Program, 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.

## Tennis Courts Being Built for High School/Community Use

The City of Carbondale and Carbondale Community High School District No. 165 have joined forces to construct new tennis courts for the Carbondale community. The eight new tennis courts will be built on the CCHS Campus, north of Bleyer Field. Tennis courts were included in the original concept of the Super Block.

The construction of the tennis courts on the CCHS Campus will serve the physical education classes and the Terrier boys and girls tennis teams. The tennis courts will also be available for general community use. The courts will have lighting which will allow for use after sundown.

The City awarded the construction contract to J & L Robinson Development and Construction of Carbondale. Construction cost is estimated at \$512,000. Carbondale Community High School will contribute \$120,000 to install lights on the courts.

The City will be repaid its costs through the 1/4% sales tax revenues that exceed the \$800,000 dedicated to the new high school bonds. CCHS has agreed to maintain the tennis courts for both high school and community play.

The project is scheduled for completion by the start of the fall semester.

## 24th Annual National Night Out Celebration August 7, 2007

The City of Carbondale Police Department invites you to join them August 7, 2007 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 Crimestoppers organization.

Many volunteers are necessary to make National Night Out a success. Any individual or group wishing to 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.

## Groups Taking Action to Utilize City Diversity as an Asset

The Community Dialogue on Racism and Race Relations has yielded several action ideas and groups have begun meeting to get down to work. More volunteers are needed to follow through on implementing the suggestions that have been collected. Racism and Race Relations were the topics of the third round of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, which is a project of the City of Carbondale's Human Relations Commission.

Carbondale residents can choose from six community groups, each working in a different way to address community concerns about how racial relations affect our schools, jobs, and the media; or how to improve racial relations through training, community events, and finding places for the community to gather.

There is still time to join an Action Group. The Schools group promotes dialogue with local schools and helps promote minority recruitment. The Jobs group is also looking at ways to bring jobs to Carbondale. The Training group is exploring several tracks, from ally training for individuals to top-down approaches to institutional racism. The Media group is looking at ways the media can reflect the racism of the community or work against racism. Others are promoting events to draw the community together and celebrate the community's diversity, and looking to create spaces where these activities can occur.

Anyone interested in participating in an Action Group of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action can contact Lana Bardo or Sarah Heyer at 549-5302, Ext. 386 or e-mail [studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us).

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[ichamness@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:ichamness@ci.carbondale.il.us)

## Steps Residents Can Take to Reduce Flood Hazards in the Carbondale Community

The Carbondale area has a number of creek systems which are susceptible to flooding during or soon after heavy storms. These creek systems include the Little Crab Orchard Creek, Crab Orchard Creek, Piles Fork Creek, Plum Creek, Glades Creek, and Drury Creek. Flooding in Carbondale is relatively infrequent, however there is potential for flooding and road closures in low lying areas from overflows of these creek systems.

The City of Carbondale Planning Services Division can assist property owners, lenders, insurance agents and real estate agents in determining flood hazards for individual properties within the City and within the City's mile and one half zoning jurisdiction.

If you have any flooding/drainage questions or concerns, please contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3235. Flood maps and flood protection references are also available at the Carbondale Public Library.

There are several things you can do to reduce flood hazards in the community.

- Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or streams. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. A plugged channel cannot carry water and when it rains the storm water is likely to flood adjoining areas.

- If your property is next to a ditch or stream, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The City of

Carbondale Street Maintenance and Environmental Services Division also has a stream maintenance program which may help remove major blockages such as downed trees.

- To report illegal dumping or debris in ditches and streams you should contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237 or the Street Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.

- Always check with the Planning Services Division before you build on, alter, regrade, or fill on your property. A Floodplain Development Permit may be needed to ensure that floodplain development regulations are met.

It is important to report unapproved construction activity within designated floodplains to the Planning Services Division at 457-3235.

### FLOOD SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

- Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood related deaths and most often occurs during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive and even six inches of moving water can sweep a person off of their feet.

- Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Additionally, do not drive around road barriers, as the water levels may be higher than expected and/or the road or

bridge may be washed out.

- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The second leading cause of death related to flooding is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to Ameren CIPS or Egyptian Electric Cooperative.

- Do not use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried. If flooding is imminent, turn off the electricity at the main electrical panel of your residence or building.

- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Do not smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off in your residence or building and the area has been ventilated. If flooding is imminent, turn off the gas at the gas meter or propane tank.

### FLOOD INSURANCE AVAILABLE

If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies typically do not cover damage from floods. However, because the City of Carbondale participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded.

The City of Carbondale has been designated by the National Flood Insurance

Program (NFIP) - Community Rating System as a Class 9. The Community Rating System classification applies flood insurance premium credits to help lower the cost of flood insurance for property owners within the Carbondale community, based on the City's efforts to exceed minimum NFIP requirements for floodplain management and public information activities.

### FLOOD PROOF YOUR BUILDING

Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sanitary sewers that may back up into the basement during heavy rains. A backwater valve can be installed in a floor drain and sanitary sewer drain to prevent backflow into a building. A licensed plumber should be consulted for the installation of a backwater valve.

Other ways to protect a building from flood damage are to make the walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. If flooding is imminent, sand bags can be installed around doorways and basement windows to prevent stormwaters from entering a building. In addition, you may keep the water away by regrading your lot to direct water away from your building.

Contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division for additional information on flood proofing and retrofitting flood prone structures at 457-3237.

## Haven't You Heard...

### Eurma C. Hayes Center Named in Honor of a Community Leader

For several decades, the Eurma C. Hayes Center has played an integral part in the lives of Carbondale residents. This community center was built with a federal Model Cities grant and was named in honor of a community leader for improvements in northeast Carbondale. However, there are many people today that do not know the vital role that Mrs. Eurma C. Hayes played throughout the community.

Mrs. Hayes was born in Unionville, Illinois in 1918. She moved to Carbondale at a very early age when her father became the pastor of Bethel AME Church and she was a graduate of Attucks High School. Mrs. Hayes married at age 18 to Mr. Richard Hayes Sr. and together they raised 10 children.

Mrs. Hayes was a woman of integrity, a person of action. She demonstrated her "talk" with concrete strategies and worked very hard to accomplish the goals and objectives that she had identified for her contributions to the community. Her contributions included serving those around her that struggled against racism and poverty. Her incredible energy was demonstrated through working a full time job; doing extra sewing and becoming an outstanding seamstress for her family and community residents; devoting long hours volunteering for projects throughout the community; serving as President of the Attucks School PTA; being a strong advocate for equal educational opportunities and serving as a member of the League of Women Voters.

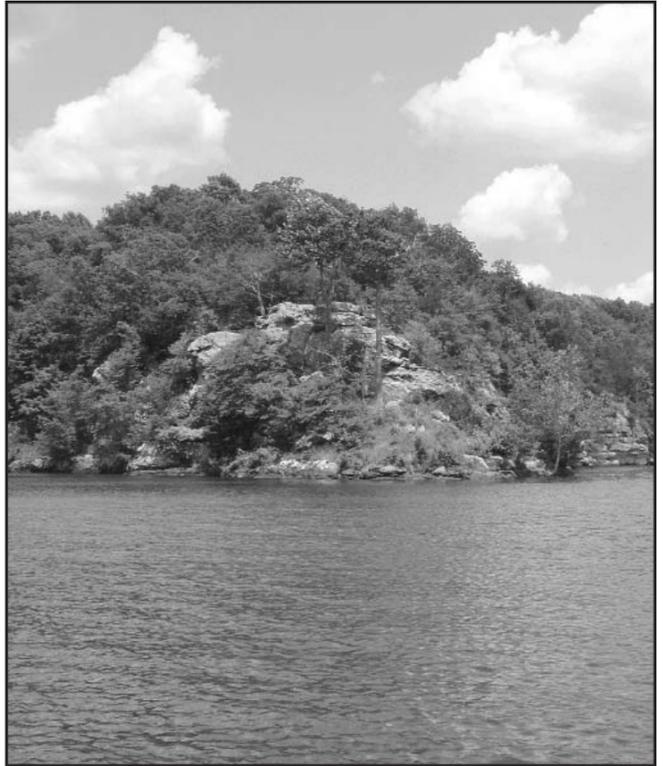
Mrs. Eurma C. Hayes became active in the Northeast Congress, a community-based organization

that worked for improved conditions for Carbondale's poorest citizens. Her actions always spoke louder than her words as she took on leadership roles within the organization to help it become part of the national Model Cities anti-poverty program in the 1970's.

Later in her life, Mrs. Hayes had a passion and dream to have a community place where people could go to receive various social services such as child and elder care, health and dental care, legal help, employment assistance and recreation. One of her dreams was to build a very small brick building in her backyard to provide information about where those services were available. The Model Cities program proved to be the perfect vehicle to accomplish that dream, with the help of Mr. Robert Stalls, Mrs. Ima Jean Valentine and Mr. C. "Jr." Haynes. The Model Cities program operated out of the now extinct Attucks Elementary School for several years.

In 1973, the dream that Mrs. Hayes had for a community center in northeast Carbondale became a reality and the red brick building named in her honor was completed by the City of Carbondale.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Hayes passed away in 1970 before the building was completed. Thirty-four years later, the Eurma C. Hayes Center continues to be a neighborhood landmark providing essential services: childcare, healthcare, after-school tutoring and mentoring, youth services, NAACP meetings, Spirit of Attucks meetings and a place where friends and families gather for special events.



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. State certified lifeguards are on duty during beach open hours and Cedar Lake personnel and the Carbondale Police patrol the beach. Restrooms, picnic tables, and a concession stand are also available.

After August 15, 2007, 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 5 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 2007 beach season and can be used by anyone at anytime. Children twelve years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult. For the safety of all visitors alcoholic beverages, glass containers and fires are prohibited at the beach.

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 7 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!

### First High School Student Police Academy Held in June

This summer the Carbondale Police Department offered its Citizens Police Academy to Carbondale Community High School students to give them the opportunity to get a first-hand look into the details of police work. The first class of the High School Student Police Academy provided participants an opportunity to learn about police procedures, protocol and the role of police within the community.

Classes covered a wide spectrum of police responsibilities which included an Introduction to Patrol, Traffic Stops, communications and technology used at the Police Department, a DUI class, Crime Scene Investigation, Drug

Investigations and Career Choices. Students were also familiarized with K-9 investigation.

The academy was taught through the Summer Enrichment Program at the Carbondale Community High School. The first class of the High School Student Police Academy held its graduation at the Carbondale High School Auditorium on Friday June 15, 2007.

For more information about the High School Student Police Academy or to obtain an application to participate in the next regular Citizens Police Academy scheduled to begin in September, contact Officer Randy Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 428.

### 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 visit the City of Carbondale Web site [ci.carbondale.il.us](http://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 llevárselos 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 pás segura de disfrutar los días festivos.

Si desea más información visite el sitio web de Illinois Fire Safety Alliance [www.ifsaa.org](http://www.ifsaa.org) o contacte al Departamento de Bomberos de la Ciudad de Carbondale en el 457-3234.

### Police Officer Exam September 17, 2007

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 17, 2007, in the Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale. A Physical Fitness Assessment will begin at 2:00 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 shall 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.

Applications and pre-employment agreements must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2007. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling 618-457-3280, by e-mailing [jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us) or by printing the application, pre-employment agreement and information from the City of Carbondale's website at [ci.carbondale.il.us](http://ci.carbondale.il.us).

*The City of Carbondale encourages minority and female applicants  
The City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer*

# Carbondale City Calendar

## July

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 17th	City Council	7:00 pm
Thursday - 12th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
Wednesday - 18th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 30th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

### Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue

Monday - 9th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 16th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

### Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

Wednesday - 11th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 19th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 26th	Elementary School District #95 Lakeland Multi-Purpose Room, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:30 pm

**THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON:** Wednesday July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. Wednesday and Thursday refuse collection routes will be delayed one day.

## August

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 21st	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 1st & 15th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 16th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

### Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue

Monday - 4th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 16th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 20th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

### Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

Wednesday - 8th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 16th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 23rd	Elementary School District #95 Lakeland Multi-Purpose Room, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm



## Peace Pole Dedicated to the City of Carbondale

The Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois and Mayor Brad Cole dedicated a Peace Pole to the City at Friendship Plaza during an Earth Day Celebration. A message that says "May Peace Prevail on Earth" is inscribed in eight languages on the pole. Supporting organizations included the Carbondale Interfaith Council, Church Women United of Carbondale, the Southern Illinois Chapter of the United Nations Association in the USA, the Justice and Witness Committee of Church of the Good Shepherd, Southern Illinois Society of Friends, and the Social Action Committee of the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship.

## Annual "Chill Out In The Park" Event

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 days. The

Fire Department will provide a water spray from a fire hose for children to play in at city parks each Friday during the month of July. 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.

July 6th	Turley Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 13th	Attucks Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 20th	Tatum Heights	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 27th	Parrish Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Hundreds of children from Carbondale Elementary School District No. 95 participated in the City Hall Tile Project and created 1,500 unique tiles. Mayor Brad Cole got the idea for the mural after visiting Tainan City, Taiwan, Carbondale's Sister City. The 16 foot tile mosaic has been installed as a permanent exhibit on the second floor of Carbondale City Hall.



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## Celebrate the 4th of July Holiday Safely

In Illinois, the term fireworks is defined to mean and include any explosive compound or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect of temporary nature by explosion, combustion, or detonation.

Fireworks can be a spectacular addition to holidays and celebrations, but in the hands of amateurs, fireworks can turn the festivities into tragedy. Young people suffer the great majority of fireworks injuries, which typically harm the eyes, head, or hands.

- Teach children at an early age that fireworks are explosive

devices. They are not toys.

- Explain the danger of explosives and teach children to tell an adult if they find fireworks. Be sure they understand it is too risky to pick up fireworks and bring them to an adult.

- Do not give a child a sparkler to hold. Sparklers are designed to burn hot and can reach temperatures as high as 1800o F. Sparklers stay hot long after they have burned out. As a substitute for sparklers or firecrackers, purchase glow-in-the dark wands and non-explosive noisemakers.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department and the Illinois Fire

Safety Alliance recommends that the use of all 4th of July fireworks be left to the professionals. It is simply too dangerous to use fireworks yourself or be around friends or family who use them. Instead, enjoy the thrill of pyrotechnics at a public display presented by trained professionals, where compliance with state-of-the-art fire codes is a safer way to enjoy the holidays.

If you would like more information visit the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance website at [www.ifsa.org](http://www.ifsa.org) or contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department at 457-3234.

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