



# Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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## From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

In August, the City Council took a bold and exciting step forward by approving a "Proposal to Invest in the Future of Carbondale." As you probably know, the Council approved a one-half percent increase in the sales tax on general merchandise. The new tax rate will take effect on January 1, 2008 and will be collected at 7.75% on purchases, excluding automobiles, boats, medicine and foods.

The funds that are generated by this tax increase will be designated for several community projects, including the construction of a new police station (if we are unable to obtain federal funds this year), the construction of a new fire station (to move farther west to meet the needs of our growing residential areas), investments in open space development (such as bikeways, greenways and pedestrian walkways), and revenue sharing with the Carbondale Park District (to meet some of their unfunded, deferred-maintenance needs to repair infrastructure).

Aside from the city-oriented projects,

a new partnership has been formed between the community and the campus of Southern Illinois University (SIU). Under this program, \$1 million of the annual revenue from the new sales tax will be shared with SIU for a period of 20 years. The total donation to SIU will be \$20 million and it will specifically support the Saluki Way initiative on campus. As a result, the City of Carbondale will become a major investor in the University and it will have done so in the spirit of cooperation and true partnership.

No one should ever like to raise taxes. However, since units of government operate with public funds, taxes are the source for all projects and this is a worthwhile project for our community. I am not aware of any other community that has undertaken a similar approach to supporting a public university; however, until we did the same thing to assist with the construction of our new high school, that, too, had never been done before. Today, numerous communities have now followed our lead in repealing property taxes or funding construction projects through a modest increase in their sales tax.

I am confident that this initiative (through investment in public safety, infrastructure and the campus) will prove to be extremely beneficial to the community... and, by community, I mean the City of Carbondale, Southern Illinois University and all of southern Illinois as a region. Personally and professionally, I thank you for your support of this effort and for the confidence you have placed in our elected officials to make these difficult decisions on your behalf.

Brad Cole, Mayor



A view of the Historic District in Downtown Carbondale.

*Haven't You Heard...*

## City Officials and Staff Extend a Warm Welcome to New Students and Residents

Welcome all new students and residents to Carbondale! Carbondale offers the luxuries people expect in a large city while maintaining the comforts and charm of a small town.

In Carbondale, you will find abundant housing options, state of the art medical, technical and professional services and facilities, excellent schools and churches, and outstanding social and cultural activities. The City has an expansive retail district, more than 100 restaurant options, unique specialty shops in a historic Downtown District, as well as attractive parks and recreational facilities, all nestled amid the natural beauty of Southern Illinois.

We invite you to get acquainted with your City and all of the services available to you as residents of Carbondale. Through this newsletter, a bi-monthly publication, City staff are dedicated to providing municipal news to residents of the community. In every issue, you will find information on services available, as well as announcements and upcoming events. We also encourage you to visit the

Carbondale Web site [ci.carbondale.il.us](http://ci.carbondale.il.us) for news and information pertaining to all areas of City government, as well as links to area organizations and the abundant resources available in Southern Illinois.

From the governmental perspective, Carbondale strives to have an open platform for its citizenry, where the voices of all residents are heard and respected. Regular City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center at 200 South Illinois Avenue. The meetings are also televised live on the City's governmental cable channel CityVision 16, which may be found on Mediacom Channel 16. City Council recordings are also available on the City's Web site.

The Mayor, City Council and City staff are here to serve you and look forward to making your acquaintance. For information about all of the services available to you through the City of Carbondale, contact the Carbondale City Hall at 549-5302 or stop by and visit us at 200 South Illinois Avenue.



Mayor Brad Cole and CCHS District No. 165 Board President Barbara Levine held a dedication ceremony for the newly constructed community tennis courts on August 21, 2007 prior to the first match of the season for the CCHS Terrier Girls Tennis Team.

## New Tennis Courts Completed at CCHS Campus

This summer the City of Carbondale and Carbondale Community High School District No. 165 joined forces to construct new tennis courts for the Carbondale community. The eight new tennis courts were built on the CCHS Campus, north of Bleyer Field. Tennis courts were included in the original concept of the Super Block. A dedication ceremony was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2007.

The construction of the tennis courts on the CCHS Campus serves the physical education classes and the Terrier boys and girls tennis teams. The tennis courts are also available for general community use. The courts have lighting which allows for

nighttime play.

The City awarded the construction contract to J & L Robinson Development and Construction of Carbondale. Construction cost for the project was \$512,000. Carbondale Community High School contributed \$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 was completed in time for the start of the fall semester.

## Pierceall Appointed Development Services Director

Michael J. Pierceall of Edwardsville, Illinois has been appointed Development Services Director for the City of Carbondale by City Manager Jeff Doherty. As the Development Services Director, Pierceall leads the Development Services Department which includes the divisions of Planning Services, Building and Neighborhood Services and Housing Programs Administration. Pierceall began his new duties on July 30, 2007.

Michael Pierceall has extensive experience in community and economic development. He relocated to Carbondale from Edwardsville where he served since 1998 as the Executive Director of The Alliance of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon, a public/private economic development organization in the high growth Metro East area. Prior to that position, Pierceall was the Director of Planning & Development with the City of Belleville from 1991 to 1997 and the Director of Community Development with the City of Centralia from 1972 to 1991.

Pierceall holds two degrees from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville including a Bachelor of Science in Geography and a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning. He holds the professional certifications of Certified



Pierceall

Economic Developer (CEcD) and American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

"Michael Pierceall offers a wide range of community and economic development experience that will assist him in administering the Development Services Department," City Manager Doherty said when making the announcement. "His recent work with The Alliance of Edwardsville & Glen Carbon gives him a good perspective from the private side of development."

Pierceall replaced Beth Ponce who was appointed Public Works Director for the City of Carbondale in April 2007.



**Friendship Plaza, located at the northeast corner of the Mill Street underpass intersection, is a beautiful improvement to the community.**

### Input Wanted for Community Improvements

Carbondale has a Community Investment Program (CIP) Five Year Plan that is updated on an annual basis, and the City of Carbondale is interested in your suggestions for improvements that can be made to enhance your neighborhood. Projects included in the Community Investment Program are for street reconstruction, storm sewer construction, sanitary sewer construction or replacement, sidewalks, traffic signals, public buildings, public drainage improvements, water or wastewater treatment plant construction or expansion and bicycle paths.

The City of Carbondale Staff reviews the projects recommended by City residents and formulates recommendations to the City Council in November

for consideration in the upcoming fiscal year budget. The City Council then makes a determination as to which projects should be included in the Community Investment Program Five Year Program. During City budget preparation this winter, the Staff will work to match approved projects with available funds.

If you would like to propose a capital improvement project for inclusion in the next Community Investment Program Five Year Plan, please complete and submit the form below to the City Manager's Office, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, IL 62902-2047. Proposals must include the location of the project and the nature of the project. Deadline for submission of proposals is October 26, 2007.



#### Community Investment Program Proposal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to:

City of Carbondale  
Office of the City Manager  
200 South Illinois Avenue  
Carbondale, Illinois 62902-2047

### City Web Site Offers On-Line Bill Payment Options

When you visit the City of Carbondale's Web site you will notice we have made it easy for you to navigate your way through City government. The City's Web site provides information at your fingertips about Carbondale and Southern Illinois, with expanded links to the City's resources as well as to the region. In addition, City of Carbondale water and sewer bills can be paid on-line.

The City of Carbondale has partnered with the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer to offer services within E-Pay. The E-Pay program was launched under a state master services agreement that is available for local units of government in Illinois. E-

Pay allows a user to make payments through the Internet with MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit card brands. The service, which other cities including Champaign and Bloomington use, can be accessed through the City of Carbondale's Web site.

Payments are being accepted now via the City of Carbondale's Web site at [ci.carbondale.il.us](http://ci.carbondale.il.us). There is a link for On-Line Bill Payments with instruction to the user, or questions may be answered by calling a Customer Service Representative in the City of Carbondale Water Services Office at 549-5302.

### License Required to Conduct Raffles in the City

If your organization conducts a raffle in Carbondale, or an organization conducts a raffle at your place of business, a raffle license must first be obtained from the City of Carbondale. The fee for a one-time raffle license is \$20.00 and the fee for an annual license which permits an unlimited number of raffles is \$200.00. The City's Raffle Ordinance is based on state law. There are no provisions in the ordinance for the fees to be waived.

The ordinance limits the amount of a raffle to \$100,000.00 and a single raffle ticket to a

maximum of \$200.00. The raffle manager is required to provide a fidelity bond to assure that the organization will be reimbursed in the event of loss or theft of raffle money and/or prizes.

To request a copy of the Raffle Application please contact the City Clerk's Office at 457-3280. The application and fee for a raffle license should be submitted to the City Clerk, City of Carbondale, 200 South Illinois Avenue, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, Illinois 62902.

### Voter Registration Information for Jackson County Residents

To be eligible to register to vote, a person must (1) live in Illinois at least 28 days prior to the next election, and (2) be at least 18 years of age by the date of the next election. To register to vote, a person must present two forms of identification; at least one form of identification must include the person's name and current Jackson County address. The IDs may include, but are not limited to, a driver's license, state photo ID for non-drivers, checkbook, lease, utility bill or piece of mail. The second form of ID needs only to include the person's name.

A person who changes their name (i.e. gets married) must completely re-register in order to be eligible to vote. A person who is already registered to vote within Jackson County and moves from one location to another location within Jackson County must complete a change of address form in order to

be eligible to vote in the next election. These changes must also be processed at least 28 days prior to any election.

Persons may register to vote or complete change of address forms at the Carbondale City Clerk's Office located at 200 South Illinois Avenue in Carbondale, the Jackson County Clerk's Office located in the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro, and at the Illinois Secretary of State Driver's License Examining Station on West Murphysboro Road.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 549-5302 or email [jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us), or you may contact the Jackson County Clerk at [co.jackson.il.us/voting.htm](http://co.jackson.il.us/voting.htm). Additional information can also be found on the City Web site at [ci.carbondale.il.us](http://ci.carbondale.il.us).

### Bicycle Registration: A Benefit for Cyclists

Bicycles are a practical form of transportation and a great form of recreation and exercise. Carbondale is surrounded by beautiful scenery which makes riding both inside and outside the city a pleasant experience. To enhance the use of bicycles, some Carbondale streets have specifically marked bicycle paths.

For your safety and the safety of others, you should remember the following while riding your bicycle:

- Cyclists are required to obey the same traffic laws as motor vehicles. This includes stopping at stop signs and red lights, turning from appropriate lanes, riding in the same direction as motorized traffic and displaying registration.

- Because of the large volume of pedestrian traffic in Carbondale, riding bicycles on sidewalks is prohibited, with two exceptions: Children under 12 years of age on bicycles with wheel size less than 24

inches and in areas where the sidewalk is specifically marked for bicycle traffic.

- Bicycles must be registered with either the City of Carbondale or the SIUC Department of Public Safety. This places a complete description of the bicycle on file, along with its serial number, should the bicycle ever be stolen. Some required bicycle equipment includes side, front and rear reflectors. Bicycles ridden during nighttime hours must be equipped with a white light on the front.

Registration is available for \$2.00 at the Carbondale Police Department and the City Clerk's Office in Carbondale City Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. SIU students may register their bicycles with the SIU Parking Division at Washington Square B, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for students that present a student identification card.

### Bicycle Maps Available 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.

### Carbondale Animal Control and Licensing Information

If you own a pet or are planning to own one, we encourage you to be a "responsible pet neighbor". In Carbondale rules and regulations have been established to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City and to ensure the humane treatment of animals by regulating the care and control of animals within the City.

- All dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies. Cats must be neutered before they may be allowed to run at large.

- All dogs must be restrained by a leash or other physical restraint whenever the dog is off of the owner's premises. Verbal command is not recognized as a form of restraint. Dogs are not allowed to run on school property or recreation areas, such as parks, unless controlled by a physical restraint. Dogs are

prohibited from cemetery grounds.

- All dogs four (4) months old and older must be licensed. The annual fee is \$7 for dogs that have not been neutered and \$1 for neutered animals. Licenses may be obtained from the Carbondale Police Department located at 610 East College Street. The license application form is also available on the City Website at [ci.carbondale.us](http://ci.carbondale.us). The completed form with the required fee can be mailed to the Carbondale Police Department at the above address.

Special rules have been established regarding some types of exotic pets, such as reptiles and primates, and the number of animals allowed per household. For more information about licensing and other rules and regulations, contact the Animal Control Officer at 457-3200 ext. 424.

## Haven't You Heard...

### Community Organizations May Request Funds for FY 2009

Each year Carbondale community organizations may request funding from the City of Carbondale to help fund services to Carbondale residents. The City of Carbondale is now accepting pre-applications from community organizations for funding consideration in the City's FY2009 budget which begins May 1, 2008.

Organizations that currently receive on-going budgeted City funding are not required to submit a pre-application unless those organizations are requesting funding for new or expanded programs.

Organizations that do not receive budgeted City funding, or that received City funding on a one-time basis in the past and wish to secure continued City funding, will be required to submit a pre-application. In addition, community organizations which desire to secure City funding for new one-time events will be required to submit a pre-application.

Pre-application forms are available from the Community Services Department at the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Forms may also be obtained from the City's web site at [ci.carbondale.il.us](http://ci.carbondale.il.us) or by calling the Community Services Department at 457-3229. To be eligible to receive funding from the City, organizations must have Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt status from the Internal

Revenue Service and must be registered with the Illinois Secretary of State as a not-for-profit corporation.

It is important when completing the application that the community "needs" proposed to be addressed by requested funding and proposed beneficiaries of the activities be clearly identified. (If the applicant is proposing to offer services which duplicate services already funded by the City or are currently offered in the community, the applicant must present strong justification for such duplication). The experience of the organization and its officers/employees in delivering services is also an important consideration, as well as inclusion of a well thought out financial plan, including funding sources other than the City, is necessary.

Persons wanting further information on the pre-application process should contact Marilyn James, Community Relations Officer by phone at 457-3246, by email at [mjames@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:mjames@ci.carbondale.il.us), or by visiting the Community Services Department in the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center. For funding consideration, a completed pre-application must reach the Community Services Department by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2007.



At the August 21, 2007 City Council Meeting the Carbondale Preservation Commission recognized the American Institute of Architects (AIA) award to the R. Buckminster Fuller Dome Home as one of the 150 Great Places in Illinois.

### Free Internet Access Available in the Downtown District

Residents and visitors to Carbondale's Downtown District have a useful resource at their fingertips. The Downtown Carbondale Wireless Network was established to allow the users of laptop computers and other Internet-ready devices to browse the Web, use email and take advantage of other wireless network applications from downtown locations. The Network was installed to serve the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center, the Amtrak Station, the Old Depot which houses Carbondale Main Street and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, the Veterans Plaza and Friendship Plaza. It is estimated that there is a 500 foot radius of coverage around each of these locations.

This free Internet service can be accessed from a laptop computer. If the laptop does not have wireless built in it will be necessary to have a wireless capable device. From your laptop upon activating the wireless connection you will see several Carbondale\_Wireless access points. Choosing the access point with the strongest signal will improve chances of accessing the free Internet service. Once you have chosen the Carbondale\_Wireless access point, open a Internet browser and a log-in screen will ask for your on-line

registration information which includes your email address and a password of your choice. The system will only require registration one time. Once you have received confirmation of your on-line registration through a return email from the system, you can then utilize the internet for up to two hours. After initial registration you need only enter your email address and password each time you access the Internet using this service.

It has been noted that there are limitations to the system from the user's end. As a rule, most wireless capable devices only have enough signal strength to transmit 500 feet unobstructed. In some cases, a user may be receiving a strong signal from the wireless access point but the user's system is not capable of transmitting a strong enough signal to connect with the wireless access point. If you are unable to make a connection, moving closer to the access point or moving to where there are no obstructions can generally solve the problem.

This service is provided by the City of Carbondale through a grant from Lieutenant Governor Patrick Quinn's Main Street Program.

### Neighborhood Watch Works to Promote Safe Neighborhoods

Many neighborhoods are finding out the benefits of working together, as well as the positive networking benefits that come with creating a Neighborhood Watch program. With new residents and students in town, now is the time for long time residents to reach out to their new neighbors and get them involved in their group or to consider the benefits of organizing a group.

Neighborhood Watch is proven to be one of the most effective and least expensive answers to crime. In simple terms, a Neighborhood Watch means neighbors looking out for each other and suspicious activity. It only takes a few concerned people to organize an introductory meeting, choose a block captain, and agree to share information about crime in the area and changes among residents. Sometimes Neighborhood Watch programs are integrated into

neighborhood associations or a watch group may evolve into a neighborhood association. The important thing is that the system works best when neighbors organize themselves so that they can stay in touch with each other and become more aware of ordinary routines around the neighborhood. Participating in a watch is a smart move as research indicates that there is less crime in areas where neighbors look out for each other.

How do you get started? If your neighborhood does not currently have a group established, contact the City of Carbondale Police Department, Officer Randy Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 428 or Sergeant Don Priddy at 457-3200 ext. 435. They will advise you on how to get started, assist with teaching you and your neighbors what to look for, and tell you how to keep your watch going and growing.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Mantenimiento de césped alto y yerbas

El Código de la Ciudad de Carbondale dispone que el césped y las yerbas de más de ocho (8) pulgadas de alto son un estorbo y tienen que removerse. La provisión del Código de la ciudad pertinente al podado de céspedes y yerbas de más de ocho pulgadas de alto no se aplica al terreno zonificado como "Forestal" o "Agrícola" que se utilice con fines agrícolas hasta un perímetro de de 20 pies adyacente a cualquier vía de acceso y/o una propiedad en zona residencial debe podarse y mantenerse de manera que no exceda las ocho pulgadas de alto. Se les recuerda a los propietarios y arrendatarios que también están obligados a mantener podada la vía de acceso público incluyendo áreas verdes en la acera, hasta el borde del pavimento y los corredores

laterales.

La mayoría de los propietarios y arrendatarios de propiedades obedece las especificaciones de la Ciudad de Carbondale para el mantenimiento de yerbas y césped alto. Sin embargo, algunos propietarios y arrendatarios no cortan el césped hasta que la Ciudad les fija un aviso de que su propiedad está en violación de la ordenanza sobre las yerbas y césped alto. Por lo tanto, al encontrar alguna propiedad en violación de esta ordenanza más de una vez en la misma temporada, se emitirá una Citación de la Corte para todos los propietarios y ocupantes de la propiedad en el momento en que se fije el segundo aviso y por cada vez que subsecuentemente sea necesario fijar avisos en lo que reste de la temporada.

### Weekly Refuse and Recycling Services Available

The City offers curbside refuse and recycling collection service throughout the Carbondale community. Refuse is collected weekly for a small fee by the Refuse and Recycling Division. All residential garbage and refuse must be collected at least weekly by the City or by a licensed private refuse hauler. All garbage and refuse stored outside must be in a rigid metal or plastic container with a tight fitting lid. Refuse placed at curbside for collection may be placed after 6:00 p.m. the evening before the collection. Refuse bags are allowed to be placed at curbside for collection provided the bags are at least 1.2 mils thick and the bags are placed at curbside no sooner than 6:00 a.m. on collection day. To schedule service call 457-3265 or stop by the City Hall Revenue Office at 200 South Illinois Avenue. Questions concerning the storage of garbage and refuse may be directed to the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

#### Monday Route:

All residences east of the Canadian National Railroad (CNRR) tracks.

#### Tuesday Route:

All residences west of South Oakland Avenue and east of Little Crab Orchard Creek (except those residences on the west side of South Oakland Avenue from West Main Street to Chautauqua Street).

#### Wednesday Route:

All residences south of West Sycamore Street, north of West Main Street and west of the CNRR tracks; and all residences south of West Main Street, west of the CNRR tracks and east of South Oakland Avenue. (This includes the residences on the north side of West Sycamore Street from North University Avenue to West Main Street; and the residences on the west side of South Oakland Avenue from West Main Street to Chautauqua Street).

#### Thursday Route:

All residences north of West Sycamore Street and west of the CNRR tracks (except the residences on the north side of West Sycamore Street from North University Avenue to West Main Street); and all residences west of Little Crab Orchard Creek.

\*\* Note: In the event that a holiday is on a week day, trash will be collected on the day following the regularly scheduled pick-up day.

The City also operates a Landscape Waste Collection Program, a Curbside Recycling Program, and White Goods and Used Tire Collection Programs. For more information about these programs contact the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275.

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### Carbondale Civic Center



618-457-3209

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

# Carbondale City Calendar

## September

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 4th & 18th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 5th & 19th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 17th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

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

Monday - 10th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 17th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

### Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

Wednesday - 12th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 20th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 27th	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:** Monday, September 3, for the Labor Day holiday. All City refuse collection routes will be delayed one day.

## October

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 2nd & 16th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 3rd & 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 8th & 29th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

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

Monday - 1st	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 15th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 18th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm

### Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

Wednesday - 10th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 18th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 25th	Parrish School 121 N. Parrish Lane	7:00 pm



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**CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE**



Carbondale was the only Illinois location to be named in the recent publication, "101 Best Outdoor Towns." The book, published by Countryman Press highlights Little Grand Canyon, Cedar Lake, Kinkaid Lake, Devil's Backbone and the River-to-River Trail.

## National Fire Prevention Week October 7 - 13, 2007

Fire departments across North America observe Fire Prevention Week each October to mark the anniversary of the 1871 Great Chicago Fire and raise public awareness of fire safety. The theme of Fire Prevention week 2007 is "Practice Your Escape Plan". The City of Carbondale Fire Department will be going to Parrish, Thomas, Lewis, and Carbondale Middle schools throughout the week of October 7th through October 13th for presentations. An Open House at Fire Station #2 located at 300 South Oakland Avenue, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 13th will wind up National Fire Prevention Week. Sparky will be present for pictures with the children and free picture buttons will again be provided.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department will be stressing the importance of family escape plans in the event of a fire and the importance of smoke detectors during National Fire Prevention Week. A working smoke detector provides an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape. Although ninety-two percent of American homes have smoke detectors, inoperable smoke detectors contribute to many of the estimated 3,800 deaths and 50,000 to 100,000 injuries caused

each year nationwide by home fires. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke detectors is discharged or missing batteries.

Again this year, the Carbondale Fire Department has joined forces with the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the annual "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign. The campaign urges all persons to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke detector batteries when changing clocks back to standard time each fall. This year's time change will take effect on November 4, 2007.

Changing smoke detector batteries once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce tragic deaths and injuries due to fire. "The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. when most families are sleeping" says Fire Chief John Michalesko. "Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths. Children and senior citizens are most at risk, and a working smoke alarm can give them the extra seconds they need to get out safely." In addition, Chief Michalesko recommends that residents use the "extra" hour they save from the time change to test smoke alarms by pushing the test button, planning "two ways

out" and practicing escape routes with the entire family.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department recommends that every household have at least one working smoke detector and would like to attain a 100% smoke detector rating in Carbondale. With the help of all Carbondale residents, this goal can be attained. Stop by Fire Station #2 on October 13, 2007 and tour the station between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and learn other important ways to protect yourself and your families from fire. Further information is available by calling the Fire Department at 457-3298 (Station #1), 457-3299 (Station #2), or 457-3234 (Fire Chief's Office).

### Free Smoke Detector and Battery for Low-Income and Elderly Carbondale Residents

The City of Carbondale Fire Department will provide and install a free smoke detector for any disadvantaged persons' home in Carbondale and will provide a free battery to Carbondale citizens that cannot afford to purchase one. We encourage citizens to take advantage of this program. For information on obtaining a free smoke detector and battery contact the Carbondale Fire Chief's Office at 457-3234.



Beautiful landscaping at the entrance of the Historic Downtown District.

## Seasonal Leaf Collection Program Begins November 1, 2007

Carbondale's Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will be offered during the months of November, December and one-half of January. Calls for service will be accepted beginning November 1, 2007, with the final calls being accepted January 18, 2008. Participating residents should first rake their leaves to curbside or street side and then call the Environmental Services Office for scheduling. Please do not block sidewalks or rake leaves into ditches or gutters.

The fee during this special Seasonal Program period

is \$17.00 for each collection. The regular fee outside the program period remains at \$27.00.

- Call 457-3275 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to schedule service.

- Leave both name & address w/recorded message and identify as requesting loose leaf collection.

The Landscape Waste Bag & Bundle program will continue as usual. Those desiring collection of bagged leaves and grass, bundles or brush may continue to call the number listed above and identify as requesting bag and bundle service.

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