



Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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Haven't You Heard...

Carbondale #1 in Retail Sales in Region

Steady growth in retail sales during the past four years has pushed Carbondale to the region's top spot for shopping. Records from the Illinois Department of Revenue reveal that Carbondale led the southern Illinois region in retail sales for the state Fiscal Year 2005 (ending June 30, 2005) with over \$550 million in total sales. Carbondale continues to lead the region in retail sales through the first three quarters of the state Fiscal Year 2006.

Retail sales have grown 19% in Carbondale during the City's last four fiscal years. The strength of retail sales has enabled Carbondale to eliminate the City government property tax levy.

The City of Carbondale receives the regular 1% retail sales tax shared by the state plus a 1% home rule sales tax enacted locally. The total sales tax rate in Carbondale is 7.25%, except for items licensed by the state, such as automobiles, where the home rule sales tax is not applicable and the total sales tax rate is 6.25%.

Both the regular and home rule sales tax revenues have grown steadily. Revenue from the regular 1% sales tax increased from \$4.91 million in FY 2002 to \$5.84 million in FY 2006 (ending April 30, 2006). The increase in FY 2006 alone was 5.8%.

The home rule sales tax revenue increased from \$3.52 million in FY 2002 to \$4.19 million in FY 2006. The increase in FY 2006

was 5.0%. The ratio of home rule sales tax revenues to the regular 1% sales tax revenues averages around 71% annually.

Retail sales are categorized by the State of Illinois and the categories show areas of strengths and weaknesses in the retail economy. In Carbondale, for the state Fiscal Year 2005, the retail sales categories and corresponding percentages of total sales were: general merchandise, 23%; food, 11%; drinking and eating places, 11%; apparel, 5.5%; furniture and household, 6.4%; lumber, building and hardware, 8.4%; automotive and filling stations, 15.4%; drugs and miscellaneous retail, 13.6%; agriculture and all others, 5.8%; and manufacturing, 0.5%. (100% exceeded due to rounding).

Carbondale led the southern Illinois region in all categories except for general merchandise, automotive and filling stations and manufacturing. Carbondale diversified strength in most categories has contributed to the steady growth of retail sales and has protected Carbondale from being adversely affected by downturns in the economy.

The retail economy in the region continues to be competitive. With the redevelopment of the University Mall, the growth of the commercial eastside, the increase in businesses locating downtown, and the strength of west side businesses, Carbondale is the number one place to shop in the region.



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

Carbondale Welcomes Its Newest Businesses

New businesses are moving in, building and expanding in every direction you look in Carbondale.

With the recent opening of the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, the grand opening of the PetCo store, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar, and Steve and Barry's University Sportswear in University Mall, and the completion of the AG Edwards and Sons, Inc. new facility on Giant City Road, the options for shopping, dining and services are growing in Carbondale. In addition, announcements are expected for new stores at several sites at other east side locations in the next few months.

More centrally located, Carbondale has welcomed the addition of Common Grounds, Edward Jones Investments, Global Gourmet, Little Java Café, Sambucca Joes', Gumby's Pizza and Spinoni's Pizza and Pasta House. On the west end of town Ward-Chrysler completed its major expansion project increasing its showroom and making room for additional inventory. The Neighborhood Co-op Grocery has opened its newly expanded facility in the Murdale Shopping Center.

Interest in Carbondale continues to demonstrate that Carbondale is the regional leader for business activity.

From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Brad Cole

Summer is off to a great start in Carbondale with one of the most exciting programs we have ever undertaken (at least in my opinion)... the Community Clean-Up Program.

The program is a community-wide effort to clean-up areas of town that need serious attention by way of trash and litter removal, as well as brush and tree trimming and other similar activities. The City Council approved this program in January and city staff have been working around the clock to make it a success.

Of course, the success is not so much the program as it is the people involved. We have hired nearly 100 youth from throughout the entire community to work in this program. High school and college students were selected to be team members and team leaders in a

group-work model to tackle specific areas in an eight week time period. So far, the improvements in the neighborhoods have been tremendous.

Even more noteworthy than the clean-up aspect of the program is the development of our young people. We are helping to instill solid work ethics in all of our workers and we are teaching the value of an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. The kids have been terrific. They show up at 7:30 am each morning and get working right away, they have a lunch break and then they finish each afternoon by 2 pm. This gives them a chance to work and earn some money, but to also have some of their summertime days free.

Seeing the faces of our young people engaged in this activity is very rewarding. We have already seen a change in some people who needed that helping hand to get focused and find some direction. And we are seeing people work together and build interpersonal communication skills that are important for any future employment.

All of this is being coordinated by Mr. Yolande Ajamu, with Naarah Lindsay and Brian Noland acting as his primary assistants. All of them, and especially all of the team workers and team leaders, are doing a fantastic job. We will owe them all a great debt of gratitude when their program is completed and the community can see first-hand how successful it has been. If you see the crews working in your neighborhood, please be sure to stop and say hello to them – I'm sure they would appreciate it.

Brad Cole, Mayor

Expansion of Enterprise Zone Approved

The Carbondale City Council recently approved the expansion of the Jackson County - Murphysboro - Carbondale Enterprise Zone for several significant economic development projects. The expansion of the Enterprise Zone will initially support three major developments for the community which include expansion of a healthcare facility, and the addition of a hotel, restaurant and other retail establishments.

Southern Illinois Healthcare will construct a two-story office building to house the Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants group practice.

University Place Improvements, L.P. plans to construct a single story building to replace the former K Mart building. The managing agent for the property owner, is negotiating with a major national retailer to occupy the new building.

The northeast corner of Illinois Route 13 and Reed Station Road was added to the Enterprise Zone. Development is planned for a new hotel, restaurant and retail shops.

The Jackson County - Murphysboro - Carbondale Enterprise Zone was created in 1990 by the State of Illinois. The Enterprise Zone is designed to provide financial incentives for business creation and expansion, and thereby, create jobs and increase the tax base of the community.

The Enterprise Zone has played a significant role in the commercial growth in Carbondale during the past 15 years. During the life of the current Enterprise Zone, the City of Carbondale's regular 1% sales tax revenues have grown from \$3 million to more than \$5.1 million and the City's Equalized Assessed Valuation has grown from \$120 million to over \$200 million.

John Michalesko Appointed Fire Chief

John C. Michalesko has been appointed Fire Chief for the City of Carbondale by City Manager Jeff Doherty.

Michalesko is a 26-year veteran of the Carbondale Fire Department. Since 1998, he has served as a Shift Commander in the position of Assistant Fire Chief. Prior to that, he served as Fire Captain from 1992 to 1998. Michalesko joined the Fire Department as a Firefighter in 1980. He is a sworn police officer as an Arson Investigator and a certified Canine Handler.

Michalesko is a 1979 graduate of the Southern Illinois University, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in

Construction Management. He also received an Associate degree in Construction Technology from SIUC in 1975. Michalesko lives in Carbondale with his wife Debbie and son.

"John Michalesko's tenure with the Department, his experience in a command position and the respect that he has earned from those in the Department, City Government and the Community, will assist him in becoming an outstanding leader of the Fire Department," City Manager Doherty said when making the announcement.

Michalesko was chosen from a field of three internal applicants. He will replace



John C. Michalesko

Jeffery Anderson who will retire on June 30, 2006. Anderson has served as Fire Chief since 1998.

City Manager Recognized for 30 Years of Service



Photo compliments of Carbondale Times.
Mayor Brad Cole congratulates City Manager Jeff Doherty during the presentation at the June 6, 2006 City Council meeting.

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole, and members of the City Council recognized the 30 years of continuous service that Jeffrey W. Doherty, City Manager has spent working for the City of Carbondale with a special presentation and a surprise reception at the June 6, 2006 City Council meeting.

Mr. Doherty accepted the position of City Manager in 1992, making him the longest serving City Manager in Carbondale. Mayor Brad Cole praised Mr. Doherty's work as well as his ability to keep going strong in a job with a traditionally

short tenure.

Formerly from Olney, Mr. Doherty came to Carbondale to attend SIUC and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice and Masters Degree in Public Administration. He began with the City as an Administrative Intern in the Community Development Department in June 1976. He later then became the Housing Rehabilitation Specialist in the same department.

In July 1978, he transferred to the Railroad Relocation Unit working as a Contracts Specialist

and moved up the chain of command until May 1985 when he became the Assistant to the City Manager. Three years later he became the Interim City Manager and in April 1989 was named Deputy City Manager prior to becoming City Manager in 1992.

A large crowd of current and former city employees, former elected officials, personal friends, as well as members of Mr. Doherty's family were present for the event to celebrate Mr. Doherty's three decades of City service.

Cold Case Files Film Crew Visit Carbondale

On Sunday night May 14, 2006, a film crew of the popular documentary production called *Cold Case Files* arrived in Carbondale. The crew, which included a producer, cameraman and soundman, climbed into the City of Carbondale Police Department Supervisor's vehicle for a tour of Carbondale with Watch III Supervisor Sgt. Paul Echols. The *Cold Case Files*, which produces investigative news pieces for the A&E channel is narrated by it's creator and owner Bill Kurtis.

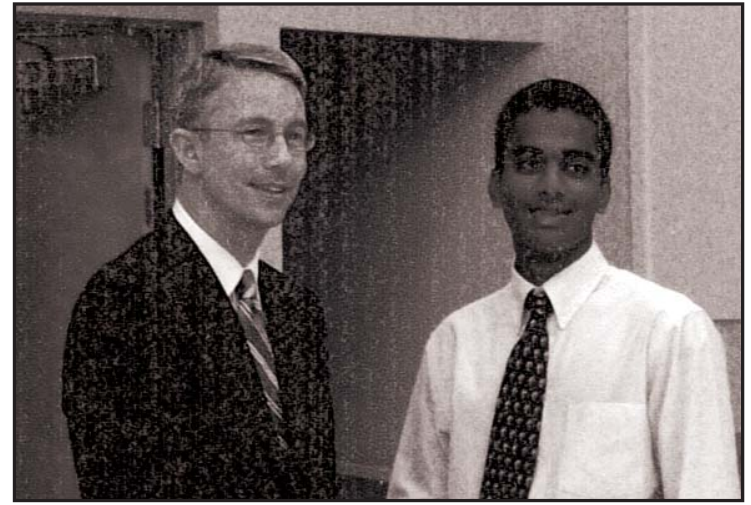
Cold Case Files came to Carbondale that week to be present for the sentencing of convicted murderer Daniel Woloson. On March 17, 2006, a Jackson County Jury found Woloson guilty of the August 17, 1981 rape and murder of SIU Senior Susan Schumake. The sentencing of Daniel Woloson on May 17, 2006 ended the almost 25 year murder mystery of who had killed the attractive SIU Student near the Illinois Central Railroad, while walking across campus on the "Ho Chi Minh" trail. Woloson was sentenced to 40 years in prison by Judge Don Lowery.

The *Cold Case Files* had followed with interest the winding story of how the City of Carbondale Police Department, led by Sgt. Paul Echols was able to find Susan's killer. Over several years, the story involved exhuming the body of convicted serial killer John Paul Phillips, and the analysis of the DNA taken from his body that later eliminated Phillips as Susan's killer. After

Phillips was eliminated, Sgt. Echols teamed up with Detectives from the Detroit, Michigan area to investigate another possible suspect who lived in their area. Cigarette butts were recovered from the ashtray of a car belonging to that suspect identified as Daniel Woloson. DNA testing later linked the cigarette butts to evidence recovered from the crime scene. Sgt. Echols later traveled to Michigan where he interviewed and subsequently arrested Woloson for Susan's murder.

During the week of Woloson's sentencing, the *Cold Case Files* production crew interviewed, on camera, several individuals who played a role in the investigation and conviction of Daniel Woloson. Those interviewed included both current and retired Carbondale and SIU police officers and detectives, the Jackson County State's Attorney, and crime scene and forensic experts with the Illinois State Police.

The *Cold Case Files* was not the only production crew in town that week. A new production called *Focus TV*, which is being produced for the TBN and PBS broadcasting companies also interviewed several of the same individuals and a few others during the week of Woloson's sentencing. *Focus TV* is looking more into the lives touched by Susan Schumake's murder. Neither the *Cold Case Files* or *Focus TV* has announced an air date for their shows as they are still being produced.



Mayor Cole congratulates 2006 Youth Volunteer of the Year Kashyap Tadisina at the May 2, 2006 City Council meeting.

Disfrute de un relajante día de verano en el hermoso Cedar Lake

Disfrute de un pacífico día pescando o relajándose en la playa de uno de los lagos más hermosos del sur de Illinois: Cedar Lake. La Ciudad es dueña y mantiene una playa pública y un muelle de botes en Cedar Lake. La playa es reconocida por su atmósfera familiar y su hermoso paisaje y los pescadores gozan de un éxito constante ensartando doraditos y róbalos en medio de hermosas enseñadas rodeadas por imponentes riscos.

Las horas de operación de la playa son de 9:30 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. en días de semana y de 9:30 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. los fines de semana y días festivos. La ribera arenosa de la Playa Poplar Camp conduce a un área para nadar y jugar, a un área para balsas y flotadores, y a una zona para nadar a distancia. Salvavidas certificados por la Cruz Roja están de guardia durante las horas de operación y personal de Cedar Lake y la Policía de Carbondale patrullan la playa. También hay a su disposición baños, mesas de picnic y una caseta de refrescos.

A partir del 13 de agosto, 2006, la playa estará abierta únicamente los fines de semana, y el Día del Trabajo

(Labor Day) es el último día que la playa estará abierta durante esta temporada. El costo de una sola entrada es \$2.00 y los niños de 5 años o menores entran gratis. Hay pases disponibles para 10 (diez) visitas por \$15.00 y pases para 20 (veinte) visitas por \$25.00. Los pases son válidos para toda la temporada 2006 de la playa y pueden ser utilizados por cualquier persona a cualquier hora. Los niños de doce años o menores tienen que estar acompañados de un adulto.

El muelle de botes de Cedar Lake permite el acceso al lago de botes con un motor de diez (10) caballos de fuerza o menos. El lago está localizado al sur de Carbondale. Para llegar a Cedar Lake, tome la U.S. 51 sur hasta la intersección de la Vieja (Old) y Nueva (New) U.S. 51. Continúe por la Old U.S. 51 por aproximadamente 1/2 milla hasta encontrar la carretera Cedar Creek Road, vaya hacia el oeste por la Cedar Creek Road y siga las señales hacia la playa o hacia el muelle de botes. Para mayor información, llame al 549-8441 o al 549-5302.

Over one hundred people attended a dinner on May 22, 2006 at the Civic Center to say thank you to police officers and dispatchers from the Carbondale Police Department and from SIUC's Department of Public Safety. Pianist Nathan Lee entertained everyone before the meal, catered by Great Boars of Fire. The guest speaker was Dan Lovins, the senior associate chaplain for the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police. Interim Police Chief Bob Ledbetter and Director of the Public Safety Todd Sigler introduced the police personnel who were present, each of whom received a certificate of recognition from the Mayor and the Carbondale Human Relations Commission. Carmen Suarez spoke on behalf of the Human Relations Commission. Master of Ceremonies was Bill Mehrtens of the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council.

The dinner was organized by the Police Recognition Action Group; current members are Lana Bardo, Jeff Doherty, Carolin

Harvey, John Holmes, Ann Knewitz, Corene McDaniel, Bill Mehrtens and Harold Tucker. Police recognition was a project that came out of the action forum from last fall's Community and Police Working Together, the topic for the second round of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action to be held in Carbondale. Partial funding came from the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority through the Greater Carbondale Area Safe to Live Coalition.

Any Carbondale resident is invited to participate in the continuing dialogue on the topic of Community and Police Working Together. The next dialogue is scheduled for Sunday July 9, 2006 at the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located at 803 North Robert Stalls Avenue. If your group would like to host or participate in a dialogue, contact Carbondale Conversations for Community Action: studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us or 549-5302 ext. 386.

Notice of Potential Refund for Residents

Effective January 1, 1998, any City or Village in Illinois was authorized by State law to impose a Municipal Infrastructure Maintenance Fee (Municipal IMF) upon Telecommunications Providers. Although imposed on Telecommunications Providers, the Municipal IMF was required to be collected from the customers of Telecommunications Providers including the providers of wireless systems such as cellular telephones ("Wireless Providers"). On March 29, 2001, the Supreme Court of Illinois found the Municipal IMF unconstitutional as applied to Wireless Providers. However, the Municipal IMF was not found to be unconstitutional as applied to traditional telecommunications providers who provide telephone service through cables, wires, and related equipment ("Landline Providers"). On September 23, 1997, the City Council of the City of Carbondale adopted Ordinance No. 97-142 which imposed a Municipal IMF in the amount of .75% of gross charges on all Telecommunications Providers who charge their customers to provide telecommunications services to Service Addresses within the City of Carbondale (the "City"). For example, the Municipal IMF paid on a monthly cell phone bill of \$50.00 would be \$0.38, while the Municipal IMF paid on a monthly bill of \$100.00 would be \$0.75.

You are entitled to a refund of any Carbondale Municipal IMF paid by you to a Wireless Provider such as a cell phone company if all of the following conditions are met:

- You were the customer of the Wireless Provider during the period from Jan. 1, 1998 through Feb. 7, 2002, when the City collected the Carbondale Municipal IMF; and

- You had a Service Address within Carbondale, Illinois, during the period when the Carbondale Municipal IMF was collected by the City. A Service Address is a location where the Wireless Provider submits its bill; and

- You provide to the City sufficient evidence of payment of the Carbondale Municipal IMF to a Wireless Provider during the time the Carbondale Municipal IMF was collected by the City. Sufficient evidence to the City includes, but is not necessarily limited to, statements mailed to you by the Wireless Provider at an address within the corporate limits of Carbondale, Illinois, that shows the customer was billed for and paid the Carbondale Municipal IMF. You may also submit a verified Refund Claim form without invoices, whereby you may receive a refund according to the Schedule of Refunds as stated in the Claim form.

To make a claim for a refund of the Municipal IMF paid to a Wireless Provider, you may obtain a Refund Claim form in the City Clerk's Office, the City Attorney's Office, the Water Office, the City Manager's Office and on the City's Web site. Submit the completed form to:

**Finance Director
 City of Carbondale
 200 South Illinois Avenue
 P.O. Box 2047
 Carbondale, Illinois 62902-2047**

All claims for a refund of the Municipal IMF, including evidence of payment, must be submitted to the City of Carbondale by 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2006. No claim for a refund of the Municipal IMF submitted after 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2006, will be paid by the City.

Police Officer Exam

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 11, 2006, in the Civic Center located at 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 or older. Applicants shall possess 60 semester hours in education from an accredited college or university, except 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).

Applications (including pre-employment agreements) must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 25, 2006. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling (618)457-3281 or by printing the application, pre-employment agreement and information from the City of Carbondale's website www.ci.carbondale.il.us.

The City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Haven't You Heard...

City Offers Homeownership Program

The Home Ownership Program provides financial incentives for the development of new subdivisions and the construction of new residential structures on existing lots within or adjacent to the City limits. The program is comprised of two components:

- **Infrastructure Improvement Grant** - Designed to offer incentives to develop new subdivisions in the City for the construction of owner-occupied housing units.
- **New Home Construction Grant** - Targets new home construction in existing subdivisions and on in-fill property in the City by offering incentives to builders and prospective home owners.

The City of Carbondale has established the Infrastructure Improvement Program to provide financial incentives to developers who will construct new subdivisions and new, single-family residential structures. These new homes may be built in either the new subdivisions or in existing subdivisions and in-fill lots throughout the City.

The Infrastructure Improvement Grant offers developers of new subdivisions \$5,000 per improved lot. For purposes of the grant, an improved lot may consist of a residential structure with up to four dwelling units depending on the zoning classification of the land. In addition, any building permit or zoning certificate fees

required by the City of Carbondale are waived once a new residential structure is constructed on the lots. Water and sewer tap fees are also waived under this grant.

Over a three-year span there is a reasonable expectation of achieving the goal of constructing 200 new homes in Carbondale. The City's investment in this new Home Ownership Program would be more than \$1 million, creating the most aggressive home construction program in the region.

Currently developed lots also exist throughout the community that are available for new home construction and we are encouraging residents in Carbondale and the surrounding areas to build new homes on these lots as well as in new subdivisions.

The New Home Construction Grant offers builders a \$3,500 payment upon the completion of a new residential structure. All building and zoning fees, as well as City water and sewer tap fees are waived under this grant.

For additional information about the Home Ownership Program contact Marilyn James, Housing Program Administrator for the City of Carbondale at 457-3246.

Street Improvement Program Begins Resurfacing Schedule for Summer 2006

The City of Carbondale's Street Improvement Program involving the bituminous resurfacing of all oil and chip streets in Carbondale has begun. The following streets are scheduled to be resurfaced in 2006. All remaining streets will be resurfaced in 2007.

Residents will normally experience minimal inconvenience while maintenance procedures are being performed on their streets. Any questions should be directed to the Office of Maintenance and Environmental Services Manager at 457-3275.

Street	Location From	To
Bradford Pear	Giant City	East End
Dogwood Rd	Giant City Rd	East City Limits
Lakeland Ln	Giant City Rd	East End
Meadowbrook Ln	Giant City Rd	West End
Bigler Rd	Walnut	South End
Hunt Rd	Walnut	South End
Kaemper St	Walnut St	Stafford
Stafford Av	Kaemper	Colp
Colp St	Stafford	Walnut
SportsBlast Rd	Walnut	South End at Gate
Jackson St	Wall	E End
Gum St	Main	Jackson
Gum St	Oak	Green
Ashley St	Brush	Stalls
Brush St	Chestnut	Green
Searing St	Wall	E End
McQueen St	Searing	Knight
Jenkins St	McQueen	Wall
Burke St	McQueen	Allman
Knight St	Wall	R Stalls
Wall St	Fisher	N End
Stalls Ave	Fisher	Knight
Pierce St	Fisher	Burke
Allman St	Fisher	N End
Conner St	Fisher	Sycamore
Bolden St	Larch	N End
Dillinger Rd	Marion	McRoy
Stephens Rd	Charles Rd	S End
Charles Rd	Hwy 51 N	W End
Oakland Ave	Rigdon St	Charles Rd
Owens St	Oakland	Bridge
Rigdon St	Oakland	West End
Kennicott St	Oakland	ICRR Spur
James St	Kennicott	Willow
Almond St	Sycamore	Willow
Laurel St	Oakland	James
Allyn St	Kennicott	Pecan
Springer St	Kennicott	Sycamore
Almond St	Willow	Rigdon
Baird St	Almond	Bridge
Michaels St	Sycamore	Rigdon
Hickory St	Carico	Michaels
Hickory St	Bridge	Carico
Davis St	Sycamore	Chestnut
Renfro St	Oak	Sycamore
Irvin St	Oak	Pecan
Almond St	Oak	Pecan
McDaniel St	Oakland	West End
High St	Springer	Oakland
Almond St	Main	Oak
Helen St	Sycamore	McDaniel
Sycamore St	University	Oakland
Laurel St	Oakland	Willow(W)
Kennicott St	Hunter Woods	East End
Hunter Woods Dr	Laurel	North End
Willow St	Laurel (E)	Billy Bryan
Billy Bryan St	Sycamore	North End
Gher St	East End	McKinley
Jefferson St	East End	West End
Woodland Dr	North St	South End
North St	McKinley	West End
McKinley St	Sycamore	North
Short St	McKinley	West End
Streigel Rd	New Era	West City Limits
Norwest Dr	Streigel	South End
Lake Rd	Hwy 13	West City Limits
Wood Rd	Hwy 13	Rolling Acres Dr
Humane Rd	Wood Rd	North End
Glenn Rd	New Era	West City Limits

Annual National Night Out Celebration

The City of Carbondale Police Department invites you to join them August 1, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Turley Park for the Annual National Night Out Celebration. National Night Out provides something for the whole family to enjoy. 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. Winners of the poster contest will be chosen from four different age groups, each receiving a \$50 savings bond, donated from local banks.

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, Boo Boo the Bear, and the Hamburglar are in the plans to make special appearances.

The National Night Out event focuses on public education and safety awareness. Local businesses will be on hand with information relating to home security, personal safety, and other crime prevention-related areas. 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.

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 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.

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, 2005.

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 fourteen (14) consecutive years.

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.

Free Home Fire Safety Inspections

In an ongoing effort to reduce the number of house fires in the City of Carbondale, the Fire Department has in place a home fire safety inspection program. This is a complimentary service; there is no charge for an inspection. The inspection is an advisory visit to help residents take measures to prevent home fires before they start.

Fire service personnel will look at both the interior and exterior of the home for safety problems. They will also give helpful fire prevention recommendations to residents. Some of the things they will look for are: proper house identification (visible street addresses), kitchen safety, smoke detector operation, home escape plans, and proper storage of flammables.

Some things to keep in mind:

- Make sure you have an outside street address that is easily seen from the road and is adequately lit at night. This makes

it faster for emergency personnel to locate your home in case of an emergency.

- You should know where the outside utilities are located (gas and electric) and how to shut off the gas in case of an earthquake or other emergency.

- If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, we ask that you keep it accessible by clearing shrubs or obstacles away from it. Remember, seconds count when a fire occurs and fire fighters do not have time to clear a path to the nearest fire hydrant.

- If you store flammable liquids in a shed or garage, please keep them in a proper container, locked away from children.

- Do a yearly cleaning of storage areas and get rid of unused papers, magazines, or anything that contributes to the fire load.

- If you have any electrical problems, call a licensed electrician and have your electric service checked.

- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis, not as permanent wiring. Do not overload the cords.

- Practice safe cooking techniques. Never leave food unattended when it is cooking. If there are children in the home, always turn the pot handles inward. This makes it less likely for a child to reach up and pull a hot pan down on him/herself.

- Check your smoke detectors. They can save your life and the lives of your family if there is a fire in your home. The detector is useless if the batteries are dead or missing.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department looks forward to visiting with residents of Carbondale to share fire safety and prevention information. If you would like a fire home safety inspection please contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department Administrative Office at 457-3234 to schedule a convenient time for a free inspection.

Attention Carbondale Refuse Customers

The City of Carbondale increased refuse rates beginning June 1, 2006. The rate for residential refuse collection will increase from \$6.75 monthly to \$7.25 monthly. The commercial container collection fee increased from \$18.00 to \$20.00 for the first dumpster collected, plus from \$14.00 to \$16.00 for each additional dumpster collected at the same time, times the number of collections per week. The City's refuse rates have not been increased since 1998. Due to the increasing costs of operations over the past 8 years, it is necessary to increase the rates to maintain operations.

For additional information, call Ernie Tessone, Finance Director at 457-3232.



Are you interested in serving on a City of Carbondale 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, and many more.

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

Carbondale City Calendar

July

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 18th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 5th & 19th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 10th	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	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 27th	Elementary School District #95 Lakeland Multi-Purpose Room, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm
Monday - 31st	Carbondale Park District Hickory Ridge Golf Cntr., 2727 W. Glenn Road	6:00 pm

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

August

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 15th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 2nd & 16th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 14th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 7th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 17th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 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	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 24th	Elementary School District #95 Lakeland Multi-Purpose Room, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm



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CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE

Preservation Commission Holds Annual Meeting

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission recently held its annual meeting on April 17, 2006 at the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center Complex. Among the issues addressed at the annual meeting were the election of officers, the approval of the FY 2007 Work Plan and the schedule of meetings for FY 2007. The Preservation Commission voted Evelyn Koine as Chairperson and Helen Deniston as Vice-Chairperson.

Annually, the Preservation Commission completes and implements a Work Plan that helps to guide and schedule the activities for the Commission throughout the course of the upcoming year. Included are several scheduled items such as Commission training and workshops throughout the year. In this year's Work Plan, the Commission identified several ongoing projects such as adding photos to the City's portable preservation display, oral history training, conducting oral histories, adding photos to the

City's photo archive project, and continuing the Historic Preservation Awards program.

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission would like to thank all of those in the community who helped make the first annual Historic Preservation Awards a success. Award recipients were: K.K. and Margaret Collins, 601 W. Oak; Jon Boyer and Brian Swoboda, 409 W. Monroe; Bethel A.M.E. Church, 316 E. Jackson; Gary and Susan Edgren, 411 S. Poplar; and D. Gorton, 702, 704, and 706 W. Cherry. Awards were presented at the May 2nd City Council meeting to recognize their accomplishments. In addition, a reception was hosted at the Old Train Depot on May 15th as a thank you to award recipients.

If you would like more information about the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission's upcoming activities, please contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3235.



Bethel A.M.E. Church located at 316 E. Jackson.



This house belongs to Jon Boyer and Brian Swoboda and is located at 409 W. Monroe.

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 spray water from a fire hose for children to run through at City parks 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 7th	Turley Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 14th	Attucks Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 21st	Tatum Heights	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 28th	Evergreen Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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. Fireworks 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 1800° 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/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 or contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department at 457-3234.

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 14, 2006, 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 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

2005 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.

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