



Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Brad Cole

Of all the places in Carbondale, whether of historic or sentimental value, and even considering some of the newer additions to the community like Friendship Plaza, my absolute favorite place in Carbondale is Woodlawn Cemetery.

When the first organized procession gathered at Woodlawn Cemetery exactly 140 years ago, on April 29, 1866, under the guidance of General John A. Logan, the prominent thought was that the graves of the war dead should be decorated and an appropriate memorial service should give recognition to those buried heroes. Since that first ceremony, the observance has grown and is now a national day of remembrance. It is a day on which we take time to honor and remember our fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen of all ages, races and genders. The ceremonies of the day give respect not just to those that were killed in action, but it is also a fitting tribute to the countless others who served their nation in military uniform and went on afterward to contribute to their community

and country by raising families, building businesses and being good citizens.

Woodlawn Cemetery, the site for our Memorial Day observance, was once on the far outskirts of the city, but because of growth and development it is near the heart of downtown today. It is tucked away neatly behind a decorative fence, yet it welcomes visitors every day of the year and it does so in such a subtle, dignified manner that stepping foot on the grounds almost seems to provide immediate sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of everything going on around us.

For me, this Memorial Day will mean much more than any of the others I have observed. I had not thought about it much until I began writing this piece and started to reflect on the importance of the day and place, but it is now quite heavy on my mind. While it will not be in Carbondale but rather in my hometown of Macon, Illinois, this year will mark the first time that I will pause to decorate the grave of one of this nation's many deceased veterans. It is the grave of a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict. It is the grave of a proud American, someone who loved his family and his country. It is a relatively new grave that was covered following impressive military honors barely more than three months ago. It is the grave of my dad, Neal Cole.

Even before this year the observance of Memorial Day was special to me. I hope that is true for you, too, and that whether you come to honor a specific person or to recognize the history of the site or to listen to local speakers, I encourage you to take part in this year's event. If you have other plans that day, please take a few minutes sometime soon to visit Woodlawn Cemetery and pause for your own reflections and remembrances; I think it will be worth your time.

Brad Cole, Mayor

Haven't You Heard...

City-Wide Community Clean-Up Program Begins in June

In recent weeks, City officials have made great strides in the planning and preparation for the summer Community Clean-Up Program slated to begin in June. Staff is in the process of interviewing and hiring workers, scheduling training, identifying properties and finalizing transportation details to targeted job sites. This program is designed not only to clean up the community this summer but to provide expanded employment opportunities for numerous youth in the Carbondale community.

Yolande M. Ajamu, who has been hired as Project Coordinator, has been focused on defining the program scope and working with various community organizations to integrate current programs and volunteers with this planned effort. Job opening announcements have been posted and the City is working with Carbondale Community High School and SIUC concerning "on campus" recruitment of student positions available, and with the Carbondale Park

District to facilitate orientation, First Aid and CPR training.

Work continues on identifying the properties to be cleaned, and executing agreements with the property owners. As properties in the community are identified, property owners will be required to sign agreements containing the scope of work to be performed and waivers of liability. Work crews will be assigned to the properties for the clean-up activity. An existing Public Works Maintenance crew will operate the dump trucks, end loader and refuse trucks needed to dispose of the collected materials.

Mayor Brad Cole proposed this program to clean-up residential neighborhoods in Carbondale in his November 8, 2005 State of the City Address. During the January 17, 2006 meeting, the City Council approved the Community Clean-Up Program. For more information about the Community Clean-Up Program contact Yolande Ajamu, the Program Coordinator at 457-3208.

Outstanding Youth Honored at May 2, 2006 City Council Meeting and Reception

Each year the City of Carbondale recognizes the community service contributions of its youth who have gone above and beyond expectations in areas that include representing a healthy lifestyle, having a strong commitment to serving others, and by serving as a role model by making a difference through their actions and leadership in our community.

Outstanding Youth and the Youth Volunteer of the Year winners were recently recognized at a ceremony held during the City Council Meeting on May 2, 2006, followed by a reception. Mayor Brad Cole presented the awards to the individuals in the presence of their families, nominators, elected officials and the media.

Middle school and high school students were nominated for the Outstanding Youth Award in recognition of their efforts in exceeding expectations as a role model, through community service and/or helping others. Youth Volunteer of the Year nominees selected were high school juniors or seniors,

who had at least a B+ grade point average, completed 50 volunteer hours of community service and participated in other community activities.

The 2006 Outstanding Youth Award Recipients selected were: Malik Baker, Berkeley Cholpak, Ross Edelman, Ryan Fowler, Chris Haberman, Latresa Lampkin, Zachary Poldoian, Kody Reese, Mara Varvil, Nick Whitson, Jovan Williamson and the members of Girl Scout Troup 192 which include Jasmin Gain, Courtney Flowers, Wynne Davis, Chanel Robinson, Tyra Oliver, Dara Weaver-Holmes, Breona Hawkins, Cheyenne Jones and Jessica Whitehead.

The 2006 Youth Volunteer of the Year recipient was Kashyap Tadisina. Honorable mention was awarded to Amber Crawshaw and Sholony Hughlett.

The City of Carbondale is proud of its youth and the outstanding efforts they make in contributing to the betterment of the community.



Sculptor Aldon Addington (far left) and Mayor Brad Cole (center) are joined by representatives of Carbondale Community Arts and Carbondale Main Street at the sculpture dedication and Earth Day Ceremony at Friendship Plaza on April 21, 2006.

Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center Chosen for State Pilot Project

The Eurma C Hayes Child Care Center is among a select group of early childhood programs statewide chosen to participate in Strengthening Families Illinois, a collaborative program designed to build a bridge between the early childhood and child welfare communities. The state's lead agency for the project is the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Illinois is one of only seven states chosen to participate in this national program which follows a two-year study which showed that early childhood programs can be excellent vehicles for supporting and teaching families about parenting skills and child development on a daily basis, linking them to needed services and social networks, and, responding quickly to early warning signs of family stress - all key ingredients to preventing harm to children.

According to Bryan Samuels, Director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, "We are particularly excited about the Strengthening Families initiative and to focus our child abuse prevention efforts in existing child care settings. We believe that the children in our protection can greatly benefit from efforts to innovate and improve child care settings."

As project participants, Eurma C Hayes Child Care center staff will receive specialized training and program resources. In addition, Jill Johnson, the Center's Director, will participate in monthly learning network meetings designed to enhance professional practice to better serve children and families. The SIUC Child Development Laboratories was also chosen to participate in this exciting initiative.

4th Annual Carbondale "Bike 2 Work Day" May 12, 2006

Since 1956, the League of American Bicyclists has recognized the month of May as National Bike-to-Work Month, a national campaign to promote bicycling as a healthy and efficient transportation alternative.

In addition, many communities will sponsor a Bike-to-Work Day giving metropolitan areas the opportunity to call attention to the benefits of bicycling and to increase safety awareness among bicyclists and motorists.

In Carbondale, Illinois, the 4th annual "Bike 2 Work" Day event will be held on May 12, 2006, with a gathering of bicyclists at the Town Square Pavilion for lunch and

trophy presentations by Mayor Brad Cole.

Trophies will be awarded to participants who travel the longest distance, and for the organization that has the most people ride to work that day. Last year, employees at American Resource Group swept the awards. This year prizes donated by local merchants, including the local bicycle shops, will be given to lucky participants. Also for the fourth year, WDBX's "Mellow Man" Darby McGrann will play guitar, as riders gather and chat over lunch.

Other communities in the region are also encouraged to participate in local bike to work events.

Fuller Home Entered in National Register of Historic Places



R. Buckminster and Anne Hewlitt Fuller Dome Home located at 407 S. Forest Avenue in Carbondale.

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission is proud to announce that the R. Buckminster and Anne Hewlitt Fuller Dome Home located at 407 S. Forest Avenue has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places and has been officially recognized for its architectural significance in the United States.

The R. Buckminster and Anne Hewlitt Fuller Dome Home was designated a Landmark District by the City of Carbondale in 2003 and locally serves as a reminder of the world-renowned R. Buckminster Fuller and his work in Carbondale. Fuller, who was an

SIUC professor from 1959 until 1970, was the originator of the geodesic dome, which includes his former home. Fuller's dome inspired the more than 300,000 geodesic domes that stand today, including the Epcot Discovery Center at Disney World.

The additional designation on the National Register of Historic Places will shine a spotlight on one of Carbondale's most recognizable landmarks. The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation

Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources. The National Register is administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Locally, efforts are underway to restore the dome to its original condition. The dome home as photographed is covered with a protective tarp to preserve it from the elements during the restoration process. For more information, visit www.buckysdome.org.

Rural Development Offers Housing Assistance

Several forms of assistance are available to persons to purchase and repair a home in Carbondale. Some of the programs have been described in past issues of the Carbondale Communique. Recent additions to the programs available to assist persons with purchasing or repairing a home in Carbondale are programs offered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Office.

Rural Development offers two programs to assist persons to purchase a home. The Direct Loan program gives families with very low and low incomes the opportunity to buy an existing home or build a new home. The maximum purchase price of \$142,500 can be financed at 100% of the appraised value with no down payment for a 33-year fixed interest rate loan. The current interest rate of 5.75% may be subsidized for qualifying applicants, thereby making loan payments even more

affordable. Applicants must not exceed a maximum income limit. For example, for a family of four in Carbondale the household income cannot exceed \$39,500. Applications for the Direct Loan program are made to the local Rural Development office.

Rural Development's Guaranteed Loan Program partners with local lenders to help them extend 100 percent financing to higher income households. A family of four in Carbondale must have an income of \$66,700 or less to qualify for a guaranteed loan. There is no maximum purchase price and there is no down payment required and no monthly mortgage insurance payment is needed. The loan is for a 30 year term with a fixed interest rate. Home buyers apply to the lender of their choice.

Rural Development also offers a Section 504 Home Repair Loan/Grant program. This program assists homeowners to

make improvements to their property and to remove health and safety hazards. Eligible repairs include, but are not limited to roof, siding, windows, plumbing and furnace. Applicants must be Very Low Income and own their own homes. In order to qualify for a grant, the owner must be at least 62 years old and have no ability to repay a loan. A grant can be made for up to \$7,500. Section 504 loans are made at one percent interest rate with a maximum loan amount of \$20,000 and a maximum of 20 years to repay the loan.

All applicants must have an adequate and dependable income, be United States citizens or permanent legal residents and have acceptable credit history and repayment ability for the loan requested.

More information about these programs is available from Rural Development at (618) 993-5396, extension 4 or by calling (618) 763-5681.

Ordenanza que regula el 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 subsequentemente sea necesario fijar avisos en lo que reste de la temporada.

Si el césped alto y las yerbas no se han podado a los siete días después de haberse fijado un aviso, un contratista de jardinería de la Ciudad podará el césped de la propiedad y la Ciudad le enviará la cuenta al propietario.

Spring Clean-Up Continues During May

The City of Carbondale began a residential Spring Clean-up on April 28, 2006. The clean-up is addressing collection of household items and general rubbish generated from the residence being served. The program serves single family dwellings up to 4 units inclusive. Items will be collected from curbside only.

Only Household Rubbish will be collected. Household lumber must be five feet or less. The following items cannot be collected: contractor's remodeling or construction debris, tires, yard waste and white goods.

Collections are scheduled on Fridays by zones, and subsequent Saturdays as volume requires. As the spring clean-up continues, residences in the following designated zones are scheduled for collection in the upcoming weeks:

**Wednesday's City Refuse Route (ZONE#3)
Friday & Saturday, May 12 & 13, and May 19 & 20**

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's City Refuse Route (ZONE #4)
Friday, May 26**

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.

Place trash at curbside NO EARLIER THAN FIVE (5) DAYS prior to your zone's collection day and NO LATER THAN 8:00 a.m. on Collection day. Do not inhibit or obstruct drainage or block sidewalks. Placing and allowing items to remain at curbside outside these times may subject you to a citation.

If you have any questions, please contact the office of the Maintenance and Environmental Services Manager at 457-3275.

Carbondale Memorial Day Service May 29, 2006

The annual Carbondale Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 29, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in historic Woodlawn Cemetery on East Main Street in Carbondale. The keynote speaker will be Staff Sergeant Jeffrey Rose of the Illinois Army National Guard. Sgt. Rose is a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, having just completed a one-year tour of duty in Baghdad.

Mayor Brad Cole will serve as Master of Ceremonies. The vocalist will be CCHS student

Katie Damron. Other participants in the Memorial Day Service will include Commander David Conrad and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Teeter-Carter-Watson Post 2605, Company C of the 31st Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the Daniel H. Brush Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 514 and Carbondale Boy Scouts.

The Memorial Day Service is conducted regardless of the weather. Seating is provided.

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Firefighter Exam July 10, 2006

Written Examinations and Physical Fitness Assessments for the position of Entry-level Firefighter will be given in the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois, Carbondale, Illinois at 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 10, 2006. The written exam will begin at 8:00 a.m., and the physical fitness assessment will be at 2:00 p.m. If you receive a passing grade on the written exam, you will be eligible to take the physical fitness assessment. To be eligible to take the written exam, an application must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 23, 2006. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office at 200 S. Illinois Avenue, or you may call 618/457-3281 or email jgarrett@carbondale.il.us to have an application mailed to you. You may also download the application and pre-employment agreement from the City of Carbondale's website www.ci.carbondale.il.us.

Attention Carbondale Refuse Customers

The City of Carbondale will increase 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 will increase

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.

Haven't You Heard...

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 in your home.
- 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.

Police Recognition Banquet May 22, 2006

A City of Carbondale Police Recognition Banquet has been scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center. This event is being held to say thank you to Police Officers of the City of Carbondale Police Department and Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Department of Public Safety.

The recognition banquet is being planned by the Police Recognition Action Group, one of four working groups to evolve from last fall's conversations on Community and Police Working Together. Members of the Police

Recognition Action Group are Ann Knewitz, Bill Mehrrens, Carolin Harvey, John Holmes, Jeff Doherty, Corene McDaniel, and Harold Tucker.

The keynote speaker for the evening will be Dan Lovin, the Senior Associate Chaplain for the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police. Chaplain Lovin has extensive experience in Critical Incident Management, including assisting the New York City Police Department immediately after the 9/11 attack, and recent experience in Louisiana and Mississippi ministering to emergency service personnel

after the hurricane disasters of last summer.

Tickets are available for the event at \$15 per person (children under 5 are free) and are available by mailing a check to The City of Carbondale, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale IL 62902-2047. Mark the envelope Attn: Faith Johnson.

For more information contact Lana Bardo at 549-5302 ext. 386 or email studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us. Carbondale Conversations for Community Action is a Study Circles program of the Carbondale Human Relations Commission.

Be Prepared in the Event of Severe Weather

We cannot prevent severe weather, nor can we predict where or when it will strike, but there are some precautions that we can take to minimize danger to people and property.

As severe weather season approaches, we need to be informed and prepared. It is important to know the difference between a watch and a warning when it is issued for your county and the steps that you should take for safety precaution.

WATCH

A **watch** means that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop. This is the time you should consider where you will take shelter if severe weather should occur.

During a watch you should also pay close attention to weather broadcasts for a change in weather conditions.

WARNING

A **warning** means severe weather is occurring and you should take shelter immediately. Take a battery powered radio and flashlight with you.

With a little planning you can prevent unnecessary panic and confusion if severe weather were to strike:

- Learn the sounds of the outdoor warning sirens and take shelter immediately if they are activated.
- Have a NOAA Weather Alert Radio that will alert you to severe weather.
- Make a severe weather plan. Conduct drills in the home, at work, and in school.
- Make a severe weather kit and place in a water tight container. Your kit should include a battery operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries, first aid kit, emergency tools, special

items for the elderly or infants, and extra eye glasses.

- Make an inventory of your possessions for insurance purposes and keep the list or video tape in a safe place away from your home.

Flying debris and lightning are the greatest hazards during severe storms. When seeking shelter, always keep away from windows and go to a basement or interior room. Crouch next to the wall covering your head. If you are caught outdoors, try to get inside. If there is no place to take shelter, lie down in a ditch or squat down as low as you can and don't get under a tree. Lightning seeks out the tallest objects, so don't be that object and don't get near one.

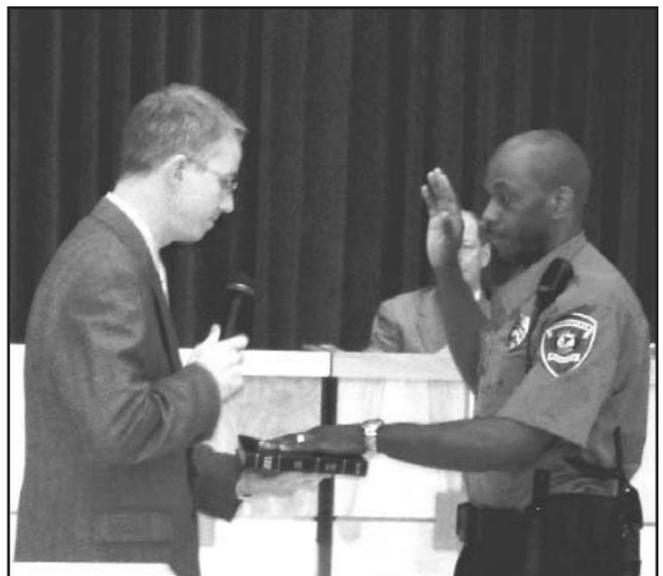
This is a message from the City of Carbondale Emergency Management Services. For more information contact 457-3245.

Preservation Awards Reception May 15, 2006

May is National Preservation Month sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In conjunction with National Preservation Month, the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission's Historic Preservation Awards were presented at the May 2, 2006 City Council meeting. A reception to recognize those receiving awards will be held on May the 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the historic Illinois Central Railroad Passenger Depot located at 111 S. Illinois Ave.

The reception will take place immediately following the Preservation Commission's regularly scheduled meeting set to begin at 7:00 p.m. The Preservation Commission is honored to recognize the efforts of those dedicated to preserving the history of the City of Carbondale. The public is invited to attend.

For more information on the Carbondale Preservation Commission, please contact the City of Carbondale Planning Services Division at 457-3248.



Mayor Brad Cole swears in new Police Officer Ean Chappell at the April 18, 2006 City Council Meeting.



Mayor Brad Cole swears in new Police Officer Ryan Aloffo at the April 4, 2006 City Council Meeting with the assistance of Kaitlyn Mathis.

Poplar Camp Beach at Cedar Lake Opens May 26, 2006

HOURS

Monday thru Friday 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday/Sunday/ Holidays 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Red Cross certified lifeguards are on duty during beach open hours.

Admission: \$2.00 per person (Children age four (4) and under 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 2006 beach season and can be used by anyone at anytime.

For information about beach closings, call 549-8441 or 549-5302.

For the safety of all visitors alcoholic beverages, glass containers and fires are prohibited at the beach.

Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center

"An Educational & Nurturing Environment"

If you live or work in Carbondale... Consider the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center when you are looking for quality child care.

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Head Start Collaboration Site • State Licensed/Municipally Owned & Operated
Open Year Round - 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m weekdays.

Serving infants six weeks to children 12 years of age. For more information or to enroll a child call 457-3302 or visit 441 East Willow Street, Carbondale, Illinois.

Carbondale City Calendar

May

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 2nd & 16th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 3rd & 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 11th	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 - 8th	Information & Telecommunications Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 15th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

Wednesday - 10th	Library Board, 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 18th	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 25th	Elementary School District #95 Carbondale Middle School	7:00 pm

THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Monday, May 29, 2006, for the Memorial Day holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

June

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 6th & 20th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 7th & 21st	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 12th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

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

Monday - 5th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 1st	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 19th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

Monday - 5th	Elementary School District #95 Special Meeting 925 S Giant City Road Administration Center	6:00 pm
Wednesday - 14th	Library Board, 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 22nd	Elementary School District #95 925 S. Giant City Road Administrative Center	7:00 pm

Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Approved

By Jeffrey W. Doherty, City Manager

The Fiscal Year 2007 City of Carbondale Budget has been approved for the period from May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. The Budget incorporates the City Council's philosophy of providing quality services to the Citizens of Carbondale with fiscal responsibility for FY 2007 and beyond.

The FY 2007 Budget for all funds totals \$41,297,081 compared to the FY 2006 Budget of \$38,921,876, an increase of \$2,375,205 (6.1%). The increase in budgeted expenditures is related primarily to the Street Improvement Program and the Community Clean-up Program.

The total revenues and other financing sources for the FY 2007 Budget are \$42,113,242 compared to the FY 2006 budgeted revenues of \$36,559,079, an increase of \$5,554,163 (15.2%). The increase in the budgeted revenues and other financing sources is related to receipt of bond proceeds for the Street Improvement Program and an increase in the Sales and Service Tax revenues.

The projected revenues for FY 2007 are \$816,161 over the proposed FY 2007 expenditures. The bond proceeds for the Street Improvement Program contribute to the excess of total revenues and

other financing sources over total expenditures and other financing uses.

The FY 2007 General Fund Budget, which funds the basic City services including Police, Fire, Development Services, General Government, Community Services and portions of Public Works, totals \$19,887,121 compared to the FY 2006 General Fund Budget of \$18,942,319, an increase of \$944,802 (5.0%).

The FY 2007 Budget includes Revenues and Other Financing Sources in the General Fund of \$19,643,714, an increase of \$723,505 (3.8%) from the FY 2006 Budget Revenues and Other Financing Sources of \$18,920,209. The increase in revenues in FY 2007 is related primarily to the projected increase in Sales and Service Tax revenues and Intergovernmental revenues.

The FY 2007 General Fund expenditures are \$243,407 more than the projected revenues. The deficit in the General Fund Budget is attributed to the special Community Clean-up Program that is a one-time expenditure in FY 2007 of \$256,737.

The General Fund includes a decrease of \$243,407 to its Ending Fund Balance for FY 2007. The projected FY 2007 Ending Fund Balance is \$6,918,658. The amount of the FY 2007 Ending Fund Balance that is designated or

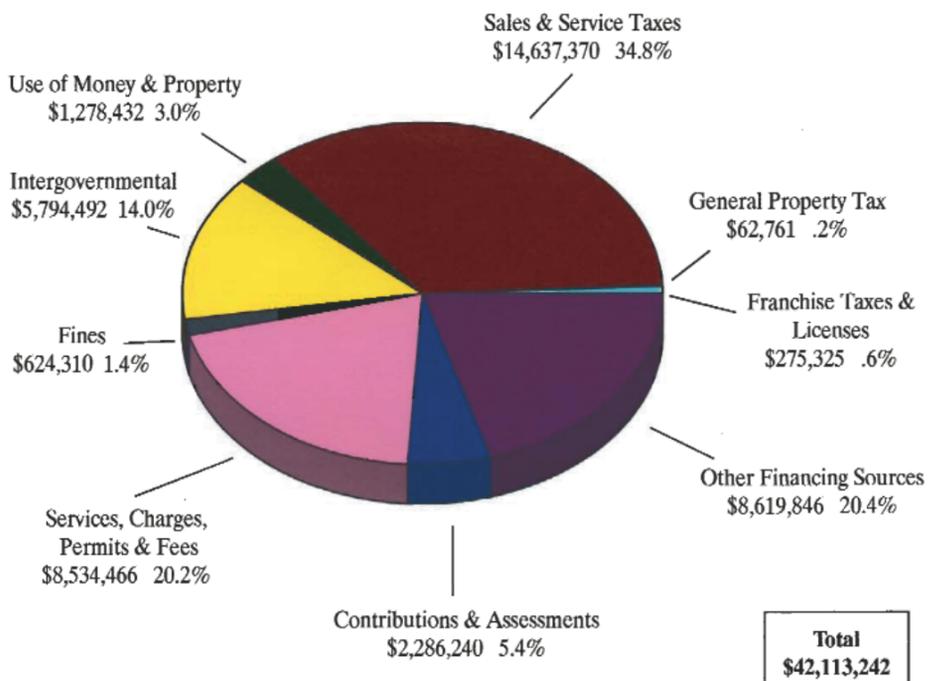
reserved is \$1,403,268. The undesignated FY 2007 Ending Fund Balance is projected to be \$5,515,390. Based on established financial policies of the City for the General Fund, the minimum fund balance is \$4,676,600 which results in a Fund Balance favorable variance of \$838,790 at the end of FY 2007.

In the Solid Waste Management Fund, a 50 cent increase in the monthly refuse rate will become effective in June 2006. The rate increase will raise monthly refuse rates from \$6.75 to \$7.25 (7.4%). The last refuse rate increase was in FY 1998.

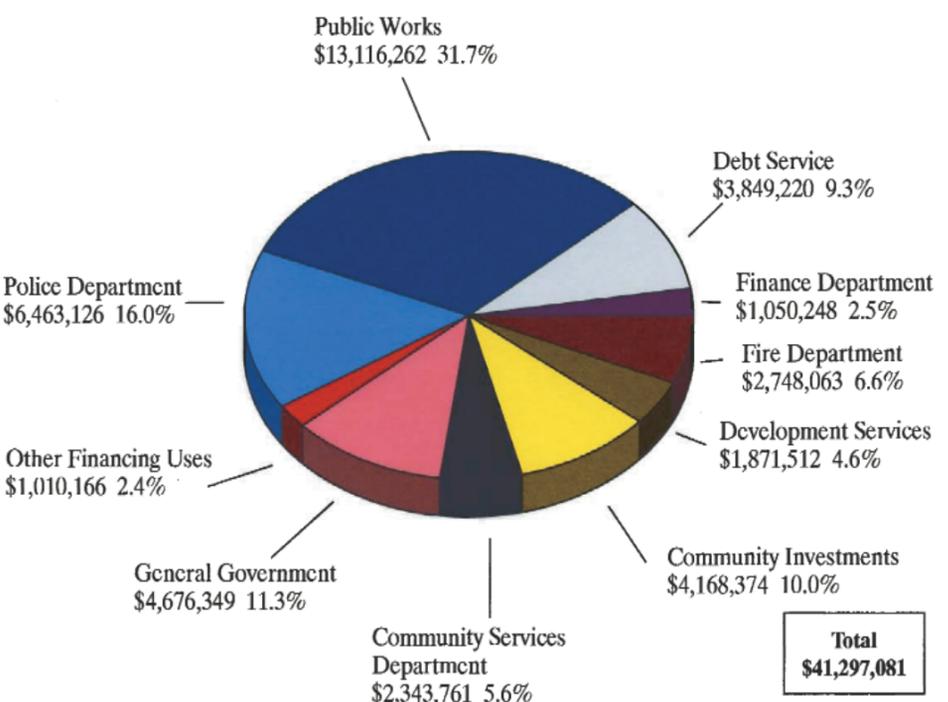
The FY 2007 Budget includes an across the board salary increase of 3.0 percent for non-union employees. Non-union employees will be eligible for merit pay increases of one and two percent.

The Teamsters Union (Street Maintenance, Solid Waste and Cemetery workers), the International Association of Firefighters (Firefighters) and the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union (Water and Sewer workers) have three-year contracts that expire at the end of FY 2007. The contracts provide for 3.0 percent wage increases in FY 2007. The Fraternal Order of Police (Patrol Officers) has not executed successor agreements to the agreement that expired at the end of FY 2004.

Total FY 2007 Budgeted Revenues and Other Financing Sources



Total FY 2007 Budgeted Expenditures and Other Financing Uses



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