



# Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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## Haven't You Heard...

### City Received State Grant for Downtown Wireless Network

On October 10, 2006 Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn officially announced a grant to Carbondale Main Street in the amount of \$17,875 grant for development of a Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi) Network that will serve a 30-block area of the City's downtown.

The announcement was made at the Town Square Pavillion in downtown Carbondale with Mayor Brad Cole and several members of the City Council, Carbondale Main Street President Craig Reeves and Main Street Executive Director Roxanne Conley in attendance.

The purpose of the Downtown Carbondale Wi-Fi Network is to improve the desirability of downtown Carbondale as a destination for business, dining, entertainment, meetings and other functions by providing wireless Internet access. This service, provided through a partnership with the City of Carbondale and other public and private participants, will allow the users of laptop computers and other Internet-ready devices to browse the Web, use e-mail and take advantage of other wireless network applications.

Downtown Carbondale is home to a number of businesses that will benefit from a free, limited-use wireless Internet service. These businesses range from cafes and restaurants to health care providers and specialty retailers. Having the attraction of a wireless Internet service available to the customers and clients of these businesses will significantly contribute to the economic development objectives of Carbondale Main Street and the City of Carbondale.

The Carbondale Wi-Fi initiative will be developed in two main phases. The first phase will be the Downtown Carbondale Wi-Fi Network, which will cover the Carbondale Main Street District. Based on the success of this preliminary phase, the system will be expanded to create Wi-Fi "Hotspots" centered at public facilities throughout the community.

The Wi-Fi Network will be extended to increase geographic coverage in future years. Users expected to be served by this expansion include schools, visitors to public parks and recreational areas, and residents. It is anticipated that the Network will be operational within the next 60 days.



Lt. Governor Pat Quinn at the Town Square Pavillion to announcing the award of a \$17,875 grant to bring wireless Internet access to a 30-block area of downtown Carbondale.

### City Received Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The City of Carbondale has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its current Fiscal Year 2007 Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

This is the 20th consecutive year Carbondale's budget has been recognized by GFOA. Only three cities in Illinois, Rockford (22), Rolling Meadows (22), and Lincolnshire (21), have received more budget awards than Carbondale. In 2005, only 50 municipalities and 20 other units of government in Illinois, including counties, school districts, park districts and special districts, received the GFOA budget award. Nationwide, 647 municipalities and 363 other units of government received the GFOA budget award 2005.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award reflects the commitment by the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget

award, the City of Carbondale had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the budget serves as a Policy Document, a Financial Plan, an Operations Guide, and a Communications Device. The budget must be rated proficient in all four categories to receive the award.

City Manager Jeff Doherty commented, "We are very proud of our budgeting process and the final document that is produced. Our entire organization is involved with formulating the budget, from all levels of staff to the City Council. It is rewarding to have our budget recognized as one of the best."

GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving 14,000 government finance professionals throughout North America.

The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

### From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

In many of my recent speeches and casual talks with various groups, I have used the analogy of city government and a community needing to be more similar to a football team. With the success of the Football Salukis under the tremendous leadership of my friend, Coach Jerry Kill, it is easy to use this reference and hopefully as easy for people to understand my message.

With just the basic knowledge of a football game, the analogy is described by the fact that there are many different people with many different roles that are critical to a winning team. There are the fans in the stands, there are the back-up and extra team members on the sidelines, there are all of the support staff and equipment managers, there are the coaches and administrators, and then there are the actual team members on the field of play. Everyone on each respective team is lined-up facing the same direction and

everyone is focused on protecting the person with the ball, in order for that person to advance the ball toward scoring. Once the team scores, everyone celebrates – whether they are on the field, along the sidelines or in the stands. There are even folks at home listening or watching somehow that share in the excitement of winning.

In government sometimes, and unfortunately more and more in politics everyday, the field of play becomes less organized toward one common goal and scattered with personal objectives looking and going in different directions. This not only causes confusion, but it also creates an environment whereby the attention is lost on the goal of scoring and winning. The goal for a community is not so much winning as it is growing, serving the needs of the people, and providing for the public health, safety and welfare. However, the result of confusion is the same, instead of achieving its goals the team gets distracted and is unable to focus on results.

As we end one political election season at the state level and approach an upcoming election for city government offices (including mayor and city council), I hope that all the players on the team, and all the coaches, fans, supporters and others, can stay pointed in the same direction and stay dedicated toward the goal: making Carbondale the best community possible. With that cooperation and teamwork, we will be able to move through the election process with the same agility and style of the Football Salukis... where the team succeeds, where everyone feels part of the win and where the community benefits and is proud.

Brad Cole, Mayor

### Local Officials Join Amtrak on "Saluki" Train Preview Run

On October 17, 2006, the City of Carbondale, together with Amtrak, the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, the Carbondale Convention & Tourism Bureau and Southern Illinois University, hosted a VIP Preview event to kick-off the addition of the train called the "Saluki" to the local Amtrak service beginning October 30, 2006. This preview event was the first of three separate events that were planned by Amtrak in recognition of the additional train service added to improve transportation options throughout Illinois.

The "Saluki" VIP Preview event included a 30 minute kick-off at the Carbondale Amtrak station. Speakers included Mayor Brad Cole, Congressman Jerry Costello, SIU President Dr. Glenn Poshard, Carbondale Chamber of Commerce President Mary Mechler, Amtrak President and CEO Alexander K. Kummant, and IDOT Assistant Secretary David Phelps. Special attractions at the event included the SIU Marching Salukis, the Saluki Shakers and the SIU mascot. Local officials and business leaders joined Amtrak officials on the first run of the "Saluki" train. The "Saluki" included

two special cars, the domed car and the back porch car for riders invited to travel along the route to Union Station in Chicago.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, which is the partnering agency with Amtrak, chose the "Saluki" as the name of the new train. Although great pride is taken in the name recognition of the new train, the "Saluki" represents more than pride to the community, the train provides community business members, residents and students with improved travel options across the state.

The additions of new trains in Illinois are the result of the Illinois General Assembly approving a substantial increase in funding this year for Amtrak rail service in Illinois. State-supported service on the Carbondale-Chicago route is operated by Amtrak under a contract with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). IDOT's contract with Amtrak more than doubled to \$24 million through this approved measure.

Tickets are on sale now for the "Saluki" for routes slated to begin October 30, 2006. Tickets can be purchased at Amtrak.com or 800-USA-RAIL, or at a staffed Amtrak station.



Amtrak President Alex Kummant, Congressman Jerry Costello and Mayor Brad Cole (left to right) boarded the inaugural trip of Amtrak's new Saluki route originating in Carbondale after an exciting kick-off event on October 17, 2006.

Join  
**Mayor Brad Cole**  
*as he delivers the*  
**STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**



**Tuesday,  
 November 14  
 Carbondale  
 Civic Center**

**Doors Open at 11am • Lunch at 11:15am  
 Speech at 12:00pm**

**\$15 • RSVP by November 8  
 618-549-2146**

**Carbondale Received Top Honor  
 as Arts Friendly Community**

In late September, the Illinois Municipal League and the Illinois Arts Alliance named 14 communities as recipients of the 2006 Illinois Arts Friendly Community Awards. Carbondale received the President's Choice Award, which honors a community that highlights and promotes municipal support of the arts and municipal leaders who have encouraged innovative approaches to using the arts to help build and promote a variety of artistic and cultural endeavors throughout the community. The award showcases programs and projects that may be viewed as models or best practices for other communities.

The City of Carbondale was honored for support of the arts throughout the City through art displays and exhibits, and special events that include the Southern Illinois Music Festival and Art Fair, the Southern Illinois Irish Festival of Music and Dance, the Main Street Pig Out and the Lights Fantastic

Parade. The City was also recognized for partnerships with community organizations that support cultural endeavors. These organizations include the African American Museum, the McLeod Summer Playhouse, the All Southern High School Music Theatre Project, and Carbondale Community Arts, which contribute to the overall quality of events and activities that are showcased in the City and to the overall quality of life for residents of the community.

Mayor Brad Cole accepted the award for Carbondale at the Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference in Chicago on September 30, 2006.

The Illinois Municipal League is a statewide association of municipalities, founded in 1914, which serves as the formal voice for municipalities in matters of common interest and on issues facing the General Assembly and Congress, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies.



Mayor Cole meets with representatives of Tainai City, Japan during their recent Sister City visit to Carbondale City Hall.

**Nominating Petitions Due  
 in December for Spring Mayor  
 and City Council Election**

In April 2007, the City of Carbondale will hold an election to select a Mayor and three City Council Members for four-year terms. Information and petition forms are now available in the City Clerk's Office. Signed nominating petitions must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office during the statutory filing period of 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 11, 2006 through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2006.

The spring election is for the seats presently held by Mayor Brad Cole and City Council Members Sheila Simon, Steven Haynes and Lance Jack. The City Council seats of Corene McDaniel, Chris

Wissmann and Joel Fritzier expire in 2009.

If three or more candidates file for the position of Mayor and/or seven or more candidates file for the three City Council positions, a primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. The General Election will be held on April 17, 2007.

The City Clerk's Office is located in Room 165 of City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Phone inquiries may be addressed to City Clerk Janet Vaught at 457-3280 or e-mail inquiries may be sent to jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us.



The Youth Information Officer section of the German Bundeswehr (national military) visited Carbondale during a study mission to the U.S.A. Each Officer was given a City of Carbondale cap to commemorate their visit.

**Carbondale Police Department Survey**

The Carbondale Police Department continuously strives to improve services to the community. By taking a few minutes to complete this survey, you will help the department to meet the goal of providing the highest quality police service possible. The results will be tabulated to help in the establishment of training and service goals.

**What was the nature of your most recent contact with the Carbondale Police?**

- I called to report an accident
- I was contacted about a problem/disturbance
- I requested information
- I was issued a traffic citation
- I was a witness to a crime or incident
- I was the victim of a crime
- I was involved in a traffic accident
- Other

**Based on your most recent contact, please rate the performance of the officer or staff member.**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Courtesy	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Knowledge	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Professionalism	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Attitude	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Response Time	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fairness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**What is your perception of crime community wide in Carbondale?**

- Major Problem
- Somewhat of a problem
- Minor problem
- No problem

**The following apply specifically to your neighborhood:** Always Usually Never

- Do you feel safe in your home? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you comfortable walking in the day time? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you comfortable walking at night? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please identify three main problems/concerns in your neighborhood:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**How can we improve the quality of our service in the future?**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**In which portion of the city do you live? (Use Main Street & the railroad tracks as the divider. South is South Illinois, south of Pleasant Hill Road)**

- Northeast
- Southeast
- Northwest
- Southwest
- South
- Non-resident

**How long have you lived in Carbondale?**

- Less than One year
- 1-5 years
- 5-10 years
- More than 10 years

**What is your age?**

- 18-25
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-65
- Over 65

**I am**  Male  Female

**My race is:**

- Asian
- African-American
- Hispanic
- Native American
- White
- Other

**I am a student**  Yes  No **If yes, at which institution** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you every been a victim of a crime in Carbondale?**  Yes  No

Thank you for your time to complete this survey. Please mail the survey to: City of Carbondale Police Department, Attn: Sgt. Don Priddy, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, Illinois 62902, or you may drop the form off at the Carbondale Police Department at 610 East College Street.

## Haven't You Heard...

### Applications Available for Historic Preservation Awards

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission is honored to once again be sponsoring the Annual Historic Preservation Awards. Any structure located within the City of Carbondale's city limits is eligible for a Historic Preservation Award. Carbondale residents are invited to submit nominations for any property that they feel is deserving of an award.

Properties can be nominated in one of four categories;

- Preservation: This includes buildings that have been kept in their original architectural style and are being used for their original purpose.
- Restoration: Properties that have been restored to their original style or appearance.
- Sympathetic Addition: Construction of an addition to an existing structure that is consistent with the original architectural style of the structure.
- Compatible New Construction: Any new structure that is consistent with the original

architectural style of the neighborhood or that utilizes historic building materials and techniques.

The only stipulation is that all nominations will require the owner's permission. We also encourage property owners to nominate their own property. The deadline for nominations will be March 9, 2006. The award winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting in May, in association with National Preservation Month. The response to last year's award program was overwhelming and we look forward to another successful year. Nomination forms can be picked up in the Planning Services Division at City Hall or can be found online at [ci.carbondale.il.us/Historical/index.html](http://ci.carbondale.il.us/Historical/index.html).

For further information on the Historic Preservation Awards, or any other activities of the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission, please feel free to contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3248.



Mayor Brad Cole, Bob Westburg and Carbondale Community High School students stand before a tree they planted in front of the school as a memorial in honor of the late Helen Westberg, the City's first female Mayor.

### Study Circles To Lead Discussions on Diversity Issues

The next round of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, the study circles program sponsored by the Carbondale Human Relations Commission will kick-off in January. The topic to be addressed during these discussions will be "Facing Racism in a Diverse Nation". This is a community-wide program that includes people from all walks of life taking part in meaningful dialogue and constructive actions.

For decades Carbondale has been the most diverse community in Southern Illinois, and that diversity has contributed to Carbondale's place as a cultural capital. Residents of Carbondale are in an ideal position to explore the many facets of these issues because the City can bring a diverse group of people to the discussion.

All who call Carbondale home are invited to participate in the upcoming discussions led by trained facilitators and held at various sites throughout the City. Ideas and recommendations will be developed from each of the study circles and action groups will be formed to focus on future actions and recommendations.

Information and recommendations compiled by the action groups will be included in an advisory report to the Human Relations Commission.

Registration will begin in January. If you would like to sign up to participate in these discussions or are interested in additional information contact the Study Circles office at 549-5302 x 386 or email [studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us).

### Notice of Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Firefighter Exam

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, January 8, 2007. 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, December 22, 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](mailto: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 [ci.carbondale.il.us](http://ci.carbondale.il.us).

### McCoy Appointed Administrative Services Director

Deborah Walton McCoy has been appointed Administrative Services Director for the City of Carbondale by City Manager Jeff Doherty. In this capacity, Ms. McCoy will administer the City's Human Resources Program. The appointment became effective on September 25, 2006.

Deborah Walton McCoy has worked for the City of Carbondale since 1999 when she began as the Community Relations Officer. She was promoted to Community Relations Manager in 2003. Prior to her service with the City, Ms. McCoy worked for Southern Illinois University Carbondale as an Administrator in the Illinois Minority Graduate Incentive Program and the Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity

Program from 1995 to 1999. She served as Assistant Director for Student Development at SIUC from 1989 to 1995.

Ms. McCoy earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Speech Communication and a Master of Public Affairs degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Southeast Missouri State University.

"Deborah's education, experience and strong management skills will assist her in her new duties. This is a very important position in the City's organization and I am confident that Deborah will be successful and serve the City and its citizens well," said City Manager Jeff Doherty.

### Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Nominated for Award

The Carbondale Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (NWWWTP) has been nominated for an award for "Best Operated Wastewater Treatment Works" to be presented by the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators during their annual conference to be held April 16-19, 2007. The award is presented in each of five categories with the categories being separated according to facility size and treatment process type. The NWWWTP has been nominated in Group 1 and was nominated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Division of Water Pollution Control, Field Operations Section.

The purpose of the annual awards is to emphasize the relationship between adequate wastewater

treatment and clean receiving waters and to give public recognition and encouragement to communities, their officials and the operating personnel who have operated their wastewater facilities in an especially effective manner.

The nominees for the Group 1 "Best Operated Wastewater Treatment Works" are City of Alton, City of Jacksonville, Clinton Sanitary District, Lake in the Hills Sanitary District, City of Carbondale NWWWTP, and Rock River Water Reclamation District. Inspection teams from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will select the winner. The Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant is under the direction of Public Works Director Ed Reeder and Plant Superintendent Danny Piquard.

### General Election November 7, 2006

There will be a General Election throughout the State of Illinois on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Offices listed on the Jackson County ballot include: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, Representative in Congress - 12th Congressional District, State Senator - 58th District, Representative of General Assembly - 115th District, Jackson County Clerk and Recorder, Jackson County Treasurer, Jackson County Sheriff, Regional Superintendent of Schools - Jackson and Perry Counties, Members of the County Board, Precinct Committeeman, Judge of the Appellate Court - 5th Judicial District (Vacancy of Hon. Gordon E. Magg), Judge of the Circuit Court - 1st Judicial District (Vacancy of Hon. Paul S. Murphy), and Judicial candidates - Retention in Office. There

are no propositions on the November ballot.

Persons who wish to register to vote but who do not want to take part in grace period voting must wait until November 9th to register.

The Jackson County Clerk's Office will conduct early voting through November 2nd and absentee voting through Monday, November 6th. Persons needing information on early voting or absentee voting should contact the County Clerks' Office at 687-7366.

On election day polling locations will be open from 6:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. Polling places are listed by precinct number in this Communiqué.

If you do not know your precinct number, call the City of Carbondale at 549-5302 or the Jackson County Clerk's Office at 687-7366.

### Carbondale Polling Places

Precinct	Polling Place
1	Carbondale Community High School, 1301 E. Walnut
2	Carbondale Middle School, 1150 E. Grand Avenue
3	High Rise, 300 S. Marion Street
4	Housing Community Center, 207 N. Marion Street
5	Eurma C. Hayes Center, 441 E. Willow
6	Senior Adult Services, 409 N. Springer
8	Church of Christ, 1805 W. Sycamore
9	Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois
11	Carbondale Towers, 810 W. Mill Street
12	Church of the Good Shepherd, 515 Orchard Drive
13 & 14	Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 Chautauqua Road
15	Parrish School, 121 N. Parrish Lane
16	Grace United Methodist Church, 220 N. Tower Road
17	Dunn-Richmond Econ. Dev.Center, 150 E. Pleasant Hill Rd.
18	Carbondale Community High School, 1301 East Walnut St.
19 & 20	Lakeland Baptist Church, 719 S. Giant City Road
21	University Hall, 1101 S. Wall Street
22 & 23	Grinnell Hall, SIU Campus
24	Evergreen Terrace, Activity Room, 150 Evergreen Terrace
25	Lentz Hall, Thompson Point, SIU Campus
26	Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois
27	Southern Illinois Airport, 665 N. Airport Road
28	Senior Citizens High Rise, 1425 Old West Main Street
29	Carbondale Middle School, 1150 E. Grand Avenue

# Carbondale City Calendar

## November

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 21st	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 1st & 15th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 13th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

<b>Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue</b>		
Monday - 6th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 20th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

<b>Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations</b>		
Wednesday - 8th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 14th	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 14th	Elementary School District #95 Lakeland Multi-Purpose Room, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm

**THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON:** Friday, November 10th, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. City refuse collection routes will not be affected by the holiday. City Offices will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The City's Thursday refuse collection route will be collected on Friday.

## December

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 5th & 19th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 6th & 20th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 11th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

<b>Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue</b>		
Monday - 4th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 21st	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm

<b>Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations</b>		
Wednesday - 13th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 21st	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 21st	Thomas School 1025 N. Wall Street	7:00 pm

**THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON:** Monday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday. All City refuse collection routes will be pushed back one day during that week. City Hall Offices will also be closed on Monday, January 1, for the New Years Day holiday. All City refuse collection routes will be pushed back one day during that week.



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Corene McDaniel, Councilwoman  
 Chris Wissmann, Councilman  
 Sheila Simon, Councilwoman  
 Steven Haynes, Councilman  
 Lance Jack, Councilman  
 Joel Fritzler, Councilman

Jeffrey W. Doherty, City Manager

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# Fantastic Winter Weekend

December 1-2, 2006 • Carbondale, Illinois

Art Exhibits and Holiday Craft Sales,  
 Fantastic Bird House Bazaar, Madrigal Dinner,  
 Holiday Open Houses at your Favorite Downtown Businesses  
 Special Events for the Family throughout the City

## 16th Annual Lights Fantastic Parade

Saturday, December 2nd • 6:30 pm  
 Along Illinois Avenue, North from Grand Avenue to Jackson Street

For information about all weekend festivities, contact Carbondale Main Street at (618) 529-8040

### Carbondale Es Elegible para Programas de Vivienda de Desarrollo Rural del USDA

Hay financiación disponible a través de los programas de vivienda de Desarrollo Rural del USDA, para la compra de casas nuevas y existentes, para la reparación de viviendas, para complejos residenciales de alquiler módico y para ayuda especial para la reparación de viviendas de ciudadanos de la tercera edad. Desarrollo Rural del USDA tiene varios programas. Tres de los programas están dirigidos a propietarios o compradores de residencias unifamiliares. Otros programas están dirigidos a residencias multi-familiares, y a los gobiernos locales y a las agencias sin ánimo de lucro que tengan un lugar de urbanización para personas de bajos y de muy bajos ingresos. De acuerdo con un

comunicado de prensa release del USDA, la mejor oportunidad para que una mayoría de residentes del área utilice estos programas es a través del Programa de Préstamo Garantizado. Bajo este programa, hay financiación disponible para personas con ingresos entre moderados y muy bajos. Los compradores de casas que cumplan con los requisitos de este programa, trabajan con prestamistas locales para obtener un préstamo hipotecario garantizado por Desarrollo Rural. El préstamo puede ser hasta del 100 por ciento del valor de la casa sin cuota inicial, a un interés fijo por 30 años. No hay restricciones sobre el precio de compra máximo. Com o el gobierno respalda el préstamo, no se requiere seguro de hipoteca

lo que suministra un beneficio financiero adicional para el comprador de la casa. Los Programas de Vivienda de Desarrollo Rural del USDA no sólo beneficiarán a Carbondale, sino también a sus alrededores, incluyendo a Murphysboro, Pomona y Makanda. Desarrollo Rural del USDA es una agencia de préstamos que brinda igualdad de oportunidades sin discriminación. Además de vivienda, esta agencia provee programas de crédito rural para instalaciones comunitarias, para desarrollo de acueductos y alcantarillados, y para negocios. Para más información sobre estos programas llame al 618/993-5396, extensión 4 o visite el sitio Web del USDA [www.rurdev.usda.gov/il](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/il).

### Holiday Curbside Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

City offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 23, 2006 and Friday, November 24, 2006. Refuse and Recycling collection for this week will be collected on your regularly scheduled day except that Thursday's regular refuse and recycling route will be collected on Friday, November 24, 2006. Bag and bundle landscape waste will only be collected on Wednesday during Thanksgiving week. City offices will also be closed on Monday, December 25, 2006 for the Christmas holiday, and Monday, January 1, 2007 for the New Year's Day holiday. Refuse and recycling collection for both weeks will be moved back one day: if your regularly scheduled collection day is on Monday, it will be moved to Tuesday; Tuesday's regularly scheduled collection day will be moved to Wednesday; Wednesday's regularly scheduled collection day will be moved to Thursday; and Thursday's regularly

scheduled collection day will be moved to Friday. Bag and bundle landscape waste will only be collected on Thursday for both of these weeks.

#### Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The City of Carbondale Forestry Division will conduct its Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling from January 2, 2007 through January 26, 2007. Residents desiring to participate in this program should place their Christmas trees curbside on their normal refuse and recycling collection day (please note that the actual collection and chipping of the trees will occur the following day). Any residents wishing to dispose of their Christmas trees on days other than their normal refuse day may take their Christmas trees to one of the following neighborhood drop-off sites:

- The Public Works Complex on North Michaels Street (drop of

at main gate)

- The East Recycling Drop-Off Center on East College located in the parking lot west of Stor-N-Lok
- The Parrish Park parking lot on West Sunset Drive (at the east end of the parking lot)
- The Attucks Park parking lot on North Wall Street (the south parking lot)

Please discard pine rope, wreaths, garland, and flocked trees with regular refuse. Questions about this program may be directed to the Maintenance Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 or to the City Forester at 549-5302 ext. 332. The regular Landscape Waste Bag and Bundle program will continue as usual during this Special Collection Period. Those desiring collection of bagged leaves and grass, or bundles of brush may continue to call 457-3275 and leave your name & address and identify your request as "bag and bundle" landscape waste.

### Notice of Seasonal Leaf Collection

Carbondale's Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will be offered during the months of November, December and the first half of January. Calls for this special service will be accepted from November 1, 2006 through January 12, 2007. Before calling the Maintenance and Environmental

Services Office for pickup, residents desiring this special service should rake their leaves to the edge of the street or curb. Please do not block sidewalks, streets or rake leaves into the ditches or gutters. The fee during this Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program period is \$17.00 for each

collection. The regular fee for this service outside the special service period remains at \$27.00. Please call 457-3275 between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday to schedule this service; leave both your name & address and identify your request as "loose leaf collection".

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