



Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Brad Cole

Haven't You Heard... It's Happening Here!

Well, if you haven't already heard, I'm sure that you will soon and you will also see first-hand for yourself all of the great things that are happening in Carbondale.

The "It's Happening Here" slogan is the newest piece of Carbondale's three year marketing campaign centered around "Haven't You Heard..." The campaign has worked terrifically for us and it gives us an opportunity to promote the community as a whole, while supporting all of the people, places and things that make Carbondale the Capital of southern Illinois.

This year's theme is proudly displayed on our back to school t-shirts that are given to more than 10,000 new and returning residents in Carbondale. The

shirts are provided free to citizens, based on the generous support we receive from the shirt sponsors, as a way of saying "thank you" for being part of this community. I am always delighted to see someone wearing one of the old shirts and even more thrilled when I see someone wearing the newest version, especially since they've only been available for a few weeks.

The shirts are a token of our appreciation for everyone who lives and works in Carbondale, but they also serve as a connector between all of those people. When someone sees someone else wearing a Carbondale t-shirt, they can immediately recognize them as a friend or neighbor. And wearing the shirts also helps us promote ourselves to other communities and to people outside of the region. It sends a strong signal that we're proud of our community.

And the truth of the matter is, it is happening here. We are fortunate to live in a beautiful community with a rich history of educational resources, friendly and helpful people, fun social and recreational outlets, caring businesses and cultural diversity. There is a touch of the big city in our small town setting and I hope you are able to take-in as much of that as possible during your stay... whether that stay is for a weekend, for four years or for the rest of your life.

So, if you haven't already done so, please stop by City Hall and pick-up a free t-shirt. Wear it around town and make sure you let everyone know that "It's Happening Here!"

Brad Cole, Mayor

Haven't You Heard...

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

Welcome all new residents and students to Carbondale! Carbondale is a beautiful, dynamic and growing community and we are glad that you have chosen to make our City your home. Carbondale offers a pre-eminent selection of medical professionals and modern healthcare facilities, technology firms, retail shopping and entertainment, along with a commitment to advanced learning and research. Carbondale is home to an extensive religious community, youth programs, civic and volunteer organizations, parks and schools.

Located in beautiful downtown Carbondale, the City is proud to have a state-of-the-art Civic Center which serves as an

extremely versatile and affordable banquet and meeting facility. This modern facility can be reserved in its entirety or in smaller meeting rooms. The Civic Center is available seven days a week. The Carbondale Civic Center offers the most comprehensive event package in the area. Our versatile facility includes all of the necessary equipment to keep your function running smoothly.

From the governmental perspective, Carbondale strives to have an open platform for its citizenry, where the voices of all residents are heard and respected. Regular City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center at 200 South Illinois Avenue. The

meetings are also televised live on the City's governmental cable channel CityVision 16, which may be found on Mediacom Channel 16. City Council recordings are also available on the City's Website at ci.carbondale.il.us.

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

Are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?

The City government has many citizen boards and commissions that allow for broad citizen participation in the local government and 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 in participating, contact the Office of the Mayor for more details at 457-3229 or stop by City Hall.



Beautiful landscaping accents the entrance of Carbondale's historic Downtown District.

Baity Appointed Assistant City Manager for Economic Development

Kevin Baity has been appointed Assistant City Manager for Economic Development for the City of Carbondale. Kevin Baity has a Bachelor of Arts degree from SIUC in Geology. From 1994 to 1999, he served as the Director of Environmental Health with the Perry County Health Department; from 2000 to 2003, he served as the Director of Community Development with the City of Centralia; from 2003 to 2005, he served as the City Administrator with the City of Flora; and for the past year, he has been in private business.

As the City of Carbondale's new Economic Development Manager, Baity's responsibilities include coordination of the City's economic development activities and

overseeing a centralized office for economic development projects. Baity manages the City's economic development programs which include the Tax Increment Financing and Redevelopment Area District No. 1, the Enterprise Zone, and the Low Interest Revolving Loan Fund. In addition, he serves as the Business Ombudsman within City government to provide assistance to new and existing businesses in Carbondale.

Baity is focusing his efforts on identifying and recruiting businesses to locate or expand in Carbondale to meet the City's goals of increasing employment opportunities and expanding the tax base. He is working closely with existing commercial developers in the community to enhance their

ability to attract new businesses and expand existing businesses. He is also coordinating the management and promotion of the City and Carbondale Business Development Corporation owned industrial parks.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said Kevin Baity is "well-qualified to carry out his responsibilities for the City". Doherty said Baity is a good fit into the team-playing atmosphere promoted among City staff.

Kevin Baity began his duties with the City of Carbondale on August 21, 2006. For information about Carbondale's Economic Development Programs and economic opportunities throughout Carbondale, contact Kevin Baity at 457-3226 or email kbaity@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Nominating Petitions for Mayor and City Council Elections Available September 19th

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 will be available in the City Clerk's Office beginning on September 19, 2006.

This 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 Fritzler expire in 2009.

Signed nominating petitions must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office during the statutory filing period of Monday,

December 11, through Monday, December 18, 2006. 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.

City Gains Additional Train as Amtrak Expands Service

The Illinois General Assembly approved a substantial increase in funding this year for Amtrak rail service in Illinois. Amtrak will expand service from two daily round trips to three each day on the Carbondale - Chicago route providing SIU students and residents additional options when making travel plans. The expanded service is slated to begin in late October with Amtrak's fall

timetable change.

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 \$24.7 million through this approved measure.

Preservation Commission Searching for Holden Hospital Cornerstone



The Holden Hospital cornerstone was last seen at the Masonic Hall, 1510 W. Sycamore, on or around July 2000.

Several years ago a little known story of the missing Holden Hospital cornerstone was run in the *Carbondale Communique*, asking for any information on its whereabouts. To mark the recent six year anniversary of its disappearance, let's revisit the story of the missing cornerstone.

In July of 2000, someone stumbled upon a strange looking square stone that had been hidden by years of tall grass and overgrowth on the grounds of the Masonic Lodge located at 1015 West Sycamore. Curious as to why this stone was there it was hauled up to the lodge and subsequently cleaned. Upon cleaning, it was discovered that this was the cornerstone of the old Holden Hospital. For those of

you who don't know, Holden Hospital was located on the property that is now occupied by the Old National Bank on South University Avenue. The cornerstone was laid as part of the Hospital expansion completed in 1942. The Hospital eventually closed in 1971 and was demolished in 1976. For years the stone had laid undetected until that warm July day. Excited by their discovery, members of the Masonic Lodge contacted bank officials and arranged for the stone to be placed back on the property where it was originally laid. As plans were made and a spot in one of the gardens was cleared to make way for the stone, lodge members left the stone in front of the lodge anxious to return the next day and take the stone back to

its original home. Their excitement was soon shattered when upon returning to the lodge the next day, the stone was gone, vanished without a trace.

For six years now the stone has been missing with no indication of its whereabouts. Several theories have been floating around, maybe it's a stepping stone in someone's back yard, a seat around a garden, or just that "cool rock" in the backyard. If the stone were laying on its face, no one would be the wiser as to its original origins. So look around and if anyone has information on the whereabouts of the missing cornerstone, please return it or contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3248, no questions asked.

Applications Available for Citizen's Police Academy

The Carbondale Police Department offers citizens the opportunity to get a first-hand look into the details of police work. The Citizens Police Academy provides participants an opportunity to learn about Police procedures, protocol and the role of Police within the community. The goal of the Academy is to provide an important communication and information sharing link between the community and law enforcement.

Citizens Police Academy meets for 12 weeks and concludes with a graduation ceremony at the Carbondale Civic Center. During the class sessions, typically held once each week, students learn about Police procedures through a number of different educational tools, which include both participation in activities and lecture sessions.

Classes cover a wide spectrum of police responsibilities which encompass patrol tactics, investigations, communications and technology used at the Police Department, a DUI class and judges' perspectives in court. Students are also

familiarized with the Bomb Squad and K-9 investigating, and given the opportunity to practice gathering evidence in a mock crime scene. Students are encouraged to attend each session to help them get a full overview of police work.

An average number of class participants is generally limited to 20. Participants range from senior citizens to high school students. The course is free.

Applications are still available for the next class which is scheduled to begin on September 12, 2006. The classes will meet every Tuesday night from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for 12 weeks (excluding November 21, 2006). The final class has been tentatively set for December 3, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. For more information about the Citizens Police Academy and to obtain an application to participate in the course contact Officer Randy Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 428, Sgt. Don Priddy at Ext. 435, or come by the Carbondale Police Department to pick up an application.

Help Improve Your Community

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

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

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

If you would like to propose a capital improvement project for inclusion in the next Community Investment Program Five Year Program, please complete and submit the form below to the City Manager's Office, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, IL 62902-2047. Proposals must include the location of the project and the nature of the project. Deadline for submission of proposals is October 27, 2006.

Sean C. Henry Appointed Maintenance and Environmental Services Manager

Sean C. Henry has been appointed Maintenance and Environmental Services Manager for the City of Carbondale by City Manager Jeffrey Doherty.

"We are pleased to attract a person of Sean Henry's training, experience and engineering background to the Maintenance and Environmental Services Manager position," City Manager Doherty said. "This is a very important position in the Public Works Department and we are confident that Sean will serve the City of Carbondale well."

Henry comes to the City of Carbondale from the Carbondale engineering consulting firm of Asaturian Eaton and Associates where he worked as a Civil Engineer since 1996. Prior to that, he worked with

the City of Carbondale's Engineering Division as an Engineering Technician from 1992 to 1994 and as a Civil Engineer from 1994 to 1996.

Henry is a native of Carbondale and a graduate of Carbondale Community high School. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.

Henry replaces Wayne Wheelles who retired on June 30, 2006. As Maintenance and Environmental Services manager, Henry manages the Street Maintenance, Refuse and Recycling, Cemeteries, Forestry and Equipment Maintenance operations of the City.

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 20 pies adyacente a cualquier vía de acceso y/o una propiedad en zona residencial debe podarse y mantenerse de manera que no exceda las ocho pulgadas de alto. Se les recuerda a los propietarios y arrendatarios que también están obligados a mantener podada la vía de acceso público incluyendo áreas verdes en la acera, hasta el borde del pavimento y los corredores laterales.

La mayoría de los propietarios y arrendatarios de propiedades obedece las especificaciones de la

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

License Required to Conduct Raffles in the City

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

The ordinance limits the amount of a raffle to

\$100,000.00 and a single raffle ticket to a maximum of \$200.00. The raffle manager is required to provide a fidelity bond to assure that the organization will be reimbursed in the event of loss or theft of raffle money and/or prizes. To request a copy of the Raffle Application please contact the City Clerk's Office at 457-3280. The application and fee for a raffle license should be submitted to the City Clerk, City of Carbondale, 200 South Illinois Avenue, Post Office Box 2047, Carbondale, Illinois 62902.



Community Investment Program Proposal

Name _____

Address _____

Location of Project: _____

Nature of Project: _____

Return completed form to:

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

Haven't You Heard...

Neighborhood Watch Works to Promote Safe Neighborhoods

Are you worried about crime in your neighborhood? Do you feel you can't do anything about it? The fact is you CAN do something. People just like you have done remarkable things to help make their neighborhood safer.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least expensive answers to crime. In simple terms, a Neighborhood Watch means neighbors looking out for each other and suspicious activity. It only takes a few concerned people to organize an introductory meeting, choose a block captain, and agree to share information about crime in the area and changes among residents. Sometimes Neighborhood Watch programs are integrated into neighborhood associations or a watch group may evolve into a neighborhood association. The important thing is that the system works best when neighbors organize themselves so that they can stay in touch with each other and become more aware of ordinary routines around the neighborhood. Research indicates that there is less crime in areas where neighbors look out for each other.

How do you get started? Contact the City of Carbondale Police Department, Officer Randy Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 428 or Sergeant Don Priddy at 457-3200 ext. 435. They will advise you on how to get started, assist with teaching you and your neighbors what to look for, and tell you how to keep your watch going and growing.

You can also learn more about how to start a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood by attending an informational meeting at the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale located at 250 North Springer Street, on Saturday, September 16, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This meeting will provide you an opportunity to meet with other people who have organized Neighborhood Watch groups, and obtain information from the Carbondale Police Department on Neighborhood Watch, Police Department services, personal safety, home security and other topics of community concern. For information about this meeting contact Carbondale Conversations for Community Action at 549-5302 ext. 386 or email studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Working Street Lights Keep Citizens Safe

If you notice a street light out or malfunctioning on your street or down the block, in town while you are walking, jogging, bicycling to class, or while driving, dining or shopping during the evening hours, don't keep us in the dark. Contact the City of Carbondale Citizens Assistance line at 457-3226 or email

jpporter@ci.carbondale.il.us to report the location. We rely on you letting us know when you are in the dark. The sooner you call us, the sooner we can get the lights back on. Help us keep your neighborhood and our City well lit. Working street lights keep our citizens safe.

Weekly Refuse and Recycling Services Available

The City offers curbside refuse and recycling collection service throughout the residential community. Refuse is collected weekly for a small fee by the Refuse and Recycling Division. All residential garbage and refuse must be collected at least weekly by the City or by a licensed private refuse hauler. All garbage and refuse stored outside must be in a rigid metal or plastic container with a tight fitting lid. Refuse placed at curbside for collection may be placed after 6:00 p.m. the evening before the collection. Refuse bags are allowed to be placed at curbside for collection provided the bags are at least 1.2 mils thick and the bags are placed at curbside no sooner than 6:00 a.m. on collection day. To schedule service call 457-3625 or stop by the City Hall Revenue Office at 200 South Illinois Avenue. Questions concerning the storage of garbage and refuse may be directed to the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

Monday Route:

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

Tuesday Route:

All residences west of South Oakland Avenue and east of Little Crab Orchard Creek (except those residences on the west side of South Oakland Avenue from West

Main Street to Chautauqua Street).

Wednesday Route:

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

Thursday Route:

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

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

The City also operates a Landscape Waste Collection Program and a convenient Recycling Program. For more information about these programs contact the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275.

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:

1. You were the customer of the Wireless Provider during the period from January 1, 1998 through February 7, 2002, when the City collected the

Carbondale Municipal IMF; and

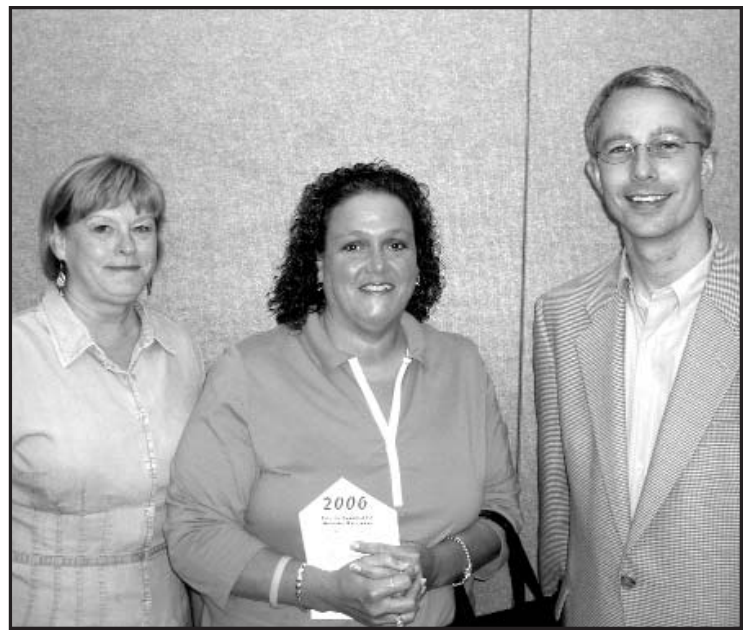
2. You had a Service Address within Carbondale, Illinois, during the period when the Carbondale Municipal IMF was collected by the City. A Service Address is a location where the Wireless Provider submits its bill; and

3. 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.



Mayor Brad Cole with Home Buyer Program Participant Cathy Carlock and Pam Schilling of Remax Realty at the Reception held in June to recognize members of the community who have participated in the City's Home Ownership Programs.

Community Organizations May Request Funds for FY 2008

Each year Carbondale community organizations may request funding from the City of Carbondale to help fund services to Carbondale residents. The City of Carbondale is now accepting pre-applications from community organizations for funding consideration in the City's FY2008 budget which begins May 1, 2007.

Pre-application forms are available from the Community Services Department at the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Forms may also be obtained from the City's web site at www.ci.carbondale.il.us or by calling the Community Services Department at 457-3229.

Organizations which receive funding from the City must have Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service and must be registered with the Illinois Secretary of

State as a not-for-profit corporation. In addition, organizations which are proposing to offer services which duplicate services already funded by the City or are offered in the community must present strong justification for such duplication. The community "needs" proposed to be addressed by the funding and proposed beneficiaries of the activities must be clearly identified. The experience of the organization and its officers/employees in delivering services is also an important consideration. A well thought out financial plan, including funding sources other than the City, is necessary.

For funding consideration, a completed pre-application must reach the Community Services Department by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2006.

Make Your Vote Count 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 District, State Central Committeewoman 12th District, State Central Committeeman 12th 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 for Jackson and Perry Counties, Members of the County Board, Precinct Committeeman, 5th Judicial District (to fill the vacancy of Hon. Gordon E. Magg), and 1st Judicial District (to fill the vacancy of Hon. Paul S. Murphy).

There may also be propositions on the ballot, but as of the date of the writing of this article, the deadline for submission of proposition questions has not passed. A specimen ballot will be published in *The Southern Illinoisan* newspaper prior to the election and it is suggested that everyone review the specimen ballot to see what propositions

will appear on the ballot.

Voter Registration will close on October 10th. However, persons who do not register to vote by the October 10th deadline but wish to vote in the General election may do so during the grace period voting period of October 11th through October 24th. Persons who need information on grace period voting should contact the Jackson County Clerk's Office at 687-7366. 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.

In addition, the Jackson County Clerk's Office will conduct early voting during the period October 11th through November 2nd and absentee voting through Monday, November 6th. Persons needing information on early voting or absentee voting should contact the Jackson County Clerk's Office at 687-7366.

On election day polling locations will be open from 6:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. 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.

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

September

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

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

Monday - 11th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 18th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

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 - 28th	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: Monday, September 4th, for the Labor Day holiday. All City refuse collection routes will be delayed one day.

October

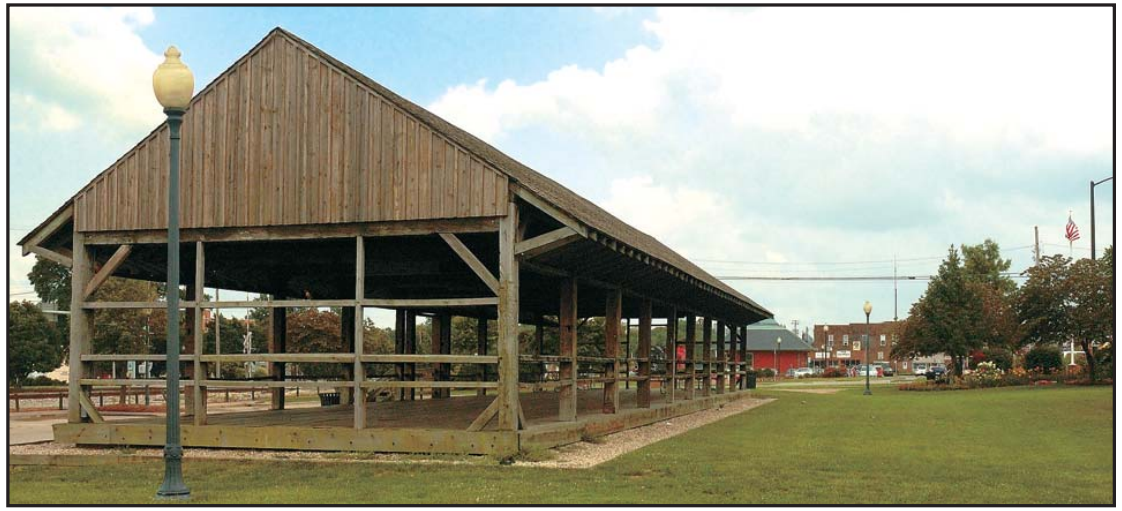
Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 3rd, 17th, 31st	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 4th & 18th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 9th & 30th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

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

Monday - 2nd	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 16th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 19th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

Wednesday - 11th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 19th	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 24th	Parrish School 121 N. Parrish Lane	7:00 pm



The pavillion is a popular location for events in the Town Square.

Fire Prevention Week October 8 - 14, 2006

Fire departments across North America observe Fire Prevention Week each October to mark the anniversary of the 1871 Great Chicago Fire and raise public awareness of fire safety. The theme of Fire Prevention week 2006 is "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat!" The City of Carbondale Fire Department will be going to Parrish, Thomas, Lewis, and Carbondale Middle Schools throughout the week of October 8th through October 14th for presentations. An Open House at Fire Station #1 located at 600 E. College Street, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14th will wind up National Fire Prevention Week. Sparky will be present for pictures with the children and we will again be providing free picture buttons.

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

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

Again this year, the Carbondale Fire Department has joined forces with the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the annual "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign. The campaign urges all persons to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke detector batteries when changing clocks back to standard time each fall. This year's time change will take effect on October 29, 2006 at 2:00 a.m.

Changing smoke detector batteries once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce tragic deaths and injuries due to fire. In addition to changing your smoke detector battery annually, City of Carbondale Fire Chief Michalesko recommends that residents use the "extra" hour they save due to the time change each year to test the smoke alarm by pushing the test button, planning "two ways out", and practicing those escape routes with the entire family. He also recommends that families prepare a home fire safety kit that includes working flashlights and fresh batteries.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department recommends that every household have at least one working smoke detector and would like to attain a 100% smoke detector rating in Carbondale. With the help of all Carbondale residents, this goal can be attained. Stop by Fire Station #1 on October 14, 2006 and tour the station between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and learn other important ways to protect yourself and your families from fire. Further information is available by calling the Fire Department at 457-3298 (Station #1), 457-3299 (Station #2), or 457-3234 (Fire Chief's Office).

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

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

Notice of Seasonal Leaf Collection

Carbondale's Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will be offered during the months of November, December and one-half of January. Calls for service will be accepted beginning November 1, 2006, with the final calls being accepted January 19, 2007. Participating residents should first rake their leaves to curbside or street side and then call the

Environmental Services Office for scheduling. Please do not block sidewalks or rake into ditches or gutters.

The fee during this special Seasonal Program period is \$17.00 for each collection. The regular fee outside the program period remains at \$27.00.

• Call 457-3275 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday

through Friday to schedule service.

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

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

Community Clean-Up Program A Resounding Success

The City of Carbondale implemented its first Community Clean-Up Program creating jobs for nearly 90 youth in the community this summer. Launched on June 5, 2006, the clean-up effort provided summer jobs for young workers who spent their days picking up garage, clearing brush and pulling weeds in residential neighborhoods through the City. For more than 50% of the youth involved in the program this represented their first formal job.

The City has received overwhelming responses from the

community for the efforts of its youth. They removed useless items and materials from yards as well as cleared brush and fence rows on over 325 private properties, 12 alley ways, in addition to several special project sites in the City.

Based on community surveys, the program met and in most cases exceeded its goals of helping to foster aesthetic awareness and pride among citizens of Carbondale toward their private properties and individual neighborhoods, demonstrating that creative partnerships can work

between citizens of Carbondale for the purpose of maintaining their local neighborhoods, and empowering the youth of Carbondale by introducing those involved to good work ethics and teaching them to give back to their community.

The Community Clean-Up Program wrapped up at the end of July. All participants in the program received Certificates of Completion during "Graduation Day" on July 31, 2006 at the Carbondale Civic Center.

City Web Site Offers On-Line Bill Payment Options

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

The City of Carbondale has

partnered with the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer to offer services within E-Pay. The E-Pay program was launched under a state master services agreement that is available for local units of government in Illinois. E-Pay allows a user to make payments through the Internet with MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit card brands. The service, which other cities including Champaign and Bloomington use,

can be accessed through the City of Carbondale's Web site.

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



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