



# Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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## From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Brad Cole

With the holiday season just passed, many people are settling back into their lives having forgotten about those New Year's resolutions and waiting with fear for their gift-buying credit card statements and cold, winter utility bills. But all is not lost and the money spent on presents and meals and other expenses over the last few months will have all added-up to a significant boost to the local economy.

As the retail shopping leader within the region, Carbondale remains the destination of choice for people from the tri-state area who want to find unique specialty stores mixed with nationally-known retailers. Whether it is found on South Illinois Avenue in our Main Street district or at any of the numerous strip-center shopping complexes or at University Mall, it can be found in Carbondale and the community has proven itself to be a sustainable force in the retail shopping industry. The seasonal and annual cash register receipts show the

facts to support this claim and the revenues generated by all of our spending helps to keep Carbondale ahead of the curve in attracting new stores and in keeping property taxes (for general city government purposes) at an impressive rate of zero... that's \$0.00.

This type of spending boost to the economy is not just local and the effects of positive trends and low unemployment numbers nationwide are helping to strengthen and grow our national economic outlook, as well.

During the third quarter nationally, consumer spending increased 4.2% and, over the post-Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the National Retail Federation reported a nearly-22% increase in sales over last year's shopping statistics. The average income is up, sales of new homes continues to spike with single-family homes being built and sold at record numbers both nationally and locally, durable goods orders rebounded in October from a decline the previous month, and manufacturing output grew for the thirtieth consecutive month in November. These are all recognizable signs and key indicators that the economy is strong and vibrant.

Looking at the numbers in this way hopefully gives a better view of how important it is to support local businesses and to have a positive outlook on our overall economic picture. The region still has many needs, which is why we work daily to build our industrial and technology-based businesses for the future, but the numbers and statistics show how much progress has been done and how much we have to look forward to with hard work and a focus on this agenda.

So, what about those resolutions?  
Brad Cole, Mayor

## Haven't You Heard...

### City of Carbondale's Budget Receives Distinguished Award

The City of Carbondale has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its current Fiscal Year 2006 Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

This is the 19th consecutive year Carbondale's budget has been recognized by GFOA. Only three cities in Illinois, Rockford (20), Rolling Meadows (20), and Lincolnshire (19), have received more budget awards than Carbondale. In 2004, only 47 municipalities in Illinois and 613 municipalities nationwide received the GFOA budget awards.

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.

"The receipt of this recognition once again illustrates the professional financial management of the City of Carbondale," Mayor Brad Cole said. "It is rewarding to have our budget document recognized as one of the best."

City Manager Jeff Doherty, who serves as the City's Budget Officer, 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. Special mention must be made of Finance Director Ernie Tessone and the Finance Department for the preparation of the budget document."

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.

## Looking Back On 2005

By Jeffrey W. Doherty, City Manager

It is hard to be a City official and go anywhere in Carbondale without someone commenting on the progress being made in the community. Visible changes continue to occur from demolishing old buildings to building new structures that house new businesses.

During 2005, Carbondale witnessed new private investment in Central Carbondale with the opening of the Save-A-Lot Grocery Store, First Southern Bank, and Advance Auto Parts. The creation of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in Central Carbondale provided the incentive for an area that was blighted and in need of redevelopment. This area continues to witness change with the demolition of the former Selmier Peerless building at the southwest corner of Walnut and Washington Streets. Carbondale's first TIF District can already be labeled a success and several properties in the TIF District are cleared and ready for more new developments.

Carbondale enhanced its position as the "premier" shopping center in the region during 2005. Sales tax receipts in Carbondale continue to grow. In the first eight months of the City's fiscal year, beginning May 1, the City's regular 1% sales tax grew 5.62% over the same period in 2004 and the 1% home rule sales tax grew 5.79% for the same period.

The retail anchor for the community, University Mall, continued to grow and improve. At the end of 2005, work is underway for a new major addition to the mall that will be announced in 2006. The University Mall, in 2005, announced its plans for University Court, a new retail and restaurant complex located at the southwest corner of Giant City Road and Mall Entrance Road.

The Giant City Road corridor continued its impressive growth with the opening of Kohl's Department Store. In addition, a new A.G.

Edwards office building is being built on Giant City Road and a Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant is being built along the Main Street Frontage Road South, just east of the Saturn auto dealership.

The Reed Station Crossing development continued its growth with the construction of the Holiday Inn Hotel that will open in early 2006. Significant land clearing occurred in the Reed Station Crossing development that will make way for future retail and commercial developments.

Building permits for over \$29 million in construction were issued in 2005. Major construction projects were the Neon Internet and SchoolCenter in the Carbondale Park East, Ward Chrysler auto dealership on West Main Street, and the Holiday Inn Hotel. Residential growth continued in 2005 with 65 new single family homes and 60 multi-family units being built.

Major City projects completed in 2005 included the \$11.5 million expansion of the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant, the reconstruction of New Era Road, Friendship Plaza on South Illinois Avenue, the Municipal Parking Lot #2 reconstruction (north of Grand Avenue/west of Washington Street), the Elizabeth Street and Whitney Street Water Line replacements, the McLafferty Road Water Main construction, the Murdale Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Pump replacements, the Striegel Road Sanitary Sewer Extension, the College Street Sanitary Sewer Interceptor, and the relocation of utilities in preparation for the Reed Station Road reconstruction project that will occur in 2006.

The forecast for 2006 is continued growth. Businesses are contacting the City regularly expressing their interest to locate in Carbondale. The Home Ownership Program is encouraging new homes to be constructed. Citizens are excited about what is happening throughout the community.

Haven't you heard....Carbondale is growing.



Mayor Brad Cole met recently with Tainan City, Taiwan Mayor Tain-Tsair Hsu (center left). Joining the official delegation were Dr. John Koropchak, SIUC Vice Chancellor for Research (far left), and Dr. Max Yen, Director of the Materials Technology Center in the SIUC College of Engineering (far right). The City of Carbondale and Tainan City have been recognized by Sister Cities International for their long-standing relationship.

## City Begins Blueprint Development For the New Year

The City has begun the process of preparing its FY 2007 Budget (May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007). The process began with the City Council reviewing the proposed tax levy truth in taxation determination on November 15, 2005. On December 6, 2005 the City Council adopted a City Government tax levy of \$0.

In January, the City Council will begin discussions about the FY 2007 budget and will review proposals for new projects submitted for development of the Community Investment Program Five Year Plan.

Community-based organizations will submit funding proposals for review by the City Council at the February 7, 2006 regular meeting. Also during January and February, City Departments will be preparing budgets for their operations.

In February and March the City Manager will review the budgets

submitted by the Department Directors, and the Community Investment Program will be prepared. In mid-March, the proposed City Budget and Community Investment Program will be distributed to the City Council and made available for public review at the Carbondale Public Library, the Finance Department and the City Clerk's Office.

The public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for April 4, 2006. City Council action on the proposed Budget, Community Investment Program and the Non-union Pay Plan is scheduled for April 18, 2006.

Preparation of the City Budget takes a significant amount of staff and City Council time each year. This is an important process for the City of Carbondale because the Budget becomes the blueprint for City operations for the entire year.

## Carbondale Experienced Expanded Business Development in 2005



In April, Kohl's opened for business on Giant City Road, bringing another national retailer to Carbondale.



First Southern Bank began operating at its new location on East Main Street in August.



This fall, Ward Chrysler constructed a new facility on West Main Street and will soon finish demolition of the old building.

### Oportunidades de empleo temporal disponibles en la Ciudad de Carbondale

Al principio de cada primavera, generalmente en marzo, la Ciudad empieza el proceso de emplear a trabajadores temporales, entre los que usualmente se incluyen un Inspector de Control de malezas, cuatro obreros temporales de Obras Públicas, para el mantenimiento del Lago Cedar, un Jefe de Salvavidas y varios Salvavidas. Algunos años, también se emplean Técnicos Ingenieros I durante los meses del verano. Los avisos para estos puestos disponibles se anuncian en el Ayuntamiento (City Hall), están disponibles en la página Web de la Ciudad [www.ci.carbondale.il.us](http://www.ci.carbondale.il.us) bajo Oportunidades de Empleo y en el Canal 16 de televisión de la Ciudad (City Vision). Adicionalmente, anuncios aparecen en el periódico Southern Illinoisan y en el Daily Egyptian se anuncian los puestos de Salvavidas.

Los formularios de solicitud de empleo de la Ciudad están disponibles en el escritorio de la Recepcionista y en la oficina de Recursos Humanos

también. El formulario de solicitud también se puede bajar de la página Web de la Ciudad. Es muy importante llenar completamente el formulario, suministrando las tres referencias que se requieren, e incluyendo toda la experiencia de trabajo, ya sea de voluntario o pagado, relacionada con el puesto. Las solicitudes se tienen que entregar para la fecha anunciada. Después de esa fecha, las solicitudes se revisan y los candidatos se seleccionan para entrevistas según sus cualificaciones. Las entrevistas se realizan por un equipo que usualmente incluye al Director de Recursos Humanos de la Ciudad, al Administrador de Servicios Comunitarios de la Ciudad y al empleado de la Ciudad encargado de supervisar ese puesto. Este equipo hace recomendaciones al Gerente de la Ciudad, quien toma la decisión final. La Ciudad de Carbondale anima a aspirantes de grupos minoritarios y a mujeres. La Ciudad de Carbondale brinda oportunidades de empleo sin discriminación.

### Home Builders Seminar January 18, 2006

Midwest Building Solutions is a new, results oriented training program for homebuilders. This half-day training offers tested solutions to common challenges faced by Southern Illinois builders. If you are a builder, remodeler, subcontractor, home inspector, purchasing agent, business manager or marketing and sales representative to the home building industry you should plan to attend this informative seminar on January 18, 2006 at the Carbondale Civic Center from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided to attendees.

The goal of this training is to provide a cost-effective and resource-efficient approach to

building, resulting in new homes that are durable, safe, comfortable, and exceed the International Energy Conservation Code (ICC).

You will learn how to achieve superior performance related to framing, insulation, windows, HVAC and ducts air tightness. You will also learn how to avoid mold and water-related problems, new approaches to code compliance, ways to sell your better building practices, and more about new federal tax credits for builders of energy-efficient homes.

As an attendee you will receive these valuable resources:

- The Energy & Environmental Building Association's (EEBA) Builders Guide

- Water Management Guide, an EEBA publication

- ICC Compliance Guide For New Homes, an RECA builder's guide

- RESCheck Software, information on RESCheck-web

- A guide to other programs offering technical and marketing support.

The registration fee is \$40. For more information and to register for the seminar contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237 or you may register online at [www.mwalliance.org/buildingsolutions](http://www.mwalliance.org/buildingsolutions).

### Homebuyer Assistance Funds Still Available

The City of Carbondale continues to have grant/loan funds available to assist lower-income persons with the purchase and rehabilitation of a home. The funds are from a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's use of federal HOME Program funds. The Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council administers the Homebuyer Assistance Program for the City.

The Homebuyer Assistance Program assists lower-income persons with the purchase and rehabilitation of a home located within Carbondale's city limits. The City can provide up to \$10,000 toward the down payment and closing costs of the

home. The maximum the City can assist with the purchase and rehabilitation of the home is \$40,000. The assistance provided is in the form of a forgivable loan at zero percent interest. Based on the amount of assistance provided, if the person owns and occupies the home between five and ten years, the loan will be completely forgiven. If the home is sold or vacated sooner, the amount to be paid back will be pro-rated based on the length of time the home was owned and occupied. The home purchaser must provide at least \$1,000 towards the purchase price, and qualify for and obtain financing from a participating lender.

Eligibility for the Homebuyer Assistance Program is limited to low- and very low-income households. Income limits set by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for participation are based on the number of persons in the household: 1 person-\$27,650, 2 persons-\$31,600, 3 persons-\$35,800, 4 persons-\$39,500, 5 persons-\$42,700, 6 persons-\$45,850, 7 persons-\$49,000, and 8 persons-\$52,150.

Persons who are interested in applying for the Homebuyer Assistance Program should contact the Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council at (618) 965-3193.

### Neighborhood Alliance Meeting January 21, 2006

A Neighborhood Alliance Meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2006 at the First Christian Church on 306 W. Monroe Street in Carbondale at 10:00 a.m. The Housing and Neighborhood Action Group invites you and your neighbors to spend a morning hearing about some neighborhood organizations and sharing your ideas for and experiences in the Carbondale community. Last year more than sixty people attended the session and topics included the neighborhood watch program, code enforcement, and the potential for neighborhood associations in Carbondale and similar cities. This year the meeting will include reports from neighborhoods on various issues. There will be a presentation on

preserving homes that link us to our history. The main discussion will be to identify issues of concern of neighborhoods in the community. Doors will be open at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning at the First Christian Church on 306 W. Monroe Street. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Chili will be served after 12:00 p.m. The Housing and Neighborhood Action Group meets the first Wednesday of each month (the 2nd Wednesday of the month in January) at 5 p.m. in the Civic Center. Questions or comments can be addressed to [studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us) or call 549 5302 x 386. Carbondale Conversations for Community Action is a program of the Carbondale Human Relations Commission.

### License Required to Conduct Raffles in the City

On September 6, 2005, the Carbondale City Council approved an ordinance amending and clarifying the City's gambling regulations. Under the City's revised gambling ordinance, raffles conducted in accordance with the Illinois Raffles Act are legally permitted.

The City's Raffle Ordinance is based on state law. 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. 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 in order 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 457-3281. 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.

### Council Meeting Recordings Available On-Line

Audio recordings of Carbondale City Council meetings are now available on-line through the City of Carbondale's Web site. The August 16, 2005 meeting was the first meeting posted, and all future meetings of the City Council will be posted within a day after their conclusion. Previous meetings are planned to be posted in the near future, as well.

The digital recordings can be accessed at [www.ci.carbondale.il.us](http://www.ci.carbondale.il.us), by selecting "Meetings" and then "City Council Minutes", and then selecting the audio format to fit your computer, which is next to the desired meeting date.

All meetings of the Carbondale City Council are also broadcast live on CityVision 16 (MediaCom Channel 16).

### Seasonal Employment Opportunities Available With the City

Early each spring, generally in March, the City begins the process of hiring its Temporary (Seasonal) Positions which usually include a Weed Control Inspector, four Public Works Seasonal Workers, four Cedar Lake Maintenance Workers, a Head Lifeguard and numerous Lifeguards. Job opening announcements for these positions are posted at City Hall, are available on the City's Web site at [www.ci.carbondale.il.us](http://www.ci.carbondale.il.us) under Job Opportunities and on CityVision 16 (Mediacom Channel

16). In addition, ads are also run in the Southern Illinoisan newspaper and, for the Lifeguard positions, in the Daily Egyptian.

The City's Application for Employment forms are available at City Hall at the Receptionist's desk and in the Human Resources Office. The application form may also be downloaded from [www.ci.carbondale.il.us](http://www.ci.carbondale.il.us). Applications are reviewed and candidates are selected for interviews based on their

qualifications and interviewed by a team of management personnel. This team makes recommendations for filling these positions to the City Manager who makes the final decision. The City of Carbondale encourages female and minority applicants. The City of Carbondale is an equal opportunity employer. For more information about employment opportunities with the City of Carbondale contact the Human Resources Office at 457-3328.

## Haven't You Heard...

### Historic Preservation Award Nominations Due March 10, 2006

The Carbondale Preservation Commission is seeking nominations for the Carbondale Historic Preservation Awards. The purpose of the awards is to recognize individuals and business owners that have taken measures to protect and enhance properties in the community through historic preservation, restoration or construction. The awards will be presented at the Carbondale Preservation Commission meeting on May 15, 2006 during National Preservation Month.

Carbondale residents are encouraged to submit a nomination for a property within the City limits that they think serves as an example of excellence in historic preservation. Residential, commercial, public and religious buildings are eligible for consideration provided that permission of the owner is obtained.

Properties may be nominated in the following categories:

- Preservation: 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 that is consistent with the original architectural style of the property.

- 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.

Nominations will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Impact of the project on the community
- Quality and level of difficulty of the project
- Degree to which the project serves as an example of excellence in historic preservation and influences others.

Nomination forms are available in the City Hall Planning Services Division at 200 South Illinois Avenue or online at [www.ci.carbondale.il.us/Historical/index.html](http://www.ci.carbondale.il.us/Historical/index.html). For further information about the Historic Preservation Awards and other activities of the Carbondale Preservation Commission, contact the City of Carbondale Planning Services Division at 457-3248.

## Arts Support



Provided

**Robert L. Weiss (right center), Director of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's School of Music, accepts a symbolic check from State Senator Dave Luechtefeld (left center) and State Representative Mike Bost (right), on behalf of the Illinois Arts Council, as Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole looks on.**

## Carbondale Action Groups Encourage Volunteers

Carbondale Conversations for Community Action now has four action groups working on issues related to Community and Police Working Together. The projects were selected at the Action Forum on November 5, 2005 and the groups are encouraging additional volunteers who are interested in attending a monthly meeting and contributing their ideas. The four action groups are Education, Continuing the Dialogue, Youth Involvement and Police Recognition.

The Education Action Group will be working on making sure that citizens are better informed. The education project grew out of the realization by the participating Police Officers that citizens did not understand police protocol. At their first meeting they considered the educational

outreach and programs already used by the Carbondale Police Department and SIUC's Department of Public Safety. This group meets again on January 19, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. in the Civic Center.

Participants in the Continuing the Dialogue Action Group identified as helpful and empowering the simple process of speaking openly, being heard, and listening to others. Especially appreciated was the informality of the dialogue with Police and community members whom they might not otherwise meet. This group hopes to make the study circles experience available to a wider audience. Their next meeting is January 24, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

Another group will work on involving more youth, because

positive contact with police in a school or recreational environment eventually strengthens the ties between community and Police.

The fourth group will look at ways to show appreciation to the Police for their work. There are few opportunities for the public to acknowledge how Police Officers risk their lives to protect the public.

These four action groups are still setting goals. Contact the Study Circles office for more information on meeting times or to get an update on the groups' activities. Call 549-5302 x 386 or e-mail [studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us). Carbondale Conversations for Community Action is a program of the Carbondale Human Relations Commission.

## 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.

Offered twice each year, beginning in February and September, the Citizens Police Academy meets for 13 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 graduates. The course is free and is not limited to Carbondale residents.

Applications are being accepted for the next class which is scheduled to begin in February. 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.

## Jane Boyd Appointed Administrative Services Director

Jane Boyd of Carbondale has been appointed Administrative Services Director for the City of Carbondale by City Manager Jeffrey Doherty. Ms. Boyd will lead the newly created Administrative Services Department which includes the Human Resources Division, the Office of the City Clerk, and Civic Center operations.

Jane Boyd has extensive management experience with the City of Carbondale. She has served as Human Resources Manager since 1992 and will continue to handle those responsibilities as Administrative Services Director. Ms. Boyd began working for the City of Carbondale in 1972 and served as the Deputy Director of the Urban Renewal Program.

Subsequently, she served as Director of the Housing and Energy Program from 1977 to 1987 and as the Director of the Human Development Division from 1987 to 1992.

Jane Boyd is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and of Georgetown University where she received a Master of Arts degree in Sociology.

"Jane Boyd offers a wide range of management experience that will assist her in leading the Administrative Services Department," City Manager Doherty said when making the announcement. "She has served the City of Carbondale well over the years in various administrative capacities and I

am confident that she will be successful in handling the added duties and responsibilities related to the Administrative Services Director position."

The newly created Administrative Services Department was proposed by City Manager Doherty and approved by the City Council. "The City is having several key management personnel retire over a two-year period," Doherty said. "At the same time, we are reviewing our organization and making adjustments as we replace our retiring personnel. It is an ongoing process and the creation of the Administrative Services Department is an important part of this effort."

## Police Officer Exam March 20, 2006

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will conduct a written examination for the position of Carbondale Police Officer at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2006, in the Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale. A Physical Fitness Assessment will begin at 2:00 p.m. for candidates who pass the written examination.

To be eligible to take the exam, applicants must be citizens of the United States, possess a valid drivers license, have no felony or certain misdemeanor convictions, and be 20 years of age or older. Applicants shall possess 60 semester hours in education from an accredited college or university, except applicants who have graduated from a law enforcement training academy accredited or approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and who have experience as a regular, full-time police officer (at least 37+ hours per week).

Applications (including pre-employment agreements) must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 3, 2006. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling (618)457-3281 or by printing the application, pre-employment agreement and information from the City of Carbondale's website [ci.carbondale.il.us](http://ci.carbondale.il.us)

*The City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer*

## 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](http://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.

# Carbondale City Calendar

## January

| Date  | Meeting             | Time    |
|---|---------------------|---------|
| <b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b> |                     |         |
| Tuesday - 17th  | City Council        | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday - 4th & 18th  | Planning Commission | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday - 12th   | Park District Board | 6:00 pm |
| Monday - 30th   | Park District Board | 6:00 pm |

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

|              |                            |         |
|--------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Monday - 9th | Human Relations Commission | 6:30 pm |
| Monday - 9th | Preservation Commission    | 7:00 pm |

### Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

|                  |   |         |
|------------------|---|---------|
| Monday - 9th     | Elementary School District #95<br>925 S. Giant City Rd. - Administration Center | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday - 11th | Library Board, 405 West Main St.  | 4:30 pm |
| Thursday - 19th  | CCHS School Dist. #165<br>1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria                            | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday - 26th  | Elementary School District #95<br>925 S. Giant City Rd. - Administration Center | 7:00 pm |

**THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON:** Monday, Jan. 2, 2006 for the New Year's holiday. City Hall offices will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006 for the Martin Luther King holiday.

## February

| Date  | Meeting             | Time    |
|---|---------------------|---------|
| <b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b> |                     |         |
| Tuesday - 7th & 21st  | City Council        | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday - 1st & 15th  | Planning Commission | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday - 9th  | Park District Board | 6:00 pm |

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

|                 |   |         |
|-----------------|---|---------|
| Monday - 6th    | Human Relations Commission                  | 6:30 pm |
| Monday - 13th   | Information & Telecommunications Commission | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday - 16th | Energy & Environmental Comm.                | 7:00 pm |

### Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations

|                 |   |         |
|-----------------|---|---------|
| Wednesday - 8th | Library Board, 405 West Main St.  | 4:30 pm |
| Thursday - 16th | CCHS School District #165<br>1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria                         | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday - 23rd | Elementary School District #95<br>925 S. Giant City Rd. - Administration Center | 7:00 pm |

**THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON:** Monday, Feb. 20, 2006 for the President's Day holiday.

## Parking Prohibited on Emergency Snow Routes

Permanent signs are posted on each street that is designated as a snow route, and these streets are given primary attention during snow removal operations. Make arrangements to move your vehicle to the driveway or garage to avoid having your vehicle towed or surrounded on three sides by a pile of compacted snow. As the streets designated as

emergency snow routes become substantially clear of snow and ice, edge to edge, for the length of an entire block, the "no parking" emergency is terminated and parking is again allowed on the street. If you have questions, please contact the City of Carbondale Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.



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Joel Fritzler, Councilman

Jeffrey W. Doherty, City Manager

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**CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE**



Bilingual students at Chong-Ming Elementary School in Tainan City, Taiwan provided a tour of the school to Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole during his Sister City visit and posed to show-off an exterior decorative wall on the campus. A similar decorative wall is planned for inside the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center, as was outlined in Mayor Cole's 2005 State of the City Address.

## City Ordinance Promotes Safety for Pedestrians

Snow and ice on sidewalks are hazardous to pedestrians, particularly the elderly and disabled. Carbondale also is home to a large number of student residents who get to and from school as pedestrians. A City Ordinance requires the owners and occupants of properties adjoining public sidewalks to keep those sidewalks clear of snow or ice accumulation.

The City Ordinance requires that a sidewalk path of at least 30 inches wide be cleared within 48 hours after the end of a snowfall or

other freezing precipitation. Sometimes snow, ice, sleet, or freezing rain on the sidewalk becomes so hard that it cannot be reasonably removed without damaging the walk. In these situations, a sufficient amount of sand, cinders, or some other abrasive material should be placed on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe until it is possible to remove the frozen material. Removing snow from the sidewalk as soon as possible after the snowfall usually makes the snow removal process easier.

If you have any questions about the City's snow and ice removal requirements, please contact the City of Carbondale Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

A snow emergency is automatically declared when an accumulation of snow and/or ice exceeds two inches. When this occurs, parking on any portion of a street designated and permanently marked as a snow route is prohibited, and vehicles will be towed.

## Holiday Curbside Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

During the month of January, City offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2006 for the New Year's Holiday and on Monday, January 16, 2006 for the Martin Luther King Holiday. Refuse & Recycling for these weeks will be delayed one day for the Monday through Thursday routes. 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.

During the month of February, City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2006 for the Presidents Day holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

Bag and Bundle Landscape Waste will be collected on Thursday only these weeks.

### Notice of Seasonal Leaf Collection

Carbondale's Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will continue through the first half of January, with final calls being accepted January 13, 2006. 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, 8am - 4 pm to schedule service. Leave both name & address w/recorded message and identify as requesting loose leaf collection.

### Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The City of Carbondale Forestry Division will conduct curbside

Christmas tree recycling during the period beginning January 2nd and ending January 27, 2006. Trees should be placed at curbside on the same day as the City collects refuse and recycling in the resident's area. Collection and chipping will occur the following day. Those wishing to discard trees at times other than their normal refuse day may use one of the following neighborhood drop-off sites (WATCH FOR SIGNS):

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

Please discard pine rope, wreaths, and flocked trees with regular refuse.

Questions about this program may be directed to the Environmental Services Manager, Wayne Wheelers, or the City Forester at 549-5302, Ext. 332.

## Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center

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