

Volunteers Needed to Participate in "Early Carbondale History" Project

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission has embarked on a new history project involving the collection of oral histories. Producing oral histories allows a community to reconstruct and document the fabric of daily life from years past. These histories can be one of the most useful tools in developing and understanding social history. Oral histories are a spoken history, and just like other historical sources (diaries, newspapers, photographs, etc.), must be accurate and authentic. The key to quality oral histories is to interview individuals who have strong recall and can share their

memoirs to a trained interviewer.

The Commission hopes to compile oral histories on topics such as early childhood memories of living in Carbondale, the activities in the downtown area in the 1920s-1950s, the period of integration in Carbondale, and early memories of attending the various schools in Carbondale.

If you have first-hand knowledge of these subjects or know of an individual who may have strong recollections of daily life in Carbondale in the early days, please contact Dede Ittner of the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission at 457-6606.

Veterans Memorial Plaza Wall Dedication Ceremony July 4, 2004

The Veterans Memorial Plaza Wall Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for July 4, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. During this ceremony, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teeter-Carter-Watson Post 2605 will present the Veterans Memorial Plaza Wall to the City of Carbondale. Mayor Cole will accept the wall on behalf of the City of Carbondale in memory of the City's veterans.

The VFW Post 2605 worked with Carbondale Main Street to develop the wall that designates the Veterans Memorial Plaza located on the southeast quadrant of the Town Square. Funding for the wall was provided by donations through the VFW Post 2605 and Carbondale Main Street.



The Veterans Memorial Plaza Wall

From the Mayor's Desk

During the past several weeks, the nation has been in a state of mourning over the loss of our 40th President, Ronald Wilson Reagan. This has been a time for reflection on the accomplishments and legacy of the Reagan presidency and it has also been a time to remind the country and American people of the common bond we have as citizens of a great society. That common bond is a tie together in the promise of democracy and the vitality of its experiment in the United States.

With the passing of one of our most popular leaders, the period of mourning allows for a very public remembrance in the form of ceremonies, tributes and admiring recollections. It is a time of history, both past and present, unfolding for everyone to participate in and to reflect upon. This is a healing moment for countless people, regardless of whether or not they ever personally knew or met the man they chose to lead them.

This occasion also brings to our immediate attention the process of grieving for lost loved ones and the respect we have, both individually and collectively, for the people in our lives that pass before us. The death of a president happens so infrequently, because there are so few, that we pay special attention when it does. The special treatment is deserved and the fond sentiments are appropriate, but they are just as important in our every day life events.

The Carbondale community has long been blessed by being home to great



Mayor Brad Cole

leaders, renowned thinkers, active citizens, true friends and kind neighbors. During the course of the average year we see many of those among us depart for life eternal, and they too deserve a share of our thoughts and reflections about their contributions to the community, just as we do for those on the larger front.

I have thought many times that I am far too young to have witnessed the number of deaths among family and friends during my life. After considering the last few weeks, losing both a national hero and a local friend, I have changed my opinion on the matter. I now realize with honor that I am far too young to have had the privilege of meeting, knowing or loving such a magnificent collection of gallant and gracious men.

Brad Cole, Mayor

Mayor Names 2004 Youth Volunteer of the Year

The City of Carbondale recognized the community service contributions of its youth at Youth Appreciation Day on Saturday, May 8, 2004 at Carbondale Middle School. In attendance at the ceremony were various City officials including Mayor Brad Cole, City Council members Margaret Flanagan and Chris Wissmann, and principals Larry Barnett and Dr. John Dively.

At the event more than 70 middle school and high school students, nominated by community members, were recognized for their efforts in making a difference in another's life through volunteer service and achieving growth or accomplishment in life as he/she participates.

The event also recognized the Youth Volunteer of the Year, a high school junior or senior who is chosen based on grade point average, completion of at least 50 volunteer hours and participation in

additional school and community activities.

The 2004 Youth Volunteer of the Year Award was presented by Mayor Cole to Megan Baumann, a senior at Carbondale Community High School. Megan was nominated by four different organizations and had accumulated approximately 500 hours of volunteer work. Megan focused her volunteer efforts towards the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, LifeSavers, the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and The Women's Center.

Megan Baumann, an outstanding student as well as an active volunteer, plans to attend Loyola University in Chicago in the fall, continuing her philanthropic and leadership activities as one of five freshmen chosen to participate in the university's Women's Leadership Program.

New Projects Spur Carbondale's Steady Growth

By Jeffrey W. Doherty,
City Manager

The summer construction season will provide much activity in Carbondale as the community continues to witness steady growth. The City of Carbondale's Capital Improvements Program totals \$10,260,401 in Fiscal Year 2005, which began on May 1, 2004.

The City's major construction project is the upgrade of the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant. Over \$5.2 million will be spent in FY 2005 completing the upgrade that will maintain the City's compliance with EPA regulations. The total cost to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant is \$11.7 million.

Street projects are often the most visible construction projects and provide the most inconveniences to the public. The reconstruction of New Era Road from Illinois 13 to Glenn Road will begin in late summer. This \$1.9 million project, which will include water line replacements and sanitary sewer line extensions, will improve a well traveled road in a growing section of the community.

Other street construction projects that will occur during the summer of 2004 will be the reconstruction of the East Grand Avenue and South Wall Street, and the addition of a third traffic lane for Illinois Route 13 Eastbound from Giant City Road to McKinney Drive.

Other visible improvements will

include the construction of the South Illinois Avenue Plaza. This park-like setting will be located at the northeast corner of South Illinois Avenue and Mill Street. In addition, new community welcome signs will be placed at each of the four major entrances into Carbondale.

A major water system project will be the construction of a new water main along McLafferty Road to the Chautauqua water tower. This project will provide a second arterial line from the City's water plant to the distribution system.

Private development will generate activity for the construction industry. Commercially, the Kohl's Department Store on Giant City Road will provide another anchor store for the City's

commercial eastside. Construction will begin this summer. Next door, a three (3) unit retail building is being constructed and will include The Great Outdoors Company.

The City's first Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District located in the east-central downtown area will witness an investment of over \$5 million in professional and commercial services buildings. The response of the private sector to the creation of the TIF District has been very positive.

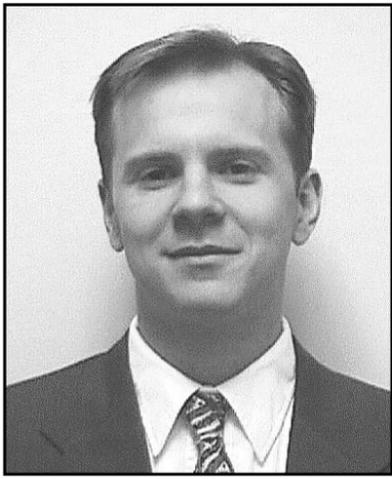
A new growth area in the City is the Illinois Route 13 - Reed Station Road intersection. The Reed Station Crossing commercial development will witness the new construction of two hotels and one restaurant.

Across the street, in the Reed Station Business Park East, PAKLITE Outdoor Gear will construct a new building for its business.

The City's Housing Development Program is producing new home construction in Carbondale. Several new homes are being built in existing subdivisions. In addition, two new subdivisions, one near Striegel Road and the other near Harmony Lane, will provide new developed lots for new home construction.

The steady growth in Carbondale will continue throughout 2004 with community infrastructure improvements, new commercial developments and new housing being constructed.

City Appoints New Economic Development Manager



Jeremy Hayes

Jeremy Hayes has been appointed the Economic Development Manager for the

City of Carbondale. Hayes has worked for the City since 1999 as a Planner. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in Urban and Regional Planning and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Southern Illinois University.

As the City of Carbondale's new Economic Development Manager, Hayes responsibilities include coordination of the City's economic development activities and overseeing a centralized office for economic development projects. Hayes 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.

Hayes 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.

"I am excited about the opportunity to serve the City in a new capacity, especially with the Mayor and City Council establishing economic development as a top priority", Hayes said. "It's a natural extension of the work I was doing as a Planner".

One of Hayes' duties as a Planner was

to help with the establishment of the new Tax Increment Financing District in Carbondale, visible from his office window. Hayes said he thinks that a planning background helps him to more fully understand the needs of businesses as they seek to establish and expand themselves in Carbondale.

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

Mayor Brad Cole said he expects Hayes' experience in the Planning Department will be "worthwhile" in his new role. "He has the right attitude about the City's goals for development", he said.

Hayes, a Johnston City native, lives in Carbondale with his wife, Kathleen, and their nearly 2-year-old son, Owen.

Actuando para construir una comunidad más fuerte

El grupo Conversaciones de Carbondale para Acción Comunitaria ha avanzado hacia la fase de acción en su enfoque de Construcción de Vecindades más fuertes. En la primera fase, los participantes se reunieron en pequeños grupos e intercambiaron ideas sobre las vecindades. Después de cuatro semanas de conversaciones se realizó un Foro de Acción en el que se identificaron las ideas de acción de mayor interés. En las próximas semanas, un grupo de voluntarios va a estudiar las inquietudes de mayor interés de la comunidad que fueron identificadas por los participantes de Conversaciones de Carbondale para Acción Comunitaria.

Las inquietudes de mayor interés de la comunidad que fueron identificadas incluían la obtención de una piscina para Carbondale, el fomento para la adquisición de casa propia, la remodelación de las casas existentes y la creación de una asociación de arrendatarios. Los grupos también recomendaron la organización de actividades para reforzar la conexión de vecindarios y promover la diversidad y

relaciones entre los estudiantes y la comunidad. Además, se identificaron el embellecimiento y la limpieza de Carbondale como focos del mayor interés incluyendo el estudio de asuntos de basura y reciclaje.

Aunque hay mucho trabajo para hacer durante la fase de acción de Conversaciones de Carbondale para Acción Comunitaria, los participantes se sienten optimistas de que los Círculos de Estudio hayan iniciado algo fenomenal para Carbondale. Todavía hay tiempo para unirse al grupo. Los interesados en participar durante la fase de acción de Conversaciones de Carbondale para Acción Comunitaria, pueden contactar a Lana Bardo o a Sarah Heyer al 549-5302, Ext. 386 o por e-mail studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Conversaciones de Carbondale para Acción Comunitaria es un proyecto de la Comisión de Relaciones Humanas de la Ciudad de Carbondale, patrocinado por el Concejo Municipal, y creado con una subvención del Centro Nacional de Recursos para Círculos de Estudio.

Incentives Available for New Residential Construction

Carbondale is a beautiful, dynamic and growing community and we want you to make Carbondale your home. In recent months the City of Carbondale has taken significant steps to encourage growth through elimination of property taxes, construction of new and expanded school facilities, and now the City has taken aggressive steps to reduce the cost of developing a new subdivision in the City and is providing incentives for new home construction through the City of Carbondale Home Ownership Program.

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

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

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

The Infrastructure Improvement Grant offers developers of new subdivisions \$5,000 per improved lot. For purposes of the grant, an improved lot may consist of a residential structure with up to four

dwelling units depending on the zoning classification of the land. In addition, any building permit or zoning certificate fees required by the City of Carbondale are waived once a new residential structure is constructed on the lots. Water and sewer tap fees are also waived under this grant.

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

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

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

New home construction is a priority in all residential areas of the community. These incentives are being offered by the City as a means to rapidly spur development to meet market demands. While mortgage interest rates have been rising slightly in recent weeks, we are still well-within the most advantageous home buying market ever seen in the last 40 years. Join our community and make your move to Carbondale.

For additional information about the Home Ownership Program contact Tom Redmond, Development Services Director of the City of Carbondale at 457-3257.

Housing Rehabilitation Grants Available

The City of Carbondale has received approval from the State of Illinois for the continuation of the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program will target homes located in Northeast Carbondale, north of East James and Thelma Walker Avenue.

Eligibility for the CDAP Housing Rehabilitation Program is limited to low income homeowners. Income limits set by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for participation in the program are based

on the number of persons in the household: 1 person- \$27,350, 2 persons-\$31,250, 3 persons-\$35,150, 4 persons-\$39,050, 5 persons-\$42,150, 6 persons-\$45,300, 7 persons-\$48,400, and 8 persons-\$51,550.

The City will begin taking applications in August 2004. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Development Services Division at 457-3248 or visit the Development Services Office in Room 251 of the City Hall/Civic Center to be placed on a mailing list to receive application materials.

Wanted: Housing Rehabilitation Contractors

The City is continuously seeking additional contractors to work in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Contractors experienced in building and renovating homes are encouraged to contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237 if they are interested in participating in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The City is an equal opportunity contractor and encourages minority and women owned businesses to consider this contracting opportunity. The City also is seeking contractors who are licensed by the State of Illinois to perform lead-based paint mitigation in homes being rehabilitated.



Proper Refuse Containers Reduce Accidents, Prevent Injuries

Recently, a City of Carbondale Solid Waste Collector lifted a garbage bag, just as he does hundreds of times a day. As he grabbed the bag, he felt a pain in his hand. His hand had been pierced by a medical syringe that had been improperly placed in the bag. Fortunately, he did not suffer complications.

Sharp objects and containers are sources of injuries that can be controlled or eliminated. Broken glass, medicinal syringes, nails, screws, etc. or other sharp objects should be placed in a rigid container with a secure lid, such as a plastic milk jug or coffee can, before being placed in the trash. The little extra time and effort it takes to properly dispose of these types of household wastes is well spent to protect the health and safety of those who handle them.

Lifting of garbage containers is the leading cause of injury among Solid Waste Collectors. Using proper containers and observing weight limits can help to reduce lifting injuries. Acceptable containers include metal cans, plastic cans or plastic bags commercially manufactured for the express purpose of garbage containment and maintained in good condition without holes, cuts, or tears.

Can containers:

- Can containers shall have a minimum capacity of 20 gallons and a maximum capacity of 35 gallons

- There must be at least two usable handles on the outside
- The can shall have a functional tight fitting lid, which will contain the garbage and keep rain and rodents out
- The lid shall be affixed properly in place and shall cover the contents when the can is at curbside

- The maximum established weight limit for a refuse can container and contents is fifty (50) pounds

Plastic bag containers:

- Refuse may also be placed at curbside in sturdy plastic bags (at least 1.2 mils thick) having a minimum capacity of 20 gallons and a maximum capacity of 33 gallons

- The bag must be tightly fastened at the top when at curbside

- The maximum established weight limit for refuse bag container and contents is twenty-five (25) pounds

Meeting these requirements will help keep workers safe from injury. If refuse is improperly placed at curbside for collection, the refuse workers may decline to collect it, and a citation for violation of the City Code could be issued.

If you would like additional information on the City Code for Solid Waste Collection, visit the City's web site at www.ci.carbondale.il.us, click on City Code, and go to Title 10, Chapter 1; or you can call 549-5302, extension 275.



by Cindy Nelson,
Animal Control
Officer

Don't Forget Your Pets When Emergency Strikes

Everyone can benefit from having a household evacuation plan in place. It's the best way to protect your family in case of disaster, whether it's a large-scale natural catastrophe or an emergency that causes you to leave your home temporarily. Every disaster plan MUST include your companion animals!

1. Keep up-to-date identification on your dog or cat at all times. Make sure the collar is properly fitted (avoid chain link collars for dogs and use break-away collars for cats). It's a good idea to have a friend's or family member's phone number on your pet's identification tag in case you cannot be contacted.

2. Have current color photographs of your pet, showing any distinguishing markings, with your emergency supplies. If you and your pet become separated, these photographs will help identify

him/her.

3. If you know a disaster is imminent, bring your pets inside immediately! Get your animals under control as quickly as possible, either on a leash or inside a carrier.

Disasters often strike suddenly and while you're away from home. You can improve your pet's chances for safety if you leave him/her inside, with collars and identification tags, when you go out. Consider an arrangement with a neighbor who would be willing to evacuate your pet in your absence. Make sure that person knows your animals, can locate your emergency supplies, has instructions and phone numbers and has a key to your home.

BE SAFE - License & Leash

Join Us for the Annual National Night Out Celebration - August 3, 2004 at Turley Park

The City of Carbondale Police Department invites you to join them August 3, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Turley Park for the Annual National Night Out Celebration. National Night Out provides something for the whole family to enjoy. All who attend may register to win door prizes, gift certificates from local businesses, and other special prizes. Children may participate in a crime prevention poster contest, and face painting. Winners of the poster contest will be chosen from four different age groups, each receiving a \$50 savings bond, donated from local banks.

The Carbondale Police and Fire Departments and Jackson

County Ambulance Service will have emergency vehicles on display at the park. McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog, Boo Boo the Bear, and the Hamburglar are in the plans to make special appearances.

The National Night Out event focuses on public education and safety awareness. Local businesses will be on hand with information relating to home security, personal safety, and other crime prevention-related areas. National Night Out is designed to: increase awareness of crime and drug prevention; strengthen the neighborhood spirit and police-community relations; generate support and participation in local anti-crime

efforts; and send a message to criminals, letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Carbondale Police Department and Carbondale Crime Stoppers appreciates the many local businesses and individuals who are donating food, door prizes, equipment, entertainment, and personal time to make this event possible.

Many volunteers are necessary to make National Night Out a success. Any individual or group wishing to help volunteer are encouraged to contact the Community Resource Officer at 457-3200, ext. 428. Help is needed on the day of the event from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Carbondale City Calendar

July

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 6th & 20th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 7th & 21st	Planning Comm.	7:00 pm
Thurs. 1st & Mon. 12th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 12th	Human Relations Comm.	6:30 pm
Tuesday - 6th	Partnership for Disability Issues	1:30 pm
Monday - 19th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 14th	Library Board, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	CCHS School Dist. #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 22nd	Elem. School Dist. #95 1150 E. Grand, Middle School	7:00 pm
THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Monday, July 5, 2004 in honor of the Independence Day Holiday		

August

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 1st & 15th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 2nd & 16th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 14th	Park District Board	7:00 pm
Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 7th	Human Relations Comm.	6:30 pm
Monday - 14th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 17th	Energy & Environmental Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 9th	Library Board, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 17th	CCHS School Dist. #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 24th	Elem. School Dist. #95 1150 E. Grand, Middle School	7:00 pm

Taking Action to Build a Stronger Community

Carbondale Conversations for Community Action has moved to the action phase in its focus on Building Strong Neighborhoods. In the first phase, participants met in small groups and exchanged ideas about neighborhoods. Four weeks of Conversations were followed by an Action Forum that identified major action ideas. In the weeks ahead, volunteers will be taking steps to address the major community concerns identified by the Carbondale Conversations for Community Action participants.

The major community concerns identified included obtaining a swimming pool for Carbondale, encouraging home ownership, owner occupancy housing, rehabilitation of existing homes and creation of a tenant association. The groups also recommended organizing activities to strengthen neighborhood connectedness and promoting

diversity and student/community relations. In addition, beautification and clean-up of Carbondale were identified as major focuses, with litter and recycling issues to be addressed.

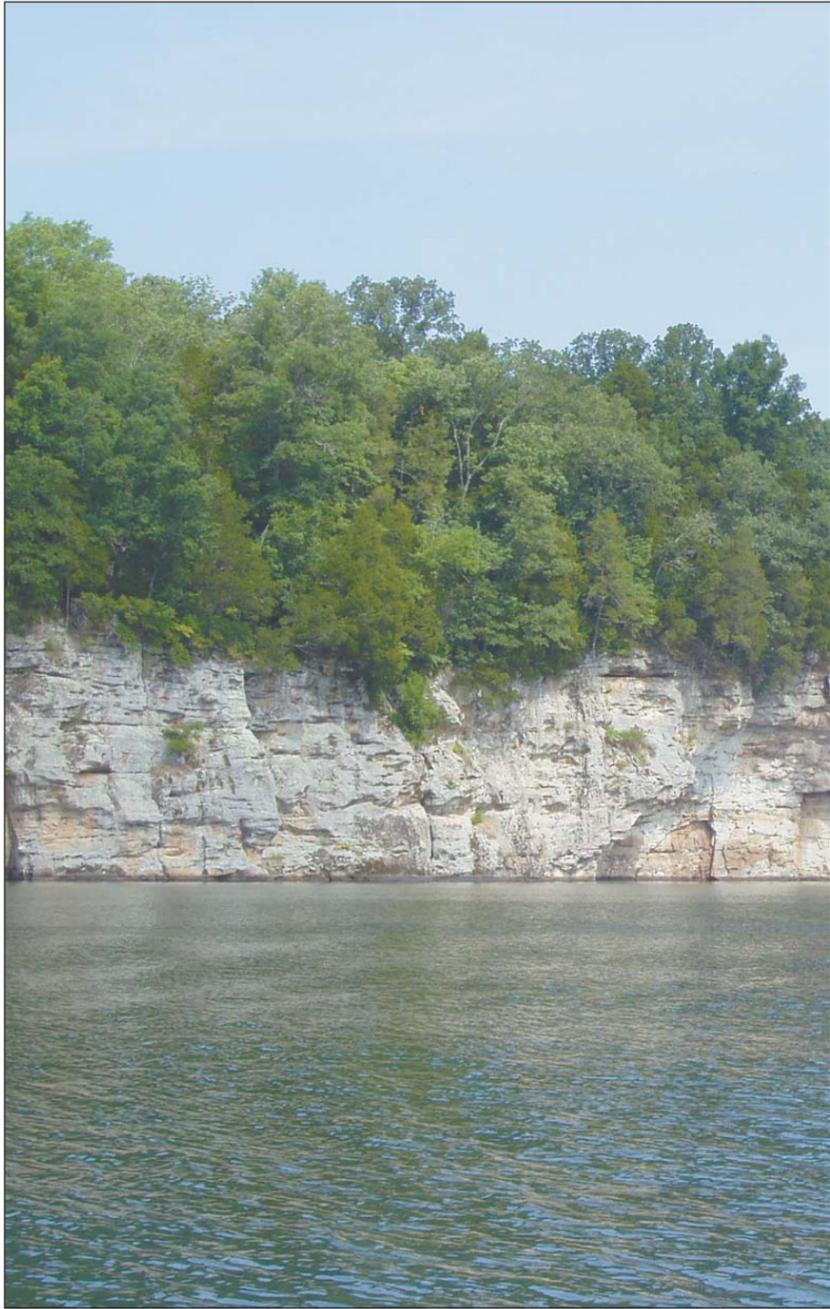
While there is much work to be done during the action stage of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, participants are optimistic that the Study Circles have started something phenomenal for Carbondale. There is still time to join the team. Anyone interested in participating during the action stage of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action can contact Lana Bardo or Sarah Heyer at 549-5302, Ext. 386 or e-mail studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Carbondale Conversations for Community Action is a project of the City of Carbondale's Human Relations Commission, supported by the City Council, and funded with a grant from the national Study Circles Resource Center.

New Carbondale Bikeway Maps Available

Bicycle enthusiasts in Carbondale and surrounding areas now have a new resource to take advantage of when planning their recreational bicycling or for utilizing as a means of safe transportation by bicycle through the City. The new Carbondale Bikeway Map identifies Carbondale's on-street and off-street bikeways. The Carbondale Bikeway Map also includes the Illinois Official Bicycle Map for Jackson County

and the Surrounding Area, and Bicycle Rules and Safety Tips. The new Carbondale Bikeway Maps are available at Carbondale Bicycle Shops, the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, the Carbondale Police Department and the information booth located in the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center.



Picturesque Cedar Lake

Enjoy a Relaxing Summer Day at Beautiful Cedar Lake

Enjoy a peaceful day fishing or relaxing on the beach at one of the most beautiful lakes in Southern Illinois: Cedar Lake. The City owns and maintains a public beach and boat dock at Cedar Lake. The beach is best known for its family atmosphere and beautiful scenery and fishermen enjoy regular success reeling in crappie and bass amid the beautiful coves surrounded by towering bluffs.

Beach hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The Poplar Camp Beach sandy waterfront leads to a swim and play area, an area for rafts and floats, and a "lap" lane. Red Cross certified lifeguards are on duty during beach hours and Cedar Lake personnel and the Carbondale Police patrol the beach. Restrooms, picnic tables, and a concession stand are also available.

After August 22, 2004, the beach will be open on weekends only, and Labor Day is

the last day the beach will be open for the season. The fee for a single admission is \$2.00 and children 4 years of age and younger are admitted free. Ten (10) visit passes are available for \$15.00 and twenty (20) visit passes are available for \$25.00. Passes bought are good for the entire 2004 beach season and can be used by anyone at anytime. Children twelve years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

The boat dock at Cedar Lake allows access to the lake for boats with a ten (10) horsepower motor or less. The lake is located south of Carbondale. To drive to Cedar Lake, take U.S. 51 south to the intersection of Old and New U.S. 51, follow Old U.S. 51 approximately 1/2 mile to Cedar Creek Road, travel west on Cedar Creek Road and follow the signs to the beach or the boat dock. For more information, call 549-8441 or 549-5302. We hope to see you there this summer!

Annual "Chill Out in the Park" Event

The City of Carbondale Fire Department will again participate in the "Chill Out in the Park" program, sponsored by the Carbondale Park District. The Carbondale Fire Department will spray water for kids to run through from a fire hose during July. This program is designed to provide a free and safe activity for kids to enjoy. Children of all ages are invited to come cool down and have fun on those hot Southern Illinois summer days at one of the Carbondale parks. For more information, contact the Carbondale Park District at 529-4222.

July 6, 2004	Turley Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 14, 2004	Attucks Park	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 22, 2004	Tatum Heights	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 27, 2004	Life Community Center	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Protect Your Families Against Mosquito Transmitted Illnesses

Again this year, the Carbondale Mosquito Abatement District will be working to keep our environment free of mosquito transmitted illnesses and will begin spraying for mosquitos in July. The District works to educate residents, check and treat standing water for mosquito larvae, and spray for

adult mosquitoes within the district boundaries. These tasks are performed by State of Illinois licenced personnel with EPA approved chemicals. The West-Nile virus, which is transmitted by infected mosquitoes, was found within our district boundaries in both 2002 and 2003. You can take precautions to help protect

your family, yourself, and your neighbors from contacting the West-Nile Virus by using a mosquito repellent before going outside; emptying standing water out of containers in and around your yard; and cleaning out your gutters and properly disposing of old tires on your property. If you have a known medical

allergy, asthma, or lung condition and contact with pesticides could aggravate your condition or pose medical complications, please contact the Mosquito Abatement District at 549-2150 to be placed on a call list to be notified prior to spraying being done in your area. Treating adult mosquitoes is dependent

on the weather. The final decision to spray is made on the evening of the application. Areas being treated for mosquitoes will be announced on the City of Carbondale radio station 1620 AM after 7:00 p.m. on the evening of application.

Celebrate the 4th of July Holiday Safely

In Illinois, the term fireworks is defined to mean and include any explosive compound or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect of temporary nature by explosion, combustion, or detonation.

Fireworks can be a spectacular addition to holidays and celebrations, but in the hands of amateurs, fireworks can turn the festivities into tragedy. Young people suffer the great majority of fireworks injuries, which typically harm the eyes, head, or hands.

- Teach children at an early age that fireworks are explosive devices. They are not toys.

- Explain the danger of explosives and teach children to tell an adult if they find fireworks. Be sure they understand it is too risky to pick up fireworks and bring them to an adult.

- Do not give a child a sparkler to hold. Sparklers are designed to burn hot and can reach temperatures as high as 1800o F. Sparklers stay hot long after they have burned out. As a substitute for sparklers or firecrackers, purchase glow-in-the dark wands and non-explosive noisemakers.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance recommends that the use of all 4th of July fireworks be left to the professionals. It is simply too dangerous to use fireworks yourself or be around friends/family who use them. Instead, enjoy the thrill of pyrotechnics at a public display presented by trained professionals, where compliance with state-of-the-art fire codes is a safer way to enjoy the holidays.

If you would like more information visit the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance website at www.ifsa.org or contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department at 457-3234.



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