



# Carbondale Communiqué

September - October, 2009

City of Carbondale, Illinois

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## From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

To all new and returning students, faculty, staff and residents... welcome to the City of Carbondale, home to Southern Illinois University Carbondale and the center of SIU Country!

A diverse and appealing community, Carbondale is filled with local history and tradition, yet is cosmopolitan with its international influence. Carbondale offers small town appeal and big city flavor with a thriving arts community, unique restaurants, shopping and cultural attractions. A large mall, numerous shopping centers, multiple recreation facilities and exciting entertainment areas offer many opportunities for relaxation and socialization. Beautiful, shady parks and soothing coffee houses abound, providing the perfect atmosphere for studying and reflection. No matter what your

interests, Carbondale presents a wealth of opportunities for everyone.

From the beautiful Shawnee National Forest to the impressive Mississippi River, Carbondale and the surrounding Southern Illinois area offers exciting outdoor experiences that are second to none. Would you like to try rock climbing or parachuting... or how about sailing? From hiking, biking, boating or camping to just soaking up the sun in Giant City State Park, it's easy to see why so many students and visitors have great appreciation for the natural resources of SIU Country.

But beyond the beautiful surroundings and plentiful activities, great people are at the heart of Carbondale. Residents and business owners will greet you with a friendly welcome or extend a helping hand. In addition, with open meetings, an active website ([www.explorecarbndale.com](http://www.explorecarbndale.com)), local government television channel CityVision 16 and radio station 1620AM, Carbondale city government works to keep citizens and visitors up-to-date with all City activities. We welcome your ideas and suggestions and encourage you to become involved in your local government. Carbondale is alive with a spirit of community and caring.

Again, as Mayor of the City of Carbondale, I welcome you to our great community and hope you enjoy your stay.

Brad Cole, Mayor



The Stadium Grille located at 309 E. Main Street is the newest business to locate within the City of Carbondale Tax Increment Financing District.

*Haven't You Heard...*

## New and Expanding Businesses Increase Dining and Service Options in the City

New businesses are moving in and expanding in every direction you look in the City of Carbondale. It has been a busy past few months, and additional business activity is anticipated in the coming months.

Construction began this summer on a new 53,000 square foot National Guard Armory that will serve as a joint use facility for the National Guard, Army and Army Reserve units currently located in Cairo, Marion and Carbondale. The facility is being constructed adjacent to the main runway of the Southern Illinois Airport near the intersection of Airport Road and New Era Road. The estimated \$12 million project is funded through the Department of Defense and will have 17-20 full-time employees and nearly 300 personnel performing weekend exercises. This facility is also being designed to have the capability to serve as a regional Emergency Operation Center and, if necessary, will serve as a field hospital in conjunction with Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

In recent months the City has welcomed several businesses to the downtown area which include Stadium Grille, Fat Patties, Magic Signs, Whiffle Boys Pizza, the relocation and expansion of the Jewel of India, and the opening of the Poblano

Grill and Underground Pub on The Island. On Illinois Avenue, Jimmy John's is expanding and is moving from its current location at 519 S. Illinois Avenue to a larger location with indoor seating three doors down. A new Sergio's Mexican Restaurant will open on Illinois Avenue and replace Express Burrito as well as utilize the space formerly occupied by Jimmy John's.

On the west end of Carbondale Tequila's Mexican Restaurant was a welcome addition, Fish Net relocated and expanded and Larry's House of Cakes has announced plans to open a location at the Murdale Shopping Center. The Carbondale branch of the First Bank and Trust of Murphysboro relocated and expanded operations at West Park Plaza.

Interest from businesses continues to be shown in the sites of various sizes that are still available for commercial development in the Tax Increment Financing District, a 31-acre re-development project area bounded by Walnut Street, Main Street, Logan Street and the Canadian National Railroad. Businesses and real estate developers interested in available properties in Carbondale should contact Kevin Baity, Assistant City Manager for Economic Development at 457-3226.

## Carbondale a Finalist for National League of Cities Award for Municipal Excellence

The National League of Cities (NLC) and CH2M HILL recently announced that the City of Carbondale was chosen as a finalist for the 2009 Awards for Municipal Excellence. Sponsored with CH2M HILL, the Awards for Municipal Excellence recognize cities and towns for outstanding programs which improve the quality of life in America's communities. Carbondale was recognized for the Home Ownership Program.

"The Carbondale Home Ownership Program truly embodies the spirit in which America's cities excel and welcome the future," said Donald J. Borut, NLC Executive Director. "The National League of Cities congratulates Carbondale for its successful efforts to help the community thrive."

NLC received 192 nominations from cities and towns in 39 states. Carbondale was one of 34 programs selected as finalists. The finalists exhibited exceptional public-private partnerships, productive citizen and community collaborations, management of municipal resources, implementation of government policies, project implementation with tangible results, and/or the ability to replicate the project in other cities.

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 Infrastructure Improvement grant offers developers of new subdivisions \$5,000 per improved lot. 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. The New Home Construction Grant targets new home construction in existing subdivisions and for in-fill property in the City by offering incentives to builders and prospective homeowners. The 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 also waived. For more information about this program, please contact Kristina Vaughn at 618-549-5302 ext. 346.

"We applaud the work of these municipal leaders for exploring and implementing ways to better their communities," said CH2M HILL CEO Lee McIntire. "Carbondale has followed a path of innovation, focusing on a sustainable life for all citizens."

The winners of the 2009 Awards for Municipal Excellence will be announced at a luncheon during NLC's Congress of Cities and Exposition in San Antonio, Texas on November 13th.

## Interested in Serving on a City Board or Commission?

The City government has many citizen boards and commissions that may benefit from your involvement, including the Planning Commission, the Human Relations Commission, the Library Board of Trustees, the Preservation

Commission and many more.

If you are interested in becoming involved in your City government, contact the Office of the Mayor for more details at 457-3229 or stop by City Hall.

## City Awarded Grant to Hire Police Officers

On July 28, 2009, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) awarded the City of Carbondale a \$563,313 COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) grant to hire three (3) full-time police officers.

The Cops Hiring Recovery Program is a competitive grant program that addresses the full-time sworn officer needs of law enforcement agencies nationwide. CHRP provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. CHRP grants provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions. Under CHRP, all positions awarded must initiate or enhance community policing initiatives in their respective communities.

The City of Carbondale Police Department was one of only 21 Illinois communities and 1,046 nationally to submit a successful grant application. There were 376 applicants in the State of Illinois requesting 1,479 officers and over \$354 million in funds. The 21 agencies in

Illinois to receive funding will provide 106 officers and \$25.8 million in funding. Nationally, there were 7,272 CHRP applications requesting 39,346 officers and \$8.3 billion in funding. There were 1,046 agencies who were awarded funding through the grant, which will provide 4,699 officers and almost \$1 billion in funding.

Mayor Brad Cole stated, "This award demonstrates the City of Carbondale's commitment to public safety and our dedication to a community oriented policing philosophy. The professional staff in the Police Department are to be commended for their work on this highly competitive grant, which will ultimately benefit the entire Carbondale community."

The additional police officers will enhance the Carbondale Police Department's ability to expand services. Under this program the Department will be studying and designing additional strategies to ensure a proactive approach to all requests for police services.

In addition, they will work to increase enforcement of laws and ordinances relating to the protection of persons and property within the Carbondale community.



## Notice to Homeowners and Contractors

Homeowners and contractors are required to contact the City of Carbondale before initiating repairs to properties to determine if the extent of repairs will require a building permit. Replacement of shingles and minor repairs will not require a permit, but roofs that have structural damage or require new roof decking and sheathing to be replaced will require a building permit.

All persons and companies doing roofing work in the City of Carbondale must be registered as a roofing contractor with the City's Building and Neighborhood Services Division. Roofing repairs should be made by qualified roofing contractors who are licensed by the State of Illinois.

Persons and companies doing plumbing work must be licensed by the State of Illinois as a plumbing contractor. Persons or companies doing electrical work must be licensed by a municipality within the State of Illinois as well as registered with the City. The Building and Neighborhood Services Division maintains a list of licensed roofers and electricians that are registered with the City.

For information on how to become registered or licensed as a roofer, a plumber or an electrician or for a listing of registered roofers and electricians contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

## Applications Being Accepted for 2009 Citizens Police Academy

The City of Carbondale Police Department offers the Citizens Police Academy for residents who want to get a first-hand look at the work of their police officers. Applications are being accepted for the 2009 Citizens Police Academy. The classes will begin on Tuesday, September 22nd, and meet every Tuesday night from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for 12 weeks (excluding November 24th). One Saturday class has been tentatively set for November 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

During the course, instructors from the City of Carbondale Police Department, the SIUC Department of Public Safety, the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group and the Jackson County States Attorney's Office will present a wide variety of topics that include firearms familiarization, patrol tactics, gangs, drug enforcement, special response team

operations, canine patrol, criminal law, crime prevention, media relations, crime scene processing and investigations. There is no cost to attend the Citizens Police Academy.

The City of Carbondale Police Department has offered the Citizens Police Academy since 1994 and the program has graduated more than 500 citizens in its 15 year history. It continues to be one of the most popular programs conducted by the Police Department.

Persons interested in attending the Citizens Police Academy should contact Officer Scott Miller at 453-3771 or Officer Randy Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 428. Applications can also be obtained from the City of Carbondale Police Department Web site [www.carbondalepolice.com](http://www.carbondalepolice.com) or the SIU Department of Public Safety Web site [www.dps.siu.edu](http://www.dps.siu.edu).

## Input Wanted for Community Improvements

Carbondale has a Community Investment Program (CIP) Five Year Plan that is updated on an annual basis. The City of Carbondale is interested in your suggestions for improvements that can be made to enhance your neighborhood and the community. Projects included in the Community Investment Program are for street reconstruction, storm sewer construction, sanitary sewer construction or replacement, sidewalks, curb and gutter replacement, traffic signals, public buildings, public drainage improvements, 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 Plan. During City budget preparation this winter, 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 Plan, 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 26, 2009.

## Futures Program Participants to be Recognized

The Futures Program, a partnership between the City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, is nearing the end of its second successful year. This year Carbondale businesses provided employment opportunities for 10 Carbondale Community High School students.

Mayor Brad Cole outlined this program's concept during his 2007 State of the City Address and challenged the Chamber of Commerce and area businesses to provide on-the-job training to area high school students who might not otherwise have exposure to such opportunities and who may not plan on pursuing post-secondary education. During his address, the Mayor pledged City assistance in the amount of \$1,000 for each participant as incentive to engage the Carbondale business community in the future of Carbondale's workforce.

The program began in June with the selection of student participants from a large pool of applicants and cooperative agreements signed with area

businesses. Through an intensive screening process that involved school officials, eligible teenagers (age 16 and older) were selected to work at area businesses on a part-time basis through September 2009. Extreme care was taken in matching employers' needs with students' interests and skill sets. With assistance from Man-Tra-Con Corporation, students attended workshops on proper job etiquette, interview techniques, resume preparation and related job skills. In addition, orientation programs were conducted for participating businesses.

Students began work with their new employers in June and will continue to work under this program through September. A recognition event will be held for the participating students and Carbondale businesses during the September 22, 2009 Carbondale City Council Meeting. It is the goal of the program that the students will continue their employment long after the programs' conclusion.

## Bicycle Registration: A Benefit for Cyclists

Bicycles are a practical form of transportation and a great form of recreation and exercise. Carbondale is surrounded by beautiful scenery which makes riding both inside and outside the City a pleasant experience. To enhance the use of bicycles, some Carbondale streets have specifically marked bicycle paths.

For your safety and the safety of others, you should remember the following while riding your bicycle:

- Cyclists are required to obey the same traffic laws as motor vehicles. This includes stopping at stop signs and red lights, turning from appropriate lanes, riding in the same direction as motorized traffic and displaying registration.

- Because of the large volume of pedestrian traffic in Carbondale, riding bicycles on sidewalks is prohibited with two exceptions: Children under 12 years of age on bicycles with wheel size less than 24

inches and in areas where the sidewalk is specifically marked for bicycle traffic.

- Bicycles must be registered with either the City of Carbondale or the SIUC Department of Public Safety. This places a complete description of the bicycle on file, along with its serial number, should the bicycle ever be stolen. Some required bicycle equipment includes side, front and rear reflectors. Bicycles ridden during nighttime hours must be equipped with a white light on the front.

Registration is available for \$2.00 at the Carbondale Police Department located at 610 East College Street from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. SIU students may register their bicycles with the SIU Parking Division at Washington Square B from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no charge for students that present a student identification card.



## Community Investment Program Proposal

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CITY OF CARBONDALE  
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
200 SOUTH ILLINOIS AVENUE  
CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS 62902-2047

## Carbondale Animal Control and Licensing Information

If you own a pet or are planning to own one, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with the responsibilities that pet owners must consider toward their neighbors and the community. In Carbondale rules and regulations have been established to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City and to ensure the humane treatment of animals.

- All dogs four (4) months old and older must be licensed and registered with the Animal Control Office. The annual fee is \$5.00 for dogs that have been neutered and \$25.00 for dogs that have not been neutered. Licenses may be obtained from the Carbondale Police Department located at 610 East College Street. The license application form is also available on the City Website at [www.exploreCarbondale.com](http://www.exploreCarbondale.com). The completed form with the required fee can be mailed to the Carbondale Police Department. The registration tag must be on the dog's collar and on the dog at all times. License renewal fees are due by January 30th each year. License fees do not apply to "seeing eye" dogs which have been trained to assist the visually impaired or companion dogs which are trained to assist disabled citizens. These tags are issued at no charge.

- All dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies. Vaccination tags must be displayed on the dog's collar and on the dog at all times. If tags are lost, replacement rabies tags are available as long as the vaccination is valid from Jackson County Animal Control by contacting 687-7235.

- All dogs must be restrained by a leash or other physical restraint when the dog is not on the owner's premises. Verbal command is not recognized as a form of restraint. Dogs are not allowed to run on school property or recreation areas, such as parks, unless controlled by a physical restraint. Dogs are prohibited from cemetery grounds. The Animal Control Officer will apprehend any dog found running at large or being a nuisance and shall impound the dog or issue a

notice of violation if the owner is available. Cats must be neutered before they may be allowed to run at large.

- Any animal that has bitten or attacked a person shall be quarantined for rabies observation. Arrangements for the 10-day confinement period can be made at local Veterinarian's offices. The cost of the boarding shall be the dog owner's responsibility, as well as the medical expenses for the victim's immediate treatment.

In addition, the City has an ordinance in place to further ensure the safety of residents in the event a dog is determined to be dangerous or vicious. The ordinance requires an owner of such dog to provide proof of insurance covering the actions of the dog and any and all liability created by the dog, in the amount of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence. Dogs that have been declared dangerous or vicious will also be provided with microchip identification at the owner's expense. The Chief of Police may order the dog to be held in an enclosure during those times that the dog is not in the immediate control of its owner and outside of the owner's house and at no time may the animal be tethered within the City limits as the principal means of restraint.

The Police Department will maintain a list of all dogs declared dangerous or vicious, the names and addresses of their owners, and the dog's last known location. This list shall be made available to the public to allow the public to be better informed as to the location of any dogs previously declared vicious or dangerous, or any owners of dogs which have been declared vicious or dangerous at any time.

Special rules have also been established regarding some types of exotic pets, such as reptiles and primates, and the number of animals allowed per household. For more information about licensing and other rules and regulations, contact the Carbondale Animal Control Officer at 457-3200 ext. 424.



## Haven't You Heard...

### Carbondale Police Partner With Local Schools

The City of Carbondale Police Department is currently providing a number of educational programs in partnership with Carbondale elementary schools and Carbondale Community High School in an effort to expand the commitment to the youth of our community. These programs include the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.), the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.), and the Student Police Academy.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, commonly referred to as D.A.R.E., is a drug prevention program provided in partnership with Carbondale schools. The D.A.R.E. curriculum focuses on peer resistance training, self concept improvements, and value judgments about respect for the law and personal safety. The long term goal of D.A.R.E. is reduction in the supply of controlled substances as a result of reduced demand, more positive identification with police officers, improved decision making and an overall reduction in criminality.

The Police Department has trained D.A.R.E. officers who provide the program at the third and fifth grade levels in Carbondale schools. The programs are taught by a uniformed Police Officer in each class with the classroom teacher present. D.A.R.E. is supported by the local schools, and warmly received by parents, students, teachers and school staff. The D.A.R.E. officers always look forward to teaching D.A.R.E. and being able to have such positive contact with the youth of our community.

Gang Resistance Education and Training, commonly referred to as G.R.E.A.T., is a gang prevention program provided in partnership with the Carbondale schools. The G.R.E.A.T. curriculum focuses on skills training, cooperative learning, discussion and role playing. The instruction covers a variety of topics which include: the students roles in their family, school and community, setting short and long term life goals, how to make G.R.E.A.T. decisions, how to improve anger management and

communication skills, recognizing the need to have empathy for others, how to effectively respond to peer pressure and resolve conflicts without the use of violence.

The Police Department has trained G.R.E.A.T. officers who provide the program at the fourth and sixth grade levels in Carbondale schools. The goal of the G.R.E.A.T. curriculum is to help young people avoid gang membership, prevent violence and criminal activity, as well as to develop a positive relationship with law enforcement. Skills learned in the program can be used immediately by the students and continued throughout their lives.

The Police Department in partnership with Carbondale Community High School offers the Student Police Academy to provide high school students a first-hand look at the work of a Police Officer. The Student Police Academy is a seven session, one-hour a week course, during which instructors from the Carbondale Police Department present a wide variety of topics on law enforcement in Carbondale. The topics include patrol operations, drug identification, crime scene processing, a crime scene practical, DUI investigations and traffic stops.

The purpose of the Student Police Academy is to develop positive relations and encourage more effective communication between the Police and students. Students who may be interested in a law enforcement career will have the opportunity to learn more about the profession to assist them with their career choice. The course also highlights the Community Service Officer program offered at the City of Carbondale Police Department.

For additional information about these and other programs offered by the Carbondale Police Department, contact Officer Randy Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 428 or email [rmathis@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:rmathis@ci.carbondale.il.us). Information is also available on the Police Department Web site [www.carbondalepolice.com](http://www.carbondalepolice.com) and the City of Carbondale Web site [www.explorecarbondale.com](http://www.explorecarbondale.com).

### Community Organizations May Request Funds for FY 2011

Each year Carbondale community organizations may request funding from the City of Carbondale to assist with providing services to Carbondale residents. The City of Carbondale is now accepting pre-applications from community organizations for funding consideration in the City's FY2011 budget which begins May 1, 2010. To be eligible to receive funding from the City, organizations 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.

Organizations that currently receive on-going budgeted City funding are not required to submit a pre-application unless funding is for new or expanded programs. Organizations that do not receive City funding, or that received City funding on a one-time basis and wish to secure continued City funding, will be required to submit a pre-application. In addition, community organizations which desire to secure City funding for new one-time events will be required to submit a pre-application.

Pre-application forms are available from the Community Services Department at the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center located at 200 South Illinois

Avenue. Forms may also be obtained from the City's web site [www.explorecarbondale.com](http://www.explorecarbondale.com) or by calling the Community Services Department at 457-3229.

It is important when completing the application that the "community needs" proposed to be addressed by requested funding and the proposed beneficiaries of the activities be clearly identified. (If the applicant is proposing to offer services which duplicate services already funded by the City or are currently offered in the community, the applicant must present strong justification for such duplication.) The experience of the organization and its officers/employees in delivering services is also an important consideration, as well as inclusion of a well thought out financial plan, including funding sources other than the City, is necessary.

Persons wanting further information on the pre-application process should contact Marilyn James, Community Relations Officer, by phone at 457-3246, by email at [mjames@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:mjames@ci.carbondale.il.us), or by visiting the Community Services Department in the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center.

For funding consideration, a completed pre-application must reach the Community Services Department by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2009.

### City Expanded Recycling To Include Paper Products on June 29

The City of Carbondale began collecting mixed paper and cardboard as part of its weekly residential curbside recycling program on June 29, 2009, as a result of grant funds received from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. At the end of June, new "Carbondale Recycles... Paper Products" green colored recycling bins were delivered to current curbside recycling customers. This expanded curbside recycling collection is available to residents living in single family, duplex, triplex and four family housing units. Current curbside recyclers can expect to receive their new bin without specifically requesting one. If you are not already actively recycling but would like to begin, call 457-3275 to request a bin. Recycling is a simple yet effective way to reduce waste, save energy and lessen demand on natural resources.

The green bins are specifically labeled for clean and dry paper products and should not contain any other recyclables. Materials that can be recycled include junk mail (including window envelopes), office paper, magazines, catalogs, books, newspapers, cardboard, paperboard boxes and shredded paper. Boxes should be flattened and shredded paper must be secured in paper or plastic bags. Please note that the City will not collect any waxed cardboard or waxed paper, or any items that are soiled or contaminated with food waste.

Large boxes which may not fit in the bin should be

flattened and tied into bundles or used to contain other flattened boxes. These items can be placed next to the green bin at the curbside. Please keep in mind that the recycling trucks are one man operations so any bundles or boxes of cardboard must be manageable for one person. Please be sure to keep paper items dry and take measures to prevent paper materials from blowing out of the green bin. A simple way to contain the paper is by simply stacking the blue recycle bin on top of the green bin or by placing heavier paper products such as a bundle of boxes or magazines on top of other paper products.

The City will continue to collect certain types of recyclable cans and bottles in the City's blue recycling bins. These items are to be placed clean and loose (not bagged or sorted) into the blue bin. Items acceptable for recycling in the blue bin include aluminum and steel food/beverage cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles. Please note that only #1 & #2 plastic bottles and jugs are accepted. Items should be rinsed and lids removed. Please note that broken glass is not acceptable.

Recycle bins are to be placed at curbside between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on the day of your regular City refuse collection. Please call the City's Maintenance and Environmental Services Offices at 457-3275 if you have any questions regarding the City's residential curbside refuse and recycling services.

### Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program Informational Meeting October 21

The City of Carbondale Building and Neighborhood Services Division will be hosting an informational meeting to discuss the registration process and requirements of the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center. Owners and managers of rental property in Carbondale are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will focus on the City's Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program and resources available for improving residential property.

The meeting is an opportunity for rental property owners and managers to become familiar with specifics of the inspection program and will include presentations on topics that include property maintenance, tenant and landlord responsibilities and ways to work collectively to improve Carbondale's housing stock.

Additional information on this meeting and the City's Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program can be obtained by contacting the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

### Disponible un nuevo Programa de Conversión de Viviendas Unifamiliares

La Ciudad de Carbondale ha mantenido por largo tiempo, como una de sus metas, el promover y reforzar la vivienda en sectores residenciales. La Ciudad ha implementado varios programas, entre los que se incluyen, el Programa de Inspección Obligatoria de Arrendamientos, los programas de subvención para la remodelación de viviendas, los programas de préstamos con bajos intereses para los compradores de su primera vivienda, las subvenciones para nuevos propietarios y las subvenciones para nuevos propietarios de viviendas en urbanizaciones nuevas. La División de Servicios Residenciales y de Construcción refuerza enérgicamente la ordenanza de ocupación familiar en los distritos zonificados de baja densidad residencial. La preservación y estabilización de vecindarios residenciales junto con el asegurar que la existencia de viviendas residenciales de la comunidad se mantenga es una prioridad de la Ciudad de Carbondale.

En la reunión general del 16 de octubre de 2007, el Concejo de la Ciudad de Carbondale aprobó un nuevo programa para ayudar a las personas que deseen adquirir una vivienda en Carbondale. Este nuevo

Programa de Conversión de Viviendas Unifamiliares está diseñado para ayudar a los compradores de casas con la compra y remodelación de viviendas unifamiliares que hayan estado el mercado de arrendamientos y convertirlas a la categoría de residencias ocupadas por sus propietarios. Los principales elementos del programa propuesto son:

Una subvención de \$5,000 para el comprador de una casa unifamiliar que haya sido una vivienda rentada por más de dos años en el momento de la compra.

Se pondrá una cláusula en la propiedad que requerirá que la casa permanezca ocupada por su propietario registrado por un mínimo de 10 años.

Califican para este programa todas las viviendas unifamiliares de cualquier distrito zonificado residencial dentro de los límites municipales de la Ciudad de Carbondale.

La Ciudad dará una extensión de todos los cargos por permisos de construcción necesarios que se necesiten para el mejoramiento de la casa.

Para mayor información sobre el Programa de Conversión de Viviendas Unifamiliares de la Ciudad de Carbondale, llamar a Khristina Vaughn, Administradora del Programa de Vivienda, al 457-3235.

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### Carbondale Civic Center



618-457-3209

[lchamness@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:lchamness@ci.carbondale.il.us)



## Carbondale City Calendar

### September

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 1st, 22nd	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 2nd, 16th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 14th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm

**Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue**

Monday - 14th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 17th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 pm
Monday - 21st	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

**Scheduled meetings at other locations**

Wednesday - 9th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Tuesday - 22nd	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 24th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Parrish School, 121 North Parrish Lane	7:00 pm

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED:** Monday, September 7th, for the Labor Day holiday. All City refuse collection routes will be delayed one day.

### October

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 6th, 20th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 7th, 21st	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 12th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm

**Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue**

Monday - 5th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 pm
Monday - 19th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

**Scheduled meetings at other locations**

Wednesday - 14th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 22nd	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Administrative Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm

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**CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUÉ**



The Hickory Lodge located at 1115 W. Sycamore Street was recently named a landmark district and has been added to the Carbondale Register of Historic Places. The lodge was built in 1931 and was the home of Thomas W. Martin, founder of Martin Oil Company and his family. The designation means that the property is considered a historic landmark and design standards for future improvements on the property will be implemented to retain the lodge's character. Today the lodge is home to Carbondale Community Arts, Keep Carbondale Beautiful and the Carbondale Park District, and is a popular location for meetings and special events.

### National Fire Prevention Week Activities Planned October 4-10

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 for Fire Prevention Week 2009 is "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned." The campaign this year focuses on ways to keep homes fire safe and prevent painful burns. Each year roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, and more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries.

"The most common types of burn injuries result from fire or flame burns, scalds and contact burns," said Fire Chief John Michalesko. "Burns are painful and can result in serious scarring and even death. When we take extra caution in our homes to ensure that the curling iron is out of children's reach or pot handles are turned away from the edge of the stove, such injuries are entirely preventable. Keeping our homes safe from fire and preventing devastating burn injuries is a healthy change we can make happen."

During Fire Prevention Week, the City of Carbondale Fire Department will make presentations to students at Carbondale Middle School, Parrish School, Thomas School and Lewis School. An Open House will be held at Fire Station #2 located at 300 South Oakland Avenue on Saturday, October 10th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sparky, the Dalmation Mascot will be present for pictures with children and will again provide free picture buttons.

In connection with Fire Prevention Week, the City of Carbondale Fire Department has again this year joined forces with the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the 22nd annual "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign. The program urges all Americans to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke alarm batteries when changing clocks back to standard time each fall. The City of Carbondale Fire Department will provide and install a free smoke detector for any disadvantaged persons' home in Carbondale. The department will also provide a free battery to Carbondale citizens that cannot afford to purchase one. We encourage citizens to take advantage of this program.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country.

For 85 years fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

For information about all of the services available through the Carbondale Fire Department, make plans to stop by Fire Station #2 on October 10th and tour the station between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. or contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department Administrative Office at 457-3234.

### Reminder: No Burn Ordinance Within City Limits

Pursuant to Carbondale City Code it is unlawful to burn refuse, landscape waste or any other combustible material within the City of Carbondale with the exception of recreational fires contained in an approved device designed for such purpose. Fires

on the ground, in "fire pits" or open containers are not allowed.

For additional information please contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department Administrative Office at 457-3234.

### Seasonal Leaf Collection Program Begins November 2, 2009

Carbondale's Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will be offered during the months of November, December and January. Calls for the vacuum collection service will be accepted from November 2, 2009 through January 29, 2010. The fee during this special program period is \$20.00 for each collection. (Note that the regular fee for vacuum leaf collection outside the program period is \$30.00).

City of Carbondale residents that would like to participate in the program should rake their leaves to curbside or street-side. Please be sure not to block streets, sidewalks, ditches or gutters. Call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 and request a "Vacuum Leaf Collection."

Calls for service will be accepted 24 hours a day by leaving a message at this number. Please be sure to leave your name, address and telephone number

and identify your request as "Vacuum Leaf Collection." If you would like to speak to a person directly, please call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The City's Landscape Waste, Bag & Bundle program will continue as usual with scheduled collection on Wednesday and Friday of each week.

Those desiring collection of bagged leaves and grass, or bundles of brush may continue to place their landscape waste in clear bags or tied bundles and purchase and affix one sticker to each bag or bundle. When you place the bags or bundles curbside, please call the number listed above and leave your address along with your request for "Bag and Bundle" or "Landscape Waste Collection" and collection will be scheduled the following Wednesday or Friday.

### Monthly Outdoor Warning Siren Testing

Outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. During inclement weather, sirens will not be tested.

If a siren is sounded other than during a scheduled test, this alarm indicates an actual

emergency. Remember that a watch means that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop and a warning means that severe weather is occurring and you should take shelter immediately.