



Carbondale Communiqué

May - June, 2008

City of Carbondale

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From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

I think I can speak for everyone when I say that I'm glad winter is behind us and spring and summer are here. It just seemed that between the ice and the snow and the rain and flooding, we had a miserable start to 2008. Now we'll probably start complaining about how hot and dry it might get.

Once all of the flowers and trees came into bloom and the grass turned green again, the beauty of southern Illinois really became apparent. Unfortunately, some of the less attractive aspects of our surroundings also popped into view... litter and trash.

For years there have been active groups and volunteers that spend hours and hours cleaning-up roadside areas and walking the streets to collect litter

and junk, but the problem seems to get bigger every year and it never seems to end. I am yet to find anyone who thinks litter is a good thing, so I constantly wonder where it comes from. I guess it must come from the same people that get blamed when things get broken around the house or when something bad happens at school, the "I don't know" and "It wasn't me" people. I sure would like to talk to those folks.

The bottom line to this issue is that litter and trash make all of us look bad. They create dirty and ugly situations that seem to say "we don't care" about our environment, our workplaces, our homes and our community. But I know that can't be true, because the people of Carbondale and southern Illinois do care, they care a great deal about all of these things and they take pride in where they work and live.

So perhaps we can all take a few extra minutes to pick-up a piece of litter or trash when we walk past it. And maybe we can let others know when we see them littering, or dropping a cigarette butt on the ground, or throwing out their candy or food wrapper while driving down the road. If we all try in some way, we can have a big impact and we will all benefit. Maybe it won't be an overnight fix, but every little bit helps and every person can make a difference.

Brad Cole, Mayor



Haven't You Heard...

The Newell House Received Historic Preservation Award

In order to bring awareness to the importance of historic preservation in the City of Carbondale and to encourage and reward those who have taken an active role in preservation, the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission initiated a Historic Preservation Awards Program. Members of the community were invited to submit nominations for properties they felt deserved an award. Any property within the City was eligible and could be nominated in one of the following categories; preservation, restoration, sympathetic addition, or compatible new construction.

The recipient of the 2008 Historic Preservation Award is The Newell House.

The Newell House, located at 201 East Main Street, is being recognized in the category of preservation for the recent restoration work.

The Newell House was originally constructed in 1872 and was considered the finest hotel in southern Illinois at the time. In the 1960's the building was covered with a metal facade, which covered all traces of its original character. In June 2007, an extensive renovation began including removing the metal facade, refurbishing the exterior, and refinishing the upper floors. Due to the owner Dan Terry's efforts and investment, The Newell House is once again a prominent feature of the historic town square.



Woodlawn Cemetery in Carbondale is the site of the first Memorial Day Service in Illinois and is the location of the Annual Memorial Day Service.

Carbondale Memorial Day Service May 26, 2008

The annual Carbondale Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in historic Woodlawn Cemetery on East Main Street in Carbondale. The keynote speaker will be Major Jeremiah Aeschleman, Professor of Military Science, SIUC Army ROTC. Major Aeschleman served as Commander of Charlie Company with the U.S. Army 2nd Battalion 123rd Field Artillery unit in Iraq, returning to the United States in 2006.

Mayor Brad Cole will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the Memorial Day Service. Other participants include Commander David Conrad and Veterans

of Foreign Wars Teeter-Carter-Watson Post 2605, Company C of the 31st Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the Daniel H. Brush Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 514, the Carbondale Preservation Commission and Carbondale Boy Scouts. Reverend Glendall Toney of the Neighborhood Bible Fellowship will offer the invocation and benediction and the National Anthem will be sung by the Bankster family of Carbondale.

The Memorial Day Service is conducted regardless of the weather. Ample seating will be provided.

City to Again Conduct Community Clean-Up Program

This summer the City of Carbondale will again conduct a city-wide community clean-up program. The program is being designed to remove junk items and materials from yards as well as remove brush and clean fence rows. The program will create summer jobs for the youth in the Carbondale community.

The City has begun the planning and preparation for the summer program and in the coming weeks will be identifying the properties to be cleaned, executing agreements with the property owners, and hiring the workers.

The City will identify properties for the program and property owners will be

required to sign agreements containing the scope of work to be performed and waivers of liability. Work crews will be assigned to properties for the clean-up activity.

Approximately 30 temporary workers, ages 16 years and above, will be hired for an eight week period for the Clean-up Program. For more information about employment opportunities with the Clean-Up program, contact the Human Resources Division at 549-5302, ext. 328 or visit the City Web site ci.carbondale.il.us.

For more information about the Community Clean-Up Program contact the Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.

Youth Honored at May 6th City Council Meeting

Each year the City of Carbondale recognizes the community service contributions of its youth who have gone above and beyond expectations in areas that include representing a healthy lifestyle, having a strong commitment to serving others, and by serving as a role model and making a difference through their actions and leadership in our community.

Outstanding Youth Award and the Youth Volunteer of the Year Award recipients will be recognized at a ceremony to be held during the City Council Meeting on May 6, 2008. Mayor Brad Cole will present the awards to the individuals in the presence of their families, nominators, elected officials and the media. Mayoral Scholarship Awards will also be presented in the amount of \$500.00 each to three high school students.

Middle school and high school students were nominated for the Outstanding Youth

Award in recognition of their efforts in exceeding expectations as a role model, through community service and/or helping others. To be eligible to be nominated for the Youth Volunteer of the Year Award, nominees were to be high school juniors or seniors, who had at least a B+ grade point average, had completed 50 volunteer hours of community service and participated in other community activities.

The 2008 Outstanding Youth Award Recipients selected are: Khrysta Dunkel, Alexander Lauren-Ho, James Brittan Emmons and Erik Rhys Anderson.

The 2008 Youth Volunteer of the Year recipient is Mason Smith.

Recipients of the 2008 Mayoral Scholarship Award are: Kristian Baldwin, Nina Okafor and Elan Owen.

The City of Carbondale is proud of its youth and the outstanding efforts they make in contributing to the betterment of the community.

Carbondale's Newest Police Officers



Pictured are new Carbondale Police Officers Blake Quinn, Timothy McVey and Baltazar Roman with Mayor Cole. The officers were sworn in during a ceremony held at the City Council meeting on April 15, 2008.

Update on the New Police Station

The City of Carbondale has approved the selection of an architectural consulting firm, Arcturis, to design the new Public Safety Center that will be located on the former Lincoln Middle School site. The facility will house the City of Carbondale Police Department. The design process will begin in May 2008 and continue through 2008.

Learn to 'Map Your Neighborhood'

Do you know who in your neighborhood has a generator? Would you know how to turn off the gas at the house next door if your neighbor was not home? Area residents have a unique opportunity to improve their emergency preparedness by attending a training session to learn how to "Map Your Neighborhood" on May 27 or May 28, 2008. The sessions will be conducted by LuAn Johnson, the designer of the program and recipient of the 2008 Award for Excellence at the National Earthquake Conference. Carbondale's Housing and Neighborhood Action Group is organizing the sessions, with funding and co-sponsorship from John A. Logan College.

Dr. Johnson will hold the workshop at two locations.

Interested persons can attend the workshop on either May 27 or May 28. She will conduct the workshop on Tuesday, May 27 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center located at 200 South Illinois Avenue, and Wednesday, May 28 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Tarvin Crisp Room at John A. Logan College.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Mary O'Hara at (618) 713-0820 or maryohara@jalc.edu, or contact the office of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action at 549-5302 ext. 386 or studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Carbondale Conversations for Community Action is a program of the Carbondale Human Relations Commission.

Housing Rehabilitation Pre-Application Deadline June 6, 2008

The City of Carbondale has been awarded Single Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (SFOOR) Program funds. These funds will be available to rehabilitate owner-occupied homes in three targeted areas of Carbondale. Pre-applications are now available and will be accepted through June 6, 2008.

Housing rehabilitation assistance up to a maximum of \$40,000 per home is available. Work can include structural, plumbing, electrical, weatherization, heating, roofing and general upgrades to meet City codes. The assistance is provided in the form of a forgivable zero percent interest loan. As long as the homeowner owns and lives in the home, the loan does not have to be repaid. If the homeowner moves or sells the home before the five or ten year period ends, a prorated amount of the original loan must be repaid.

To be eligible to participate in the program, applicants must own and live in their home which must be located in one of the program's targeted areas: Tatum Heights, Northeast Carbondale and that portion of the Northwest that is east of Little Crab Orchard Creek and south of the old Murphysboro ICRR tracks.

The applicant must also meet federal income eligibility criteria. The total household income may not exceed 80% of the median income at the time application is made. Income limits are set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and are based on the number of persons in the household. Currently the income limits are 1 person- \$29,250, 2 persons-\$33,400, 3 persons-\$37,600, 4 persons-\$41,750, 5 persons-\$45,100, 6 persons-\$48,450, 7 persons-\$51,750, and 8 persons-\$55,100.

Interested persons may obtain a pre-application form from the Development Services Department at City Hall, 200 South Illinois Avenue, 2nd Floor or by phone at 618-549-5302 x. 346. Completed pre-applications must be submitted to the City of Carbondale by 5:00p.m. on June 6, 2008.

For additional information, please contact Khristina Vaughn, Housing Programs Administrator, at 618-549-5302 x 346.

6th Annual Carbondale 'Bike 2 Work Day' May 16, 2008

Since 1956, the League of American Bicyclists has recognized the month of May as National Bike-to-Work Month, a national campaign to promote bicycling as a healthy and efficient transportation alternative.

In addition, many communities will sponsor a Bike-to-Work Day giving metropolitan areas the opportunity to call attention to the benefits of bicycling and to increase safety awareness among bicyclists and motorists.

In Carbondale, the 6th annual "Bike 2 Work Day" event will be held on May 16, 2008, with a

gathering of bicyclists at the Town Square Pavilion for lunch and trophy presentations by Mayor Brad Cole.

Trophies will be awarded to participants who travel the longest distance, and for the organization that has the most people ride to work that day. Entertainment will be provided by WDBX's Darby McGrann who will play guitar, as riders gather and chat over lunch.

Other communities in the region are also encouraged to participate in local bike to work events.

Police Recognition Dinner Planned for May 19, 2008

The City of Carbondale Human Relations Commission, through its Carbondale Conversations for Community Action (CCCA) Study Circles Action Group for Police Recognition, invites the public to join in a recognition program for Police Officers from the Carbondale Police Department and the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Department of Public Safety. The event will include a recognition program and dinner.

The event will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008 at the Carbondale Civic Center located at 200 South Illinois Avenue. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be

catered by Great Boars of Fire.

The cost for attending the event is \$15.00 for per person, with children age 5 and under eating free. The registration deadline is May 12, 2008.

To register for the event, please send a check payable to the City of Carbondale to the attention of Faith Johnson. Mail checks to the City of Carbondale, Post Office Box 2047, 200 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, Illinois 62901.

For more information about this event and Study Circles, contact Lana Bardo, Study Circles Coordinator at 457-8362 or email studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Carbondale Animal Control and Licensing Information

If you own a pet or are planning to own one, we encourage you to be a "good pet neighbor". 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 by regulating the care and control of animals within the City.

- All dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies. Cats must be neutered before they may be allowed to run at large.

- All dogs must be restrained by a leash or other physical restraint whenever the dog is off of 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.

- All dogs four (4) months old and older must be

licensed. The annual fee is \$7 for dogs that have not been neutered and \$1 for neutered animals. 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 ci.carbondale.us. The completed form with the required fee can be mailed to the Carbondale Police Department at the above address.

Special rules have 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 Animal Control Officer at 457-3200 ext. 424.

If you have concern about animals in your neighborhood, we recommend you contact your neighbor to discuss the matter. If you require additional assistance with the problem, contact the Animal Control Officer. If your animal is lost, contact the Animal Control Officer or the Humane Shelter.

Registro de bicicletas: Beneficio para los ciclistas

Las bicicletas son un modo de transporte útil y una forma excelente de recreación y ejercicio. Carbondale está rodeada de hermosos paisajes que hacen del ciclismo, tanto en la ciudad como en sus alrededores, una experiencia placentera. Para aumentar el uso de bicicletas, algunas calles de Carbondale se han demarcado específicamente con vías para bicicletas.

Por su seguridad y la seguridad de los demás, usted debe recordar lo siguiente cuando esté manejando su bicicleta:

- Los ciclistas tienen que obedecer las mismas leyes de tránsito que los vehículos motorizados. Esto incluye parar en las señales de parada y en los semáforos en rojo, doblar desde el carril apropiado, viajar en el mismo sentido del tráfico motorizado y tener el registro o matrícula visible.

- Debido al gran volumen de tráfico peatonal en Carbondale, se prohíbe manejar bicicletas en las aceras, pero hay dos excepciones: niños menores de 12 años de edad que manejen bicicletas con ruedas

de un tamaño menor de 24 pulgadas y en áreas en donde las aceras estén específicamente demarcadas para tráfico de bicicletas.

- Las bicicletas tienen que registrarse, ya sea en la Ciudad de Carbondale o en el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de SIUC. Con el registro se archiva una descripción completa del vehículo, junto con su número de serie, en caso de que la bicicleta sea robada. El equipo requerido incluye reflectores delanteros, laterales y traseros. Las bicicletas que se vayan a manejar durante la noche tienen que tener una luz blanca adelante.

El registro está disponible por \$2.00 en el Departamento de Policía de Carbondale y en la Oficina del Registrador Municipal en el Ayuntamiento de Carbondale de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes. Los estudiantes de SIU pueden registrar sus bicicletas en SIU Parking Division en Washington Square B, de 7:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m. No hay ningún costo para los estudiantes que presenten su carné de estudiante.

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Haven't You Heard...

Residential Spring Clean-Up Program Continues During May

The City of Carbondale began the annual residential Spring Clean-Up Program on April 25, 2008. This program serves single family dwellings up to and including 4-unit buildings. The Clean-Up Program will address household items and general rubbish generated from the dwelling being served. Only household rubbish will be collected. Household lumber must be cut to five feet or less.

The following items will not be collected as a part of this program: tires, yard waste, appliances and contractor's remodeling or construction debris. These items will only be collected through the Landscape Waste Sticker Program.

Items will be collected from the curbside on Fridays, based on your regular refuse collection day (subsequent Saturdays may be used if necessary).

• Wednesday's City Refuse Collection Route (ZONE#3)

Friday May 9th and Friday May 16th

All residences south of West Sycamore Street, north of West Main Street and west of the CNRR tracks; and all residences south of West Main Street, west of the CNRR tracks and east of South Oakland Avenue. (This

includes the residences on the north side of West Sycamore Street from North University Avenue to West Main Street; and the residences on the west side of South Oakland Avenue from West Main Street to Chautauqua Street).

• Thursday's City Refuse Collection Route (ZONE #4)

Friday, May 23rd

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

Please place your household rubbish at the curbside NO EARLIER THAN FIVE (5) DAYS prior to your zone's collection day and NO LATER THAN 8 AM on the collection day. Do not block sidewalks, streets, ditches or drainage ways. Placing and or allowing items to remain at the curbside outside of these times is a violation of City Code and may subject you to a citation. If you have any questions, please contact the office of the Maintenance and Environmental Services Manager at 457-3275.

Carbondale Named Tree City USA Community

Carbondale has been named Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the 27th consecutive year Carbondale has received this national recognition. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Carbondale has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

City Manager Jeff Doherty stated that an effective community forestry program is an ongoing process

of growth and renewal with a program of planting and care that continues through the years. "As a Tree City USA for 27 years, Carbondale has a solid foundation for that process of improvement. Much of the credit for Carbondale's successful forestry program goes to City Forester, Greg Kline."

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation. "Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest."

For more information about this designation you may contact Greg Kline, City Forester at 457-3332.

City Refuse and Recycling Rates Increase July 1, 2008

Effective with bills received after July 1, 2008, the City's Residential Curbside Refuse Pick-up monthly rates will increase from \$7.25 to \$8.00. In addition, the Recycling Fee that is included on all Carbondale monthly water bills will increase

from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

The refuse and recycling rate increases are necessary to provide ongoing services due to increasing operating costs and the need for new capital equipment.

Ordinance Requires Maintenance of Tall Grass and Weeds

The City of Carbondale Code declares grass and weeds over eight (8) inches in height to be a nuisance and requires their removal. The provision of the City Code pertaining to mowing grasses and weeds over eight inches in height does not apply to land zoned as "Forestry" or "Agriculture" which is used for agricultural purposes as long as a 20-foot perimeter adjacent to any right-of-way and/or residentially zoned property is mowed and maintained so as not to exceed the eight inch height. Owners and tenants are reminded that they are also required to keep adjoining public right-of-way mowed to the back of the curb, the edge of the street pavement and the alley.

Most property owners and tenants comply with the City of Carbondale's standards for the maintenance of tall grass and weeds. However, some property owners/tenants do not mow their property until the

City posts the property in violation of the tall grass and weed ordinance. Therefore, upon finding the same property in violation more than once during the same growth season, a Court Citation will be issued to all owners and occupants of the property at the time of the second posting and for each subsequent posting that may be necessary during the balance of the growth season.

If the tall grass and weeds have not been mowed within seven days after the posting, the City's mowing contractor will mow the property and the property owner will be billed for the mowing by the City.

For more information about this ordinance contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237. To see if a property has been posted you may visit the City of Carbondale Web site ci.carbondale.il.us. A weed posting report can be viewed under the Government section.

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

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In April, The Train Inn located at 406 E. Stoker Street in Carbondale was designated as a Landmark District on the Carbondale Register of Historic Places.

Firefighter Exam July 21, 2008

A written examination and physical fitness assessment for the position of Fire Fighter will be given in the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois, Carbondale, at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 21, 2008. Candidates receiving a passing grade on the written exam will be eligible to take the physical fitness assessment at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. To be eligible to take the written exam, an application must be

on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 3rd. The application, pre-employment agreement and information on the testing process are available at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall or may be downloaded from the City of Carbondale's website at www.ci.carbondale.il.us.

The City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Carbondale Bicycle Maps Available

Bicycle enthusiasts in Carbondale and surrounding areas have a 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 Carbondale Bikeway Map identifies Carbondale's on-street and off-street bikeways. The Bikeway Map also includes the Illinois

Official Bicycle Map for Jackson County and the Surrounding Area, and Bicycle Rules and Safety Tips. The 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.

Emergency Preparedness Edition Available

If you did not see the recent Special Edition of the Carbondale Communicate dedicated to Emergency Preparedness or

would like to obtain additional copies, please contact the City Manager's Office at 457-3226 or email jporter@ci.carbondale.il.us.



Water flowed over the Cedar Lake Spillway following the heavy rains in March. The water level of Cedar Lake was approximately five feet above its normal pool stage.

Carbondale City Calendar

May

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 6th & 27th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 7th & 21st	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 15th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other Scheduled Meetings At The Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 5th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 19th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 14th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 22nd	Elementary School District #95 Carbondale Middle School	7:00 pm

THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Monday, May 26th, for the Memorial Day Holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

June

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 10th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 4th & 18th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 16th & 30th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other Scheduled Meetings At the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 2nd	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 5th	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 pm
Monday - 16th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 19th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 11th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 19th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 26th	Elementary School District #95 Administrative Center, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm

Poplar Camp Beach at Cedar Lake Opens Friday, May 23, 2008

Hours: Monday thru Friday • 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday/Sunday/ Holidays • 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM
State Certified Lifeguards are on duty during beach open hours.
Admission: \$2.00 per person (Children age four (4) and under 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 2008 beach season and can be used by anyone at anytime.
For information about beach closings, call 549-8441 or 549-5302.
For the safety of all visitors alcoholic beverages, glass containers and fires are prohibited at the beach.

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CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE

Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Approved

By Jeffrey W. Doherty,
City Manager

The Fiscal Year 2009 City of Carbondale Budget has been approved for the period from May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009. The Budget incorporates the City Council's philosophy of providing quality services to the Citizens of Carbondale with fiscal responsibility for FY 2009 and beyond.

The FY 2009 Budget for all funds totals \$42,020,389 compared to the FY 2008 Budget of \$45,342,095, a decrease of \$3,321,706 (7.3%). The decrease in budgeted expenditures is related primarily to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund where the Street Improvement Program was completed in FY 2008 and the dissolution of the Self Insurance Fund for FY 2009.

The total revenues and other financing sources for the FY 2009 Budget are \$37,966,735 compared to the FY 2008 budgeted revenues of \$39,015,552, a decrease of \$1,048,817 (2.7%). The decrease in the budgeted revenues and other financing sources is related primarily to the dissolution of the Self Insurance Fund for FY 2009.

The projected revenues for FY 2009 are \$4,053,654 under the proposed FY 2009 expenditures. The use of \$2,000,065 fund balances, in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for street construction and maintenance projects, Community

Investment Fund for street construction projects, the Waterworks and Sewerage Fund for water and sewer capital projects, Parking Systems Operations Fund for a public parking lot construction, Debt Service Fund for payment of bond debt services, and Solid Waste Management Fund for operations, will provide part of the funding for the excess of expenditures and other financing uses over the revenues and other financing sources.

The FY 2009 General Fund Budget, which funds the basic City services including Police, Fire, Development Services, General Government, Administrative Services and portions of Public Works, totals \$22,040,052 compared to the FY 2008 General Fund Budget of \$21,562,581, an increase of \$477,471 (2.2%).

The FY 2009 Budget includes Revenues and Other Financing Sources in the General Fund of \$22,198,520, an increase of \$841,652 (3.9%) from the FY 2008 Budget Revenues and Other Financing Sources of \$21,356,868. The increase in revenues in FY 2009 is related primarily to the projected increase in Sales and Service Tax revenues due mainly to the 0.5% increase in the Home Rule Sales Tax, Intergovernmental revenues due to the increase in housing rehabilitation grants, and Service Charges - Development Services revenues due to the

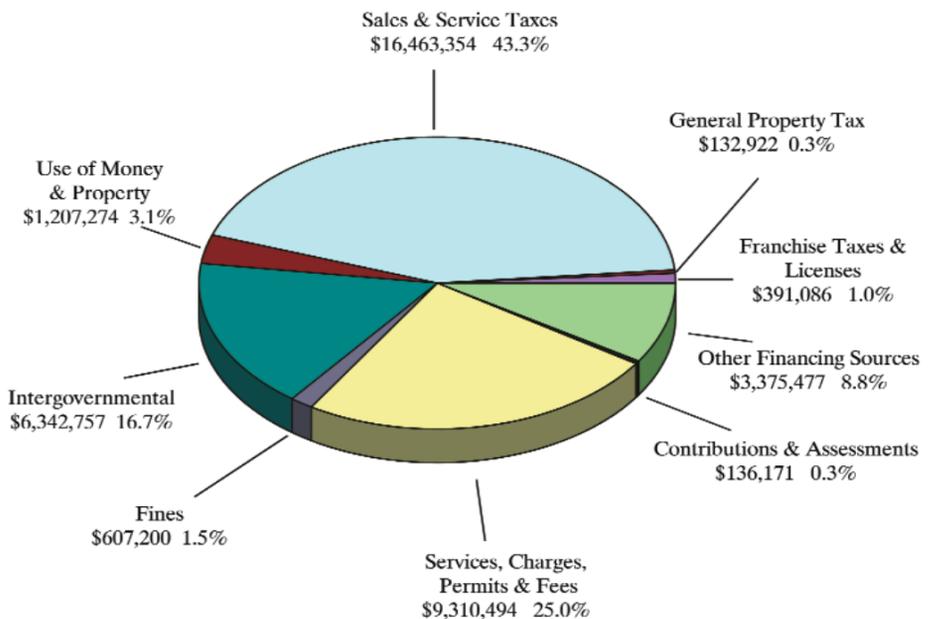
implementation of the Rental Property Inspection Fees. The FY 2009 projected General Fund revenues are \$158,468 more than the proposed expenditures.

The projected FY 2009 Ending Fund Balance for the General Fund is \$6,770,708, an increase of \$158,468. The amount of the FY 2009 Ending Fund Balance that is designated or reserved for prepaid assets, cemetery improvements and care, and grant funds is \$1,227,077. The undesignated FY 2009 Ending Fund Balance is projected to be \$5,543,631. Based on established financial policies of the City for the General Fund, the minimum fund balance at the end of FY 2009 is projected to have a favorable variance of \$227,850.

The FY 2009 Budget includes an across the board salary increase of 3.0 percent for non-union employees. Non-union employees will be eligible for merit pay increases of one and two percent.

The Teamsters Union (Street Maintenance, Solid Waste and Cemetery workers), the International Association of Firefighters (Firefighters), and the Fraternal Order of Police (Patrol Officers and Detectives) agreed to four year contracts from FY 2008 through FY 2012. The Plumbers and Pipefitters Union (Water and Sewer workers) has a three-year labor contract from FY 2007 through FY 2010. All four unions will receive salary increases of 3.0% in FY 2009.

Total FY 2009 Budgeted Revenues and Other Financing Sources



Total FY 2009 Budgeted Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

