



Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

As the New Year begins, we all usually take a few minutes to think back over the past year and some of the events that have happened in our lives. After a quick trip down that memory lane, most people turn to look forward to what's ahead and try to make plans that may include personal or professional development, bringing the family together more often or just hoping for fewer worries.

In the life of a city – and the City of Carbondale in particular – we also look forward, and we do so everyday with the task of making Carbondale a better community. One of my goals for the community has been to set our sights on increasing our official population to more than 30,000 within the next dozen years. This may not seem like too high of a goal to

the average person (adding about 4,000 new residents), but it equates to a net gain of about 300 new people annually. In order to reach this goal, we have to continue to work hard together to attract and retain business, to build new homes, and to create opportunities for people who will want to live in the city.

In the past we have done these things, too, but we never had a recognizable goal to which we would be accountable. Now, with the 30,000 population mark, we have a goal to meet and the work takes on new meaning. Setting achievable goals is important when focusing on the future, because it sets a target and gives us something to measure against in all that we do. Building a community is like building anything else, there have to be points where success can be seen and where one step leads to another. We have just taken the first step and 2007 will be an important year in deciding what future steps we take to meet our objectives and surpass our goals.

To support our efforts in growing the population base, we will also look ahead in the New Year to continue building our business community, our faith community, our schools and youth programs, investing in public infrastructure, and strengthening the support systems that come together to make Carbondale the Capital of Southern Illinois. I am certain that this New Year will be the best ever for our neighborhoods and the community as a whole, and I wish the best to all in 2007. Happy New Year!

Brad Cole, Mayor

Primary Election February 27, 2007 For Mayor and Three City Council Seats

Four candidates have filed nominating petitions to run for a four-year term as Mayor of Carbondale. In order of ballot placement, the candidates are:

- Brad Cole, 205 South Hewitt Street
- Sheila Simon, 404 North Springer Street
- Jessica Davis, 1501 West Eddings Street
- Pepper Holder, 410 East James and Thelma Walker Avenue

In order to narrow the field of candidates from four to two, a primary election will be held on February 27, 2007. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the primary election will advance to the general election on April 17, 2007.

In addition, seven candidates are vying for three four-year terms on the Carbondale City Council. The six candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the February 27, 2007 primary election will advance to the April 17, 2007 general election. In order of ballot placement, the candidates for the three seats on the City Council are:

- Joseph Moore, 704 East Park Street, Apartment H4

- Lance D. Jack, 1026 North Bridge Street
- Mary Pohlmann, 405 South Deer Lake Drive East
- Paulette "Wills" Sherwood, 2003 W. Meadow Lane
- Steven N. Haynes, 605 East Burke Street
- Elizabeth Lewin, 105 South Rod Lane
- Luanne J. Brown, 1440 East Walnut

Ballot placement for the general election is determined by the number of votes received by each candidate in the primary election, with the candidate receiving the most votes in the primary election appearing in first position on the general election ballot, the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes appearing second on the ballot, etc..

All Mayoral and City Council candidates run on a non-partisan basis which means they are not affiliated with a specific political party for the municipal election. They are also elected at-large rather than from wards, which entitles them to receive votes from all areas of the City.

The newly-elected Mayor and City Council members will be sworn into office in May.

Robert Ledbetter Appointed Chief of Police

Robert (Bob) Ledbetter has been appointed Chief of Police for the City of Carbondale by City Manager Jeff Doherty.

"Bob Ledbetter is a solid well-trained police administrator with strong managerial skills," said Doherty. "He has demonstrated his leadership and abilities in the department while serving as Interim Police Chief. He has done an excellent job over the past several months."

Bob Ledbetter, 57, is a veteran of 29 years with the City of Carbondale Police Department. He began in 1977 as a Patrol Officer and was promoted to Sergeant in 1993. In 2000, Ledbetter was named to the newly created position of Deputy Police Chief for Administration. Ledbetter has served as Interim Chief of Police since April 2006 when Steve Odum retired.

Ledbetter earned an Associate of Arts degree from John A. Logan College in 1970 and a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1973.

Ledbetter served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1971 to 1998, retiring as a Command



Chief Ledbetter

Sergeant Major.

In accepting the appointment, Chief Ledbetter said, "It is truly an honor to be appointed Chief of Police for Carbondale. I am committed to making Carbondale a safe community for all citizens, students and

those who come to work here each day. The Carbondale Police Department is a well respected law enforcement agency because the men and women of the department are genuinely dedicated to serving the community. Carbondale is a great community and I am excited to be leading its Police Department."

Bob and his wife, Carolyn, have four sons, Patrick Murphy of London, Kentucky, James Murphy of Fort Worth, Texas, Jeff Ledbetter of Carbondale, and Robert Ledbetter of Marion. His father, John Ledbetter and wife Loretta, live in Carbondale.

Haven't You Heard...

Economic Development and Community Growth Remain Top Priority

By: Jeffrey W. Doherty, City Manager

Economic development and community growth is a top priority for Carbondale City government. The City invests in business development through the Enterprise Zone, Tax Increment Financing District and capital improvement projects and invests in residential development through the Home Ownership Program and capital improvement projects. The benefits become evident when reviewing progress in Carbondale during the past year.

Carbondale's retail sector continued to grow and remain a dominant commercial center in the region. Carbondale maintained the position as the region's top spot for shopping. Records from the Illinois Department of Revenue reveal that Carbondale led the southern Illinois region in retail sales for the state Fiscal Year 2006 (ending June 30, 2006) with over \$588 million in total sales. This represented a 6.9% increase over the previous year.

Retail sales have grown 29% in Carbondale during the City's last five fiscal years. The strength of retail sales has enabled Carbondale to eliminate the City government property tax levy, which encourages business and residential growth.

The retail anchor for the community, University Mall, continued to grow and improve. During 2006, Steve and Barry's University Sportswear opened in the mall. The University Mall announced its plans for University Square, a new retail and restaurant complex located at the southwest corner of Giant City Road and Mall Entrance Road and for the Shops at University at the northeast corner of the University Mall.

The Giant City Road corridor continued its growth with the opening of a new A.G. Edwards office building and the construction of the Qualls Plaza Shopping Center. Plans were announced for a new banking center in the corridor.

Development in the Reed Station Road area included the construction of the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center. Plans were announced for a new hotel, restaurant and professional office buildings in the area.

Other new retail store openings in 2006 included Petco in the University Place Shopping Center, Office Depot in the former Office Max building and UniversiTeens on South Illinois Avenue. The Famous Barr Department Store in the University Mall changed to Macy's as part of a national brand campaign by its parent company. Announcements were made for the fall 2007 opening of Dick's Sporting

Goods in the former K Mart building.

Carbondale has over 115 eating establishments including those that opened or expanded in 2006: Buffalo Wild Wings, Mi Pueblito, Little Caesars, Common Grounds, Dimaggio's Pizza, Spinoni's Pizza and Pasta House, Little Java Café, Global Gourmet, Gumby's Pizza, and Sachi Japanese and Asian Cuisine. Announcements were made for the 2007 openings of Moe's Southwest Grill, Fujiyama Restaurant, and Captain D's.

Businesses started and expanded throughout the community. Ashley Furniture opened its second store on East Main Street, the Book Worm expanded and Golds Gym opened in the Eastgate Shopping Center, The Arthur Agency relocated to and the Town Square Market opened in the Town Square on Jackson Street. Ward Chrysler opened its new dealership facility on West Main Street. The Neighborhood Coop relocated to the Murdale Shopping Center and opened in a newly remodeled and updated store.

Memorial Hospital of Carbondale continued to be the leader in healthcare in southern Illinois and began two important construction projects in 2006 to provide enhanced services to residents. A \$7 million cardiovascular center will provide a state of the art facility as the hospital's heart program continues to grow. A \$14 million addition to the hospital will add more and update existing patient rooms.

Building permits for over \$51 million in construction were issued in 2006. Residential growth continued in 2006 with 37 new single family homes and 215 multi-family units being built.

Major City projects completed in 2006 included the Reed Station Road reconstruction project, Phase One of the Street Resurfacing Program, and construction of the concession/restroom facilities at the Super Block.

A major transportation development for the community occurred with the addition of the Saluki Amtrak train. The new passenger train service between Carbondale and Chicago provides convenient daytime schedules in addition to the evening Illini and the nighttime City of New Orleans trains.

The forecast for 2007 is continued growth. Businesses are contacting the City regularly expressing their interest to locate in Carbondale. The Home Ownership Program is encouraging new homes to be constructed. Citizens are excited about what is happening throughout the community.

Haven't You Heard...Carbondale is growing.



During 2006 Carbondale was #1 in retail sales in the region. The University Mall received updated signage and welcomed new additions that included Steve and Barry's University Sportswear and Macy's Department Store.



Mayor Cole presented Dr. Blanche Carlton Sloan with the 2006 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award at the November 21, 2006 City Council meeting.

Blanche Carlton Sloan Received Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award

The Illinois Humanities Council along with Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole are proud to announce that Dr. Blanche Carlton Sloan of Carbondale is the recipient of a 2006 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award. This award recognizes individuals who have made a lasting contribution to the cultural life of their communities. This local "humanities hero" is being recognized for her outstanding efforts on behalf of the humanities within the City and the entire Southern Illinois area. Mayor Cole presented Dr. Blanche Carlton Sloan an engraved medal of recognition at the November 21, 2006 City Council meeting.

Upon learning of Sloan's award, Mayor Cole said, "I know of no person more deserving of this award than Blanche Carlton Sloan. Blanche is a true champion of the arts, working tirelessly throughout her life to promote a greater understanding of and appreciation for the arts. I was honored to nominate Blanche for the Studs Terkel Award and am very pleased that the Illinois Humanities Council agreed that her many contributions merit recognition."

The City of Carbondale and the entire Southern Illinois area have benefitted greatly from Blanche Carlton Sloan's lifelong dedication to the arts, particularly her volunteer work with and financial backing of a variety of local and regional arts organizations, music programs and museums. In the mid-1970's, Dr. Sloan and a colleague organized the first John

A. Logan College (JALC) Art Committee which resulted in the establishment of the JALC Art Museum containing a notable collection of artworks. She served as Registrar of the Museum for 15 years and subsequently established with her husband, Fred, a JALC Foundation endowment to strengthen the College's art collection. She has also been a long-standing supporter of the University Museum at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and in 2003, Dr. Sloan and her husband became the founding co-chairs of the Museum's Patrons Committee, which has since raised funds and increased museum activities. Dr. Sloan also came up with the idea for and co-chaired the "A Community Collects" exhibition at the Museum. She is actively involved with Carbondale Community Arts, especially its educational programs "Art in the Schools" and "Tablescapes".

"The Illinois Humanities Council could not have identified the more than 75 Studs Terkel medalists without the help of Illinois mayors," said IHC Executive Director Kristina A. Valaitis. "These champions of the humanities make their communities and our whole state more vibrant."

The Illinois Humanities Council is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to fostering a culture in which the humanities are a vital part of the lives of individuals and communities. Organized in 1973, it is the state affiliate of the National Endowment of the Humanities.

Neighborhood Alliance Meeting January 20, 2007

The Annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2007 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church located at 310 S. University Avenue in Carbondale. This is the third annual Alliance meeting organized by the Carbondale Housing and Neighborhood Action Group, a branch of Carbondale Study Circles. The Housing and Neighborhood Action Group invites you and your neighbors to spend a morning discussing methods designed to enhance your community. This event is open to the public.

Some of the topics featured at

the meeting will be: neighborhood reports on current neighborhood issues; information on community involvement in revising the City's Comprehensive Plan; crime prevention through environmental design; historic preservation in Carbondale, a report from the Southern Illinois Community Foundation on regional land use issues; discussion of the need for a representational structure for the Alliance; Mediacom update; and Community Emergency Response Teams. A chili lunch will follow the morning events.

For more information about the meeting contact the Study Circles Office at 549-5302 x 386 or email studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us.

City Begins Budget Development For the New Year

The City has begun the process of preparing its FY 2008 Budget (May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008). The process began with the City Council reviewing the proposed tax levy truth in taxation determination on November 21, 2006. On December 19, 2006 the City Council adopted the tax levy. The City Council continued its \$0 tax levy for City Government.

In January the City Council will review the Five Year Community Investment Program (CIP). Also, in January various community-based organizations will submit funding proposals for review by the City Council at the February 6, 2007 regular meeting. During January and February, City Departments will be preparing budgets for their operations.

In February, the City Manager will review the budgets submitted by the Department Directors, and

the Community Investment Program will be prepared.

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

The public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for April 3, 2007. City Council action on the proposed Budget and Five Year Community Investment Program is scheduled for April 24, 2007.

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

City to Offer Downtown Wireless Network

On December 19, 2006 the City Council approved a contract with Woodlawn-based SlingShot Wireless Communications to provide installation and technical support for the development of a Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi) Network that will serve a 30-block area of the City's downtown, which will cover downtown businesses as well as the hospital, library and the Civic Center. The Network is expected to be operational at the beginning of next month. The cost will be covered by a state grant that was received this fall for this project.

The purpose of the Downtown Carbondale Wi-Fi Network is to improve the desirability of downtown Carbondale as a destination for business, dining, entertainment, meetings and other functions by providing wireless Internet access. This service, provided through a partnership with the City of Carbondale and other public and private participants, will allow the users of laptop computers and other Internet-ready devices to browse the Web, use e-mail and take advantage of other wireless network

applications.

Downtown Carbondale is home to a number of businesses that will benefit from a free, limited-use wireless Internet service. These businesses range from cafes and restaurants to health care providers and specialty retailers. Having the attraction of a wireless Internet service available to the customers and clients of these businesses will significantly contribute to the economic development objectives of Carbondale Main Street and the City of Carbondale.

The Carbondale Wi-Fi initiative will be developed in two main phases. The first phase will be the Downtown Carbondale Wi-Fi Network, which will cover the Carbondale Main Street District. Based on the success of this preliminary phase, the system will be expanded to create Wi-Fi "Hotspots" centered at public facilities throughout the community.

The Wi-Fi Network will be extended to increase geographic coverage in future years. Users expected to be served by this expansion include schools, visitors to public parks and recreational areas, and residents.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities Available

Early each spring, generally in March, the City begins the process of hiring its Temporary (Seasonal) Positions which usually include a Weed Control Inspector, four Public Works Seasonal Workers, four Cedar Lake Maintenance Workers, a Head Lifeguard and numerous Lifeguards. Job opening announcements for these and other temporary positions that may become available are posted at City Hall, are available on the City's Web site at ci.carbondale.il.us under Job Opportunities and on CityVision 16 (Mediacom Channel 16). In addition, ads are also run in the Southern Illinoisan newspaper and, for the Lifeguard positions, in the Daily Egyptian.

The City's Application for Employment forms are available at City Hall at the Receptionist's desk and in

the Human Resources Office. The application form may also be downloaded from the City Web site at ci.carbondale.il.us.

Applications are reviewed and candidates are selected for interviews based on their qualifications and interviewed by a team of management personnel. This team makes recommendations for filling these positions to the City Manager who makes the final decision. The City of Carbondale encourages female and minority applicants.

The City of Carbondale is an equal opportunity employer. For more information about employment opportunities with the City of Carbondale contact the Human Resources Office at 457-3328.

Study Circles To Lead Discussions on Diversity Issues

Registration will begin in January for the next round of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, the study circles program sponsored by the Carbondale Human Relations Commission. The topic to be addressed during these discussions will be "Facing Racism in a Diverse Nation". This is a community-wide program that includes people from all walks of life taking part in meaningful dialogue and constructive actions.

For decades Carbondale has been the most diverse community in Southern Illinois, and that diversity has contributed to Carbondale's place as a cultural capital. Residents of Carbondale are in an ideal position to explore the many facets of these issues because the City

can bring a diverse group of people to the discussion.

All who call Carbondale home are invited to participate in the upcoming discussions led by trained facilitators and held at various sites throughout the City. Ideas and recommendations will be developed from each of the study circles and action groups will be formed to focus on future actions and recommendations. Information and recommendations will also be included in an advisory report to the Human Relations Commission.

If you would like to sign up to participate in these discussions or are interested in additional information contact the Study Circles Office at 549-5302 x 386 or email studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Oportunidades de empleo temporal disponibles en la Ciudad de Carbondale

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

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

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

Haven't You Heard...

Carbondale Sports Commission Bringing Sporting Events to the Community

The Carbondale Sports Commission was created by the City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau to maximize the use of the community's sports, recreational and athletic resources and venues and thereby increase economic activity in the community. The Carbondale Sports Commission members are public and private individuals who own, manage or represent sports event venues in Carbondale.

The Carbondale Sports Commission is staffed by a full time person assigned by the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau. In Fiscal Year 2006, 20 sporting events were scheduled through the Carbondale Sports Commission and the Tourism

Bureau. These events involved over 9,000 participants and 19,000 spectators and generated over 7,500 hotel room nights.

In the next twelve months, Carbondale will host six new baseball events, three collectible car shows, another new martial arts event and two more golf tournaments. These events are all designed to draw overnight travelers as both event participants and spectators. The economic activity generated by the events should surpass two million dollars.

More information about the Carbondale Sports Commission can be obtained through the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau at 529-4451.



Circa 1900. A view of the 100 block of South Illinois Avenue. This photo represents one of the submissions to the Carbondale Photo Archive Project.

Looking to the Future, Preserving Our Past

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission is gearing up for an exciting year ahead. The Commission is pleased to announce that there will be a public hearing on January 8, 2007, to consider the addition of two properties to the Carbondale Register of Historic Places; the Tuscan Lodge located at 201 N. Washington and the Shelton House located at 601 W. Oak. Upon approval, these two properties will be the first additions to the local register since 2003. Preservation of Carbondale's historic properties brings recognition to the community and has served to inspire others to make restorations to their own properties.

With the beginning of a new year the Carbondale Preservation Commission is thinking towards the future, but continues its important work of preserving

the past. The Commission is continuing the established Carbondale Photo Archive as a way to record photographic information and make an archival copy of private photograph collections which are of significant interest to the community. Photos can be brought to City Hall and a copy can be made while you wait or photos can be dropped off and picked up at a later date. It is an ideal way to share your history and life experiences in Carbondale with the community.

For additional information on the Carbondale Photo Archive Project, or any other activities of the Preservation Commission, please feel free to contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3248 or visit the Web site at ci.carbondale.il.us/Historical/index.html.

Historic Preservation Award Nominations Due March 9th

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission is honored to once again be sponsoring the Annual Historic Preservation Awards. Any structure located within the Carbondale city limits is eligible for a Historic Preservation Award. Carbondale residents are invited to submit nominations for any property that they feel is deserving of an award. Properties can be nominated in one of four categories;

- Preservation: This includes buildings that have been kept in their original architectural style and are being used for their original purpose.
- Restoration: Properties that have been restored to their original style or appearance.
- Sympathetic Addition: Construction of an addition to an existing structure that is consistent with the original architectural style of the structure.
- Compatible New Construction: Any new structure that is consistent with the original architectural style of

the neighborhood or that utilizes historic building materials and techniques.

The only stipulation is that all nominations will require the owner's permission. We also encourage property owners to nominate their own property. The deadline for nominations will be March 9, 2007. The award winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting in May, in association with National Preservation Month. The response to last year's award program was overwhelming and we look forward to another successful year. Nomination forms can be picked up in the Planning Services division at City Hall or can be found online at ci.carbondale.il.us/Historical/index.html.

For further information on the Historic Preservation Awards, or any other activities of the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission, please feel free to contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3248.

Working Street Lights Keep Citizens Safe

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

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

New State Law Requires Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Beginning January 1, 2007, a new Illinois state law called the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act, requires buildings with sleeping rooms to have an approved and operating carbon monoxide detector installed within fifteen feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. The law applies to all buildings that use fossil fuels, such as natural gas, propane, coal, oil, gasoline or wood, for heating, hot water or cooking, as well as buildings that have an attached garage.

Carbon monoxide is often called "the silent killer" because it is odorless, tasteless and invisible, and victims of carbon monoxide poisoning often become ill or suffer fatal consequences while sleeping. Each year in the United States, nearly 200 people are killed and thousands more become ill due to accidental exposure to carbon monoxide gas.

Carbon monoxide detectors can be purchased at any hardware store, lumber yard or home improvement center. The detectors may be battery powered, plug in type with battery back-up, or wired into the structures AC power line with secondary battery back-up. A carbon monoxide detector will sound when levels of the gas are elevated, alerting residents that they need to leave the home. The average cost of a detector ranges between \$20-50, depending on the style.

Under the law, it is the property owners responsibility to furnish, install and ensure the operation of all required alarms at the time a tenant takes possession of a dwelling unit. It is the tenant's responsibility to test and provide general maintenance (ie: replacement batteries) for the alarms within the tenant's dwelling unit during the term of the lease.

Applications Available for Spring 2007 Citizens Police Academy

The City of Carbondale Police Department and the SIUC Police Department will be combining their resources for the Spring 2007 Citizen's Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy provides participants an opportunity to learn about Police procedures, protocol and the role of Police within the community. The goal of the Academy is to provide an important communication and information sharing link between the community and law enforcement.

The classes will begin on Tuesday February 6, 2007 and meet every Tuesday night from 6:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. for 12 weeks (excluding March 13, 2007). The final (and only Saturday) class is scheduled for April 28, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Classes will be taught by Carbondale and SIUC Police Officers. Some of the courses are also taught by outside instructors in certain subject areas. The classes include lecture, demonstrations and role play instruction.

The Classes cover a wide spectrum of police responsibilities which encompass patrol tactics,

investigations, communications and technology used at the Police Department, a DUI class and judges' perspectives in court. Students are also familiarized with the Bomb Squad and K-9 investigating, and given the opportunity to practice gathering evidence in a mock crime scene. Students are encouraged to attend each session to help them get a full overview of police work.

Anyone is welcome to apply for the class. Our past classes have consisted of citizens from all different backgrounds; working professionals, retired persons, college professors, homemakers, college and high school students. Our goal is to increase the knowledge of each student on "who, what, when, why and how" the Carbondale and SIUC Police Departments operate.

Persons interested in attending the Academy should contact SIUC Police Officer Scott Miller at 453-8612 or Carbondale Police Officer Randy Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 428, or come by either Police Department to pick up an application. There is no cost for the classes.

Police Officer Exam March 5, 2007

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will conduct a written examination for the position of Carbondale Police Officer at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007, in the Civic Center located at 200 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale. A Physical Fitness Assessment will begin at 2:00 p.m. for candidates who pass the written examination.

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

Applications and pre-employment agreements must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2007. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling 457-3280, by e-mailing jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us or by printing the application, pre-employment agreement and information from the City of Carbondale's Web site ci.carbondale.il.us.

*The City of Carbondale encourages minority and female applicants
The City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer*

Carbondale City Calendar

January

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 16th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 3rd & 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 8th & 29th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 8th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 8th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 10th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 18th	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 25th	Elementary School District #95 Administrative Center, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm

THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Monday, January 1, 2007, for the New Year's holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes. City Hall offices will also be closed on Monday, January 15, 2007, for the Martin Luther King Holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

February

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 6th & 20th	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 City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 5th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 14th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 22nd	Elementary School District #95 Administrative Center, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm

THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Monday, February 19, 2007, for the Presidents' Day holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.



2006 marked the ten year anniversary of the City Hall/Civic Center in Carbondale's downtown district. The Civic Center has become a predominant choice for meetings and special events.

City Ordinance Promotes Safety for Pedestrians

Snow and ice on sidewalks are hazardous to pedestrians, particularly the elderly and disabled. Carbondale is also home to a large number of student residents who walk to and from school. In order to help promote safe travel for pedestrians, City Ordinance requires that owners and occupants of properties adjoining public sidewalks keep those sidewalks clear of snow or ice accumulation.

This Ordinance requires that a path of at least 30 inches wide be cleared on sidewalks within 48 hours after the end of a snowfall or other freezing precipitation. Occasionally snow, ice, sleet, or freezing rain on a sidewalk becomes so hard that it cannot be reasonably removed without damaging the walk. In these situations, a sufficient amount of sand, cinders, or some other abrasive material should be

placed on the sidewalk to make travel as safe as possible until the frozen material can be removed. Removing snow or ice from the sidewalk soon after the precipitation has ended makes the removal process much easier.

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

Reminder to Move Vehicles From Street During Snowfall

Parking is prohibited on Emergency Snow Routes during a snow emergency. A snow emergency is automatically declared when an accumulation of snow and/or ice exceeds two inches. When this occurs, parking on any portion of an Emergency Snow Route street is prohibited, and vehicles will be towed so the snow plows can safely clear the streets.

Permanent signs are posted on each street that is designated as an Emergency Snow Route. These streets are given primary attention during snow or ice removal operations. Please make arrangements to move your vehicles to the driveway or garage so that you may avoid having your vehicles towed and or blocked in by piles of compacted snow.

As the streets designated as Emergency Snow Routes become substantially clear of snow and ice (from edge to edge, for the length of an entire block) the "no parking" snow emergency is terminated and parking is again allowed on the street. If you have questions, please contact the City of Carbondale's Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.

Seasonal Leaf Collection Program Calls Accepted Through January 12, 2007

Carbondale's Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will be ending in January. Calls for this special service will be accepted only through January 12, 2007. Before calling the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office for pickup, residents desiring this special service should rake their leaves to the edge of the street or curb. Please be sure not to block sidewalks, streets or rake leaves into the

ditches or gutters.

The fee during this Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program period is \$17.00 for each collection. The regular fee (for calls placed after January 12, 2007) for this service is \$27.00 for each collection.

- Please call 457-3275 between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to schedule this service. Be sure to leave both your name & address

and identify your request as "loose leaf collection".

The regular Landscape Waste Bag and Bundle Program will continue as usual during this special collection period. Those desiring collection of bagged leaves and grass, or bundles of brush may continue to call 457-3275 and leave your name & address and identify your request as "bag and bundle" landscape waste.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program Available Through January 26, 2007

The City of Carbondale Forestry Division will conduct its Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling from January 2, 2007 through January 26, 2007. Residents desiring to participate in this program should place their Christmas trees curbside on their normal refuse and recycling collection day. Please note that the actual collection and chipping of the trees will occur the following day. Residents wishing to dispose of

their Christmas trees on days other than their normal refuse day may take their Christmas trees to one of the following neighborhood drop-off sites:

- The Public Works Complex on North Michaels Street (drop off at main gate)
- The East Recycling Drop-Off Center on East College located in the parking lot west of Stor-N-Lok
- The Parrish Park parking lot on West Sunset Drive (at the east

end of the parking lot)

- The Attucks Park parking lot on North Wall Street (the south parking lot)

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

Questions about this program may be directed to the Maintenance Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 or to the City Forester at 549-5302 ext. 332.



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