



Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

just be a name, it signifies that "growth" is the goal. The City of Carbondale has long been one of the strongest supporters of this group and will continue to do so, looking to support economic development activities throughout all of Jackson County. I firmly believe that it is as much Carbondale's role to support the entire county and our neighboring towns as it is for us to support ourselves. With meaningful coordination and broad input, Jackson Growth Alliance stands to be an important catalyst for new business coming to the area for many years ahead.

More locally, the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce is also moving forward and has rebuilt its membership base to better represent the voice of small business in the community. Their new Executive Director, Meredith Rhoads, hit the ground running and is already proving to be a positive asset to the Chamber and community.

Along with Carbondale Main Street, Inc. and entities such as Carbondale Convention & Tourism Bureau, Carbondale Community Arts, the school and park districts and other organizations, Carbondale's future looks bright with opportunities for new business and expanded existing businesses. Be on the look-out as more old buildings fall to make way for new businesses and job creation.

During the past four years, there have been several shifts in approach to business development, retention and recruitment in Carbondale... and all for the better. After reorganizing the Carbondale Business Development Corporation and streamlining its activities, the organization has become an even greater partner with the City of Carbondale in working to promote local commercial activity. The group now works closely with the City's in-house Assistant City Manager for Economic Development, Kevin Baity, and serves as a valuable component to complimenting our efforts. On the county level, the Jackson County Business Development Corporation is reshaping itself and has changed its name to Jackson Growth Alliance. While a name may

Brad Cole, Mayor

Haven't You Heard...

Mayor Cole, Mr. Haynes and Mr. Jack Re-Elected; Dr. Mary Pohlmann to Join the City Council

At the April 17, 2007 City election, incumbent Mayor Brad Cole successfully retained his seat as Mayor by defeating City Councilwoman Sheila Simon in a race that brought over 4,000 Carbondale residents to the polls. Unofficial returns from the election showed that Mayor Cole garnered a total of 2,201 votes, followed by Councilwoman Simon with 1,699 votes.

Six candidates were also vying for three seats on the Carbondale City Council. Incumbent City Councilman Steven Haynes and incumbent Councilman Lance Jack won re-election and will be joined by Dr. Mary Pohlmann, who finished second in the balloting. Pohlmann will fill the seat vacated by Councilwoman Simon.

Unofficial vote totals gave Haynes the lead with 1,824 votes, followed by Pohlmann with 1,722 and Jack with 1,633. The three unsuccessful City

Council candidates and their respective unofficial vote totals were Elizabeth Lewin with 1,603 votes, Joseph Moore with 1,600 votes and Luanne J. Brown with 1,250 votes.

Councilwoman Simon was recognized at the May 1, 2007 City Council meeting with a resolution and plaque commending her for her four years of service on the Carbondale City Council.

The Oaths of Office for Mayor Cole, Steven Haynes, Lance Jack and Mary Pohlmann will be administered at the May 15, 2007 City Council meeting. A reception in their honor will also be held that evening.

The Mayor and newly-elected Council members will serve four year terms, to extend to May 2011. The terms of the three continuing members of the City Council, Corene McDaniel, Chris Wissmann and Joel Fritzler, extend to May 2009.

Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Awarded Best in State

The Carbondale Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (NWWWTP) has been awarded the designation of "Best Operated Wastewater Treatment Works" of the year in Illinois. The award was presented by the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators during their annual conference that was held April 16 -19, 2007.

The purpose of the annual awards is to emphasize the relationship between adequate wastewater treatment and clean receiving waters and to give public recognition and encouragement to communities, their officials and the operating personnel who have operated their wastewater facilities in an especially effective manner.

The award is presented in each of five categories with the categories being separated according to facility size and treatment process type.

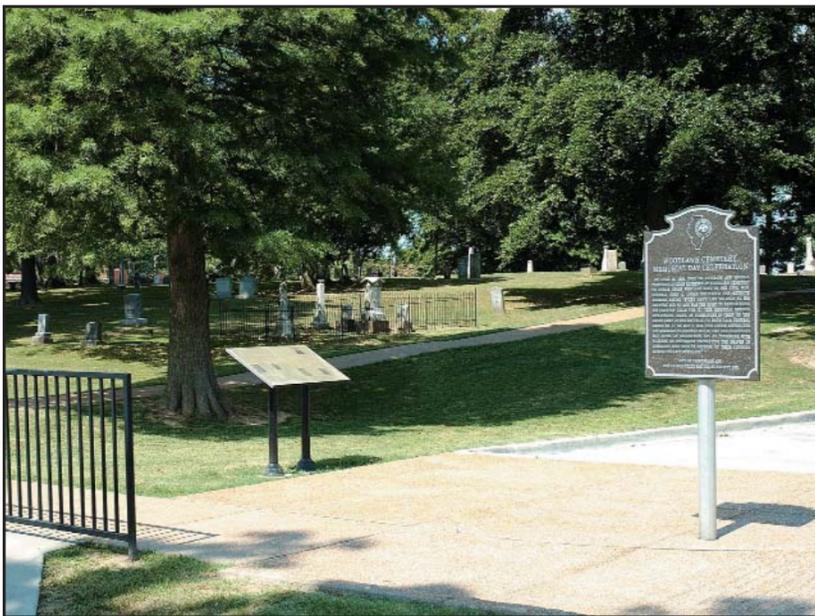
The Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant was nominated in Class 1 by the Illinois Environmental Protection

Agency's Division of Water Pollution Control, Field Operations Section. Inspection teams from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency selected the winner.

"This award recognizes the quality wastewater treatment system we have in the City of Carbondale," said City Manager Jeff Doherty. "It is a tribute to the plant superintendent and the plant operators to win this award with a relatively old plant (26 years old) as newer plants were the competition for the award."

Effluent from the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant is used to irrigate Hickory Ridge Golf Course or is discharged into the Big Muddy River.

The Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant is under the direction of Public Works Director Beth Ponce and Plant Superintendent Danny Piquard. Plant Operators are Dave Morgan, Scott Priddy, Zack Hill, Danny Coomer, Dave Hart, Dale Collins and Ray Toliver.



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

Carbondale Memorial Day Service May 28, 2007

The annual Carbondale Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 28th, at 10:00 a.m. in historic Woodlawn Cemetery on East Main Street in Carbondale. The keynote speaker will be USAF Retired Colonel George D. Hagans of Marion. Colonel Hagans, an Air Force aviator who served in Vietnam and was later assigned to the Pentagon and as a Presidential Advance Agent to former Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, is currently the President of the Little Egypt Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. Mayor Brad Cole will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Other participants in the Memorial Day Service include Commander David Conrad and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 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 Girl Scouts. The National Anthem will be sung by the quartet "Classic Intervals". The Memorial Day Service is conducted regardless of the weather. Ample seating will be provided.

Outstanding Youth Honored at May 1, 2007 City Council Meeting and Reception

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 and the Youth Volunteer of the Year winners were recently recognized at a ceremony held during the City Council Meeting on May 1, 2007, followed by a reception. Mayor Brad Cole presented the awards to the individuals in the presence of their families, nominators, elected officials and the media.

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. Youth Volunteer of the Year nominees selected were high school juniors or seniors, who had at least a B+ grade point average, completed 50 volunteer hours of community service and participated in other community activities.

The 2007 Outstanding Youth Award Recipients selected were: Calvin Baker, Patrick Bleyer, Jasmine Estes, Catherine Orweller, Jordan Reese and Crosby Wright.

The 2007 Youth Volunteer of the Year recipient was Myah Gary. Honorable mention was awarded to Emily Denis and Mara Varvil.

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

Interested in Serving on a City Board or Commission?

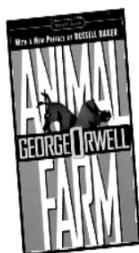
The City government has many citizen boards and commissions that may benefit from your involvement, including the Planning Commission, Human Relations

Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Preservation Commission and many more. Contact the Office of the Mayor for more details at 457-3229 or stop by City Hall.

Haven't You Heard... **Carbondale READS!**

Building **Community**
one book at a time.

An effort to promote literacy and reading programs, while bringing people together from all backgrounds.



Carbondale residents can pick up a **FREE** copy of the May book: **Animal Farm** at the Carbondale Public Library

Join us for a book discussion on *Animal Farm* at the Carbondale Public Library on Sunday, May 20 @ 3pm.

Book discussions will be held at the Carbondale Public Library. Every participant who completes the three month schedule will receive a special certificate from the Office of the Mayor and a t-shirt acknowledging their involvement.

Action Groups Seek Volunteers

Community-generated ideas for improving race relations in Carbondale were presented at an Action Forum held on Saturday, April 28, 2007.

Racism and Race Relations in Carbondale has been the topic of the latest round of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action. In the last week, those Conversations have focused on specific areas where change can happen, and on concrete projects which can make a difference.

At the Action Forum, a general discussion was held about how change happens in our community, then representatives from each group described their action ideas.

Everyone present at the event had the opportunity to vote on the recommendations that they

would like to see become a reality, as well as the opportunity to sign up for Action Groups to focus on specific projects to further the recommendations. Information and recommendations from each of the groups will be compiled and submitted in an advisory report to the Human Relations Commission.

It is not too late to become involved in one of the Action Groups.

For more information or to sign up for one of the Action Groups, contact the Study Circles office at 457-3386 or e-mail studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us. Carbondale Conversations for Community Action is a program of the Carbondale Human Relations Commission.

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Beth Ponce Appointed Public Works Director

Beth Ann Ponce of Carbondale has been appointed Public Works Director for the City of Carbondale by City Manager Jeff Doherty. Ponce leads the Public Works Department which includes the divisions of Engineering, Maintenance and Environmental Services, Water and Sewer, and Rental Properties. Ponce has served as the Development Services Director for the City of Carbondale since June 2005.

Prior to serving the City of Carbondale, Beth Ponce had extensive management experience with the Illinois Department of Transportation District 9 where she served in various management positions from 1990 to 2005 including Engineer of Program Development and Engineer of Local Roads and Streets. Ponce is a graduate of the University of

Michigan where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. She is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.

"Beth Ponce offers a wide range of management experience, technical training and knowledge that will assist her in administering the Public Works Department," City Manager Doherty said when making the announcement. "This is a lateral move for Ponce from one department head position to another and will allow the City to fully utilize her experience and training."

Ponce replaced Ed Reeder who retired from the City of Carbondale on March 30, 2007. Reeder served more than 33 years with the City including 26 years as Public Works Director.

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 26th 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 26 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.

Residential Spring Clean-Up Program Continues During May

The City of Carbondale is conducting its annual residential Spring Clean-Up Program. The program began on April 27, 2007. This program serves single family dwellings up to and including 4-unit buildings. The Clean-Up Program addresses household items and general rubbish generated from the dwelling being served. Only household rubbish will be collected. 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.

During this program items will be collected from the curbside on Fridays, based on your regular refuse collection day (subsequent Saturdays may be used if necessary). (Please note that the Monday route was collected on Friday, April 27 for this program. If you missed this special collection contact the Maintenance and Environmental Services Manager at 457-3275.)

Tuesday's City Refuse Collection Route (ZONE #2) Friday, May 4

All residences west of South Oakland Avenue and east of Little Crab Orchard Creek (except those residences on the west side of South Oakland Avenue from West Main Street to Chautauqua Street).

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

Friday & Saturday, May 11 & 12 and Friday & Saturday, May 18 & 19

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 25

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 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.

¿Ha Soñado Alguna Vez Con Tener Casa Propia?

Por tercera vez, desde el año 2000, la Ciudad de Carbondale ha recibido una subvención de Illinois Housing Development Authority. La cantidad otorgada es de \$380,000. Durante los próximos dos años, el Programa de Ayuda para Comprar Casa Propia va a utilizar estos fondos para ayudar a personas de bajos ingresos en la compra y remodelación de casas situadas dentro de los límites de la ciudad de Carbondale.

El Programa de Asistencia para la Compra de Viviendas permite a la Ciudad suministrar ayuda para la cuota inicial y los gastos de cierre hasta por \$10,000. También suministra fondos para la remodelación de la propiedad con el fin de renovarla de acuerdo con los códigos de urbanización actuales de la ciudad. La cantidad máxima con la que la Ciudad puede ayudar para la compra o remodelación de una vivienda es de \$40,000. El comprador de la casa debe suministrar por lo menos \$1,000 del precio de venta, así como también calificar y obtener financiamiento de una entidad de crédito aprobada.

De acuerdo con la ayuda suministrada, el presunto comprador de vivienda recibirá un préstamo perdonable a cinco o diez años con un interés del zero por ciento asegurado por un contrato de reposición. Después de que la persona posea y ocupe la vivienda por el término de cinco o diez años, el préstamo será completamente perdonado. Si la vivienda se vende o se desocupa antes del término, la cantidad que se tendrá que pagar será

prorrataada basándose en el período de tiempo en que la casa estuvo poseída y ocupada.

Para ser elegible para el Programa de Ayuda para Comprar Casa Propia, los solicitantes deben ser compradores de casa por primera vez o no haber poseído una propiedad durante los tres años anteriores. El ingreso familiar debe ser menor o igual al 80% del ingreso promedio del área. Los límites de ingresos establecidos anualmente por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos para poder participar, se basan en el número de personas de la familia. Actualmente, los límites de ingresos son: 1 persona-\$29,250, 2 personas -\$33,400, 3 personas -\$37,600, 4 personas -\$41,750, 5 personas -\$45,100, 6 personas -\$48,450, 7 personas -\$51,750 y 8 personas -\$55,100.

Los solicitantes del Programa de Ayuda para propietarios recibirán charlas informativas y sesiones de consejería individuales antes de que efectuen la compra. Si hay algún obstáculo que le impida a usted comprar su vivienda, nuestro personal trabajará con usted para identificar los problemas e inconvenientes, y le ayudará a realizar un plan de acción que le ayude a resolver los problemas y le brinde la posibilidad de comprar su casa.

Si tiene preguntas sobre el Programa de Ayuda para Comprar Casa Propia debe contactar a Kristina Vaughn, Administradora de Programas de Vivienda, al 549-5302 ext. 346.

SE NECESITAN; CONTRATISTAS DE REMODELACION DE VIVIENDAS

La Ciudad está continuamente buscando nuevos contratistas para trabajar en el Programa de Remodelación de Viviendas. Se anima a los contratistas con experiencia en construir o renovar casas a que se pongan en contacto con la Administradora de Programas de Vivienda, Kristina Vaughn, al 549.5302, extensión 346 si están interesados en participar en el

Programa de Remodelación de Viviendas. La Ciudad ofrece igualdad de oportunidades para la contratación y anima a las empresas de grupos minoritarios y/o mujeres a que consideren esta oportunidad de contratación. La Ciudad también está buscando a contratistas licenciados por el Estado descontaminación de pintura de plomo en casas que estén en proceso de remodelación.

Haven't You Heard...

Carbondale 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 457-3328 or visit the City Web site at ci.carbondale.il.us.

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

Visitors and Residents Utilizing Free Internet Access in Carbondale Downtown District

Residents and visitors to Carbondale's Downtown District have a new resource at their fingertips. The Downtown Carbondale Wireless Network has been established to allow the users of laptop computers and other Internet-ready devices to browse the Web, use email and take advantage of other wireless network applications from downtown locations.

The Network has been installed to serve the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center, the Amtrak Station, the Old Depot which houses Carbondale Main Street and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, the Veterans Plaza and Friendship Plaza. It is estimated that there is a 500 foot radius of acceptable coverage around each of these locations.

This free Internet service can be accessed from a laptop computer. If the laptop does not have wireless built in it will be necessary to have a wireless capable device. From your laptop upon activating the wireless connection you will see several Carbondale Wireless access points. Choosing the access point with the strongest signal will improve chances of accessing the free Internet service. Once you have chosen the Carbondale

Wireless access point, open a Internet browser and a log-in screen will ask for your on-line registration information which includes your email address and a password of your choice. The system will only require registration one time. Once you have received confirmation of your on-line registration through a return email from the system, you can then utilize the internet for up to two hours. After initial registration you need only enter your email address and password each time you access the Internet using this service.

It has been noted that there are limitations to the system from the user's end. As a rule, most wireless capable devices only have enough signal strength to transmit 500 feet unobstructed. In some cases, a user may be receiving a strong signal from the wireless access point but the user's system is not capable of transmitting a strong enough signal to connect with the wireless access point. If you are unable to make a connection, moving closer to the access point or moving to where there are no obstructions can generally solve the problem.

This service is provided by the City of Carbondale through a grant from Lieutenant Governor Patrick Quinn's Main Street Program.



A view of the Carbondale Historic District as seen from the corner of Jackson Street and Washington Street.

Audio Tour of Historic Town Square Available

The City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Preservation Commission have developed "An Audio Tour of Carbondale's Historic Town Square". This unique audio tour through Carbondale's rich history is a compilation of reenacted excerpts that include Early Settlement of Southern Illinois, The Founding of Carbondale, The Arrival of the Steam Locomotive, The Town Square Before the Civil War, Carbondale and the Civil War, The Turning of the Century, Celebrations and Social Life, Famous Visitors and Efforts to Preserve the Square.

The Audio Tour is now available on the

Carbondale Main Street Web site and is available as an Mp3 that can be downloaded to your PC or Ipod. To download the audio tour visit carbondalemainstreet.com and click on Audio Tour on the left hand side of the screen.

The audio tour can also be accessed through a link from the City of Carbondale Web site at ci.carbondale.il.us.

For more information on Carbondale Preservation Commission activities, please feel free to contact the City of Carbondale 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.

2007 Preservation Award Winner



Andy Bayiates and Genevra Gallo were the recipients of the Carbondale Preservation Commission 2007 Historic Preservation Award for the restoration work on their property located at 106 N. Springer Street. The award was presented by Mayor Cole at the May 1, 2007 City Council meeting.

Risk Analysis Checklist and Free Home Fire Safety Inspection Available

In an ongoing battle to reduce the number of house fires in the City of Carbondale, the Fire Department has developed a Household Risk Analysis Checklist and a free home fire safety inspection program. This is a complimentary service and there is no charge for an inspection. The inspection is an advisory visit conducted to help residents reduce fire risks in their homes.

During the inspection, fire service personnel will look at both the interior and exterior of the home for safety problems. They will also give helpful fire prevention recommendations to the residents. Some of the things they will look for are: proper house identification (visible street addresses), kitchen safety, smoke detector operation, home escape plans, and proper storage of flammables. Some important things to keep in mind:

- Make sure you have an outside street address that is easily seen from the road and is adequately lit at night. This makes it faster for emergency personnel to locate your home in case of an emergency.
- You should know where the outside utilities are located (gas and electric) and how to shut off the gas in case of an earthquake or other emergency.
- If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, we ask that you keep it accessible by clearing shrubs or obstacles away from it. Remember, seconds count when a fire occurs and fire fighters do not have time to clear a path to the nearest fire hydrant.
- If you store flammable liquids in a shed or garage, please keep

them in a proper container, locked away from children.

- Do a yearly cleaning of storage areas and get rid of unused papers, magazines, or anything that contributes to the fire load in your home.

- If you have any electrical problems, call a licensed electrician and have your electric service checked.

- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis, not as permanent wiring. Do not overload the cords.

- Practice safe cooking techniques. Never leave food unattended when it is cooking. If there are children in the home, always turn the pot handles inward. This makes it less likely for a child to reach up and pull a hot pan down on him/herself.

- Check your smoke detectors. They can save your life and the lives of your family if there is a fire in your home. The detector is useless if the batteries are dead or missing.

You may access the Household Risk Analysis Checklist from the City's website ci.carbondale.il.us or find out more information from CityVision Channel 16 or the Fire Department. This checklist will allow you to perform an inspection at your convenience.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department looks forward to visiting with the citizens of Carbondale to share fire safety and prevention information. If you would like a free home safety inspection or would like a Household Risk Analysis Checklist please contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department Administrative Office at 457-3234.

Carbondale Firefighter Exam July 16, 2007

A written examination and physical fitness assessment for the position of Entry-level Firefighter will be given in the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois, Carbondale, at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 16, 2007. 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., Friday, June 29, 2007. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, or call (618) 457-3280 or email jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us to obtain an application through the mail. The application, pre-employment agreement and information on the testing process may also be downloaded from the City of Carbondale's Web site at ci.carbondale.il.us.

The City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Carbondale City Calendar

May

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 1st & 15th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 2nd & 16th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 14th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 7th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 21st	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 9th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Tuesday - 15th	Elementary School District #95 Carbondale Middle School Preceded by reception at 6:00 pm	7:00 pm
Thursday - 17th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria	7:00 pm
THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Monday, May 28, 2007, 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 - 5th & 19th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 6th & 20th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 11th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 4th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 7th	Liquor Advisory Board	5:30 pm
Thursday - 14th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 18th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 13th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 21st	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 28th	Elementary School District #95 Administrative Center, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm

Poplar Camp Beach at Cedar Lake Opens May 25, 2007

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 2007 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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Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Approved

By Jeffrey W. Doherty,
City Manager

The Fiscal Year 2008 City of Carbondale Budget has been approved for the period from May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008. The Budget incorporates the City Council's philosophy of providing quality services to the Citizens of Carbondale with fiscal responsibility for FY 2008 and beyond.

The FY 2008 Budget for all funds totals \$42,893,348 compared to the FY 2007 Budget of \$42,013,678, an increase of \$879,670 (2.1%). The increase in budgeted expenditures is related primarily to increases in salaries and fringe benefits for employees and the debt service for the Street Improvement Bonds.

The total revenues and other financing sources for the FY 2008 Budget are \$36,663,046 compared to the FY 2007 budgeted revenues of \$42,971,183, a decrease of \$6,308,137 (14.7%). The decrease in the budgeted revenues and other financing sources is related to bond proceeds received in FY 2007 for the Street Improvement Program and loan proceeds received in FY 2007 for water and sewer projects.

The projected revenues for FY 2008 are \$6,230,302 under the

proposed FY 2008 expenditures. The use of fund balances and non cash credits for depreciation, prepaid bond expenses and loss on disposition of fixed assets will provide the remaining funding for the excess of expenditures and other financing uses over the revenues and other financing sources.

The FY 2008 General Fund Budget, which funds the basic City services including Police, Fire, Development Services, General Government, Community Services and portions of Public Works, totals \$20,405,318 compared to the FY 2007 General Fund Budget of \$20,067,092, an increase of \$338,226 (1.7%).

The FY 2008 Budget includes Revenues and Other Financing Sources in the General Fund of \$20,229,325, an increase of \$360,749 (1.8%) from the FY 2007 Budget Revenues and Other Financing Sources of \$19,868,576. The increase in revenues in FY 2008 is related primarily to the projected increase in Sales and Service Tax revenues and Intergovernmental revenues.

The FY 2008 General Fund expenditures are \$175,993 more than the projected revenues. The revenue shortfall in the General Fund Budget is attributed to the special Community Clean-up Program that has \$119,543

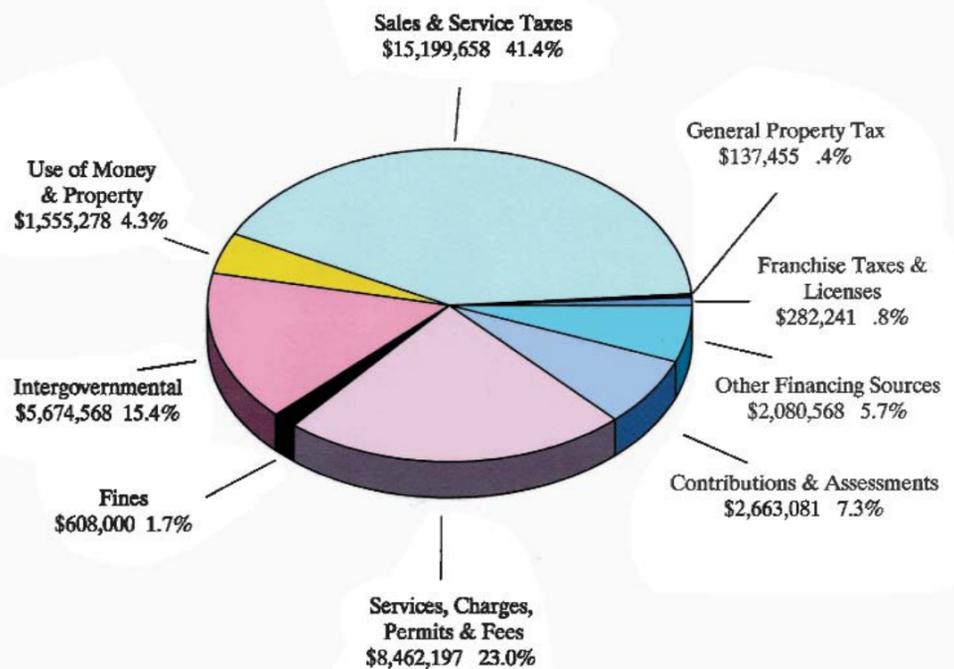
budgeted and the final close-out costs of \$70,000 for the New Home Construction Grant Program.

The General Fund includes a decrease of \$175,993 to its Ending Fund Balance for FY 2008. The projected FY 2008 Ending Fund Balance is \$6,439,965. The amount of the FY 2008 Ending Fund Balance that is designated or reserved is \$1,215,252. The undesignated FY 2008 Ending Fund Balance is projected to be \$5,224,713. Based on established financial policies of the City for the General Fund, the minimum fund balance is \$4,872,152 which results in a Fund Balance favorable variance of \$352,561 at the end of FY 2008.

The FY 2008 Budget includes an across the board salary increase of 2.0 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 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union (Water and Sewer workers) have three-year contracts that expire at the end of FY 2007. No successor agreements have been settled by April 30, 2007.

Total FY 2008 Budgeted Revenues and Other Financing Sources



Total FY 2008 Budgeted Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

