



# Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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## Haven't You Heard...

### Carbondale a Winner of Governor's Home Town Award

The City of Carbondale is a winner in its population category for the Governor's Home Town Award. The Governor's Home Town Awards are given annually to provide formal recognition to outstanding community volunteer projects. The awards recognize volunteer projects that have the collective involvement of local governments; business and industry; private, civic and community based organizations; and individuals that donate time, materials, funds and expertise to contribute to a community's economic progress and quality of life.

The City of Carbondale was nominated by the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale to recognize and demonstrate their

appreciation to all of Carbondale for the total volunteer effort that went into building the club and bringing the club to Carbondale.

Hundreds of Carbondale residents, through their community organizations and businesses and as individuals, were responsible for bringing the Boys and Girls Club to Carbondale. Volunteer efforts were instrumental in all stages of planning through operation: building acquisition, renovation and maintenance; board of directors and committee function; fundraising, public relations and promotion; agency and organizational support; program delivery and membership supervision services, as well as through administration of day to day programs.

### Congressman Costello and Mayor Cole Officially Open Reconstructed New Era Road



Congressman Costello and Mayor Cole announce the New Era Road Project at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Congressman Jerry Costello and Mayor Brad Cole officially opened the reconstructed New Era Road on October 12, 2005. The ceremony took place on New Era Road, immediately north of Ramada Lane. Congressman Costello obtained \$2,715,809 in federal funds for the reconstruction of New Era Road. The total project cost including land acquisition, utility relocation, engineering, and construction is \$4,090,890. New Era Road has been reconstructed from Ramada Lane, near Illinois Route 13, to Glenn Road.

The New Era Road Project is in the final phases of the street construction with a few fences to rebuild, a retaining wall to construct, signage to install, no passing zones to delineate with striping, minor grading and seeding to perform. Now that the final grade has been established, the water meters and fire hydrants can be raised or lowered to match the slopes. This will require that these items be excavated, adjusted, and backfilled. The water line work may necessitate that the water line be turned off at different times to make the adjustment. Speed limit signs will be erected indicating the speed limit

south of Striegel Road to be 30 miles per hour and north of Striegel Road to be 45 miles per hour. The more densely populated area south of Striegel Road is considered an urban district with the maximum speed limit at this location set by State of Illinois statutes at 30 MPH. The area north of Striegel Road is classified as a non-urban district and the speed limit was set at this location by a traffic speed study.

From an engineering perspective, this project has progressed at a very rapid rate and very smoothly. The weather has been conducive for work with very few delays due to bad weather. E.T. Simonds Construction Company, with Mr. Rick Williams as superintendent, has coordinated the work and kept the project moving forward at a quick pace. Mr. Bill Jezeriski, the resident engineer for the project, has done a good job inspecting the job and representing the City of Carbondale on the project. The cooperation and patience of the residents has been superb. The City of Carbondale as well as the contractor are very appreciative of this cooperation.

### From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Brad Cole

for what had been done to date and to be forward-thinking and progressive in communicating what issues we saw ahead. As a municipal government that is rooted theoretically and practically in the people of the area, there is no greater responsibility than answering to the public for where we have been and where we are going. This is exciting not just for me, having the chance to detail an agenda for the direction of the city, but also for the citizenry who then has direct insight into issues and events that will affect their personal or professional life.

Working in conjunction with city staff and members of the City Council, the text of the speech is put together over several weeks and touches on multiple aspects of local government. Some things may be more interesting than others, but all of the ground covered in my remarks is meant to convey the message that Carbondale is moving forward and we have clear direction in the process.

This year's event will also provide an opportunity for others to benefit directly from the gathering. A portion of the price of each meal ticket for the luncheon before the speech will go directly to the Chamber of Commerce's scholarship fund. This fund benefits Carbondale students who seek higher education at Southern Illinois University. It is my hope to raise more than \$1,000 this year, as we make this step for the first time and as we move to provide greater financial support for academic ambition.

The event is being held Tuesday, November 8, at 11:30 am in the Carbondale Civic Center. For more information about attending the 2005 State of the City Address, please contact the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce office by telephone at 618-549-2146. If you have feedback afterward, please let me know directly.

This year will mark the third year that I have presented a State of the City Address to the people of Carbondale and southern Illinois, firmly establishing this practice as a new tradition for the chief elected official of the city.

When I offered the first such address, it had two joint purposes. First, I had hoped to use the very public opportunity as a way of signifying the importance of our business community. This was done by hosting the speech in conjunction with a regular luncheon meeting of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. I wanted to meet face-to-face with the business leaders of our community and put forth to them a plan for our city government in the upcoming year. The turnout for the event was quite large and last year grew even more; this year promises the same. For those who cannot attend in person, the speech is broadcast live on CityVision 16 and is replayed several times, just like meetings of the City Council.

Second, I wanted to stand before the community at large and be accountable

Brad Cole, Mayor

### City Receives \$1.65 Million for Road Project

On October 12, 2005, Congressman Costello presented a check to the City of Carbondale for the construction of the Reed Station Parkway Extension that will connect Reed Station Parkway with Illinois Route 13 on the east side of Carbondale. Congressman Costello obtained \$1,655,004 through the recent United States Transportation Bill for this project.

The extension of Reed Station Parkway is very important as the area develops. The new entrance will allow people traveling Illinois Route 13 west to turn directly into the parkway and people exiting can turn west

back onto Route 13, avoiding the traffic light at Reed Station Road and providing improved access to the businesses and better traffic flow.

Reed Station Parkway is located in an enterprise zone, which provides tax incentives to businesses that develop there. In addition to the newly developed businesses already located there and a Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center under construction, there has already been discussion of another hotel and other businesses locating in this area that is one of Carbondale's key development areas.



Congressman Costello and Mayor Cole pictured at the check presentation with City Manager Doherty, Councilwoman McDaniel and Councilwoman Simon.



## Business Growth and Development Continues in Carbondale



When completed this winter, the Holiday Inn at Reed Station Crossing will be Carbondale's only full-service hotel and banquet center.



Neon Internet and School Center opened its new facility at 1075 N. Reed Station Road in October.



Work continues on the redevelopment of Ward Chrysler Center, 1412 W. Main Street.

### Plan Familiar Para Desastres

Un desastre puede llegar súbitamente y sin advertencia. Puede forzarlo/la a evacuar su vecindario o confinarlo en su casa. ¿Qué haría usted si se cortaran los servicios básicos -agua, gas, electricidad o teléfono? Los oficiales locales y rescatistas se presentarán en el lugar después del desastre, pero ellos no pueden ayudar a todo el mundo inmediatamente.

Las familias pueden - y deben- enfrentarse con un desastre al prepararse con anticipación y al trabajar juntos como un equipo. Siga estos pasos para crear su plan para desastres. El conocimiento de lo que hay que hacer es su mejor protección y su responsabilidad.

#### 4 PASOS HACIA LA SEGURIDAD

1. Averigüe lo que podría pasarle. Póngase en contacto con la agencia local de administración y el capítulo de la Cruz Roja Americana y pregunte qué tipos de desastres son los que podrían ocurrir más probablemente. Aprenda sobre las señales de advertencia de su comunidad. Pregunte sobre el cuidado de animales después de un desastre. Infórmese sobre cómo ayudar a los ancianos o discapacitados. Entérese de los planes de desastre en su lugar de trabajo, en la escuela o guardería de sus hijos, y de otros lugares en donde su familia pase tiempo.

2. Elabore un plan de desastre. Reúnase con su familia y platique el por qué necesitan prepararse para un desastre. Hablen de los tipos de desastre que podrían ocurrir. Elijan dos lugares para encontrarse. Pídale a un amigo de otro estado que sea su "contacto familiar". Conversen sobre qué hacer en caso de evacuación.

3. Complete una lista de chequeo. Fije los números telefónicos de emergencia cerca de los teléfonos. Enseñe a los niños cómo llamar al 911. Muestre a cada miembro de la familia cómo y cuándo desconectar el agua, el gas y la electricidad desde los interruptores principales y mantenga cerca las herramientas necesarias. Chequee a ver si usted tiene el cubrimiento de seguro apropiado. Enséñele a cada miembro de la familia cómo usar un extintor de incendios y muéstrelas dónde lo mantienen. Instale detectores de humo en cada piso de su casa. Realice una búsqueda de situaciones riesgosas en la casa y localice objetos ordinarios que podrían causar heridas o daños al moverse, caerse, quebrarse, o provocar un incendio. Tome una clase de primeros auxilios y CPR. Determine las mejores rutas de escape de su casa. Encuentre los lugares seguros de su casa para cada tipo de desastre. Abastézcase de suministros para emergencias y prepare un Equipo de Suministros para Desastres.

- Suministro de agua para tres días ( un galón por persona por día) y comida que no se dañe.
  - Una muda de ropa y zapatos por persona, y una cobija o bolsa de dormir por persona.
  - Un botiquín de primeros auxilios que incluya las medicinas que necesitan en su familia.
  - Herramientas de emergencia incluyendo un radio de pilas, una linterna y bastantes pilas extras.
  - Un juego extra de las llaves del carro, una tarjeta de crédito, dinero en efectivo o cheques de viajero.
  - Objetos de aseo personal.
  - Objetos especiales para infantes, ancianos o miembros con discapacidades
  - Un par extra de anteojos.
- Documentos importantes de la familia en un recipiente a prueba de agua. Mantenga un equipo más pequeño en el baúl de su carro.

4. Practique y mantenga su plan. Examine a sus niños cada seis meses para que ellos recuerden lo que tienen que hacer. Haga prácticas de incendio y evacuación de emergencia. Reemplace el agua almacenada cada tres meses y almacene víveres cada seis meses. Pruebe y recargue sus extintores de incendios. Pruebe sus detectores de humo cada mes y cámbiele las pilas por lo menos una vez al año.

#### SI OCURRE UN DESASTRE —

Permanezca tranquilo y tenga paciencia. Ponga su plan en marcha. Chequee para ver si hay heridas, dándoles primeros auxilios y buscando ayuda para los más seriamente heridos. Escuche su radio de pilas para recibir noticias e instrucciones. Evacue, si le avisan que lo haga y llévese su Equipo de Suministros para Desastres, asegure su casa, y use las rutas de viajes especificadas por las autoridades locales. Chequee su casa para saber si hay daños - utilice linternas en vez de los servicios públicos si sospecha que hay daños, olfatee a ver si siente el olor de escape de gas, desconecte cualquier servicio dañado, limpie inmediatamente cualquier medicamento, blanqueador, gasolina o cualquier otro líquido inflamable que se haya derramado. Recuerde encerrar o asegurar a sus mascotas, llame a su contacto familiar, averigüe cómo están sus vecinos, especialmente los ancianos y los discapacitados, asegúrese de tener el suministro de agua adecuado en caso de que se corte el servicio y manténgase alejado de cables eléctricos que se hayan caído.

Si desea más información o para obtener una lista/folleto sobre Equipo de Provisiones para Desastres, por favor, póngase en contacto con el Departamento de Servicios de Emergencia de la Ciudad de Carbondale, Coordinador Louie Hertter, llamando al 457-3245.

## Haven't You Heard...

### More Businesses Locating and Expanding in Carbondale

New businesses are moving in, building and expanding in every direction you look in the City of Carbondale. It has been a busy couple of months and more activity is continuing and anticipated in the coming months.

With the recent announcement of PetCo in University Place, the grand opening of My Favorite Toys in University Mall, the announcement of the construction of a new AG Edwards facility on Giant City Road, the continuing development of the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, and the grand opening of the Neon Internet School Center, options for shopping, dining and services are growing in Carbondale. In addition, we can anticipate announcement of new stores at

several sites in University Mall and at other east side locations in the next few months.

More centrally located, we have welcomed the addition of Saluki Center, a shopping center at the corner of Wall Street and Grand Avenue, UniversiTees, Adelitas Mexican Grocery and DiMaggio's Restaurant. We have also seen the ground breaking of the first new university housing in 37 years. Local retail businesses in the area, including Rossetta Stone Bookstore, Rag Wear, Bookworm and Neighborhood Co-op have expanded or are in the process of expanding their store, a sign that business is good in Carbondale.

The Industrial Parks are also seeing growth with Com-Pac International and Remedy Express

expanding existing facilities and moving into new facilities. On the west end of town, Ward-Chrysler is in the midst of a major expansion project that will increase its showroom and make room for additional inventory.

In addition, interest from businesses has been shown on the excellent sites of various sizes that are still available for commercial development in the Tax Increment Financing District, the 31 acres bounded by Walnut, Main, Marion and Logan Streets. Businesses and real estate developers interested in available properties should contact Jeremy Hayes, Economic Development Manager for the City of Carbondale at 457-3286.

### City Hosted First Series of Housing Program Seminars

The City of Carbondale provided two free Housing Program Seminars this fall. There were over 100 people in attendance. The goal of the seminars was to increase community awareness of several grant programs that are available to current homeowners, prospective home buyers, and individuals or companies interested in developing property. Presentations were made by the City of Carbondale, Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council, the SIUC Community Outreach Partnership Center and the Rural Development Division of the U.S.

Department of Agriculture.

During the seminars participants were provided detailed information about the HOMEbuyer Assistance program which provides financial assistance to lower income persons who would like to purchase their own home; and the Single Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program (SFOOR) and Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP), both of which provide money for repairs required to bring homes in compliance with zoning code. Participants also received information about the Carbondale

Homeownership Program which offers two grant opportunities to persons and businesses interested in building homes in the City limits.

If you are interested in learning more about these housing programs and were unable to attend the seminars, we invite you to stop by the City of Carbondale Development Services Department where brochures and other information are available, or contact Marilyn James, the Housing Programs Administrator, at 457-3246.

### City Stabilized Shoreline at Cedar Lake This Fall

Work was completed this fall to stabilize low areas of the shoreline at Cedar Lake, which is owned by the City of Carbondale. The goal of the work was to reverse the effects of erosion and to save several large oak, pecan and other Southern Illinois hardwood trees. Saving the trees is a vital part of the project, as the trees themselves aid in stabilizing the shoreline. The areas of concern were the north shore of Poplar Camp Beach and the boat chutes and fishing pier at the west end of Cedar Creek Road.

The project did not disrupt activity at the Poplar Camp Beach which was closed for the season, and work at the boat launch site resulted in closing only one of the two launch chutes for a few days.

The project was funded primarily by a \$32,000 grant to the City of Carbondale from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) from its Priority Lake and Watershed Improvement Program. Through this program the IEPA works cooperatively with managers of publicly-owned inland lakes to implement lake



Cedar Lake.

protection, enhancement, and restoration activities. Cedar Lake qualifies as a priority lake because the community relies on it for multiple purposes, such as public water supply and recreation.

While the primary function of Cedar Lake is to provide drinking water to Carbondale, Southern

Illinois University and parts of Murphysboro, it is also utilized by SIU to conduct various forms of scientific research, as well as providing recreational activities for the communities. For additional information about Cedar Lake contact Ted Mieling, Cedar Lake Supervisor, at 549-8441.



## Haven't You Heard... A Family Disaster Plan Saves Lives

As we have seen all too often nation wide, disaster can strike quickly and without warning. We have seen these disasters affect many of our friends and families in recent months and have witnessed the effects of these disasters in our own community. In light of the recent events, many questions have been raised about how to be best prepared if a disaster were to occur locally. First and foremost, what would you do if basic services - water, gas, electricity, or telephones - were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away.

Families can and do cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together as a team. Knowing what to do is your best protection and your responsibility, whether you are forced to evacuate your neighborhood or city or are confined to your home.

Follow these steps to create your disaster plan.

### 4 STEPS TO SAFETY

1. Find out what could happen to you. Contact your local emergency management and American Red Cross chapter to ask what types of disasters are most likely to happen. Learn about your community's warning signals. Ask about animal care after a disaster. Find out how to help elderly or disabled persons. Find out about the disaster plans at your workplace, your children's school or daycare center, and other places where your family spends time.

2. Create a disaster plan. Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for the disaster. Discuss the types of

disasters most likely to happen. Pick two places to meet. Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact". Discuss what to do in evacuation.

3. Complete a checklist. Post emergency telephone numbers by phones. Teach children how to call 911. Show each family member how and when to turn off the water, gas, and electricity at the main switches keeping necessary tools nearby. Check if you have adequate insurance coverage. Teach each family member how to use the fire extinguisher and show them where it's kept. Install smoke detectors on each level of your home. Conduct a home hazard hunt locating ordinary objects that can cause injury or damage by moving, falling, breaking, or causing a fire. Take a first aid and CPR class. Determine the best escape routes from your home. Find the safe spots in your home for each type of disaster. Stock emergency supplies and assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit:

- A three day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil.
- One change of clothing and footwear per person, and one blanket or sleeping bag per person.
- A first aid kit that includes your family's prescription medications.
- Emergency tools including a battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or traveler's checks.
- Sanitation supplies.
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members.
- An extra pair of glasses.

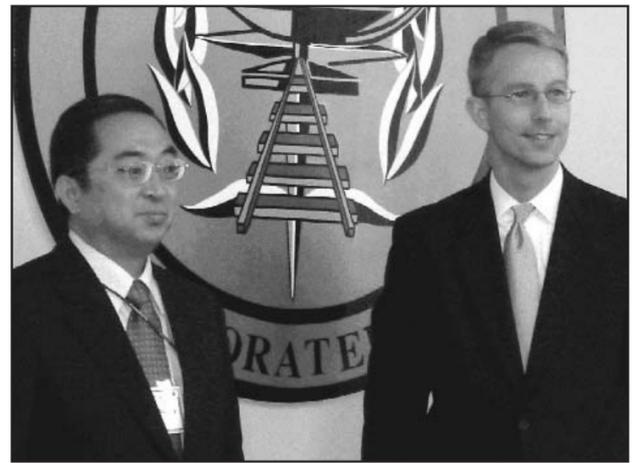
- Important family documents in a waterproof container. Keep a smaller kit in the trunk of your car.

4. Practice and maintain your plan. Quiz your kids every six months so they remember what to do. Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills. Replace stored water every three months and stored food every six months. Test and recharge your fire extinguishers. Test your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.

### IF DISASTER STRIKES

Remain calm and patient. Put your plan into action. Check for injuries, giving first aid and getting help for seriously injured people. Listen to your battery powered radio for news and instructions. Evacuate, if advised to do so, taking your Disaster Supplies Kit, locking your home, and using travel routes specified by local authorities. Check for damage in your home - use flashlights instead of utilities if you suspect damage, sniff for gas leaks, shut off any damaged utilities, clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline, and other flammable liquids immediately. Remember to confine or secure your pets, call your family contact, check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons, make sure you have an adequate water supply in case service is cut off, and stay away from downed power lines.

If you would like further information or to obtain a Family Disaster Supplies Kit brochure/checklist please contact the City of Carbondale Emergency Services Department Coordinator Louie Hertter at 457-3245.



Mayor Cole recently met with a delegation of visitors from Tainai City (formerly the town of Nakajo), Japan as part of the two communities' Sister City relationship. Pictured are Ichiro Ohkuma, Principal of Tsuiji Junior High School, and Mayor Cole at City Hall in Carbondale.

## Cole Elected to IL Municipal League

Mayor Cole has been elected as a Vice President of the Illinois Municipal League. He will serve on the Board of Directors, a 36 member policy making body of the Illinois Municipal League. The Illinois Municipal League is a statewide association of municipalities, founded in 1914. Representing more than 1,114 Illinois cities and villages, it serves as the formal voice for municipalities in matters of common interest and on issues facing the General Assembly and Congress, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies. The League seeks to promote integrity in administration,

balance between federal, state, and municipal government, and offers many services and programs for local officials.

"This is definitely an honor. With this honor comes responsibility and obligations. This will take me beyond the City limits to promote municipal activities across the state", said Mayor Cole.

The election occurred at the 92nd Annual Conference of the Illinois Municipal League on September 24, 2005. More than 3,000 municipal officials from around the state attended the meeting in Chicago.

## Energy Conservation Seminar Nov. 9

There are widespread predictions that heating fuel costs will be up dramatically this winter. What can you do to save on your utility bills? Carbondale's Rebuild America Partnership will sponsor a free public meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center to provide answers to this question. The event will feature a short presentation by local energy experts on a range of actions you can take to conserve energy in your home and lower your utility bills. Attendees will learn about proven techniques and products that can save hundreds of dollars in energy costs.

Free home energy awareness kits valued at \$50 and provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will be given away at the event. The kits include compact fluorescent light bulbs,

insulation materials and a special showerhead that will conserve hot water. If used properly, these materials will cut your energy consumption.

The Rebuild Carbondale Partnership is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity with the goal to invest in the Carbondale community by actively promoting the use of energy efficient technologies and practices in industrial, commercial, residential, academic and public buildings. The Partnership has many local participants. If your business or organization would like to join the Partnership or for more information, contact the Rebuild Carbondale Director, Dr. James Mathias at the SIUC College of Engineering. He can be reached at 453-7016 or by email at mathias@engr.siu.edu.

## Second Round of Study Circles Forming Action Groups

The second round of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, the study circles program sponsored by the Carbondale Human Relations Commission officially kicked off this fall. The topic this year is Community and Police Working Together. This is a community-wide program that includes people from all walks of life taking part in meaningful dialogue and constructive actions. Both SIUC and Carbondale Police

Departments are also participating. Work has just begun, and 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. The small groups, called study circles are talking about police and residents building relationships in Carbondale. Ideas and recommendations are being gathered from each of these small

groups and Action Groups will be forming 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 the Action Groups or are interested in additional information contact the Study Circles office at 549-5302 x 386, or email [studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us).

## Citizens Organizing for Neighborhood Improvement

We invite you to join the effort to build stronger neighborhoods in Carbondale. Planning is underway for the second Neighborhood Association Training Session which will be held in January 2006. If you would like to see more neighborhood involvement or a neighborhood watch program in your area of town, we invite you to

share your ideas at this session which is being organized by the Housing and Neighborhood Action Group. Last year more than sixty people attended the session and learned about neighborhood watch programs, enforcement of City ordinances to support community improvement efforts, and activities of neighborhood associations in

Carbondale and in other cities.

The Housing and Neighborhood Action Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center at 200 South Illinois Avenue. To sign up to participate contact the Study Circles office at 549-5302 x 386, or email [studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us)

## Preservation Commission Sponsors Awards Program

The Preservation Commission is delighted to be sponsoring awards for Historic Preservation in Carbondale. Any structure within the City limits is eligible for a Historic Preservation Award. Carbondale residents can nominate any property that they feel is deserving, including their own. Deadline for nominations will be March 10, 2006. The award winners will be announced on May 15, 2006 during National Preservation Month. Nomination forms are currently available at City Hall or online at [www.ci.carbondale.il.us/Historic/index.html](http://www.ci.carbondale.il.us/Historic/index.html).

In addition to the new initiative, the Preservation Commission continues working

on current projects. The Preservation Commission hosted two oral history training workshops in October. These hands on training workshops helped participants learn how to conduct an oral history interview. Plans are in place to start archiving past and current oral history interviews. To assist with this project, volunteers are needed to transcribe the oral histories that have been taped. For more information about being a transcriber, interviewer or to be interviewed about your experiences in Carbondale for the Oral History Project, please call Dede Ittner at 457 6606.

Lastly, the Carbondale Preservation Commission would

like to thank everyone that participated in the annual historic area tour held this fall. The Commission was pleased with the turn out. Participants were taken by tram past several of Carbondale's most historic landmarks including the old Post Office, the Brush School area, the R. Buckminster Fuller Dome and many other west central historic homes and landmarks.

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

## Notice of Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Firefighter Exam

Written Examinations and Physical Fitness Assessments for the position of Entry-level Firefighter will be given in the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois, Carbondale, Illinois at 8:00 a.m., Monday, January 9, 2006. The written exam will begin at 8:00 a.m., and the physical fitness assessment will be at 2:00 p.m. If you receive a passing grade on the written exam, you will be eligible to take the physical fitness assessment. 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, December 23, 2005. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office at 200 S. Illinois Avenue, or you may call 618/457-3281 or email [jgarrett@carbondale.il.us](mailto:jgarrett@carbondale.il.us) to have an application mailed to you. You may also download the application and pre-employment agreement from the City of Carbondale's website [www.ci.carbondale.il.us](http://www.ci.carbondale.il.us).

# Carbondale City Calendar

## November

Date	Meeting	Time
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**The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16**

Tuesday - 1st & 15th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 2nd & 16th	Planning Comm/Zoning Bd of Appeals	7:00 pm
Monday - 14th	Park District Board	6:00 pm

**Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue**

Tuesday - 1st	Electrical Commission	12 noon
Monday - 7th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 7th	Building Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
Monday - 21st	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm

**Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations**

Wednesday - 9th	Library Board, 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 17th	CCHS School Dist. #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Tuesday - 15th	Elem. School Dist. #95 Lakeland School - 925 S. Giant City Rd.	7:00 pm

**THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON:** Friday, Nov. 11, 2005 in Honor of the Veterans Day holiday. City Hall offices will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25, 2005 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## December

Date	Meeting	Time
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**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
Monday - 12th	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
Monday - 5th	Building Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
Tuesday - 6th	Electrical Commission	12 noon
Wednesday - 14th	Information & Telecommunications Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 15th	Energy & Environmental Comm.	7:00 pm

**Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations**

Wednesday - 14th	Library Board, 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	CCHS School Dist. #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Tuesday - 20th	Elem. School Dist. #95 Thomas School - 1025 N. Wall St.	7:00 pm

**THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON:** Monday, December 26, 2005 for the Christmas holiday and on Monday, Jan. 2 2006 for the New Year's holiday.



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 Lance Jack, Councilman  
 Joel Fritzler, Councilman

Jeffrey W. Doherty, City Manager

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# Fantastic Winter Weekend

December 2-4, 2005 • Carbondale, Illinois

**Fantastic Festival**  
 Town Square Pavilion  
 Saturday, December 3rd • 4:00-6:30 pm  
 Pony rides, concessions and Carbondale Main Street Store  
 Carbondale Science Center - Puppet Making

**Lights Fantastic Parade**  
 Saturday, December 3rd • 6:30 pm  
 Along Illinois Avenue, North from Grand Avenue to Jackson Street

For information about all weekend festivities, contact Carbondale Main Street at (618) 529-8040

## Be Prepared When Winter Weather Arrives

Carbondale enjoys relatively mild winters in comparison to northern Illinois and much of the midwest, however there are times each winter when cold weather with snow and ice visits Carbondale. Here are a few tips to help you be prepared for inclement weather:

**Have your heating system checked by a heating contractor.** Make sure it is in good working order and that the chimney or flue pipe are not obstructed. This is also a good time to install a carbon monoxide detector (if you have gas cooking and/or heating appliances) and smoke detectors if you do not already have them. Check to make sure that detectors in your home are working properly.

**Protect your water and sewer pipes from freezing.** Keep cold air from reaching the pipes. If you leave your home for a winter break or vacation, do not turn off the

heat. You may want to turn down the heat to conserve energy, but keep enough heat in the house to keep the pipes from freezing.

**Be prepared in the event of snow and ice.** Make sure you have shovels to clear snow off of your sidewalk and the sidewalk along the street in front of your home and a supply of salt to melt the ice. The Carbondale City Code requires tenants and property owners to remove snow and ice from the public sidewalks adjoining their property. If you plan to be away from your home for a winter break or vacation during the winter months make sure you have arranged for someone to remove the snow and ice in your absence.

**Keep an emergency kit and a few days supply of food and water on hand.** In the event of a blizzard there may be days when you are not able to get to the store.

**Be prepared in the event of loss**

**of electricity and heat.** In the event of an ice storm, electric and telephone lines may be pulled down by the weight of the ice. Make sure you have an ample supply of warm clothes and blankets and sources for emergency light.

**Winterize your vehicle before cold weather arrives.** Pack an emergency safety kit to store in your vehicle.

**If you have to be outside in the cold, dress appropriately and do not over exert yourself.** Dress in layers. Several thin layers of clothing are better than one or two layers of heavy clothing. If you start getting hot you can remove layers. If you get wet from sweat, you can increase your chances of getting hypothermia when you start cooling off. Remember to use caution when shoveling snow. Shoveling heavy snow can lead to sore backs or even heart attacks.

## Holiday Curbside Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

City offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. However, Thursday's regular Refuse & Recycling route for November 24 will be collected on Friday, November 25. Bag and bundle Landscape Waste will be collected on Wednesday only during Thanksgiving week.

City offices will be closed Monday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday and Monday, January 2 for the New Year's Holiday. Refuse & Recycling for both weeks will be moved up a day for the Monday through Thursday routes. If your regularly scheduled collection day is on Monday, it will be moved to Tuesday; Tuesday's regularly scheduled collection day will be

moved to Wednesday; Wednesday's regularly scheduled collection day will be moved to Thursday; and Thursday's regularly scheduled collection day will be moved to Friday. Bag and Bundle Landscape Waste will be collected on Thursday only for each of these weeks.

### Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The City of Carbondale Forestry Division will conduct curbside Christmas tree recycling during the period beginning January 2 and ending January 27, 2006. Trees should be placed at curbside on the same day as the City collects refuse and recycling in the resident's area. Collection and

chipping will occur the following day. Those wishing to discard trees at times other than their normal refuse day may use one of the following neighborhood drop-off sites (WATCH FOR SIGNS):

- Public Works Complex on North Michaels Street (at gate)
- East Recycling Drop-Off Center on East College located in the parking lot west of Stor-N-Lok
- Parrish Park parking lot on West Sunset Drive (East end)
- Attucks Park south parking lot on North Wall Street

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

Questions about this program may be directed to the Environmental Services Manager, Wayne Wheelers, or the City Forester at 549-5302, Ext. 332.

## Notice of Seasonal Leaf Collection

Carbondale's Special Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will be offered during the months of November, December and half of January. Calls for service will be accepted beginning November 1, 2005, with the final calls being accepted January 13, 2006. Participating residents should first rake their leaves to curbside or street side and then call the

Environmental Services Office for scheduling. Please do not block sidewalks or rake into ditches or gutters.

The fee during this special Seasonal Program period is \$17.00 for each collection. The regular fee outside the program period remains at \$27.00.

- Call 457-3275, 8am - 4 pm to schedule service

- Leave both name & address w/recorded message and identify as requesting loose leaf collection.

The Landscape Waste Bag & Bundle program will continue as usual. Those desiring collection of bagged leaves and grass or bundles or brush may continue to call the same number listed above and identify as requesting bag and bundle service.

## Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center

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