



# Carbondale Communiqué

January - February, 2008

City of Carbondale

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## From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

This is going to be an interesting year; 2008 will bring many new things to Carbondale.

First and foremost, with the announced retirement of Jeffrey W. Doherty, our long-time city manager, the City Council has begun the process of advertising for the open position. It is our plan to advertise regionally and nationally, to seek applicants with experience in university communities, to attract well-qualified applicants with diverse backgrounds and perspectives, and to hire a new city manager by late spring (probably sometime in May).

While the hiring process itself will be organized in an efficient manner, meaning that we will move through it rather quickly, there will be opportunities for individuals and organizations in the community to take part in meeting and receiving the final job applicants. Because the city

manager plays such an important role in our form of government, the City Council will provide community forums, although yet to be determined how, for people to ask questions of the final candidates. The feedback we receive from those forums will help the Council in its decision making prior to offering the job.

If there are issues or concerns that citizens have that should be part of the formal interview process, please send them to my attention as soon as possible. Carbondale has long been an open government and we want to make sure this next step follows the same path.

After we complete the process of hiring a new city manager, I hope the entire community will come together to welcome that person to the position. We have been fortunate to have stability in the position, with Mr. Doherty serving as city manager for more than 16 years, and the next manager may stay just as long. It will be up to the entire community to make him/her feel part of the community.

With that taking up much of the spring and getting us into the summer, before we know it, school will be in session again and then the holidays will be back upon us. And for those who are wondering, petitions for City Council will be available in about eleven months... how time flies when you're having fun.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Brad Cole, Mayor

## Haven't You Heard...

### City Begins Budget Development for the New Year

The City has begun the process of preparing its FY 2009 Budget (May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009). The process began with the City Council reviewing the proposed tax levy truth in taxation determination on November 20, 2007. On December 18, 2007 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 12, 2008 regular meeting.

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 1, 2008. City Council action on the proposed Budget and Five Year Community Investment Program is scheduled for April 15, 2008.

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



Congressman Jerry Costello recently provided the City of Carbondale with a U. S. Flag previously flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. The flag is now being flown at City Hall.

## Community Growth and Economic Development Remain Top Priority

By Jeffrey W. Doherty, City Manager

Community growth and economic development remain a top priority for Carbondale City government. During 2007 numerous new initiatives were developed to encourage new residents, increase the student population, attract new businesses, as well as attract more tourism to the community. Of primary importance was the City of Carbondale's substantial financial commitment to Southern Illinois University with an investment in the Saluki Way Initiative, an unprecedented partnership between the City and the University. A commitment was also made to construct new public safety facilities in Carbondale, and to develop open space infrastructure in the community. These initiatives will be funded by a new one half of one percent (1/2%) sales tax. It was also a year that significant programs were initiated to support the City's neighborhoods, as well as financial incentive programs to attract new businesses to the community.

During 2007, the process of upgrading the public safety facilities of the community was initiated. Proposals have been submitted from architectural consulting firms for the design of a new police station on the former Lincoln School property and for a new fire station to service the City's expanding west side. The design of these facilities will continue throughout 2008.

Carbondale continued to be a leader in healthcare in Southern Illinois and the City experienced exponential growth and expansion in essential services during 2007. A number of established local businesses completed significant facility expansions and opened additional locations in the community to better serve their growing customer bases. These facility expansions further enhanced the state of the

art medical and professional services available in the community: Memorial Hospital, a new \$7 million cardiovascular center and a \$14 million addition to update and add patient rooms; Southern Illinois Healthcare, the acquisition of the Carbondale Clinic and its transformation to the Center for Medical Arts; the construction of the Shawnee Crisis Center; the Women's Center expansion; the Gateway Foundation expansion; and an announcement from Southern Illinois Regional Social Services (SIRSS) of a new \$6 million facility on East College Street.

Other business expansions included; First Southern Bank broke ground on their third location in the community, the Southern Illinoisan completed a \$7 million expansion of its facility, the Newell House redevelopment continues with a major renovation of the interior and exterior on the Town Square, Kroger expanded its operations at the east side location, Auffenberg of Carbondale expanded its operations with a new Buick franchise, and Ward Chrysler added a KIA dealership. Also, the construction of a new 30,200 square foot professional building in Reed Station Crossing will address the growing demand for office space in the community.

The Enterprise Zone was expanded to include property located at the intersections of Striegel Road and West Main Street, New Era Road and West Main Street, Emerald Lane and West Main Street, Glenview Drive and West Main Street, the former Bleyer football field, portions of the block containing Memorial Hospital of Carbondale and property located north of Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse Store and the Wal-Mart Super Center. The Enterprise Zone has played a significant role in the commercial growth of Carbondale during the past 17 years. During the life of the current Enterprise

Zone, the City of Carbondale's regular 1% sales tax revenues have doubled from \$3 million to more than \$6 million and the City's Equalized Assessed Valuation has grown 106% from \$120 million to over \$247 million.

An economic development incentive program to encourage the establishment of new automotive franchise dealerships was approved by the City Council to assist in the addition of automotive franchises not currently located in Carbondale. Automotive sales account for approximately 20% of the regular 1% sales tax generated in Carbondale.

A number of new businesses have opened in Carbondale bringing increased shopping, dining, and service options to the community. A new strip mall opened on Giant City Road that houses two new restaurants and two service businesses: Fujiyama Japanese Steak House, Moe's Southwest Grill, Cartridge World, and Clear Wave Communication. Other new businesses in the east side retail corridor included Dick's Sporting Goods and TJ's Fine Jewelry. Glidden Paints and Butler Supply also opened new locations on the east side of the City. Springfield Electric opened in the Carbondale Industrial Park.

The University Mall welcomed Gap and Gap Kids Outlets, a Food Court with four restaurants, Tradehome Shoes and The Shoe Department. An announcement was also made for the development of the Shoppes at University.

In the downtown area new businesses included Man-Tra-Con in the Old National Bank Building, Workforce Solutions, Warehouse Shoes, Two Boutique, Elixir II, Mirror Image Salon, Aveda Salon, Lush Salon and Spa, Global Motorcycles, and Truly's Country Kitchen.

The preservation and stabilization of residential neighborhoods and the housing

stock in the community continued to be a priority for the City of Carbondale, and will remain a priority in 2008. During 2007, the City continued the resurfacing of all of the neighborhood oil-and-chip streets. Several new initiatives and developments encouraged and increased housing options for residents and students.

During the year the City Council approved a new Single Family Housing Conversion Grant Program to assist persons looking to purchase a home in Carbondale. New student housing projects included Aspen Court, the Reserve at Saluki Pointe, and Saluki Suites Apartments. Additionally, the University opened its first new housing in 30 years with the Wall and Grand Apartments.

Promoting Carbondale as a retirement destination was a focus during the year which will continue to be an important initiative for the community. This past year the City Council approved the expansion of Liberty Village and the development of a new retirement center on New Era Road.

Looking back, 2007 was a year of numerous new initiatives to encourage new residents, students, and businesses to Carbondale. We welcome all that made Carbondale their home during the year. We also recognize the City's local established businesses that demonstrated their commitment to the community with recently completed major expansions or opening of new locations in the community.

A strong foundation has been laid to grow this community, with the City government and University in partnership, to continue to attract more residents, students, businesses, and visitors to Carbondale.

Looking ahead to 2008, Carbondale will remain a community committed to growth and expansion.

## City of Carbondale Employee of the Year



Mary D. Runion, the Administrative Assistant for the City of Carbondale Public Works Engineering Division, was named Employee of the Year for 2007. Mary Runion has served as a dedicated employee for the City for 10 years. She was presented the award by Mayor Brad Cole and City Manager Jeffrey Doherty.

## Primary Election February 5, 2008

Due to a new Illinois law, the Illinois Primary Election has been changed from the third Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in February. As a result, the 2008 Illinois Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. Voter registration closed on January 8, 2008.

Early voting will be available in the County Clerk's Office in Murphysboro during the period of January 14 through 31, 2008. During this early voting period, persons who wish to vote in the Primary Election may register to vote and vote at the same time.

Persons not wishing to participate in early voting must wait until Thursday, February 7, to register to vote for the General Election.

The list of Carbondale Polling Places will appear on Channel 16, CityVision and should appear in The Southern Illinoisan newspaper approximately seven days before the election. You may also contact the Carbondale City Clerk's Office at 457-3281 or the Jackson County Clerk's Office at 687-7366 to obtain this information. Polling locations will be open to the public from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

## Smoke-Free Illinois Act Became Effective January 1, 2008

The Smoke-Free Illinois Act required all workplaces in Illinois to be smoke-free beginning January 1, 2008. The Smoke-Free Illinois Act replaces the Illinois Clean Air Act, which was repealed when this new Act took effect.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act:

- "No Smoking" signs or the international "No Smoking" symbol are required to be clearly and conspicuously posted in each public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited.
- Each public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited must have posted at every entrance a conspicuous sign clearly stating

that smoking is prohibited.

- All ashtrays must be removed from areas where smoking is prohibited.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, local public health departments, and local law enforcement agencies are required to enforce the Act. These agencies have authority to issue fines to any person, corporation, partnership, association or other entity violating the provisions of the Act.

The entire Act can be viewed by visiting the Jackson County Health Department (JCHD) Web site at [jchdonline.org](http://jchdonline.org), and the Illinois Department of Public Health Web site at [idph.state.il.us](http://idph.state.il.us).

## Free Police Seminars on Child Passenger Safety

The City of Carbondale Police Department is pleased to announce the receipt of an Illinois Department of Transportation Child Passenger Safety Grant. The grant will allow the Police Department to become a Permanent Child Passenger Safety Inspection Station.

Department personnel trained as Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will inspect child safety seats for correct installation and use and provide one-on-one instruction to educate parents and care givers about the basics of child safety seat installation and use. These services are provided free of charge and are available every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or by appointment, at the Carbondale Police Department.

Statistically, nine out of 10 car seats are installed incorrectly. Common errors include not securing the seat into the vehicle properly, facing the child forward too soon, improperly placing or adjusting harness straps and using a seat that is not the appropriate size

for the child.

While not all of these errors may lead to injury in the event of a traffic crash, they increase the likelihood of an injury to the child. The City of Carbondale is committed to ensuring the children of our community are traveling as safely as possible and encourage all parents and care givers to have their child safety seats inspected by trained Department technicians.

Illinois law requires that each driver and passenger of a motor vehicle wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat safety belt. It also requires that whenever a person is transporting a child under the age of eight, the person is responsible for properly securing the child in an appropriate child restraint system, which includes a booster seat. Each person, when transporting a child between the ages of eight and 16, is responsible for properly securing the child in a seat belt. For more information, contact Sergeant Heather Reno of the Carbondale Police Department at 457-3200, Ext. 465.

## A Permit May Be Required for Your Sign

Sign Permits are required in the City limits and within the City's one and one-half mile zoning jurisdiction.

The City's sign regulations apply to both permanent and temporary signage and are designed to protect the safety of motorists and the overall attractiveness of our community.

It is recommended that you contact the City prior to constructing or placing any sign to ensure that it will meet the related requirements. Sign permit fees range from \$5 to \$10 depending on the type and size of the

sign.

In limited circumstances, a formal permit may not be required. Some of these circumstances include: construction signs, temporary real estate signs, yard sale signs, and political signs. Although these signs do not require an official permit, they must still conform to the City's requirements.

Before a sign is erected, altered, or relocated within the City of Carbondale, please contact the Development Services Department at 457-3235 to obtain information about the sign regulations.

## 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](http://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 [ci.carbondale.il.us](http://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 457-3228.

## 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](mailto:jporter@ci.carbondale.il.us) to report the location.

We rely on you letting us know when you are in the dark. The earlier you call us, the earlier we can get the lights back on.

Help us keep your neighborhood and the City well illuminated. Working street lights keep citizens safe.

## Annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting January 19, 2008

The Fourth Annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church located on 214 West Main Street in Carbondale. This year the topic of the meeting is Organization of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) for Carbondale neighborhoods. This event is open to the public. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. for registration and informal networking. Following the meeting, participants are invited to stay for a chili lunch.

A presentation by the manager of the Dowell-Vergennes-Elkville CERT is planned for the meeting. In addition, representatives of the Carbondale Police Department and the City's Building and Neighborhood Services Division, as well as other officials involved with emergency preparedness, will participate in the discussion of how Carbondale neighborhood groups can organize these teams.

These annual meetings provide the opportunity for representatives from neighborhoods throughout the community to learn methods to improve their neighborhoods, to share their ideas, as well as to discuss city-wide issues that affect all residents.

The Neighborhood Alliance is a project of the Housing and Neighborhood Action Group, which has been meeting on the first Wednesday of each month since 2003.

The next meeting of the Housing and Neighborhood Action Group is scheduled for February 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center. Meetings are open to all interested people.

For more information contact [studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us) or call 549-5302 x 386 (please leave your name and number if the volunteer is not available). Carbondale Conversations for Community Action is a program of the Carbondale Human Relations Commission.

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## Haven't You Heard...

### Enterprise Zone Expansion and Extension Approved

The State of Illinois has approved the annexation of property and the extension of the termination date for the Jackson County - Carbondale - Murphysboro Enterprise Zone. The expansion includes six areas in Carbondale and one area in Murphysboro.

Included on the list is property located at the intersections of Striegel Road and West Main Street, New Era Road and West Main Street, Emerald Lane and West Main Street, Glenview Drive and West Main Street, the former Bleyer football field, portions of the block containing Memorial Hospital of Carbondale and property located north of Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse Store and Wal-Mart Super Center.

The Enterprise Zone was created in 1990 by the State of Illinois for a term of 20 years. With the recent extension of the termination date, the

Enterprise Zone will remain in place until 2020. The Enterprise Zone is designed to provide property tax and sales tax incentives for business creation and expansion, and thereby, create jobs and increase the tax base for the entire community.

The Enterprise Zone has played a significant role in the commercial growth in Carbondale during the past 17 years. During the life of the current Enterprise Zone, the City of Carbondale's regular 1% sales tax revenues have doubled from \$3 million to more than \$6 million and the City's Equalized Assessed Valuation has grown 106% from \$120 million to over \$247 million.

For more information about utilizing Enterprise Zone benefits, contact Kevin Baity, Assistant City Manager for Economic Development at 457-3233 or email [kbaity@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:kbaity@ci.carbondale.il.us).

### New Single Family Housing Conversion Program Available

The City of Carbondale has long held as one of its goals to strengthen and promote neighborhood living. The City has provided several programs including the Mandatory Rental Inspection Program, housing rehabilitation grant programs, first time home buyers low interest loan programs, grants for new owner occupied houses and grants for new owner occupied housing subdivisions. The City's Building and Neighborhood Services Division enforces aggressively the family occupancy ordinance in low density residential zoning districts. The preservation and stabilization of residential neighborhoods along with ensuring that the housing stock in the community is maintained is a priority of the City of Carbondale.

At the regular meeting on October 16, 2007, the Carbondale City Council approved a new program to assist persons looking to purchase a home in Carbondale. This new Single Family Housing Conversion Program is designed to assist home buyers in the purchase and rehabilitation of single

family houses that have been in the rental market and the conversion of those houses to the owner occupied category. The main elements of the program are:

- A \$5,000 grant to the home buyer of a single family house that has been a rental house in excess of two years at the time of purchase.
- A covenant will be placed on the property that will require that the house remain occupied by the owner of record for a minimum of 10 years.
- Single family residential houses in all residential zoning districts within the corporate limits of the City of Carbondale will qualify for the program.
- The City will waive all applicable building permit fees required in the improvement of the house.

For more information about the City of Carbondale Single Family Housing Conversion Program, contact Khristina Vaughn, Housing Program Administrator at 457-3235.

### Historic Preservation Award Nominations Due March 7th

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission is honored to be sponsoring the Third 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 Friday, March 7, 2008. 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 [www.ci.carbondale.il.us/Historical/index.html](http://www.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.

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

The City government has many citizen boards and commissions that allow for broad citizen participation in the local government and may benefit from your involvement, including the Planning Commission, the Human Relations Commission, the Library Board of

Trustees, the Preservation Commission and many more.

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

## Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center

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## Important Notice to City of Carbondale Water and Sewer Customers

**Beginning January 1, 2008, a \$5.00 late payment fee will be assessed on each Carbondale Water and/or Sewer bill that is not paid by the due date listed on the original bill.**

**Questions regarding billing statements should be directed to the Customer Service Representatives in the City of Carbondale Water Services Office at 549-5302.**

### 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](http://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.

### Police Officer Exam March 10, 2008

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 10, 2008, in the Civic Center, 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. Applicants shall possess 60 semester hours in education from an accredited college or university, except that 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 22, 2008. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling 618-457-3280, by e-mailing [jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:jvaught@ci.carbondale.il.us) or by printing the application, pre-employment agreement and information from the City of Carbondale's website at [www.ci.carbondale.il.us](http://www.ci.carbondale.il.us)

*The City of Carbondale encourages minority and female applicants  
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# Carbondale City Calendar

## January

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 15th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 2nd & 16th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 14th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
<b>Other Scheduled Meetings At The Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue</b>		
Monday - 14th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 14th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
<b>Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations</b>		
Wednesday - 9th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 17th	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 24th	Elementary School District #95 Administrative Center, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm

**THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON:** Tuesday, January 1, 2008, for the New Year's holiday. The City's Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day. City Hall offices will also be closed on Monday, January 21, 2008, for the Martin Luther King Holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

## February

Date	Meeting	Time
<b>The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16</b>		
Tuesday - 12th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 6th & 20th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 11th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
<b>Other Scheduled Meetings At the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue</b>		
Monday - 4th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 11th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 21st	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm
<b>Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations</b>		
Wednesday - 13th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 21st	Carbondale High School Dist. #165 Carbondale High School Cafeteria 1301 E. Walnut	7:00 pm
Thursday - 28th	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 18, 2008, for the Presidents' Day holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.



Mayor Cole announced during his Annual State of the City Address on November 13, 2007 that Kerasotes Theatres is going to donate the Varsity Theater at 418 S. Illinois Avenue to the community. The landmark on Carbondale's famed "strip" will be available to become the permanent home of The Stage Company and likely other not-for-profit organizations.

### Ordinance Promotes Pedestrian Safety During Winter Weather

Snow, sleet, and ice on sidewalks is hazardous to pedestrians, particularly those who are elderly or 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 to keep those sidewalks clear of snow, sleet 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 snow or other freezing precipitation event.

Occasionally snow, ice, sleet, or freezing rain

on a sidewalk becomes so hard that it cannot be reasonably removed without damaging the sidewalk. In these situations, a sufficient amount of sand 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. Being proactive and removing snow, sleet, or ice from the sidewalk soon after the freezing precipitation has ended usually makes the removal and clearing 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 During Snow, Sleet or Ice

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, sleet, and ice removal operations. When snow or other freezing precipitation is forecasted, please

make arrangements to move your vehicle(s) 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, sleet and ice (clear 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.

### Christmas Tree Recycling Program Available Through Jan. 25

The City of Carbondale Forestry Division will conduct its Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling from January 2, 2008 through January 25, 2008. 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:

1. The Public Works Complex on North Michaels Street (drop off at main gate)
2. The East Recycling Drop-Off Center on East

College located in the parking lot west of Stor-N-Lok

3. The Parrish Park parking lot on West Sunset Drive (at the east end of the parking lot)

4. 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 and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 or to the City Forester at 549-5302 ext. 332.

The regular Landscape Waste Bag and Bundle program will continue as usual during this special collection period.

### Seasonal Leaf Collection Program Offered Through Jan. 18

Calls for service for Carbondale's Seasonal Leaf Collection Program will be accepted through January 18, 2008.

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 leaves into ditches or gutters.

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

period remains at \$27.00.

- Call 457-3275 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday 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, bundles or brush may continue to call the number listed above and identify as requesting bag and bundle service.



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