



Carbondale Communiqué

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City of Carbondale

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Haven't You Heard...

Free Internet Access Available in Carbondale Downtown District

Residents and visitors to Carbondale's Downtown District will now 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 an 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.

Election for Mayor and City Council Members Scheduled for April 17, 2007

On April 17, 2007 citizens will go to the polls to select one person to serve as Mayor and three persons to serve four-year terms on the Carbondale City Council. In order to narrow the field of candidates, state law required a primary election to be held on February 27, 2007. From the primary, two candidates for Mayor and six candidates for City Council Member will advance to the April 17, 2007 general election.

As of press time for the Communiqué, the primary election had not yet been conducted so the candidates that will appear on the April 17, 2007 ballot had not yet been determined.

Candidates running for Mayor in the primary election were Brad Cole, Sheila Simon, Jessica Davis and Pepper Holder and candidates running for City Council

Member were Joseph Moore, Lance D. Jack, Mary Pohlmann, Paulette "Wills" Sherwood, Steven N. Haynes, Elizabeth Lewin and Luanne J. Brown.

Ballot placement for the general election is determined by the number of votes received in the primary election, with the top vote-getter placed first on the general election ballot, the second top vote-getter being placed second on the ballot, etc..

A list of polling places for the April 17, 2007 general election will be published in local newspapers the week prior to the election. Citizens who wish to double-check the location of their polling place should contact the City Clerk's Office at 457-3281 or the County Clerk's Office at 687-7366. The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

Carbondale city government is unlike any other in the region. We are fortunate to have an open, inviting form of government that allows citizen input and involvement, public interaction and criticism, as well as broad and diverse representation at all levels.

Several years ago the community acted to increase the size of the City Council from five members to seven members; this allowed for more direct representation on the City Council and has proven to be a positive step forward. The current Council has shown good leadership in addressing issues and attempting to resolve problems either before they arise or as they are brought to our attention. Just looking at the Council, one can see that the different backgrounds, experiences, ages and perspectives give everyone in the community a voice at the table, something other communities can only wish for.

In addition to the elected leaders, Carbondale has numerous boards,

commissions and committees that are made-up of volunteers from all walks of life. There are always positions available on many of these boards and I encourage citizens to express an interest in volunteering. Some of the boards require technical expertise and some just require the ability to listen and learn, but all are equally important and all contribute to the overall success of the municipal government. If you are interested in volunteering, please send a letter or email to my office and indicate which board may be the best fit for you and your skills.

Additionally, the final piece in the city's organizational puzzle is the full-time staff. Carbondale is a leader in the region in employing highly-trained professionals, men and women of all races and ethnic backgrounds, and giving young people a chance to start their careers. Many of our employees have been with the city for their entire careers and have raised their families as a part of the City family. There are often seasonal and year-round employment opportunities that come up, so please keep an eye out for job postings or contact our Human Resources office if you are interested in applying for a job with the City.

All in all, the City of Carbondale is more than just a unit of government. It is a collection of people who work hard every day to provide products and services to our customers – the tax payers. When you see a City employee next, say hello and thank that person for the work they do. When we see you next, we'll do the same.

Brad Cole, Mayor

City Council Approves Construction of New Public Works Administrative Building

At the February 6, 2007 City Council meeting, the Council approved funding for the engineering services, design and construction of a new Public Works Administrative Building. The new building will house administrators, staff and equipment for the Maintenance and Environmental Services (MES) Division, located at 212 W. Willow Street. The new 2,480 square foot building will provide accessibility for the disabled and improve overall public access to the Maintenance and Environmental Services Division staff.

This new building is intended to replace the existing two-story structure, which currently includes second floor office

space for the MES Manager and Administrative Assistant, and first floor offices for foremen and locker room/general area for workers, as well as to consolidate various other administrative and Departmental staff, with offices currently in the Equipment Maintenance Garage.

Schimpf Construction of Carbondale is the general contractor for the \$175,771 project. The new building will be constructed at the northeast corner of West Willow Street and North Michaels Street. Work will begin this spring and it is anticipated that the building will be completed during the summer.

Youth Award Nominations Due April 2, 2007

Each year the City of Carbondale recognizes the community service contributions of its youth. We invite you to nominate a youth who has gone above and beyond expectations. We are looking for youth who represent a healthy lifestyle, are committed to serving others, and who serve as role models, making a difference through their actions and leadership in our community.

Outstanding Youth and the Youth Volunteer of the Year winners will be recognized at a ceremony to be held during the City Council Meeting on May 1, 2007, followed by a reception. Invitations will be sent to the winners, their families, nominators, elected officials and the media.

Middle school and high school students may be 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 must be high school juniors or seniors, have a least a B+ grade point average, completed 50 volunteer hours of community service and participated in other community activities.

Nominators may be youth or adults who know of a special person. Nomination forms are available in the Mayor's Office and are due April 2, 2007. To obtain a nomination form contact Deborah McCoy at 457-3247.



The City's Award Winning Water Treatment Plant processes approximately 1.5 billion gallons annually to serve a population of over 50,000 in the City of Carbondale, SIU, and four water districts including South Highway, Crab Orchard, Lakeside and Buncombe.

Haven't You Heard... Carbondale *Begins in March!*

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 March book: **Fahrenheit 451** at the Carbondale Public Library*

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.



Mayor Brad Cole swears in Jay Crippen as an Arson Investigator along with the Fire Department's new fire dog Pal at the January 16, 2007 City Council meeting.



Mayor Brad Cole swears in Firefighter Ryan Hall assisted by Fire Chief John Michalesko at the February 20, 2007 City Council meeting.

Residents Encouraged to Participate in Diversity Discussions

On February 25, 2007, the Carbondale Conversations for Community Action held the kick-off event at the University Mall for the third round of study circles sponsored by the Carbondale Human Relations Commission. The topic to be addressed during these discussions will be "Facing Racism in a Diverse Nation". This is a community-wide program that includes people from all walks of life taking part in meaningful dialogue and constructive actions. 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 discussion groups will meet six times during the period of March 4, 2007 through April 21, 2007.

On April 28, 2007 the study

circles will come together in an Action Forum where each of the study circles will identify ideas and recommendations and action groups will be formed to focus on specific projects to further the recommendations.

Information and recommendations will also be included in an advisory report to the Human Relations Commission.

It is not too late to become involved in these discussion groups. The discussion groups are still forming and meeting times and locations are being planned.

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

El Alcalde Cole Anuncia la Iniciativa "Carbondale Lee!"

En un esfuerzo por promover el fomento de la cultura y los programas de lectura, y al mismo tiempo lograr reunir gente de variados orígenes, el Alcalde de Carbondale Brad Cole presenta hoy el programa "¡Carbondale Lee! Construyendo una Comunidad un libro a la vez".

El programa sigue el modelo de exitosos esfuerzos hechos por la Biblioteca del Congreso de Estados Unidos y por algunas comunidades en el país para restaurar la lectura al centro de la cultura americana. "Se anima a todo individuo a participar", dijo el Alcalde Cole, "especialmente a los adultos que tal vez no lean tanto como pudieran o a los que quisieran involucrarse en algo que estimulara la conversación y la plática en el trabajo y en la sociedad".

El programa va a incluir un período de lectura de tres meses en la primavera y otro igual en el otoño de 2007. Cada mes va a enfocarse en un libro específico (Marzo: Fahrenheit 451; Abril: Brave New World; Mayo: Animal Farm; los libros para el otoño se anunciarán más tarde) que va a estar disponible gratuitamente a través de la Biblioteca Pública de Carbondale. También en la Biblioteca Pública de Carbondale habrá charlas y conversaciones sobre cada libro para analizar la lectura. Cada participante

que complete la lectura de los libros asignados para esos tres meses, recibirá un certificado especial de la Oficina del Alcalde y una camiseta en reconocimiento de su participación.

El profesorado, los empleados y los estudiantes de la Escuela Secundaria de Carbondale (CCHS) también tendrán la oportunidad de participar formalmente en la iniciativa voluntaria, como parte del programa de la escuela "Lectura Silenciosa Sostenida" (SSR). El programa SSR es un período de lectura no interrumpida en el cual toda la escuela participa cada martes. "Esto encaja perfectamente con nuestros esfuerzos, ya en efecto, para promover la lectura; cualquier cosa que respalde el fomento de la cultura y las destrezas para la lectura es un extra para toda la comunidad" dijo el Superintendente de la Escuela Secundaria de Carbondale.

"Estoy realmente muy emocionado al respecto", dijo el Alcalde Brad Cole. "Esta es una oportunidad para regresar a lo básico, cuando las familias leían libros unidas y los amigos hablaban de los asuntos cotidianos. Este programa tiene tanto que ver con la lectura como con la construcción de una comunidad más unida". Para más información, contactar a la Biblioteca Pública de Carbondale al 457-0354.

HOMEbuyer Assistance Program Funds Available

For the third time since 2000, the City of Carbondale has received a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority. The funds awarded are in the amount of \$380,000. Over the next two years, The HOMEbuyer Assistance Program will use these funds to assist lower-income persons with the purchase and rehabilitation of a home located within the Carbondale city limits.

The HOMEbuyer Assistance Program allows the City to provide assistance with down payment and closing costs up to \$10,000. It also provides funding for rehabilitation of the property in order to bring the dwelling up to the City's current housing codes. The maximum the City can assist with the purchase and rehabilitation of the home is \$40,000. The home purchaser must provide at least \$1,000 towards the purchase price, and qualify for and obtain financing from a participating lender.

Based on the assistance provided, the potential home owner will receive a five or ten year zero interest forgivable loan secured by a recapture agreement. After the person owns and occupies the home for the five or ten year term, the loan will be completely forgiven. If the home is sold or vacated sooner, the amount to be paid back will be pro-rated

based on the length of time the home was owned and occupied.

To be eligible for the HOMEbuyer Assistance Program, applicants must be first time home buyers or not have owned a home within the last three years. The household income must be less than or equal to 80% of the area median income. Income limits annually set by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for participation are based on the number of persons in the household. Currently the income limits are 1 person- \$29,250, 2 persons- \$33,400, 3 persons-\$37,600, 4 persons-\$41,750, 5 persons-\$45,100, 6 persons-\$48,450, 7 persons-\$51,750, and 8 persons-\$55,100.

HOMEbuyer applicants will be provided with workshops and one-on-one counseling before their purchase. If there is an obstacle that could prevent you from purchasing a home, staff will work with you to identify the problems and concerns, and help you plan a course of action which will help alleviate the problems and enable you to purchase a home.

Questions about the HOMEbuyer Assistance Program can be addressed to Khristina Vaughn, Housing Programs Administrator at 549-5302 ext. 346.

City Seeking Housing Rehabilitation Contractors

The City is continuously seeking additional contractors to work in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Contractors experienced in building and renovating homes are encouraged to contact the Housing Programs Administrator, Khristina Vaughn at 549-5302 ext. 346 if they are interested in participating in the Housing Rehabilitation

Program. The City is an equal opportunity contractor and encourages minority and women owned businesses to consider this contracting opportunity. The City also is seeking contractors who are licensed by the State of Illinois to perform lead-based paint mitigation in homes being rehabilitated.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities Available

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

The City's Application for Employment forms are

available at City Hall at the Receptionist's desk and in the Human Resources Office. The application form may also be downloaded from www.ci.carbondale.il.us.

Applications are reviewed and candidates are selected for interviews based on their qualifications and interviewed by a team of management personnel. This team makes recommendations for filling these positions to the City Manager who makes the final decision. The City of Carbondale encourages female and minority applicants. The City of Carbondale is an equal opportunity employer. For more information about employment opportunities with the City of Carbondale contact the Human Resources Office at 457-3328.

Neighborhood Watch Works to Promote Safe Neighborhoods

Are you worried about crime in your neighborhood? Do you feel you can't do anything about it? The fact is you CAN do something. People just like you have done remarkable things to help make their neighborhood safer.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least expensive answers to crime. In simple terms, a Neighborhood Watch means neighbors looking out for each other and suspicious activity. It only takes a few concerned people to organize an introductory meeting, choose a block captain, and agree to share information about crime in the area and changes among residents. Sometimes Neighborhood Watch programs are integrated into neighborhood associations or a watch group may

evolve into a neighborhood association. The important thing is that the system works best when neighbors organize themselves so that they can stay in touch with each other and become more aware of ordinary routines around the neighborhood. Participating in a watch is a smart move as research indicates that there is less crime in areas where neighbors look out for each other.

How do you get started? Contact the City of Carbondale Police Department, Officer Randy Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 428 or Sergeant Don Priddy at 457-3200 ext. 435. They will advise you on how to get started, assist with teaching you and your neighbors what to look for, and tell you how to keep your watch going and growing.

Haven't You Heard...

Downtown Facade Improvement Loan Funds Available

The City of Carbondale has funds available for businesses in the downtown district to improve and update the look of their store fronts. Improvements to existing facades and the facade portion of additions to existing buildings are defined as that portion of the building facing a public way. Improvements to the facade include structural and non-structural repairs and maintenance in keeping with the style of the original structure. Eligible facade improvements are installation of canopies and awnings, inclusion of energy efficient windows and doors, and reconstruction and refinishing of all surfaces and other related architectural appurtenances of the facade. The improvements as determined for this program are to be in keeping with the historical continuity of the area.

The City will fund up to 100% of the facade improvement at an interest rate set at 3 points below the prime rate with a maximum rate of 7% and a minimum rate of 3%. The interest rate shall be established on the date the loan agreement is signed and shall remain constant through the entire term of the loan which shall not exceed 10 years. The maximum amount of the City loan is based on \$40 per surface square foot of facade or \$20,000.00, whichever is less. The City Manager shall have the authority to approve a loan in excess of these amounts when there is a change in ownership or use of the building, when there are

special circumstances related to the number or size of the facade(s), or an increase improvement cost due to special materials or historic preservation. The City's loan cannot exceed the total facade improvement cost. Loans are secured by the City obtaining a mortgage on the property and a personal guarantee of repayment from the applicant. Loans will be granted on a first come, first served basis within the limits of available resources.

Interested applicants must submit a completed application with facade drawings, cost estimates and financial statements to the City of Carbondale Development Services Department for consideration. Improvements proposed are subject to existing City codes and ordinances and the responsibility for permits and approvals rests with the applicant. Applicants are encouraged to consult with the Preservation Commission for buildings that are listed on the Commission's inventory of historic properties.

For more information about the Downtown Facade Improvement Loan Program and to obtain an application, contact the Development Services Department at 457-3248 or stop by their office in City Hall at 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Property owners are also encouraged to contact Carbondale Main Street at 529-8040 for additional incentive programs for facade improvements.



The Lincoln Middle School is being demolished to make way for a future facility for both the SIU and Carbondale Police Departments.

Residential Spring Clean-Up Program Begins April 27th

The City of Carbondale will conduct the annual residential Spring Clean-Up Program beginning April 27, 2007. This program serves single family dwellings up to and including 4-unit buildings. The Clean-Up Program will address household items and general rubbish generated from the dwelling being served. Only household rubbish will be collected. Household lumber must be cut to five feet or less. The following items will not be collected as a part of this program: tires, yard waste, appliances and contractor's remodeling or construction debris. These items will only be collected through the Landscape Waste Sticker Program. Items will be collected from the curbside on Fridays, based on your regular refuse collection day (subsequent Saturdays may be used if necessary).

• **Monday's City Refuse Collection Route (ZONE #1) Friday, April 27**

All residences east of the Canadian National Railroad (CNRR) tracks.

• **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 and or allowing items to remain at the curbside outside of these times is a violation of City Code and may subject you to a citation.

If you have any questions, please contact the office of the Maintenance and Environmental Services Manager at 457-3275.

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.

Visit the Civic Center Corridor Gallery

The Carbondale Civic Center Corridor Gallery displays artwork through Carbondale Community Arts. Through March 8, 2007, the Corridor Gallery will display prints from DuSable Museum founder, Dr. Margaret Burroughs in cooperation with the African American Museum.

From March 9 through March 31, 2007 the Gallery will feature log cabin quilts by prolific Murphysboro fiber artist Pradnya

Dharmadhikari.

Throughout April 2007, the elegant watercolors of the late Hele DeGraff, will be on display, most of which depict the nature of southern Illinois.

For more information about the art displays in the Civic Center Corridor Gallery or if you are interested in displaying your own original artwork, contact Carbondale Community Arts at 457-5100.

Carbondale Bikeway Maps Available

Bicycle enthusiasts in Carbondale and surrounding areas have a resource to take advantage of when planning their recreational bicycling or for utilizing as a means of safe transportation by bicycle through the City. The Carbondale Bikeway Map identifies Carbondale's on-street and off-street bikeways. The Bikeway Map also includes the Illinois

Official Bicycle Map for Jackson County and the Surrounding Area, and Bicycle Rules and Safety Tips. The maps are available at Carbondale Bicycle Shops, the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, the Carbondale Police Department, and the information booth located in the Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center.

Be Prepared for Severe Weather

It has been reported that a record 126 tornadoes spun through Illinois in 2006, breaking a state record. We cannot prevent severe weather, nor can we predict where or when it will strike, but there are some precautions that we can take to minimize danger to people and property. Potentially deadly severe weather impacts everyone, and as severe weather season approaches, we need to be informed and prepared. It is important to know the difference between a watch and a warning when it is issued for your county.

A watch means that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop. This is the time you should consider where you will take shelter if severe weather should occur. During a watch you should also pay close attention to weather broadcasts for a change in weather conditions.

A warning means severe weather is occurring and you should take shelter immediately. With a little planning you can prevent unnecessary panic and confusion if severe weather were to strike:

- Learn the sounds of the outdoor warning sirens and take shelter immediately if they are activated. Have a NOAA Weather Alert Radio on that will alert you to severe weather.

- Listen to the NOAA radio, a commercial radio, or television for the latest weather forecasts. Listen to City of Carbondale AM1620 for notifications.

- Have a severe weather plan. Conduct drills in the home, at work, and in school.

- Keep a severe weather kit and place it in a water tight container. Your kit should include a battery operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries, first aid kit, emergency tools, special items for the elderly or infants, and extra eye glasses.

- Make an inventory of your possessions for insurance purposes and keep the list or video tape in a safe place away from your home.

- Learn first aid and CPR. Contact your local Red Cross Chapter for class schedules and fees.

Flying debris and lightning are the greatest hazards during severe storms. When seeking shelter, always keep away from windows and go to a basement or interior room. Crouch next to the wall covering your head. During the storm, you should avoid using a telephone, electrical appliances or running water for any purpose. It is recommended that the air conditioner be turned off as power surges from lightning can overload the compressor resulting in costly repairs.

If you are caught outdoors, try to get inside. If there is no place to take shelter, lie down in a ditch or squat down as low as you can and don't get under a tree. Lightning is known to seek out the tallest objects. After a storm has passed you should stay away from storm damaged areas and listen to the radio for information and instructions.

For more information on severe weather, please contact the City of Carbondale Emergency Management Services Department at 457-3245.

Carbondale Civic Center

Your First Choice for Business and Social Events

Conferences - Banquets - Seminars
Receptions - Small Meetings

Located in downtown Carbondale, the Civic Center is an extremely versatile, yet affordable banquet and meeting facility. This modern facility can be reserved in its entirety or in smaller meeting rooms. The Civic Center is available seven days a week. The Carbondale Civic Center offers the most comprehensive event package in the area.

Our goal is to exceed your expectations so that you always make Carbondale Civic Center

"Your First Choice for Business and Social Events!"

For more information or to schedule your event, contact Laura Chamness, the Civic Center Manager at 457-3209.

Carbondale City Calendar

March

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 6th & 20th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 7th & 21st	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 15th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 5th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 19th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 14th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 22nd	Elementary School District #95 Lewis School, 801 S. Lewis Lane	7:00 pm

April

Date	Meeting	Time
The Following Meetings Are Televised LIVE On CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 3rd & 24th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 4th & 18th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 12th	Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other Scheduled Meetings At The City Hall/Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 2nd	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 16th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 19th	Energy & Environmental Advisory Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled Meetings At Other Locations		
Wednesday - 11th	Library Board, Conference Room 405 West Main St.	4:30 pm
Thursday - 19th	CCHS School District #165 1301 E. Walnut - Cafeteria	7:00 pm
Thursday - 19th	Elementary School District #95 Administrative Center, 925 S. Giant City Road	7:00 pm

THE OFFICES OF CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON: Friday, April 6, 2007, for the Good Friday holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will not be affected.

Reminder: Historic Preservation Award Nominations are due March 9, 2007

Nomination forms are available in the City Hall Planning Services Division at 200 South Illinois Avenue or online at ci.carbondale.il.us/Historical/index.html



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CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE



The Tuscan Lodge at the corner of Jackson and Washington Streets in the Historic Downtown District in Carbondale is now officially a historically protected building in Carbondale.



This renovated home located at 601 W. Oak Street is now listed as a historic place in Carbondale.

Two Landmarks Placed on Carbondale Historic Register

The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission is pleased to announce the addition of two landmarks to the Carbondale Register of Historic Places. The City Council approved the nomination of The Tuscan Lodge located at 201 N. Washington St. and The Shelton House located at 601 W. Oak St. at the January 16, 2007 Council meeting.

The Tuscan Lodge, located at 201 N. Washington Street, was constructed in 1894. The building was a cornerstone of old Carbondale, boasting a meeting hall, restaurants and office space.

The building hosted performances by Cab Colloway, Miles Davis and Duke Ellington.

The Shelton House, located at 601 W. Oak Street was built in the late 1800s by Robert Shelton, owner of the Carbondale Grocery Company. The features of the home, now the only turreted Queen Ann style house remaining in the City, include the elaborate shinglework on the beautiful turret as well as decorative wood carvings. The extensive restorations of the property were all completed in the original style and materials.

The City of Carbondale

Preservation Commission will be hosting a Historic Tour in April. The tour will showcase historic properties in the community, Preservation Award winners and the surrounding neighborhoods. More information regarding the date and time will be available soon.

For additional information on the upcoming Historic Tour, and other activities of the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission, please feel free to contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3248 or go online at ci.carbondale.il.us/Historical/index.html.

Ordinance Requires Maintenance of Tall Grass and Weeds

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

mowed to the back of the curb, the edge of the street pavement and the alley.

Most property owners and tenants comply with the City of Carbondale's standards for the maintenance of tall grass and weeds. However, some property owners/tenants do not mow their property until the City posts the property in violation of the tall grass and weed ordinance. Therefore, upon finding the same property in violation more than once during the same growth season, a Court Citation will be issued to all owners and occupants of the property at the time of the second posting and for

each subsequent posting that may be necessary during the balance of the growth season. If the tall grass and weeds have not been mowed within seven days after the posting, the City's mowing contractor will mow the property and the property owner will be billed for the mowing by the City.

For more information about this ordinance contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237 to see if a property has been posted visit the City of Carbondale Web site ci.carbondale.il.us.

A weed posting report can be viewed under the Government section.

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