

Dear Carbondale Resident:

As the Mayor of Carbondale, it's my pleasure to officially welcome you to our community. Whether you grew up in southern Illinois or moved here from across the country, I'm glad you chose Carbondale as your new home.

When it comes to diverse things to see and do, Carbondale brings its A-game. We're a regional epicenter for entertainment, of all types. The **Shawnee National Forest** is Mother Earth's 280,000-acre playground, offering breathtaking beauty and activity for all nature lovers. **Giant City State Park** attracts naturalists, adrenaline junkies and outdoorsy types of all ages. And, our own **Cedar Lake** has been deemed one of the "best lakes in all 50 states."

Enjoy the music scene all over town with **Sunset Concerts, Sandwiches & Strings, Brown Bag Concerts** and **Fourth Friday Fairs**. It's also a foodie's haven with local eats. From Indian and Thai to pizza and vegetarian options, there's something for everyone. Carbondale is the region's shopping headquarters with everything from fashionable boutiques to the farmer's markets. Cyclists have dedicated paths to cruise and when you're ready to truly relax, we're just a stone's throw away from the wineries along the Shawnee Wine Trail.

If you need help signing up for refuse and recycling service or applying for a building permit, we're ready to assist you. City Hall is in the heart of downtown Carbondale at 200 S. Illinois Avenue. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

John "Mike" Henry  
Mayor of Carbondale