

Countryside CONNECTIONS

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Mayor Appoints Alderman

At the July 27, 2016 City Council Meeting, John Finn was sworn in by Mayor McDermott as a Ward 1 Alderman. Mr. Finn is replacing deceased Alderman Bob Pondelicek. John and his wife Betsy are 18 year residents of the City of Countryside. They have a son who is a student at Lyons Township High School. John is an Insurance and Financial Services Agent with the James Constantine Insurance Agency in Orland Park. John is very involved in the community, serving as a representative on the Ideal School Expansion and Rehabilitation Committee and the Ideal Park Planning Committee. John looks forward to working with the residents, businesses, City Council, and City employees to keep Countryside a great place to shop, stay, dine and play.



Alderman John Finn



Ray Lee presents the Space Needs Analysis for a new City Hall

Coffee with the Mayor - November 5th 10 - 11 a.m.

There was a full house for Coffee with the Mayor in August. Sylvia Rogowski from ComEd came out to discuss the installation and benefits of the new Smart Meters. This program was rolled out this summer in Countryside and will continue through the fall. The most important thing to note is that you will be given notice by mail and phone to inform you when your meter will be installed. You do not need to be home. The installer wearing a ComEd shirt will arrive in a truck marked with a ComEd logo and have his/her identification. If you have any questions please call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON-1. To learn more about Smart Meters visit their website at www.comed.com/SmartEnergy.

Mayor Sean McDermott introduced Ray Lee of FGM Architects. He presented the Space Needs Analysis "SNA" for a new City Hall including the Police Station which was prepared by his firm. His presentation included a review of our current City Hall showing pictures of rooms and areas typically not seen by the public such as the prisoner cells and electrical closets. Mr. Lee pointed out many deficiencies in the facility including that it does not meet the Americans with Disability Act Standards for Accessible Designs, it is not energy efficient, and many procedures have not been updated for new requirements and best practices in the Police Department due to the facility restrictions. The SNA recommends that the City pursue a project consisting of building a new combined facility (City Hall and Police Station) which meets the needs of the City for the next 30 years. Please see additional information on the next steps for the new City Hall on page 3 under Economic Development.

Ward Reports

WARD 1

Alderman John Finn

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- ◆ We are anticipating that Chipotle, located at 5801 S. LaGrange Road, will be opening in November.
- ◆ The Ettleson Hyundai dealership is moving forward with their plans to relocate to the vacant parcel at 57th Street and LaGrange Road.
- ◆ Welcome to our newly appointed Alderman John Finn!

WARD 2

Alderman Thomas Mikolyzk

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- ◆ There are several trees behind the houses on Golfview Road that have grown into the ComEd power lines. ComEd will be trimming and cutting down those trees affecting the power lines in the fall. The golf course staff will coordinate the work with ComEd.
- ◆ City Council recently granted a Special Use Permit to Westfield Ford for additional storage space. The dealership recently purchased the former Turtle Wax property to use for the storage of vehicles and washing of customer cars. The car wash is not open to the public.
- ◆ Now that school is back in session, please look out for children while you are driving.

WARD 3

Alderman Mark Benson

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Alderman Scott Musillami

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- ◆ SuckerPunch Gourmet recently opened at 6475 Joliet Road. They specialize in gourmet pickles and bloody mary mix.
- ◆ The Constance Lane water main replacement has been completed. The resurfacing project on this street will begin in the early fall, along with street patching on Barton Road and Longview Drive.
- ◆ City Council recently amended the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Clock Tower Pointe of Countryside. The amendment to the PUD will not require the developer to build the four remaining condo buildings, but instead construct three 6-unit attached townhomes and one 5-unit attached townhome.

Drug Collection Unit The City of Countryside has been awarded a grant from CVS Pharmacy to install a Drug Collection Unit. This unit is located in the police department lobby and will be open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It provides residents with a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted, unused, or expired medication, including controlled substances.

The new unit is intended to reduce the amount of unneeded medicine in residents' homes and decrease prescription drug abuse, which has soared in recent years, especially among teenagers. More than 70% of teenagers say it is easy to get prescription drugs from their parents' medicine cabinets.

Pictured are Mayor McDermott, Alderman Von Drasek, Chief Ford, Congressman Lipinski and staff, as well as representatives from CVS Pharmacy with our new Drug Collection Unit.



Economic Development Update

Jack Phelan Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram had a grand opening on September 12, 2016 to celebrate the renovation of their dealership located at 5859 S. LaGrange Road. Hundreds of customers, family and friends joined in the celebration. The dealership renovations were necessary in order to add the Chrysler and Jeep car lines and provide the additional space for servicing these new lines. The dealership is beautiful and the employees are welcoming. When considering the purchase of a new car...."You gotta see Jack!"



Behind ribbon from L to R: Deputy Clerk Margaret Carey, Alderman Tom Mikolyzk, Alderman John Von Drasek, Alderman John Finn, Mayor Sean McDermott, Alderman Jim Jasinski, Nancy Phelan, John Phelan, Tom Phelan, J.C. Phelan, Kevin Phelan, Alderman Scott Musillami, Alderman Mark Benson, and City Administrator Gail Paul.



Chipotle is scheduled to open in November at the former Brown's Chicken property at 58th and LaGrange Road. The developer completed the site work and building shell. The property was turned over to Chipotle in August. Their contractors are now working on the build-out of the inside of the restaurant. We anxiously await the grand opening.

The process of building a new **City Hall including a Police Station** is in its infancy. Mayor McDermott appointed an ad hoc committee to develop design standards for the new facility. Committee members include elected officials, residents, a business owner and staff. This is just the beginning of a long term planning, design and construction process that the City anticipates will take approximately 3 years. Below is a general timeline of major tasks. The first task is in progress. Updates will be provided in each upcoming newsletter.

City Hall Design Committee

Alderman Mark Benson, Chairman
Mayor Sean McDermott
Treasurer Caryn Stancik
Gail Paul, Staff Liaison

Ward 1

Yvonne Baggio

Ward 2

Vicki Ganz-Czarney
Pat Schwartz

Ward 3

Al Arneson
Kris Lonsway

PRELIMINARY TIMELINE OF MAJOR TASKS

Selection of Architect/Engineer	12 - 16 weeks
Pre-Design Work	6 - 8 weeks
Schematic Design Phase	8 - 9 weeks
Design Development Phase	11 - 14 weeks
Construction Document Phase	12 - 14 weeks
Bid-Phase	8 - 10 weeks
Construction Phase	73 - 82 weeks

Police Department



The Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch held on July 29, 2016 raised over \$4,100 for Special Olympics Illinois.



On August 29, 2016 Five Below in Countryside in partnership with Countryside Police Department presented Ideal School with over \$600 in school supplies that were donated during their school supply collection.



The Chick-fil-A Cops 'N Cows event held on August 23, 2016 raised over \$700 for Special Olympics Illinois.



(Picture on left) At the September 14, 2016 City Council meeting, Sergeant DuRell, Officer Floyd, Officer Jakubowski, and Officer Rojas were recognized for their actions when responding to a call involving an opioid-related overdose that occurred July 14, 2016. All four officers received the Life Saving Award.

(Picture on right) At the May 11, 2016 City Council meeting, Officer Venem was presented with the Life Saving Award for his actions when responding to a call involving an opioid-related overdose that occurred on April 30, 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS!



- ☑ It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load/unload children.
- ☑ On divided highways traffic must stop in both directions.
- ☑ Be alert around schools and always stop when directed by a school patrol officer or school crossing guard.
- ☑ Do not block crosswalks when stopped at a red light, stop sign or when waiting to make a turn.
- ☑ Be aware of speed limits in school zones.

Trick-or-Treat Hours are from 3pm to 7pm on Monday, October 31st.

Halloween Safety Tips



- ★ Stay with your friends or with an adult.
- ★ Watch for cars backing out of driveways.
- ★ Only go to homes with porch lights on.
- ★ Never go into a stranger's home.
- ★ Stay on sidewalks when possible.
- ★ Cross the street only at corners.
- ★ Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- ★ Wear light colored or reflective clothing.
- ★ Don't wear masks that block your vision.
- ★ Have an adult check candy before you eat it.

Public Works Reminds You . . .

Fall Leaf Pick-Up (October 10 - December 2)

Crews will be collecting leaves on a continuous cycle throughout the entire program period. The leaf collection program provides residents with an alternate way to dispose of leaves. Instead of bagging, or for those who do not mulch leaves, residents may rake leaves onto the parkway.

In order for this program to be successful, we ask all residents to observe the guidelines listed below.

- ◆ Leaves **SHOULD** be raked onto the parkway.
- ◆ Leaves should **NOT** be raked into the street.
- ◆ Do **NOT** deposit branches, sticks, garbage, or other debris into the leaf pile.

Please allow 7 to 10 working days between pick-ups as it typically takes a week or more to do a full cycle of the City. Please call the Public Works Department at (708) 354-3390 with questions.

Brush Pick-Up

Branch and brush pick-up will be provided through **October 28th**. Public Works crews will be covering the City on a weekly basis. If you have questions, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 354-3390.

Keep Storm Sewer Covers Clear To Prevent Flooding

The Public Works Department is requesting that residents with a sewer cover near their homes help prevent street and parkway flooding by keeping the cover and inlets clear of leaves and other debris throughout the year. Clearing the sewer covers also helps prevent storm water backup into homes.



Rain Barrel Program

The City of Countryside has partnered with the MWRD to provide **FREE** 55-gallon rain barrels to Countryside residents. Rain barrels are a type of green infrastructure that captures rainwater from your roof that can be saved for when you need it. By keeping this water out of the sewer system, rain barrels can also help prevent sewer overflows and flooding. You can use rain barrel water to wash your car, water your lawn, or water your garden which can lead to potential reduction in water bills.

If you would like to participate in this program, please go to the City's website for the order form and send the completed form to Sharon Peterson at the City of Countryside, 5550 East Avenue, Countryside, IL 60525. Once your application has been received and processed, your barrel(s) (limit of 4 per location) will be delivered to your home in approximately 10-12 weeks by the MWRD's vendor. Installation is **NOT** included. For questions, contact Sharon Peterson at (708) 485-2595 or email speterson@countryside-il.org.

The free rain barrel program ends on December 31, 2016. The City will accept requests until December 27, 2016. The MWRD will return to the previous program of selling rain barrels at cost through their website www.mwrld.org.



Black



Gray



Blue



Terra Cotta

4 color options - Easy to install - Easy to use - Free delivery

Upcoming Meetings

October

4	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
12	City Council	7:30 p.m.
19	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.
26	City Council	7:30 p.m.

November

1	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
9	City Council	7:30 p.m.
16	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.

December

6	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
13	Fire & Police Commission	5:30 p.m.
14	City Council	7:30 p.m.
21	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.

Flagg Creek Golf News

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 10th and Sunday December 11th at 10:00 a.m. Please call (708) 246-3336 to make your reservation.

Ages 2 & under **FREE**
 Ages 3-10 \$8 Residents / \$10 Non-Residents
 Ages 11 & older \$13 Residents / \$15 Non-Residents

Happy Hour Specials are offered 7 days a week from 4-6 p.m. at the Flagg Creek bar. Stop in and take advantage of these great deals and watch your favorite sporting event on one of the big screens.

12 oz. domestic draft \$2.00
 12 oz. import draft \$3.00
 12 oz. domestic cans \$2.50

Holiday Parties can be reserved by calling Michele at (708) 246-3336 ext. 6.



\$10,000 WINNER

On June 19th, Gary Derrico, from Hillside, IL got his first hole in one on the 8th hole. All golfers have the opportunity to win this money if they participate in the hole in one contest on the 8th hole, sponsored by

Digital Golf. The cost to participate is \$5 and you get a free draft beer or soda after your round.

Cassidy Schwartz (picture on right) a Countryside resident and seasonal employee at the golf course, made her first hole in one on August 12th on the 4th hole while trying out for the Lyons Township High School Girls Golf Team.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH GOLFERS!

Welcome to Countryside

Central Blacktop

6335 W. Joliet Road, Suite 101
 Administrative Office - Road Construction

Ensight Security Solutions

6432 Joliet Road, Suite B1
 Install and service burglar and fire alarms

Jan Electric

500 E. Plainfield Road
 Electrical estimating



Code Corner

The City would like to notify all residents and businesses of this newly passed ordinance which is effective immediately.

16-30-0: This ordinance regulates the parking of personal utility trailers (those not used for work or business). It requires that all utility trailers stored on a residential property must be registered to the owner of the property. Residents in the R-1 and R-7 zoning districts do not have a size restriction provided the location and screening requirements are met. All other residential districts are limited to utility trailers not more than seven feet in height, or 12 feet in length, or 4,000 pounds in gross weight. Utility trailers and recreational vehicles (campers, boats, RV's) can be stored within the interior side yard, but not closer than five feet from the lot line. In the R-7 Zoning District, the trailer can be stored within the interior side yard, but not closer than three feet from the lot line. When these vehicles are being stored, they must be adequately screened with nondeciduous plants or opaque fencing on three sides, not less than five feet in height, and properly maintained. A utility trailer or recreational vehicle can be stored in the open in the rear yard provided that adequate screening with nondeciduous plants or opaque fencing, not less than five feet in height, surrounds the yard. Those who have utility trailers and can't meet the parking requirements are being given two years to come into compliance with the new ordinance.



HOLE IN ONE!



City Services

Pool Reimbursements: 2016 outdoor pool membership to any outdoor swimming pool must be presented by December 30, 2016 to be eligible for reimbursement. Fitness Clubs and YMCA memberships are not eligible unless a separate "outdoor pool" rate was established from Memorial Day through Labor Day and you must produce a letter of cancellation. To apply for the reimbursement, bring your paid membership receipt and a valid driver's license to the City Clerk's office.

Driveway Apron Snow Removal: Senior citizens and disabled Countryside residents may sign up each year to have their driveway aprons plowed if more than 2-inches of snow falls. This removal will be done after all City streets are cleared. Please note that the City is **not** responsible for any driveway damage. To receive this service, please call the City Clerk's office.

Selling Your Home or Business: All property sales in Countryside require a Transfer Tax Stamp. Issuance of the stamp requires the following:

- ♦ A completed Real Estate Property Transfer Declaration form
- ♦ A pre-sale inspection
- ♦ A final water meter reading and payment in full
- ♦ Receipt showing payment in full for sewer services

The cost of the transfer tax stamp is \$50 (no personal checks), and is the responsibility of the seller.

For more information about these services, please contact the Clerk's office at (708) 354-7270.

Forms are also available on our website.

Speak Out!

"Speak Out" provides a way in which YOU can communicate with the City of Countryside elected officials and administration. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive a response. If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet.

Full Name: _____ as a citizen/business owner of the City of Countryside, it is my opinion that: _____

Date: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Mail to: "Speak Out" City of Countryside, 5550 East Avenue, Countryside, IL 60525 or e-mail to:
cityhall@countryside-il.org

Full Name, mailing address, or e-mail address are required for a response.

Upcoming Holidays

Please note that City Hall will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 24, 2016

Friday after Thanksgiving
Friday, November 25, 2016

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 23, 2016

Christmas Day
Monday, December 26, 2016

New Year's Day
Monday, January 2, 2017

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clock back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on November 6th. The time now becomes 1:00 a.m. This is where the saying "Fall Back" comes from.



When you turn your clock back, also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and CO detectors. This simple habit takes just a moment, but it is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.

“NEW” Façade Improvement Loan Program

FNBC Bank and Trust in LaGrange approached the City about creating a Façade Improvement Loan Program. Staff worked with the bank to create a program which will give Countryside businesses access to low-interest rate loans for qualifying projects.

The Façade Improvement Program aims to help local businesses improve their exterior appearances, enhance the general business environment and help attract further investment in Countryside. The program is designed to stimulate private investment, expand the tax base and provide job opportunities in the City of Countryside. Commercial loans for qualifying projects will be awarded at below market rates from participating banks on a first come, first served basis (loans are not directly issued from the City and no City funds are used in the program).

The application process will begin with the compilation and submission of the project plans and specifications, drawings, and a preliminary construction budget to the Community Development Department. When the Community Development Department approves the project, the application will be forwarded to the Infrastructure Committee for approval in the loan program. The applicant will then submit a full credit application to the lender and the City. Ultimately, the City Council has the final authority to approve projects under the program. If approved by the City Council, participating banks will document, close and disburse the loans.

Loan funds must go towards building improvements that are visible from the right-of-way or parkway and must be related to a category below:

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| → Storefront architectural features | → New doors and windows | → Landscaping |
| → New signage | → Removal of inappropriate materials | |

Loan Funds cannot be used for:

Improvements that do not upgrade the building appearance from the Public Right-of-Way / Covering masonry, such as with siding or paint / Increasing non-conforming conditions / Interior remodeling and restoration / Reimbursement of previously completed improvements otherwise consistent with program Improvements requiring variances from any Code / Building permit fees / Working Capital purposes.

Please note that construction of new facilities or building additions are explicitly excluded from eligibility for this Program.

A detailed list of terms and conditions governing the program, can be found on the City’s website www.countryside-il.org/forms-permits under Community Development Department.

Introducing ... The City of Countryside ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? This holiday season, the City of Countryside is kicking off our first annual Angel Tree Program - and we need your help to make it a success!

The mission of the Angel Tree Program is to bring holiday cheer to residents (families, individuals, and seniors) who may be affected by a financial hardship and would benefit from a holiday gift-giving program.

From November 5 until December 9, the “Angel Tree” will be on display in the City Hall lobby. Generous sponsors are invited to select an individual or a family from the tree and purchase gifts from their wish list - or a gift of your choice (recipients are anonymous). The donated gifts should be returned to the Clerk’s Office by December 9. City staff will hand deliver the holiday gifts through December 16.

The Angel Tree program is a great opportunity for residents, families, community groups and co-workers to spread holiday cheer to others who may not otherwise receive a gift this year. Check out our website at www.countryside-il.org/special-events or contact the Clerk’s Office at (708) 354-7270 for additional information.



Community Happenings

Leaf Raking For Seniors

Countryside Aging Well, a program of Aging Care Connections will be sponsoring the leaf raking event. This **free** service is provided by local youth groups as a community service for adults in need of assistance with raking their leaves.

Leaf raking will take place:

DATE: November 5, 2016

TIME: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Residents must be home at the time the leaf raking service is being performed.

To sign up for this service, or for more information, please call (708) 354-1323 ext. 242.



CBA News

The CBA Best of Countryside Carnival was a HUGE success! Thank you to all who came out to join in the fun, and thank you to our sponsors and members who make this event possible.

2016 Platinum/Gold Members/Sponsors

City of Countryside	Ledo's Pizza
Autobarn of Countryside	NuMark Credit Union
BlueSky Home Care	Opr. Engineers, Local 150
Capri Banquets and Catering	Schwartz Excavating, Inc.
CJ Wilson Mazda	Terry Plumbing Company
Classic Event and Tent Rental	Texas Roadhouse
Continental Motors Group	U.S. Bank
Countryside Bank	Westfield Ford
Groot	William Tell Holiday Inn
Home Depot	Windy City Music
Infinity Communications Group	
Jack Phelan Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram	

New Sticker Card Promotion

The Countryside Business Association is continuing its "Shop Local" campaign by offering residents the chance to win GREAT prizes (including a flat screen TV and tablet) with a FREE sticker card promotion.

It's EASY:

1. Pick up a sticker card at City Hall or a participating business (visit www.cbacountryside.com for the list of businesses).
2. Put your name and phone number on the card (this information is not shared, it is only for the raffle drawing).
3. Stop in at each of the businesses listed on the card to receive a sticker (no purchase necessary).
4. If your name is drawn, you WIN! Promotion runs from 11/1-11/26. Winner need not be present at the drawing to win.

Summer Concerts Update

The Summer Concert series concluded on Thursday, August 4th. Over the course of eight weeks, there were approximately 2,220 attendees, averaging 326 visitors each week (this is based off of raffle tickets given away).

Westfield Ford was the Presenting Sponsor and donated a \$1,000 Visa Gift Card to be raffled off as a grand prize at the end of the series. Tickets were \$5.00 each and all proceeds went to The New Countryside Women's Club that provides scholarships to Countryside residents.



At the September 14, 2016 City Council meeting, Mayor McDermott presented a check in the amount of \$961.53 to The New Countryside Women's Club.

Congratulations to Zach Rogers, the \$1,000 **Visa Gift Card** Winner!



Alderman Jasinski presented the Visa Gift Card to Zach Rogers, a resident of Brookfield at the August 4th concert.

Reminder ...

Children's Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, 12-3-16

Place: Via Bella Restaurant
5412 S. LaGrange
(NEW LOCATION)

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For more information, please call (708) 354-7270.



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WEBSITES TO KNOW

City of Countryside

www.countryside-il.org

Cook County Clerk

www.cookcountyclerk.com

Pleasantview Fire Protection

www.plvw.org

West Suburban Chamber

www.westsuburbanchamber.org

Countryside Business Association

www.cbacountryside.com

Flagg Creek Golf Course

www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



City Hall:

Main: (708) 354-7270

Fax: (708) 354-9445

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Police Department:

Main: (708) 352-2171 (non-emergency)

Fax: (708) 352-1032

Emergency: 911

Clerk's Office:

Main: (708) 354-7270

Fax: (708) 354-9445

Public Works:

Main: (708) 354-3390

Fax: (708) 354-9445

Water Billing:

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Community Development:

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