

Countryside CONNECTIONS

FALL 2017

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Coffee with the Mayor - November 4th 10 - 11 a.m.



Several residents were present on Saturday, August 12th for Coffee with the Mayor. Janet Gurreau, Executive Director from Interfaith Community Partners "ICP" joined the group. She informed everyone about the services they offer including escorted transportation to medical appointments, therapies, grocery shopping and other necessary errands to help sustain independent living. ICP is a volunteer based organization. Their volunteers are trained, dedicated members of the communities they serve. They give physical and emotional support to older adults who choose to stay in their homes. For more information about their services or volunteering, visit their website at www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org.



Attendees also saw a presentation which included the Criterium and the status of the Municipal Complex project. First, the **Criterium** event attracted approximately 200 participants on August 5th. Winners in each category won prizes. A fun race allowed residents to take a lap around the course. See the centerfold on pages 4 and 7 for pictures and more information.

Secondly, the attendees were the first to see the proposed **Municipal Complex** with 360 degree views. The presentation can be viewed on the City's website at www.countryside-il.org/general/construction-news/. This design will continue to be refined over the next several weeks.

Please join the Mayor for coffee and conversation on Saturday, November 4, 2017. The City's architects will be on hand to reveal the "near final" plans for the new Municipal Complex. The City anticipates going out to bid in January for this project. In addition, we will be kicking off the Angel Tree Program for the second year.



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

STAY SAFE!
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.

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Economic Development

Municipal Complex – Bid Package #1 was released in August for the site work at 803 Joliet Road. This work includes building demolition, grading, utility work, and geothermal well drilling. The work is scheduled to begin in October and be completed by year end. In the meantime, staff and the architects continue to work on the design of the building and selection of materials including flooring, light fixtures, bathroom fixtures and furniture. The architects anticipate bidding the construction of the new facility in January for spring construction.

6150 Joliet Road – An application for a demolition permit has been filed with Cook County. The owner intends to demolish the old car dealership located on this corner and restore the property. No plans have been submitted for redevelopment at this time.

Streetscape Project – The City received an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program “ITEP” grant for a streetscape project. Phase 1 included the installation of ornamental lights and sidewalks and the construction of an urban oasis along La Grange Road. Phase 2 of the ITEP project will include an extension of the sidewalks from 58th Street to Joliet Road, the construction of a welcome sign on the NW corner of Joliet and La Grange Roads and the installation of landscaping, benches and garbage receptacles along the roadway.



Take2, an exciting new way to deliver care at home, is now available in Countryside through Cantata Home Services. For nearly 100 years, Cantata has been serving older adults with the ultimate goal of helping individuals, families, and their communities age successfully. Take2's goal is to provide affordable, non-intrusive support that allows seniors to age in place in the comfort of their own homes and neighborhoods. The average cost for care at home in this area is \$23 per hour and rising. Take2 families, however, are paying on average 60% less for similar services or an equivalent of only \$10 an hour for similar support. Through efficient planning, Take2 is able to focus on the support needed and we are able to eliminate the time paid for a caregiver to sit and wait between support tasks.

To find out how you can join in on the savings or to learn more about Take2, please call us at (708) 485-2047.

Welcome to Countryside

Glam Rock Hair Salon
23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 103
Hair Salon
Nails by Elaine Nikole
23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 129
Nail Salon



Prashi Salon
6568 Joliet Road
Hair Salon
Studio One 21
23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 113
Nail Salon



Code Corner

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

17-19-O: This ordinance changes the fee structure of the rental inspection program. All properties offered for rent must be registered as rental properties and inspected periodically unless occupied by the owner of record. If in a multi-unit rental property one unit is occupied by the owner of record and another unit is occupied by an immediate family member of the owner of record, the family-occupied unit must be registered and inspected but the inspection fee is waived.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

John Kielczynski and Bob Trader collected emergency relief supplies for the victims of Hurricane Harvey from September 5th - 8th. Carm Scarpace, General Manager at Westfield Ford, offered financial assistance to begin the collection effort. The City of Countryside provided the use of the future Municipal Complex site as the collection point for this effort. Thank you to all donors!



Police Department

Welcome Officer Batzel



Christopher Batzel, Countryside's newest police officer, was sworn in by Mayor McDermott at the August 23, 2017 City Council meeting. Officer Batzel joins our department with 2 years of prior police experience. He is currently completing field training and getting acquainted with his fellow officers and the Countryside community.

Model Citizens



Mayor McDermott and Police Chief Ford presented **Alexia and Max Stradal** with Certificates of Appreciation recognizing them for their honesty and for being outstanding citizens. The brother and sister found a wallet that contained over \$400 cash and they turned it over to the police department. Since no one claimed it, it is theirs to enjoy.

Citizen's Police Academy Seeking Applicants



The Countryside Police Department is looking for applicants in order to schedule the next Citizen's Police Academy. Any citizen 18 and over who lives, works, or volunteers in the City of Countryside is invited to enroll. The Citizen's Police Academy is a free, 12 week program designed to give citizens a firsthand look into the operations of the Countryside Police Department and to encourage positive relationships and open communication between our officers and citizens. Classes are held one evening per week from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Countryside Police Department. For additional information, please visit our website or contact the

Countryside Police Department at (708) 485-4018 or police@countrysidepolice.org.



The Chick-fil-A Cops and Cows event in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois was held on August 29, 2017. This event raised \$701.



The Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois was held on July 28, 2017. This event raised over \$5,000.

Public Works Reminds You . . .

Fall Leaf Pick-Up (October 9 - December 1)

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 mulching, residents may rake leaves onto the parkway.

In order for this program to be successful, we ask all residents to observe these guidelines:

-  Leaves **SHOULD** be raked onto the parkway near the street.
-  Leaves should **NOT** be raked into the street.
-  Do **NOT** deposit branches, sticks, garbage, or other debris into the leaf pile. This can damage the equipment and cause a dangerous situation for our employees.

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.

Brush Pick-Up

Branch and brush pick-up will be provided through **October 27th**. 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.

The City of Countryside ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? Do you know of a Countryside resident or family that could use a little help this holiday season? After a successful 1st year, the City of Countryside's Angel Tree Program is back again!

From November 4th until December 8th, our beautiful Angel Tree will be on display in the City Hall lobby. Generous sponsors are invited to select an individual or family from the tree and purchase gifts from their wish list. All gift recipients are anonymous. The donated gifts should be returned to the Clerk's Office by December 8th. Gifts will be distributed to families through December 15th.

The Angel Tree Program is a great opportunity for residents, families, community groups, and coworkers 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.



Countryside's Founding Fathers Dedication Tree Ceremony

Did you know that the City of Countryside was officially incorporated as a city on July 27, 1960? At that time, Countryside's population was only 2,200 residents. The first election was held in June of 1960. Among those elected were: Mayor Albern Hollands, City Clerk Rudolph Perisich, Treasurer Willard Schuessler, and Aldermen Albert Dostal, Melvin Eggert, Robert Schlachter, John Vicich, James Moore and John Carroll. The City operated out of a one-room storefront office during the first few years. The current City Hall was built in 1967 to house both the City Administration and the Police Department.

On Saturday, October 21st, two trees will be planted and dedicated at Flagg Creek Golf Course in honor of Robert Daniel Schlachter. Mr. Schlachter was one of the founding fathers of Countryside, and one of the first Aldermen elected in 1960. Mr. Schlachter's son, Ron, is having the trees planted and dedicated in memory of his father. Ron remembers his father, along with 8-9 other individuals working together to get Countryside incorporated as a city. His former house (located at 5530 S. Catherine Avenue) was among the first meeting spots.

Ron would like to invite all descendents of the founding fathers for the dedication ceremony with a celebration afterwards. The event will take place at Flagg Creek Golf Course on Saturday, October 21st from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Upcoming Meetings

October

3	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
11	City Council	7:30 p.m.
18	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.
25	City Council	7:30 p.m.

November

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

December

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

Flagg Creek Golf News

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 9th and Sunday, December 10th 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

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

Happy Hour is offered 7 days a week between 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. 12 oz. domestic cans are \$2.50, 12 oz. domestic drafts are \$2 and 12 oz. import drafts are \$3.

Tree Sponsorship Program is a way to replenish the many beautiful trees that have been lost to the emerald ash borer. This is a unique way to celebrate a special occasion or to honor a loved one. Each tree sponsorship is a minimum \$250 donation, that is tax deductible. The sponsorship includes a customized recognition stone and a complimentary round of golf. Call the pro shop at (708) 246-3336 for more details.

Reminder ...

Children's Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, 12-2-17
Place: Via Bella Restaurant
 5412 S. LaGrange
Time: 10:30 a.m. - Noon

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

CBA News

The Countryside Business Association's (CBA) Best of Countryside carnival 2017 was a blast! This event brings the community together and attracts people who live outside of the Countryside area. Events like the carnival help to increase foot traffic in local businesses, as well as remind people that Countryside is a truly great place to shop, dine, and play!

The CBA thanks our generous 2017 Best of Countryside sponsors:



The CBA website www.cbacountryside.com is a good resource to find businesses who are CBA members. Click on the Directory tab to access a list of members and their contact information. Whether you are looking for a doctor, HVAC, plumber, contractor, caterer, restaurant, bank, banquet hall, hotel, jeweler, or new car, the CBA online directory is a useful tool to find local, reputable businesses who support the business association and the community. Coupons, special promotions, local events (found under the Events tab), and job postings can also be found on the CBA website, so visit it often to be in the know!

Come Join Us!

The New Countryside Women's Club invites all ladies of Countryside to join the club. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall, on the second floor, from September to June. Our mission is to raise money for scholarships for Countryside high school students going to college.

Come and meet your neighbors and join us for evenings of interesting programs with refreshments served after the meeting.

Gail Paul, City Administrator will be our guest speaker on October 10th. She will be giving us an update on the new Municipal Complex.



Countryside Criterium and Block Party sponsored by




WINNERS

Category 4/5
Sergey Kilbanov, **Downers Grove**

Juniors 9-14
Melroy Holzhauer, **Geneva**
Ellie Hosey, **Western Springs**

Juniors 15-18
Hassan Najfi, **Schaumburg**
Lydia Chinchilla, **Glen Ellyn**

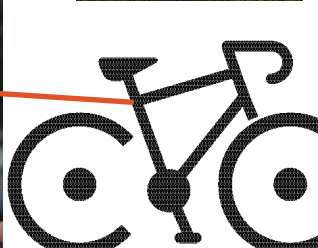
Masters 35+/45+/55+
Andrzej Krzysiak, **Westmont**
Bradley Menna, **Chicago**
Stuart Grinell, **Highland Park**

Women's 3/4/5
Rachel Pearson, **Forest Park**

Men's 3/4
Geoffrey Albert, **Columbus, OH**

Fun Race
Everybody Wins, **Countryside**
Pro Women's 1/2/3
Leah Sanda, **Western Springs**
Pro Men's 1/2/3
Igor Shvytov, **Chicago**

"Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of riding a bike." ~John F. Kennedy



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The City has several special events each year for the benefit of the overall community. These events, such as our Summer Concert Series often attract people from neighboring communities. However, the Criterium brought people to Countryside from other states including Missouri and Ohio to compete in this awesome event. The Criterium event was a combined effort of the City, the Countryside Business Association and Ultimate Pro Bikes located at 6558 Joliet Road. This event brought over 200 participants, their families and friends to Countryside. These groups of racing fans stayed in our hotels and ate in our restaurants. There is nothing like successful special events to spark economic development. In turn, the cooperation the City received from its Ward 2 residents, the Pleasantview Fire Protection District (first aid), Pleasant Dale Park District (bounce house) and the businesses who allowed the use of their parking lots (Cook County Farm Bureau, The Mood, Schwartz Excavating, TCI Contractor, and Tony's Fresh Market) was invaluable. A special thanks to our sponsors, without their donations this event would not have been possible and the CBA, Ultimate Pro Bikes and the volunteers for coordinating a very professional, well run Criterium.

City Services

Pool Reimbursements: 2017 outdoor pool membership to any outdoor swimming pool must be presented by December 31, 2017 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.

Deputy City Clerk Earns Certification

Mayor McDermott recognized Deputy City Clerk, Margaret Carey, at the July 26th City Council meeting for earning the title Certified Municipal Clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.



This designation is provided only to those Clerks who have completed demanding educational requirements and have a record of significant contributions to their local government.

LA GRANGE FITNESS

GRAND OPENING!

Saturday October 14, 2017

9:00AM-12:00PM
536 East Avenue
La Grange, IL 60525
Inside the PDLG Recreation Center

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- ♦ Tour the new facility
- ♦ Try a fitness class
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- ♦ One personal training session

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Community Happenings

Leaf Raking For Seniors

Alderman Von Drasek and the 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 seniors and the disabled in need of assistance with raking their leaves. Leaf raking will take place:

DATE: November 11, 2017

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.

Winter Fest Celebration at Flagg Creek Golf Course

The City and the Countryside Business Association would like to invite everyone to join Mayor McDermott and the Elected Officials as they celebrate Small Business Saturday with a winter festival on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at Flagg Creek Golf Course.

Events for the day include:

- ♦ Small Business Saturday kicks off at 9 a.m. Participants will receive a punch card to be used at local businesses. Punch cards returned back at the tree lighting ceremony will be entered into a raffle to win prizes.
- ♦ Lunch will be available at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. for Countryside senior citizens.
- ♦ Tree lighting ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. Other activities include, Christmas carols, face painter, horse drawn wagon rides, s'mores station and much more.

More information will be coming soon. For additional details, please call (708) 485-2595 or visit the Special Events tab on our website.

Upcoming Holidays

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

Veteran's Day - Friday, November 10, 2017

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 23, 2017

Friday after Thanksgiving - November 24, 2017

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 25, 2017

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 26, 2017

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1, 2018

Summer Concerts Update

The Summer Concert series concluded on Thursday, August 3rd. Over the course of eight weeks, there were an estimated 2,656 attendees, averaging 332 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 Alderman Jasinski with the end of the series. Southpaw.

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 13, 2017 City Council meeting, Mayor McDermott and Recreation Committee Chairman Jasinski presented a check in the amount of \$1,050.00 to The New Countryside Women's Club.

Congratulations to Glenn Bednarik, the \$1,000 **Visa Gift Card** Winner!



Alderman Jasinski and Carm Scarpace of Westfield Ford presented the Visa gift card to Glenn Bednarik, of Countryside at the August 3rd concert.



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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:

Main: (708) 485-2465

Fax: (708) 354-9029

Community Development:

Main: (708) 354-1860

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