

Countryside CONNECTIONS

FALL 2015

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Coffee with the Mayor



Mayor McDermott held his first Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday, August 1st. A short presentation about economic development was given by City Administrator, Gail Paul and Chief of Police, Joe Ford discussed a Crime Free Housing Program being considered by the City. These short presentations were followed by an open discussion with residents and businesses on several topics including parking issues, traffic and taxes. Please join the Mayor on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 10 - 11 a.m. for good coffee and great conversation.



Crime Free Housing Program

According to the Illinois constitution one of the primary responsibilities of municipal government is public safety. At the last council meeting the City Council took another step forward in doing just that with the approval of a Crime Free Housing Ordinance. This is in addition to our strong emphasis on our current community policing programs. The main focus of this ordinance is to reduce crime and prevent neighborhood degradation created by poorly operated and maintained rental properties. Our goal is to create a more stable and satisfied tenant base while creating a stronger partnership with landlords and rental property managers. This program will also assist in other areas of building maintenance and security which would increase the safety and appearance of our rental properties.



The Crime Free Housing Program has been in place for over 20 years and is currently operational in over 50 local Illinois communities including; Naperville, Darien, Orland Park, Oak Lawn, Midlothian, Tinley Park, Des Plaines, Chicago Ridge, Hazel Crest, Rosemont, Mount Prospect, Schaumburg, and Burbank. The Crime Free Lease Addendum is the heart of the program. The Addendum is added to the lease paperwork and is signed by the tenant, every adult resident, and the owner/agent of the property. This Addendum is in addition to the rental agreement and will hold the tenant responsible and subject to termination of the lease if they or their guest engage in any violation of local, state, or federal law when such activity constitutes a threat to public health or safety or which constitutes a breach of the peace.

The program also requires landlords and property managers to attend a 4 hour training seminar which will educate them on the ordinance, provide tips on screening rental unit applicants, and share state landlord/tenant laws. The ordinance will help landlords address issues with problem tenants. This ordinance will also strengthen the City's position to manage irresponsible landlords or property owners who allow criminal activity to perpetuate within or adjacent to the property.

Flagg Creek Golf News

TREE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



We have lost many of our beautiful trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer. You can help replenish the golf course by planting new trees by participating in our Tree Sponsorship Program. What a unique way to celebrate a special occasion to honor a loved one.

Each Tree Sponsorship is a minimum \$250 donation that is tax deductible. The sponsorship includes a recognition plaque and a complimentary round of golf. Call the Pro Shop at (708) 246-3336 for more details!

Ward Reports

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- ◆ Chipolte is coming to Countryside! Keep your eyes peeled for work to begin at 5801 S. LaGrange Road, the former Brown's Chicken site.
- ◆ The Economic Development Committee recently met with a developer, Greg Orput, and reviewed a concept plan for the old motel site, located at 5631 S. LaGrange Road. The concept plan includes a Buffalo Wild Wings, along with an Indian and Victory Motorcycle dealership.
- ◆ The City's Street Resurfacing Program will begin this fall on 9th Avenue, from 56th Street to 57th Street.
- ◆ As part of the City's Drainage Improvement Program, we will be repairing drainage issues on 56th Street.

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- ◆ In December, ComEd will be in Ward 2 trimming trees near power lines. We are anticipating the work to be made on the following streets: Lorraine and Forestview. They will be cutting trees to be 10-15 feet from the overhead power lines.
- ◆ Please remember to call ComEd when you have any type of power issue. Don't rely on your neighbors to call. If you have downed wires in your backyard, please call and report that also. The tree crews may not be aware that the downed wires are in your backyard.
- ◆ As part of the City's Drainage Improvement Program, work will begin this fall on the drainage issues on Parkside Avenue. Residents will be notified in advance of any work starting.
- ◆ The City's Street Resurfacing Program will begin in the fall. The following streets in Ward 2 will be resurfaced: Hillsdale Road from Lorraine Drive to Sunset Avenue and Stalford Road from Joliet Road to the east limit.
- ◆ The fall leaf raking event for Countryside seniors will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shannon Rapp at (708) 567-8687

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- ◆ The Barker Shop, located on 55th Street has expanded the size of it's facility. This is a benefit to Countryside and the residents who use their services.
- ◆ The Dragon Buffet is now open in Countryside Plaza.
- ◆ As part of the City's Drainage Improvement Program, the following areas in Ward 3 will have work done: 61st Place, Blackstone Avenue, and Peck Avenue.



Wishing our residents and their families a Happy Thanksgiving!

Economic Development Update



The City negotiated a redevelopment agreement with Orput Real Estate for the construction of a Chick-fil-A restaurant. This will complete the City Center development. Chick-fil-A is the largest quick-service chicken restaurant chain in the country. Chick-fil-A restaurants provide opportunities for families to spend time together such as Daddy Daughter Night. This location will have an indoor play area which should make many parents happy especially in the winter months. They plan to hire 70 full-time employees and are estimating \$3.5 million in sales.



It is hard to believe the old Brown's Chicken property at 58th and La Grange Road will look like this next year. The City approved the development of a Chipotle Mexican Grill on this parcel. It will be a free standing restaurant. Chipotle prides itself on a simple menu of fresh food prepared without artificial flavors or fillers.

Route 66 Brings Travelers from Dublin

18 travelers from Dublin, Ireland chose Countryside to begin their cross-country trek to California on Rte. 66 to raise money and awareness for Autism Action (Ireland). The caravan of 2016 Ford Mustang convertibles, donated by the Ford Mustang Experience, were sent off by Mayor Sean McDermott and Alderman Mark Benson (pictured to the left with Mehaul O'Leary, Mayor of Culver City, CA). Alderman Benson's friend Pete Kasper, and the Emerald Society were instrumental in organizing the group's journey. Ford Ireland sponsored the filming of the event which will be shown on UTV Ireland later in the year. Route 66 in Countryside keeps attracting more and more international travelers.



Police Department



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THE COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES 2 NEW PATROL OFFICERS

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Ryan Venem was sworn in by Mayor McDermott on June 24, 2015. Officer Venem spent his first week with the department in orientation. He reported to the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on July 6, 2015 where he graduated from the 12-Week Basic Academy Program on September 25, 2015.

Michael Maher was sworn in by Mayor McDermott on June 24, 2015. Officer Maher joins the department with 4 years of prior police experience. His first 4 weeks with the department were spent completing field training with Countryside Police Officers and learning the streets of Countryside.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Jim Stern, who has been a patrol officer with the Countryside Police Department since 2007, was assigned to Investigations on June 8, 2015.

Robert Sodt has been a patrol officer with the Countryside Police Department since 1999. He was assigned to Investigations on August 31, 2015.

**Congratulations,
Detective Stern and Detective Sodt!**

HAPPY

Detective Mark Battaglia retired on July 4, 2015 after serving with the Countryside Police Department for 30 years. We congratulate him and wish him the best for a long and happy retirement. Thank you for 30 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Countryside Police Department and the entire City of Countryside.

RETIREMENT

New Overnight Parking Ordinance (Effective September 1, 2015)

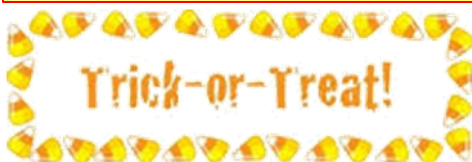
5-2-10: RESTRICTED PARKING:

A. Night Parking: On any street in the city between the hours of two o'clock (2:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00) A.M. of any day.

Exceptions:

1. Authorization to park motor vehicles between the hours of two o'clock (2:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00) A.M. of any day shall be received from the police department after providing the information, either in person or by telephone, as to the location of the motor vehicle by street address and the state license plate number of the vehicle. Such authorization must be received for each day the motor vehicle is to be located and the daily authorizations shall not exceed fourteen (14) in number for any twelve (12) month period for any single vehicle.

***Note:** Any caller with outstanding parking violations with the City will not be granted overnight parking permission. Please contact the Countryside Police Department at 708-352-2171 with any questions regarding the overnight parking ordinance.



**Hours are from
3pm - 7pm
Saturday, October 31st**

Halloween Safety Tips for Kids:

- Children under age 12 should be with an adult.
- Use sidewalks; cross at intersections.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways.
- Do not wear masks that obstruct vision.
- Use glow sticks or flash lights so you are visible.
- Have an adult check treats before you eat them.

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Public Works Reminds You . . .

Fall Leaf Pick-Up (October 12 - December 4)

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 30th**. 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.



Upcoming Meetings

October

6	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
6	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
13	Countryside Women's Club	7:00 p.m.
14	City Council	7:30 p.m.
20	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
21	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.
26	Aging Well	7:00 p.m.
28	City Council	7:30 p.m.

November

3	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
3	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
10	Countryside Women's Club	7:00 p.m.
11	City Council	7:30 p.m.
17	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
18	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.
23	Aging Well	7:00 p.m.

December

1	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
1	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
8	Fire & Police Commission	5:30 p.m.
9	City Council	7:30 p.m.
15	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
16	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.

Welcome to Countryside

Countryside Dental Group

6335 W. Joliet Road
Dental practice

Julienne Importing Company

5303 S. 9th Avenue
Liquor distributor

Nazdar

5444 S. East Avenue
Distribution of graphic and ink supplies

Operator's Health Center

6150 W. Joliet Road
Employee based health clinic



Code Corner

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

15-31-0: This ordinance allows staff to impose a \$75 "no-show" fee for failure to show up during a presale inspection. Previously, if the inspector came to the home for the presale inspection and no one answered the door, there was no fee charged for this. This change allows staff to charge for the no-show.

City Services

Pool Reimbursements: 2015 outdoor pool membership to any outdoor swimming pool needs to be presented by December 31, 2015 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. 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 pre-sale inspection and the following information:

- ♦ A completed Real Estate Property Transfer Declaration form
- ♦ A final water meter read
- ♦ A paid sewer receipt

The cost of the 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 26, 2015

Friday after Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27, 2015

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24, 2015

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25, 2015

New Year's Day
Friday, January 1, 2016

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clock back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on November 1st. 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. This simple habit takes just a moment, but it is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.

Community Happenings

Leaf Raking For Seniors

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

Leaf raking will take place:

DATE: November 7, 2015

TIME: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Resident 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. Registration ends on Friday, October 30, 2015.



CBA News

The Countryside Business Association would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers who contributed to the success of this year's Best of Countryside carnival.



2015 Sponsors

City of Countryside
Andy's Frozen Custard
Autobarn of Countryside
Buck's Pit Stop
ChiroOne Wellness/Medulla
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The Heat Engineering Co.
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Westfield Ford

NEW BOARD MEMBERS - WELCOME ABOARD!

Kristen Walker, Director of Business Banking, Countryside Bank.

Patricia Schwartz, Owner, Schwartz Excavating, Inc.

Reminder...

Children's Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, 12-5-15

Place: Capri Banquets
6240 Joliet Road

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

For more information, please call
354-7270.

Summer Concerts Update

The Summer Concert series concluded on Thursday, August 6th. Over the course of eight weeks, there were approximately 3,120 attendees, averaging 390 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 Kelli Joy O'Laughlin Memorial Fund. This year the City raised \$1,161 for the Fund.

Congratulations to Maria Jaskoi, the **Visa Gift Card** Winner!



Carm Scarpace (pictured in center) from Westfield Ford presented the Visa Gift Card to Maria Jaskoi, a resident of Countryside at the August 6th concert along with Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Benson and Sheila Benson.

5th Avenue Cutoff - Annual 4th of July Celebration



The annual 4th of July celebration on the 5th Avenue Cutoff was hosted again by Larry and Judy Robb. Aldermen Von Drasek and Mikolyzk also attended this event.



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www.countryside-il.org

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www.cookcountyclerk.com

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West Suburban Chamber

www.westsuburbanchamber.org

Countryside Business Association

www.cbacountryside.com

Flagg Creek Golf Course

www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



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