

Countryside CONNECTIONS

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From the Mayor's Desk . . .



The winter of 2013/2014 has definitely been one for the records book and hopefully one that will not be broken anytime soon in the upcoming years. Let us all just be thankful that old man winter is now behind us and start having warmer thoughts! Please join me in personally thanking our hardworking Public Works Department which stayed on top of all the snow and for putting in a significant amount of overtime in bitterly cold temperatures to keep everyone safe on the streets. Thank you Public Works Superintendent Essig and each and every one of your staff!

As expected, water bill rates have increased due to the City of Chicago raising their rates to our supplier the last few years. A water rate task force, created by the West Central Municipal Conference consisting of 35 mayors, including myself, has held numerous meetings with the City of Chicago concerning their rate increases. The end result of these meetings was the City of Chicago taking the stance that they supply the water and can therefore set the rate to whatever they desire. Needless to say, we were unhappy with this stance and the lack of compassion that Chicago appeared to have towards their suburban customers and requested that the water rate task force seek out assistance from State legislators on this matter. I, along with Aldermen Jasinski and McDermott, recently attended a WCMC legislative breakfast where it was announced that legislation in both the State House and Senate was created in establishing a "Water Rate Protection Act". House Bill 4288 sponsored by Chris Welch (D-Westchester) and Senate Bill 2907 sponsored by Senator Steve Landek (D-Bridgeview) is intended to produce an entity similar to the Citizen's Utility Board whose primary function would be to independently and fairly regulate Lake Michigan water rates for Illinois residents. This legislation, if adopted, would in essence stop the City of Chicago from assessing a disproportionate share of the cost for Chicago infrastructure improvements on their suburban customers.

As the Mayor of Countryside, I truly care about what you think of our City, both the good, or not so good. Your comments and opinions count and are an important resource for us in determining the City's priorities. We work for you! On behalf of the other elected officials, thank you for your continued support and for making Countryside such a wonderful community. You may address any comments and suggestions by calling me at (708) 485-2050 or writing to ekrzeminski@countryside-il.org.

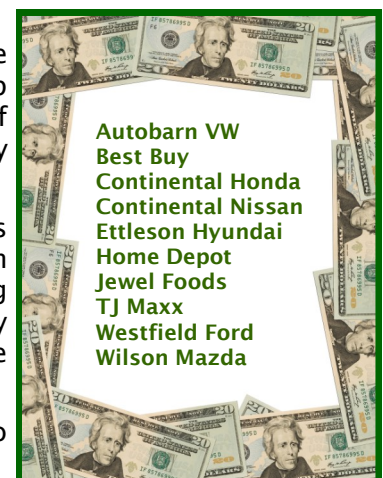
Mayor Ed Krzeminski

Top "10" Sales Tax Generators

The City of Countryside depends on sales tax revenue to support the majority of general city operations. It has and will continue to be a top priority for the City to attract high revenue businesses, with the goal of reverting back to the pre-2009 days when there was no municipal property tax assessed to residents and businesses.

The total sales tax rate in Countryside was 8.75% during 2013 and of this total rate, the City automatically receives a 1.0% retailers' occupation (sales) tax and an additional .75% home rule sales tax on qualifying purchases. For calendar year 2013, the total sales tax collected by the City approximated \$8.0 million dollars, of which, the top ten businesses in the chart to the right generated roughly half that amount:

If you have any questions on sales or any other tax in the City, please do not hesitate to contact the City's Finance Director at (708) 354-7270.



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Ward Reports

WARD 1

Alderman James Jasinski
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- ◆ Andy's Frozen Custard officially opened for business on January 29th. Although it's been a cold and snowy winter, people have been flocking to Andy's to try out their delicious frozen custard.
- ◆ A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was awarded to the City in the amount of \$172,500 for the resurfacing of 58th Street from East Avenue to LaGrange Road. Work will begin this summer.
- ◆ The City was awarded a Safe Routes to School Grant in the amount of \$131,060 for the installation of countdown signals, crosswalks and a sidewalk to get children safely to and from Ideal School.

WARD 2

Alderman Karen Michalczyk
Alderman John Von Drasek

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- ◆ Tony's Finer Foods has purchased the former Dominick's property at Joliet Road and Willow Springs Road. The City is in the process of negotiating a redevelopment agreement.
- ◆ Capri Banquets is now located at 6240 Joliet Road (formerly: Park Place Banquets).
- ◆ Bonny's Bistro opened for business on March 6th. This gaming café offers light fare, coffee drinks as well as beer and wine.
- ◆ The Joliet Road water main project has begun. Work is expected to be completed by the end of April.

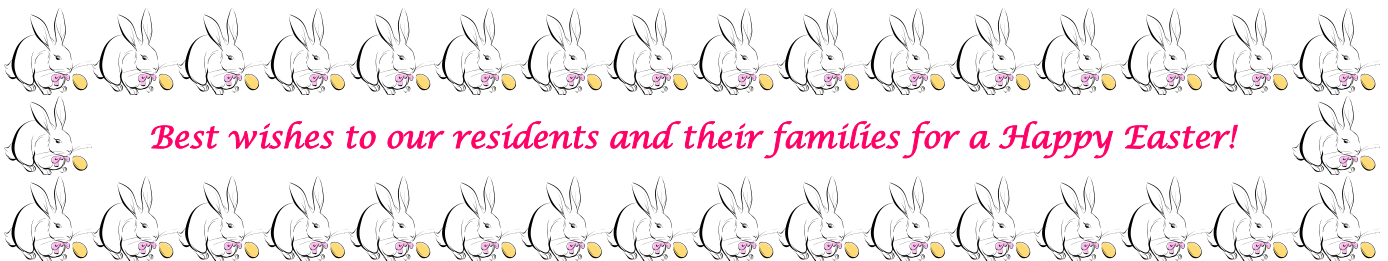
WARD 3

Alderman Sean McDermott
Alderman Scott Musillami

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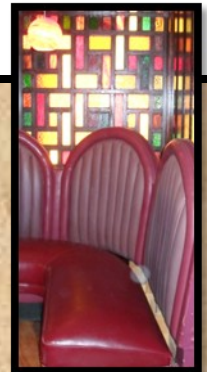
- ◆ Super Deals located at 5400 LaGrange Road is now open for business.
- ◆ Indian Motorcycles is proposing a new development at the northwest corner of Joliet Road and LaGrange Road. The City is in the process of negotiating a redevelopment agreement.
- ◆ The City received a Safe Routes to School Grant in the amount of \$131,060. Portions of this funding will go towards the installation of a sidewalk on 61st Street at Brainard Avenue. The sidewalk will be installed eastbound from Brainard Avenue to the cul-de-sac at 61st Street and Jovic Court. This will help connect children and other walkers to LaGrange Road to safely get people across LaGrange Road and to and from Ideal School.
- ◆ Outriggers Steak and Seafood restaurant plans to open this April.



Economic Development Updates



The old Flame property at 803 Joliet Road has been under construction for several months. A complete renovation of the building was undertaken. The new Outriggers Flame restaurant is scheduled to open in April. They specialize in steak and seafood. When you visit, the stained glass windows and red leather furniture may bring back memories, but keep looking as much of the interior has been updated including a new bar, fountains, artwork, new windows to allow in natural light and a stunning mosaic fireplace.



Andy's Frozen Custard opened January 29th. Despite the cold weather, people made a special trip to sample the treats from cones to shakes. Below is a picture of Countryside residents and first customers, Bob and Donna Sutter with Andy, himself.



Pictured (L to R): Andy Kuntz, Donna & Bob Sutter

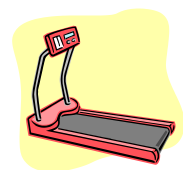
Welcome to Countryside

Andy's Frozen Custard
5745 S. LaGrange Road
Frozen dessert business



Bonny's Bistro
19 Countryside Plaza
Gaming café

Capri Banquets
(formerly: Park Place)
6240 S. Joliet Road
Banquets and catering



Fitness Arrival
27 W. Plainfield Road
Fitness center

The Salon Hair Professionals
6527 Joliet Road
Hair salon



Super Deals
5400 LaGrange Road
Variety retail store

Police Updates

New Drug Overdose Program



The Countryside Police Department has received approval from the City Council to move forward with a new Overdose Prevention Program. Based on two Illinois Laws, The Emergency Medical Services Access Act (PA 097-0678, or Good Samaritan Act) and the Overdose Prevention Program (PA 096-0361), Countryside Police Officers will be equipped with Naloxone, which is prescription medication that reverses heroin and prescription opiate overdoses. In the next few months our officers will begin training in the proper use of Naloxone and how it is administered. Upon completion of the training, officers will take the antidote to the streets along with their AED (Automated External Defibrillator) units. We will not be taking the place of our paramedics but in the event that we arrive to an incident before the paramedics, our officers will be equipped to save a life.

Although opiate and heroin overdose is not a major issue in the City of Countryside it has become the leading cause of death among people 25 to 64 years of age and now surpasses motor vehicle crashes, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Emergency room visits for heroin overdose are also on the rise. Countryside is not the first police department to implement this program; however, we will be one of the first in Cook County. In October of 2013 the DuPage County Health Department had begun training their instructors and in November of that year they implemented the Pilot Program in six police departments training 364 officers.

I want to make it perfectly clear that this program does not suggest our department condones illegal drug use. We simply want our officers to be equipped to take the necessary action to save a life in the event of an overdose and give that person a second chance at life. If you have a loved one addicted to any type of opiate and would like more information about this program or the law, feel free to contact Chief Ford at (708) 352-2171. The call can be totally anonymous and we may be able to guide you with options available to you.

Chief's Corner



Is it warm out yet? By the time you receive this newsletter we should be celebrating melting snow and budding tulips. With such a difficult winter I couldn't be more proud of our officers. The extreme cold and snow created driving hazards for everyone and our officers rose to the challenge, handling 73 "assist motorist" incidents from December 1, 2013 to March 7, 2014. The officers greatly appreciate those who took the time to write letters thanking them for their actions.

As we look forward to warmer weather and getting outside, I would like to remind drivers to use caution on the roadways, especially in the construction area of LaGrange and Joliet Roads. During 2013, our traffic crashes increased by 9%, so I encourage the citizens and guests of Countryside to be patient while driving and watch for motorcycles, bicycles, and children. The new law regarding handheld cell phones and electronic devices will be strictly enforced.

In our continued partnership with the community we need your help in keeping our city safe. This includes keeping a watchful eye in your neighborhood and making sure that you call 911 if you see anything out of the ordinary or suspicious. You can always remain anonymous but we encourage you to call.

Remember to be alert, observant, and caring.

Chief Joseph Ford

Hey Kids!

Our **SAFE RIDING PROGRAM** is back. From May 26 through September 1, our police officers will be looking to "pull you over" for doing something **GOOD** - like wearing your bicycle helmet. Your safe riding habits will be rewarded with a certificate for a free ice cream. According to the Centers for Disease Control Prevention, bicycle riding is responsible for more nonfatal traumatic brain injuries (TBI) in children under 19 years of age compared to all other sports and recreation activities between 2001 and 2009. The number one prevention measure to protect kids from a TBI while riding a bicycle is a helmet. **Ride Safe!**



Get Caught!

Code Enforcement

How Does Your Home Shape Up?



Spring is upon us and the Community Development Department will be resuming their code enforcement patrols of the City. We would like to take this time to make you aware of some of the areas that will be looked at to assure that exterior surfaces and surroundings are up to code. This checklist will help you keep your property in good condition. *How does your home measure up?*

1. **Address Numbers** must be easily seen from the street, and be at least 4 inches high.
2. **Roofs** cannot be missing shingles or any defects that would allow rain or snow to leak through, or any signs of sagging.
3. **Gutters** must be anchored to the roof, with downspouts properly connected and free from obstruction.
4. **Sump pumps and downspouts** shall discharge onto your own property in such a manner as to not create a nuisance to neighbors or public property.
5. **Window** glass cannot have cracks or holes. Window frames must be in good condition.
6. **Doors and door frames** must be in good condition and weather-tight.
7. **Exterior surfaces**, such as siding, soffit and fascia must be free of holes and be properly painted and weather-proofed.
8. **Driveways and walkways** should not have serious cracks, deterioration, or settlement that might cause a trip hazard.
9. **Accessory structures** such as decks, sheds, detached garages, fences, porches, pools and retaining walls must be structurally sound and in good repair.
10. **Recreational vehicles** (boats, campers, trailers) may not be stored in the front yard or on the driveway. When stored in the side or rear yard, they must be placed upon either asphalt or concrete and be screened on three sides by fencing or non-deciduous plants that are at least five feet in height.
11. **Trees** that are diseased, dying or dead shall be removed from your property.
12. **Grass and weeds** shall be maintained to 10 inches or less.

Some home improvement projects require a permit, which can be obtained from the Community Development Department. Some examples of work that does not require a permit are painting, carpeting or flooring, landscaping (as long as it does not change the grading of the land), or sealing your driveway. Most other work around your home or business does require a permit and if you are ever in doubt - please call and we will be happy to assist you.

For more information or to answer any questions you may have, please call the Community Development Department at (708) 354-1860.☎

Pre-Sale Home Inspections

In our last newsletter, we discussed the City's Pre-Sale Inspection Program. A question that commonly comes up is, "what if the person buying my home has plans to tear it down?" When a home is inspected, if it fails, there are two options which are; fix the violations, or have the buyer set up an escrow with the City. The escrow option and then tearing the home down will be discussed below.

1. If the Buildings Official's estimated cost of correcting the outstanding violations is \$3,000 or more, the purchaser will place the sum of \$1,500 in escrow with the City, or;
2. If the Building Official's estimated cost of correcting the outstanding violations is less than \$3,000, the City will accept an attorney's letter. The letter must be notarized by the purchaser stating the repairs will be made within 30 days. If the purchaser is unable to obtain the attorney's letter, then an escrow shall be established in the amount of \$750 or less, as deemed by the Building Official.

If the purchaser has plans to demolish the home, the money placed in escrow will be returned to the purchaser after they have submitted a demolition permit with all the supporting documents to the Building Department. For more information on this program, or to answer any questions, please call the Building Department at (708) 354-1860.

Countryside Becomes an Accredited Community

The City is a member of the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency "IRMA". This agency is a public entity risk pool whose members are Illinois municipalities. IRMA manages and funds first party property losses, third party liability claims, workers' compensation claims and public officials' liability claims of its members.

Triennially, IRMA conducts a Management Assessment Program "IMAP" to assist in planning future training and consulting services to its membership in an effort to reduce risks/claims. Each member uses the IMAP results to determine specific risk management and safety areas as well as training in need of upgrading and where to expand limited resources.

The City would like to acknowledge the hard work of the members of the Executive Safety Committee



Pictured (L to R): Eileen Donahue, IRMA Training & Education Committee, Gail Paul, City Administrator, Sharon Peterson, Assistant City Administrator and Dan LeTourneau, IRMA Supervisor.

EXECUTIVE SAFETY COMMITTEE	
EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT
Jim Essig	Public Works
Laura Fast	Clerk's Office
Mike Hartigan	Public Works-Water
John Mikel	Police
Steve Norman	ESDA
Sharon Peterson	Administration
Bryan Swanson	Comm. Development

listed above. They worked diligently on developing and updating our policies which raised the City's IMAP compliance percentage to 87% from 77% three years ago. This qualified the City as an accredited community with IRMA. This process developed a safer work environment for our employees and a safer community overall. In addition, in 2013 the City experienced a 23% reduction in claims and for the fourth year in a row, a reduction in insurance premiums. The City will continue to make risk management a priority in an effort to keep claims below our targeted levels, thereby saving the taxpayers money.

Countryside - Top Notch in Transparency!

The Illinois Policy Institute, a leading non-profit organization and local government "watchdog" has increased its website transparency rating for the City of Countryside. Previously, Countryside received a rating of 80.5% and thus received the institute's prestigious "Illinois Sunshine Award" which was only offered to about 50 other Illinois taxing districts. Although this was an excellent score, the City knew it could still do even better.

Maintaining transparency to the public has always been a top priority. Recently, the City made some additional improvements to its website which resulted in an updated transparency rating of 93.1%. This is a huge accomplishment! Only 13 units of government out of an estimated 7,000 throughout the entire State of Illinois received a better score.

Code Corner

The City would like to notify all residents and businesses of these newly passed ordinances which are effective immediately.

14-2-0: Amends the definition of Tobacco Products to include: Electronic cigarette (e-cigarette), electronic vaping device, personal vaporizer (VP), or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS). These are prohibited to be sold to a minor within the City limits of Countryside.

14-6-0: Clothing and Donation boxes are Special Uses in the B-1 and M-1 Zoning Districts in Countryside. If a property owner wishes to have a clothing or donation box on their property in these districts, they must appear before the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals requesting the special use.

14-9-0: All residential pre-sale inspection (homes and condominiums) fees are \$100 per inspection. All re-inspections are at no cost.

Public Works Reminds You . . .

Brush Pickup (March 31- October 31)

Branch and brush pickup will be provided by the City for residents beginning April 1st through October 25th. Public Works crews will be covering the City on a weekly basis.

Residents are asked to observe the following rules for branch/brush pickup:

- Cut ends of tree limbs must face the street and be stacked along the parkway.
- Tree limbs should not be over 10 feet in length or over 4 inches in diameter.
- Tree stumps are **not accepted** at the disposal site and will not be picked up.
- Do not include vines in the branches for pickup. They will become entangled with the limbs, creating a dangerous situation during handling.
- City ordinance forbids the depositing of grass clippings, leaves or any other debris in the branch pile or on the street.
- Contractors providing tree and brush trimming services are responsible for the removal of all materials they cut.
- Please allow 7 to 10 working days for pickup.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works at (708) 354-3390.☎

Spring Clean-Up (May 19 - May 21)

This service is provided to all residents **free** of charge and is certainly one of the benefits of living in Countryside! Please note that all items (including electronics) for pick-up should be placed at the edge of the street in front of your home by 7 a.m., Monday, May 20th.

Items **not accepted** include:

Yard waste (including brush)
Bio-medical and infectious material
Hazardous and toxic waste of any kind
Volatile and highly flammable material

Radioactive material
Concrete/Dirt
Liquids and paints
Explosive material



The hauler will not collect any materials that are excessive in size and weight. Items that are not acceptable will be tagged by the hauler.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works at (708) 354-3390.

Frustrated by Potholes?

While the City is responsible for maintaining the majority of Countryside's 17 miles of roadways, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (800) 452-4368 and the Cook County Highway Department (708) 485-7130 are responsible for plowing, maintaining, and repairing potholes on approximately 11 miles of Countryside streets. These typically include more heavily used roads such as Willow Springs Road, Joliet Road, La Grange Road, 55th Street, East Avenue, Brainard Avenue, 5th Avenue Cutoff, and Plainfield Road.

Residents are always encouraged to report pothole problems to the City. If the pothole is on a street that the City maintains, a Public Works crew will be dispatched as soon as possible, often on the same day, to repair the problem. If the pothole is on an IDOT or Cook County Highway Department road, the information is passed along to the proper jurisdictional agency.



Let us know if your street light is out!

For neighborhood safety, please contact the Public Works Department at (708) 354-3390 if a street light is not working or if the lens is broken. Have the location and/or address near the pole available when you call.



DPW KEEPS UP WITH RECORD SNOW FALL



Trees, mailboxes and garbage cans may have been covered with snow but the Countryside roads stayed clean thanks to our Department of Public Works. This has been a treacherous winter. Over 800 tons of salt were used as of March 12, 2014. The staff has been out 34 times to plow/salt this season, 90% more times than last year. For comparison purposes, the blizzard of 2011 yielded 22 inches of snow over 3 days. However, the snow fall for the 2010-11 season totaled only 62 inches compared to 92 inches this season. But you would never know it by looking at our streets.

The City has received a record number of thank you cards, emails and phone calls regarding DPW's outstanding effort with this season's snow removal. Mr. Richard Hixon wrote to the DPW superintendent, "Dear Jim, My sincere thanks to you and all your crew for the GREAT job you do year in and year out. All of the services you provide are performed in a timely and efficient manner...Really appreciate the end of the driveway being plowed. What a perk! We are a fortunate City to have all of you." Ed Konstanty stated in a voicemail, "We have always accepted our driveway getting plowed in at the bottom. Two of your drivers saw us struggling with the heavy snow and they stopped and took care of the problem. You have two great workers who are concerned about the people. They did a GREAT JOB!" Big thanks to all the residents who took the time to say thanks. The employees really appreciate it and enjoy serving you.

SNOW REMOVAL STATS					
DESCRIPTION	WINTER SEASON				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
# OF SNOW EVENTS	21	23	10	15	27
# OF ICE EVENTS	2	5	2	4	7
# OF TIMES OUT PLOW/SALT	23	28	12	19	34
SNOW FALL TOTALS IN INCHES	53	62	20	30	92
# OF DRIVEWAY APRONS PLOWED	33	185	140	135	250
SIDEWALKS PLOWED	12	14	4	9	20
SALT USAGE IN TONS	800	725	525	750	813
SALT BIN FULL AT YEAR END	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO

Water Department

Sump Pump Inspections

Every year the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District requires the City of Countryside to perform inspections of its sanitary system. Part of this program requires inspection of all residential and commercial sump pumps to verify there is no cross connection between the sump pumps and the sanitary system. Pump connections should be made with metal or rigid PVC-type pipe, and not be connected to the sanitary system. You are not required to have a sump pump, but if you do it must be properly connected. Our inspectors will need to verify this.

We will be inspecting homes in the Ward 2 area for cross connected sump pumps, since this ward is managed by the Countryside Water Department. South Lyons Township Sanitary District is responsible for the remainder of the City, and will be conducting the same inspections in those areas.

Letters will be mailed in advance to those areas still needing inspections which will explain the procedure. Inspectors will begin by going house to house. Those not home when the inspector arrives will be required to schedule an appointment. If you should have any questions regarding this project, or need to schedule an inspection in advance, please contact Water Billing at (708) 485-2465. A normal inspection will take 10 to 20 minutes.

Please take note that City employees always carry a City issued photo I.D. They will provide it upon request.

Water Report

2013 Water System Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)



The City of Countryside will be publishing its 2013 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in June 2014. The CCR includes basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2013, compliance with other drinking water rules, as well as educational materials.

To obtain a free copy of the CCR, please contact the Clerk's office at (708) 354-7270 or stop by the Clerk's office at City Hall, 5550 East Avenue, in June.

Lawn Sprinkling Restrictions

City ordinance restricts sprinkling between May 15th and September 15th. Sprinkling lawns and gardens is **prohibited between the hours of 12:00 (noon) and 6:00 p.m.**



During the hours when sprinkling is permitted, odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered dates, and even numbered addresses may water on even numbered dates.

Update - Replacement of MXUs

This coming spring the City of Countryside's Water Department will begin a systematic program of replacing all the water meter transmitters, known as MXUs, as part of its meter reading system upgrade. All residences and businesses in the City will receive a letter from the City requesting they schedule an appointment to have this task completed. The MXUs are located at the water meter and replacement usually only takes a few minutes.

Letters are expected to go out in May and this project will continue until all transmitters are replaced. Residents can expect this work to be done in a clean and professional manner. Your cooperation is appreciated. As always, City employees will present their City I.D. upon arrival.



Upcoming Holidays

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

Good Friday

Friday, April 18, 2014

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26, 2014

Independence Day

Friday, July 4, 2014

Memorial Day Holiday



When: Monday, May 26, 2014

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Where: Memorial Park

Following the service, a separate ceremony to honor all deceased veterans will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Post 1941.

Robert E. Coulter Jr. Post 1941

900 S. LaGrange Road

LaGrange, IL 60525

Upcoming Meetings

April

1	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
1	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:30 p.m.
8	Countryside Women's Club	7:00 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.
23	City Council	7:30 p.m.
28	Aging Well	7:00 p.m.

May

6	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
6	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:30 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.

June

3	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
10	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:30 p.m.
10	Fire & Police Commission	5:30 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.
25	City Council	7:30 p.m.

Reminder ... **Easter Egg Hunt is
Saturday, April 19th at Countryside Park @ 10 am**

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.

Concerts in the Park - "Countryside Palooza"

Mark your calendar for Countryside's Concert in the Park Series

**** New this year . . . Opening acts start at 6 p.m. !**

Where: Countryside Park

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Day: Thursday

June 5	Dave's Not Here (Opening Act) Tropixplosion (Headliner)
June 12	Walsher Clemmons (Opening Act) Generation (Headliner)
June 19	Moonlight Cocktail (Opening Act) Chicago Tribute Anthology (Headliner)
July 10	Multiplicity (Opening Act) Special Consensus (Headliner)
July 17	Prairie Brass Band (Opening Act) Flat Cats (Headliner)
July 24	Sinister Finch (Opening Act) Heartache Tonight (Headliner)
July 31	Technical Difficulties (Opening Act) HillBilly Rockstarz (Headliner) (FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9 P.M.)
August 7	Strung Out Band (Opening Act) Final Say (Headliner)



We are pleased to announce our 2014 Concerts in the Park schedule. New this year, the concerts will begin at 6 p.m. with an opening band showcasing their local talent. It's never too early to plan your summer schedule. All concerts are held rain or shine at Countryside Park.

Once again, we'll offer food from a local Countryside vendor and give-a-ways during intermission. Back by popular demand is the "firework show". The show will be held at 9 p.m. on July 31st, with a rain date of August 7th.

For more information, please call (708) 485-2595.

Countryside Aging Well Team Elects New Leader



Alderman John Von Drasek has been elected new leader of the Countryside Aging Well team. John Von Drasek is a 20-year resident of Countryside, an alderman for nine years, and founding member of the Countryside Aging Well team.

He follows Velaine Carnall, a 60-year resident of Countryside, who led the group for five years promoting increased services directed to aid seniors to remain in their homes.

Velaine Carnall (left) and Helen Frey (right), treasurer of the Countryside Aging Well team, congratulate Alderman Von Drasek.

Someone You Should Know ...

Art and Darlene Vogel have lived in Countryside since the Triangle Area was incorporated. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Art has been the President of the Countryside Seniors for approximately fourteen years and Darlene is the Trip Coordinator for the past sixteen years. During the 1990's they were very active at LaGrange Hospital and were inducted into the 1999 National Association of Senior Friends Hall of Fame for "outstanding lifetime achievement and service" as an everyday hero. In May, 2013 in honor of Older Americans Month, the Vogel's were among the group selected from the "60 Over 60" (60 people over the age of 60) program sponsored through Aging Care Connections in recognition of making a difference in their community or in the lives of others. Their passion is helping seniors who need assistance.

The Vogel's are currently assisting a senior named Camille who is 92-years old. They take care of her each and every day including cleaning the house, shopping, taking her to doctor appointments, and many other household tasks. The Vogel's also help out six other seniors doing various everyday jobs.





City of Countryside
5550 East Avenue
Countryside, IL 60525

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So Suburban, IL
Permit No. 928

Officials:

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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

Fax: (708) 354-9029