

Countryside CONNECTIONS

SPRING 2016

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Coffee with the Mayor - April 30th 10 - 11 a.m.



Chief John Buckley of the Pleasantview Fire Protection District was a guest speaker at the February 6th Coffee with the Mayor. Chief Buckley talked about the district boundaries and the services they provide. He answered many questions from the guests including how to properly dispose of unused prescription drugs and how ambulance billing and collections are administered by the District. In addition, City Administrator, Gail Paul reviewed upcoming economic development projects and initiatives. We would like to thank Mr. Aziz Nathani, owner of the Dunkin Donuts at 5500 S. La Grange Road for donating the coffee and donuts.

Mayor Sean McDermott invites you to attend Coffee and **Custard** with the Mayor on April 30th. Andy's Frozen Custard will be bringing treats for all those who attend. Topics to be covered include the budget for fiscal year 2016-17 and information about joining the McCook Public Library. Hope to see you there.



St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen



Pictured L to R: Tim Ryan, Countryside resident and Parade Chairman, Victoria Reyes, Parade Queen, Brenda and John O'Laughlin, Grand Marshals, representing the Kelli Joy O'Laughlin Memorial Foundation.

Victoria Reyes was crowned the queen of the City's first St. Patrick's Day Family Parade at the City Council meeting on February 27th. The Council Chambers was overflowing with Lyons Township High School students, and family and friends of Victoria. She was selected by the Parade Committee from letters sent by LTHS students who take part in the Buddy Program. Complete details on the parade can be found on pages 6 & 7.

Municipal Clerk's Week May 1 - 7 Let's Celebrate!

Municipal Clerk's Week is a time to honor the vital services that Clerks perform and their exemplary dedication to the community they represent.

Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve and provide equal service to all, and serve as the information center on functions of local government and communities.

Ward Reports

WARD 1

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- ◆ Chick-fil-A opened its doors on March 3rd. As part of their Grand Opening Event, one Chick-fil-A meal per week for a year was given out to the first 100 customers, and Countryside had plenty of participants camped out overnight to participate. Welcome Chick-fil-A!
- ◆ Café Salsa is planning on constructing a 588 sq. ft. addition to their restaurant to incorporate a private room for parties. With the addition, the bar area will be remodeled to have a dedicated area for video gaming.
- ◆ Andy's Frozen Custard appeared before the PC/ZBA in February seeking to amend their Planned Unit Development (PUD) in order to make adjustments to their parking lot. The amendment to the PUD includes the elimination of four parking stalls, changing the depth of the parking stalls from 20 ft. to 19 ft., and the removal of one landscaped island. We are hoping that these changes will help the traffic flow, and that the traffic will no longer back up onto 58th Street.
- ◆ Jack Phelan Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep and Ram has completed their addition. This spring, they will be completing the landscaping and parking lot.
- ◆ We have received a few complaints about barking dogs at the Countryside Veterinary Center. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact Kimberly Clarke in the Building Department at (708) 485-4775.

WARD 2

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- ◆ The City of Countryside and the Pleasant Dale Park District recently approved a food service contract with Xando Café. Xando Café's original location is on 95th Street in Hickory Hills. Xando will be serving up fast casual food at the golf course starting in April. Keep your eyes open for a grand opening welcoming them to Countryside!
- ◆ Upon direction and input from the City's Infrastructure Committee, we will be applying for a Cook County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the resurfacing of 67th Street. In the past, the City has been awarded CDBG funding for the paving of the following streets in Ward 2: Prescott Road, Sunset Avenue and 74th Street.
- ◆ Don't forget to stop by Flagg Creek Golf Course to hit a bucket of balls or play a round of golf. For information and hours of operation, please call (708) 246-3336.

WARD 3

Alderman Mark Benson
Alderman Scott Musillami

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- ◆ The residents who reside in the "triangle area" of Countryside should have received their annual water rebate check from the City of Countryside. These residents receive water service from the LaGrange Highlands Sanitary District rather than directly from the City of Countryside. This water rate is higher than the rate the residents pay who are receiving water service from the City directly. In order to offset the cost, the City annually rebates these residents.
- ◆ Floor and Décor officially opened for business on March 17th. They are located at 1 Countryside Plaza and are a retailer that specializes in the hard surface flooring market; offering tile, wood and stone flooring along with tools and flooring accessories.
- ◆ Keep your eyes open for Purely Paws, a dog grooming shop located at 6555 Willow Springs Road.

Economic Development Update



Nathan and Emily Hunter moved to Countryside from the Atlanta area to become the operators of the Countryside Chick-fil-A. They have 68 employees, one who relocated from Florida. They introduced elected officials and staff to their family and employees on their premiere night where everyone sampled various menu items. Chick-fil-A believes in giving back to the community. So, attendees were asked to bring a children's book to benefit nearby Ideal School. They also passed out free chicken sandwiches at the City's St. Patrick's Day Family Parade.



Chick-fil-A opened their doors to the public at 6 a.m. on Thursday, March 3rd. There were approximately 55 people camped out waiting to be among the first to try out the new restaurant. It is a tradition that the first 100 customers receive a Chick-fil-A meal per week for a year. They hit their 100th customer within the first hour of opening. It was a very success day not just for chicken sandwiches and salads but also their famous waffle fries. They sold over 800 orders on day 1.



FLOOR & DECOR

A new store opened on March 17th in Countryside Plaza. Floor & Décor was founded in 2000. It is a leading specialty retailer offering a broad **in-stock** selection of flooring materials, including stone, wood and tile along with related tools and accessories. It prides itself on a local focus which allows them to stock products and accessories which meet the needs of homeowners and contractors in the area. Floor & Décor also has consultants on staff to help you design your next project. Check them out, the selection is incredible.



Police Updates

Law Enforcement Torch Run Events

The Countryside Police Department received a silver medal division award for their Outstanding Financial Support to the 2015 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois for raising over \$11,500.00.



Law Enforcement Torch Run events for 2016 are already underway. **Harley Davidson raffle tickets** are now available at the Countryside Police Department for \$10 each. The drawing for the 2016 HD Street Glide will be held on October 21, 2016. Several razors will be on hiatus while our officers grow their **"Beards for a Cause"** in support of Special Olympics and the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Playoff run. Save the date for **Dunkin' Donuts Cop on a Rooftop** on May 20, 2016 and the **Texas Roadhouse Free Benefit Lunch** on July 29, 2016.

Updates will be available on our department Facebook page and our webpage at www.countryside-il.org/departments/countryside-police-department.

Safe Riding Program

The Countryside Police Department wants to remind all kids to RIDE SAFE. To reinforce the importance of bicycle safety, our officers will be out again this spring and summer looking to "pull over" kids for wearing their bicycle helmets. Kids "caught" riding safe could be rewarded with a certificate for free custard from Andy's Frozen Custard. Wear a helmet. Ride Safe.



Seeking Neighborhood Watch Coordinators

In order to provide more information regarding Neighborhood Watch and to promote interest and encourage community participation in the program, the Countryside Police Department would like to plan a Neighborhood Watch Informational Meeting. If you are interested in participating in an informational meeting please call the Police Department at (708) 352-2171, stop by, or send an email to police@countrysidepolice.org.

Citizen's Police Academy



We are still recruiting for the 2016 Citizen's Police Academy. Any citizen who works, lives, or volunteers in the City of Countryside is encouraged to enroll. Applications are available at the Police Department and on our webpage at www.countryside-il.org/departments/countryside-police-department. For more information please contact the Countryside Police Department at (708) 352-2171 or send an email to police@countrysidepolice.org.

REMINDER NOTICES!!!

Vehicle Registration

The Secretary of State has suspended the mailing of vehicle registration renewal reminder notices, due to lack of a State budget. Vehicle owners are encouraged to be mindful of their vehicle registration status. Motorists can sign up to receive reminder notices electronically by email by visiting the Secretary of State website at www.ilsos.gov/greenmail.

Emissions Testing

The Illinois EPA suspended the mailing of vehicle emissions test notices beginning in December 2015. Therefore, vehicle owners whose license plates expire at the end of March 2016 will be the first motorists who will not receive the vehicle emissions test notices. As a result, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that he will temporarily allow license plate renewals for vehicle owners who have not yet passed the EPA emissions test. Beginning March 1, 2016, motorists may renew their license plates, but will be informed they are still required to get the vehicle tested.

You may find out when your vehicle is due for an emissions test by visiting the Secretary of State website site at www.ilsos.gov/regstatus or contact the Illinois EPA at (847) 758-3400 or (800) 635-2390 for additional assistance.

FYI: Door to Door solicitors must register with the City Clerk and comply with local ordinance. If you suspect any unusual activity, contact the Police Department at (708) 352-2171.

Know Your Consumer Rights - Avoid Home Repair Fraud

Attorney General Lisa Madigan's Consumer Protection Division protects Illinois consumers and businesses victimized by fraud, deception, and unfair business practices. An important part of the division's work is to provide Illinois citizens with the information necessary to avoid becoming victims of consumer fraud and to aid in making wise purchasing decisions. To this end, the Community Development Department is now requiring the "Home Repair, Know your Consumer Rights" form to be filled out by both the Contractor and homeowner for every permit. We keep a copy of the signed form in the permit file along with all of the other paperwork required to pull a permit. These forms/brochures are available at City Hall in the Community Development Department and also on our website under Forms & Permits, on the left side of the home page under Community Development.

Fire Suppression Sprinkler Requirements

With life safety as a primary goal, the City recently adopted an ordinance requiring fire suppression sprinklers to be installed in newly constructed one and two-family homes. Smoke alarms are standard safety tools and are essential in every home, but they can only detect a fire. Fire sprinklers detect the fire and automatically control it. The typical cost for a residential fire sprinkler system is approximately \$2.50 per square foot. In a typical modern 3,000 square foot home, that would be about \$7,500; less than the cost to remodel a kitchen or bathroom. Below are some facts that every homeowner needs to know about fire sprinklers. (source: Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, Inc. www.homefiresprinkler.org)

- ◆ **Home Fires: No Prevention Strategy Has as Much Documented Life Safety Effectiveness as Fire Sprinklers.** The fire problem in the U.S. is overwhelmingly a home fire problem. According to the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) latest U.S. data, 92% of all civilian structure fire deaths resulted from home structure fires. Quite clearly, any improvements in overall fire safety must be improvements in home fire safety, and no strategy has as much documented life safety effectiveness as installed fire sprinkler systems.
- ◆ **Important Information about Smoke Alarms.** Working smoke alarms provide valuable early warning in dwellings. It is recommended that every home have smoke alarms installed on each level.
- ◆ **Fire Sprinklers Make Up for Human Error.** Fire sprinklers provide a level of protection that no other fire protection technology can offer. Like smoke alarms, sprinklers detect a fire; but they do even more. Fire sprinklers automatically respond to a fire while it is still small, controlling the spread of deadly heat, flames and toxic smoke.
- ◆ **How Fire Sprinklers Work.** Sprinklers operate off the household water main and are linked by a network of piping, typically hidden behind walls and ceilings. The high temperature of an early stage fire (135° - 165° F) will cause the sprinkler to activate. Neither smoke nor a smoke alarm can activate a fire sprinkler. This quick action controls or extinguishes the flames (often before the fire department arrives). Fire sprinklers slow the spread of deadly heat, toxic smoke, and provides residents with more time to safely escape.
- ◆ **Each Sprinkler Works Individually.** Fire sprinklers activate independently. Fire sprinklers do not spray water all at once. They do not operate in response to smoke, burned toast, cooking vapors, steam, an activating smoke alarm, or anything other than high heat.
- ◆ **Home Fire Sprinklers Are Simple to Maintain.** Home fire sprinkler systems require very little maintenance. In fact, the sprinklers themselves require nothing more than an occasional look to ensure they are not painted, nothing is hanging from them or blocking them. Valves should be similarly checked to ensure they are turned on. According to the National Fire Protection Association, once a month, homeowners or sprinkler contractors should visually verify that all valves are open. Twice a year, the water flow device should be tested.
- ◆ **Home Fire Sprinklers Are Good for the Environment.** According to a groundbreaking joint research project from FM Global and Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition on the environmental impact of fires, automatic fire sprinklers can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 98%, reduce fire damage by up to 97%, reduce water usage to fight a home fire by as much as 91%, and reduce water pollution. (source: Environmental Impact of Automatic Fire Sprinklers, FM Global, March, 2010).
- ◆ **Fire Sprinklers Are a Smart Investment for Homeowners.** The installed fire sprinkler system is paid for over the life of a mortgage, just as is the home's electrical or plumbing system.
- ◆ **The Home Insurance Industry Encourages Sprinkler Installations.** The insurance industry banks on the fact that having installed fire sprinklers not only protects against fire injuries and deaths; they also protect against fire damage. Some insurance companies offer a discount to homeowners as an incentive to install fire sprinklers.

With this recently adopted ordinance, the Mayor and the City Council continue to make correct decisions in investing in the long term well being of the residents they serve.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY PARADE



Families, businesses, elected officials, and the media came out for the City's first St. Patrick's Day Family Parade. This parade attracted hundreds of people to Countryside who enjoyed the festivities and afterwards frequented our fine businesses.

Thanks to all who participated whether through a sponsorship, marching or coming out to watch. 48 groups participated in the parade including churches, schools, children's organizations, businesses and families. The **Callanan** and **McMazzei** Clans won the Family Banner Contest. Congratulations!

Victoria Reyes was selected by the Parade Committee to be crowned the queen of our first St. Pat's Parade. She stole the hearts of many. The grand marshals were **John and Brenda O'Laughlin** representing the Kelli Joy O'Laughlin Memorial Foundation. The parade help raise over \$7,000 for their mission "to give young people opportunities to develop their greatest potential of friendship, kindness, leadership skills, confidence as well as their education".

Mayor Sean McDermott applauds staff, volunteers and the Parade Committee chaired by **Tim Ryan** stating "Tim coordinated this entire event with City staff from all departments including Public Works, Police and Administration. His endless efforts and suggestions were noticed by many." Thanks Tim!

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

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Public Works Reminds You . . .

Brush Pickup (April 4 - October 28)

Branch and brush pickup will be provided by the City for residents beginning April 4th through October 28th. 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 16 - May 18)

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 16th.

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.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

Did you know it's illegal to dump harmful pollutants into the City's storm sewer system? The City's storm sewer system discharges into local rivers, streams and waterways. Pollutants can impair these waterways, thereby reducing recreational use of the resource, contaminating drinking water supplies, and interfering with the habitat for fish, other aquatic organisms, and wildlife. Please call (708) 354-7270 to report any possible storm water discharge violations. For more information, click on "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" (MS4) in the Public Work's Department section of the City's website.

CBA News



Local Deals - A coupon book featuring coupons for Countryside businesses and local events will be available for purchase starting in May. These coupon books encourage people to shop locally and will contain valuable deals that will be valid from June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Helping Hand Center. For more information about the coupon books, please visit their website at www.cbacountryside.com or call (708) 707-0688.

Save the Date - The Best of Countryside Carnival will take place on July 14 - 17, 2016. This is an event you will not want to miss, so mark you calendars!

Water Department



Water Report - 2015 Water System Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The City of Countryside will be publishing its 2015 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in June 2016. The CCR includes basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2015, 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.

Leaky Toilets Cost You **MONEY!**

Did you know that often the biggest culprit of high water usage is a leaky toilet. Don't let a leaky toilet add to your water bill. Ask for your free toilet kit at City Hall. This is a quick and easy way to check for leaks.



Flagg Creek Golf News

XANDO ON THE GREEN - The Flagg Creek Golf Course (FCGC) will have a new vendor handling food concessions and catering at the course. Xando on the Green will open in April. They selected customer favorites for their menu from their Xando Café in Hickory Hills. The menu includes a wide variety of salads, paninis and wraps as well as the golfers' favorites such as hotdogs, hamburgers and bratwurst. Xando will also be open for breakfast to serve the many morning leagues and permanent tee time golfers. Their daily and catering menus can be found on the FCGC website at www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org. FCGC can accommodate parties up to 72 people.



Summer Scramble - Sunday, June 12th, tee times range from noon - 3:30 pm. Cost for a foursome is \$175 which includes golf, buffet lunch, events and prizes.

Demo Day at Flagg Creek Driving Range - Friday, May 20th, 2 - 6 pm. All major golf vendors will be present to test out their latest equipment. Ping, Titleist, Cobra, Callaway, Nike, Mizuno, Taylor Made, Cleveland, Adams, Tour Edge and Wilson.

Junior Cup League (NEW) - Looking for kids interested in a more competitive league than our Junior's Golf League. This program is designed for kids that can manage their way around the golf course and who want to participate in low gross, closest to the pin, and longest drive events that will prepare you for future high school golf.

Junior Golf League - Has openings for the 7:00 am. tee time on the following dates: June 14, 21, and 28 and July 5 and 12. Boys and girls, ages 8 - 12. Cost is \$100 for residents, and \$125 for non-residents.

Tree Sponsorship Program - Many of the trees on the golf course had to be cut down due to the Emerald Ash Borer. You can help replenish the golf course by planting new trees by participating in this program. 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!

Code Corner

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

16-2-0: This ordinance limits the number of lawn decorations allowed in both the front and rear yard. A maximum of ten (10) lawn ornaments are now allowed in the front yard and ten (10) in the rear yard.

I-55 Managed Lane Project

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) initiated the I-55 Managed Lane Study. The purpose of the study is to evaluate options for improving traffic flow by adding an additional managed lane in each direction along the I-55 corridor (between I-355 and I-90/94). Representatives from IDOT met with the Mayor and City staff to discuss the results of their study and the recommendations that will be presented to the public at three upcoming forums.

The current recommendation includes an express lane in each direction which will require a toll. These additional lanes will make use of the existing inside median. The traffic noise analysis which was completed in February includes proposed noise walls in Countryside (see map or City website for a larger scale). All property owners within the blue shaded area will be receiving a letter from IDOT requesting them to vote on the installation of the noise wall. **Please be sure to vote.** IDOT requires a minimum response rate of 33% and a minimum of 50% of those responding to vote in favor of the noise barrier to proceed. Visit the City's website at www.countryside-il.org for more information on the voting process.



Upcoming Meetings

April

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

May

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.

June

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

Welcome to Countryside

Linda Antonietti Insurance Agency
7023 Willow Springs Road, Unit 102
State Farm Insurance Agent

Chicago Professional Window Tinting
30 E. Plainfield Road
Window tinting and vinyl wrapping

Chick-fil-A
6007 S. LaGrange Road
Quick service chicken restaurant

Dream, Focus & Create, Inc.
6534 Joliet Road
Hair Salon

Floor & Décor Outlets of America
1 Countryside Plaza
Retailer of hardsurface flooring and accessories



Concerts in the Park "FIRE and ICE"

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

Opening acts start at 6 p.m. !

Where: Countryside Park
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Day: Thursday

June 9 **FIRE** Concert
Opening Act: Johnny Russler & The Beach Bum Band
Headliner: The Barefoot Hawaiian

June 16 **ICE** Concert
Opening Act: Timeless
Headliner: The Blooze Brothers

June 23 **FIRE** Concert
Opening Act: Prairie Brass Band
Headliner: Second Hand Soul Band

June 30 **ICE** Concert
Opening Act: Multiplicity
Headliner: Fool House Band

July 7 **FIRE** Concert
Opening Act: Soundz of Time
Headliner: The Special Consensus

July 21 **ICE** Concert
Opening Act: Lincoln Don't Lie
Headliner: Strung Out Band

July 28 **FIRE** Concert
Opening Act: Diva Montell
Headliner: Shout Out
(**FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9 P.M.**)

August 4 **ICE** Concert
Opening Act: "Frozen" Princesses Elsa and Anna Sing along
Headliner: Cowboy Jukebox
(**FIREWORKS RAIN DATE**)

Former Alderman Receives Recognition



Mayor Sean McDermott presented retired Alderman Karen Michalczyk (Ward 2) with a plaque for her 12 years of dedicated service to the City of Countryside and the residents at the City Council meeting held on January 13, 2016.

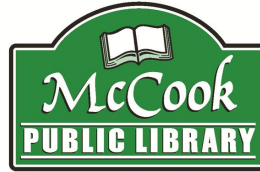
In her career with the City, Karen served as Chairman on the following committees: Infrastructure, License, and Hotel/Motel.

Good luck and best wishes to you on your retirement!

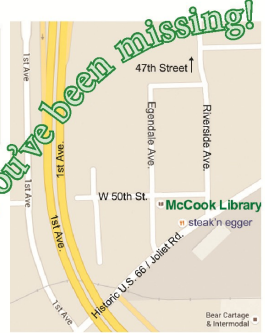
Community Happenings

Join us for tours, music, refreshments, give-a-ways & more!

OPEN HOUSE
MAY 7, 2016 · 12-2pm



Discover what you've been missing!
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<http://www.mccook.lib.il.us/>



Seniors Week (May 16-20)

The Countryside Aging Well Community Action team, headed by team leader, Alderman Von Drasek, will be participating in Aging Care Connections celebrating "Seniors Week" the week of May 16- 20. As part of the week long event which includes engaging events and informative programs given by several groups throughout the surrounding community, they will be hosting a seminar called "Who's that Knocking At Your Door Part 2: How to Stay Technologically Safe", presented by the Countryside Elderly Services Officer, April Bisignani.

This **free** seminar will be held on Tuesday, May 17th from 1-3 p.m. at City Hall. Refreshments will be served.



WEST COOK COUNTY
SOLID WASTE AGENCY

ELECTRONICS COLLECTION



Saturday, April 16, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Village of Westchester Water Tower

For more details contact the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency at (708) 453-9115 or visit their website at www.westsubwaste.org.



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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

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