

Countryside CONNECTIONS

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Coffee with the Mayor - April 29th 10 - 11 a.m.

State Representative Mike Zalewski was the guest speaker at the February Coffee with the Mayor. Mr. Zalewski had a very candid discussion with residents regarding the state of affairs in Springfield. He answered questions regarding the State's budget crisis and pension reform. It was very helpful to get an inside view of how things work/don't work depending upon how you look at it.



There will be Custard and Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday, April 29th from 10 - 11 a.m. A representative of Dewberry Architects will attend to discuss the process and timeline for the new City Hall and Police Station. The Mayor hopes you can join him for this exciting discussion. Andy's Frozen Custard has graciously offered custard cups for this meeting. This was a big hit last year.



St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen

Abby Hurley of Countryside was crowned Queen at the February 22nd City Council meeting. Abby attends St. Ignatius College Prep High School. She is involved in the youth ministry and a "Proud Champion" of the ping pong team.

Jessica Pulciani and Amy Fatora are in the Queen's Court. Both ladies attend Lyons Township High School. Jessica is on Student Council and the Eurythmics' Dance Team. Amy is a religious education classroom aide at St. Cletus and serves as a Eucharistic Minister. A princess was also added to the court this year. Caroline Hallett lives in Countryside and attends the Highlands Elementary School.



Pictured L to R: Jessica Pulciani, Queen Abby Hurley, Mayor Sean McDermott, Amy Fatora & Princess Caroline Hallett.

City Hall/Police Station Update

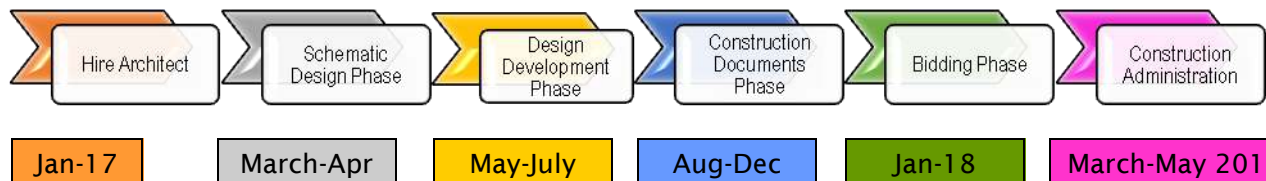
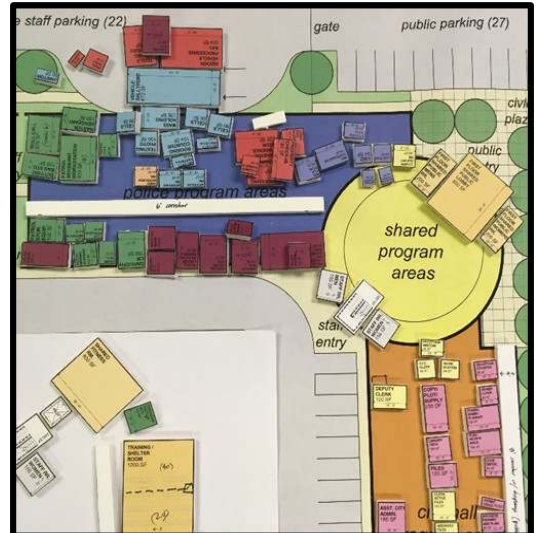
The City Council entered into an agreement with Dewberry Architects for the design of the City Hall & Police Station in January. Over the past several weeks the City staff has been working with the architects regarding the design of work spaces and common areas in the facility. A table-top exercise was completed where each department organized their offices, workstations, conference rooms, special purpose rooms and common areas on the site plan. Many different configurations were considered and documented. It is now up to the architects to make each department fit into a cohesive design which works for everyone. This Schematic Design Phase is estimated to take about 2 months.

After the schematic design is complete, the Design Development Phase begins. It will take 2 - 3 months to develop the design concept, estimate the cost and get City Council approval.

Next is the Construction Documents Phase. The documents are developed approximately 50% and the cost is estimated. Adjustments are made if needed prior to completing the documents. This phase should take about 3 months.

The construction manager (CM) will bid each aspect of the project. All bids will be reviewed by the CM, architect and staff. This phase is expected to take 1 month.

The final phase is Construction Administration. During this phase the architect, CM and staff will monitor construction progress. The City will also have Commissioning which is the functional performance testing of all HVAC systems, water and sewer systems and all other items which may affect the buildings Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.



Certificate of Achievement - Excellence in Financial Reporting

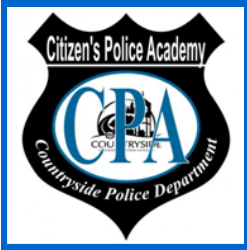


The City of Countryside has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016. This is the 10th consecutive year that the City has achieved this prestigious award. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

Police Updates

2017 Citizen's Police Academy



The Countryside Police Department is accepting applications for the 2017 Citizen's Police Academy. Any citizen who lives, works, or volunteers in the City of Countryside is encouraged to enroll. The Citizen's Police Academy provides insight into law enforcement techniques and classes are geared toward assisting citizens in understanding laws and police practices. The program lasts 12 weeks and is no cost to attend. Classes are planned to begin in the fall and 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 email police@countrysidepolice.org.

Sign up for Blackboard Connect!

Blackboard Connect is a mass notification system that we use to make direct notifications to residents in Countryside. Examples of notifications would include active police warnings or alerts, water main breaks or shut-offs, and any other incident or emergency that would warrant immediate notification to residents.



You may sign up to receive these notifications via telephone, text message, and email by visiting the City of Countryside Blackboard Connect Portal at <https://countrysidecity.bbcportal.com/Entry> and registering.



Retirement

Officer Karl Rodey retired on January 15, 2017 after serving with the Countryside Police Department for 29 years. At the March 8, 2017 City Council meeting, Officer Rodey was recognized for his loyal and dedicated service to the City of Countryside. Mayor McDermott presented him a watch for his years of service and Police Chief Ford presented him with a shadow box of badges and various patches that he earned throughout his career.

Good luck and best wishes to Karl on his retirement!

2017 Law Enforcement Torch Run Events

The members of the Countryside Police Department are very proud to announce that due to our efforts and the generous contributions and support we received from the community we were able to raise **\$17,587.25** for the 2016 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. This amount earned our department a spot on the back of the 2017 Torch Run t-shirt, where our department name is listed as one of the top contributors for 2016.



Moving on to the 2017 events...**Harley Davidson raffle** tickets are now available for purchase at the Countryside Police Department for \$10 per ticket. This year's drawing for a 2017 HD Street Glide will be held on October 20, 2017. When the Stanley Cup playoffs begin in April, our officers will start growing their **"Beards for a Cause"** in support of Special Olympics and the Chicago Blackhawks. Save the date for **Dunkin' Donuts Cop on Rooftop** on Friday, May 19, 2017 from 5 a.m. - 2 p.m. and the **Texas Roadhouse Free Benefit Lunch** that is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 28, 2017.



Updates will be available on our department Facebook page and our webpage at www.countrysidepolice.org.

Police Officer Recruitment

The Board of Fire & Police Commissioners will begin accepting applications on Monday, March 27, 2017 to create a 2-year eligibility list. For a summary of qualifications and more information about obtaining an application, go to www.countrysidepolice.org.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY PARADE



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**AFTER PARTY LOCATION*



The 2017 St. Patrick's Day Family Parade was a huge success. The parade attracted hundreds of people to Countryside who enjoyed watching the parade in beautiful weather.

Abby Hurley was the 2017 Parade Queen. Her court included Jessica Pulciani, Amy Fatora and Princess Caroline Hallett. The grand marshal was James Sweeney, President of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150. Their offices are located in Countryside on Joliet Road and represent one of the City's largest employers.

The award for the best float went to the Ryan Family Float representing pubs in Ireland. The best house party on the parade route was a new award this year. There were so many great parties that two were selected, Liz Kmet/Val and the Heim's on Park. Congratulations!

Mayor Sean McDermott applauds staff, volunteers and the Parade Committee Chairman **Tim Ryan** stating "Tim worked endlessly to double the number of entrants in this year's parade, establish After-Parties at local establishments and coordinate the event with the Police and Public Works employees and volunteers. A special thanks to Margaret Carey who coordinated applications, sponsorships, banners and the website updates."

A special thanks to the Presenting Sponsor, Jack Phelan. Their sponsorship helped kick start this year's parade. This event helped raise over \$20,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



Photos courtesy of
resident, Janusz Gryglak and
City Administrator, Paul.

Public Works Reminds You . . .

Brush Pickup (April 3 - October 27)

Branch and brush pickup will be provided by the City for residents beginning April 3rd through October 27th. 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 22 - May 24)

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 22nd.

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.

Water Department

Water Report - 2016 Water System Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)



The City of Countryside will be publishing its 2016 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in June 2017. The CCR includes basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2016, 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.

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 trees by participating in our Tree Sponsorship Program. What 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.



Demo Day

DATE: May 19th

SPONSORED BY: Ultimate Golf & Flagg Creek

All major golf vendors will be present. Come test out their latest equipment. Ping, Titleist, Cobra, Callaway, Nike, Mizuno, Taylor Made, Cleveland, Adams, Tour Edge and Wilson.

Sign up in the Pro Shop (708) 246-3336 for the Summer Scramble, Junior Golf League and Junior Cup. Space is limited!

Summer Scramble

DATE: June 11th

TEE TIMES: Range from 12:00 - 3:30 p.m.

COST: \$175 per foursome which includes golf, buffet lunch, events and prizes.

Junior Cup

For kids interested in a more competitive league, the Junior Cup 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 them for future high school golf.

DATES: June 12, 19, 26 July 10, 17, 24

AGES: 12 - 15 (Boys & Girls)

TEE TIMES: range from 2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

COST: \$150 per golfer which includes golf, prizes, lunch on Championship Day (last day of play) & t-shirt.

Junior Golf League

DATES: June 13, 20, 27 July 11, 18 (Rain Date - July 25)

AGES: 8 - 12 (Boys & Girls)

COST: \$100 for residents, \$125 for non-residents
Shotgun starts at 7:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Party



The golf course hosted a family-friendly St. Patrick's Day party after the parade. There was corned beef and cabbage and green beer. Entertainment was provided by the band St. Stephen's Green and Irish dancers from Lavin Cassidy School of Irish Dance. Kids enjoyed getting their faces painted and playing mini golf on the putting green. There was also a longest drive contest with marshmallows off the first tee for all ages.



Community Happenings

Countryside Business Association's



Pub Crawl



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY CRAWLERS Spring Pub Crawl May 20, 2017

Online registration coming soon
@ www.cbacountryside.com

For Upcoming Events, check out
www.cbacountryside.com
including the Best of Countryside
Carnival, July 13-16.

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Saturday, June 10th - Flagg Creek Golf Course

- ♦ 9 Hole Scramble Golf Outing & Dinner (pre-registration only)
- ♦ Raffles (tickets available now and at event)
- ♦ Split the Pot (tickets available now and at event)
- ♦ Dinner (pre-registration only)
- ♦ Race car on display
- ♦ Hole sponsorships available
- ♦ Event sponsorships available

There are many opportunities for Sponsorships or Donations for the event! For more information about our race team, go to our website www.schwartzmotorsports.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Schwartz at (708) 732-4140 or email race@schwartzmotorsports.com for more additional information.



Schwartz family Super Late Model

FYI

Check us out and "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofcountryside/. We post all the latest City events and updates. There are lots of great photos posted as well!

Upcoming Meetings

April

12 City Council	7:30 p.m.
19 Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.
26 City Council	7:30 p.m.

May

2 Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
10 City Council	7:30 p.m.
17 Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.
24 City Council	7:30 p.m.

June

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

Welcome to Countryside

Appex House of Grappling, Inc.
51 E. Plainfield Road
Martial arts school.



Casmos Caskets
5332 East Avenue
Orders, stores, sells and delivers caskets.

Perfect Aire, LLC
5401 Dansher Road
Distributor of consumer products.

Cops vs. Kids



Officers from the Countryside, Hodgkins, and LaGrange Police Departments played a basketball game against students from Gurrie Middle School on March 16, 2017.

The event, sponsored by Westfield Ford, raised \$480.00 for Juvenile Diabetes Research.

Concerts in the Park

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 8

Opening Act: The StingRays
Headliner: Strung Out Band

June 15

Opening Act: Jesse White Tumblers
Headliner: Modern Day Romeos

June 22

Opening Act: 45rpm Band
Headliner: Mason Rivers

June 29

Opening Act: 3am Band
Headliner: SHiNDiG!

July 6

Opening Act: Orange Star
Headliner: Corey Dennison Band

July 20

Opening Act: Joe Elvis Tirrito
Headliner: The Four C Notes

July 27

Opening Act: Evil Burrito
Headliner: Lincoln Don't Lie
(FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9 P.M.)

August 3

Opening Act: Rosie & the Rivets
Headliner: Cadillac Groove
(FIREWORKS RAIN DATE)

Memorial Day Remembrance

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☆☆ **When:** Monday, May 29, 2017 ☆☆

☆☆ **Time:** 11:00 a.m. ☆☆

☆☆ **Where:** Memorial Park ☆☆

☆☆ Following the service, a separate ceremony will follow at 11:30 a.m. to honor all deceased veterans at: ☆☆

☆☆ Robert E. Coulter Jr. Post 1941 ☆☆

☆☆ 900 S. LaGrange Road ☆☆

☆☆ LaGrange, IL 60525 ☆☆

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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

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Main: (708) 354-1860

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