

Countryside CONNECTIONS

SPRING 2022

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St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, Queen & Court

At the February 23rd City Council meeting Mayor Sean McDermott introduced Thomas Boyle as the Grand Marshal of the 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Boyle has been active in the Irish American community in the City as a banker and as a member of Chicago Gaelic Park, where he sat on the Board of Directors for twenty-five years and was President for three years (1989 - 1992). Our Queen Catie Ramicone (a Countryside resident) was also crowned by past Queen Faith Benson. Catie is involved in the community through the National Honor Society and student council, and volunteers at Brookfield Zoo through the King Conservation Science Scholars.



Mayor Sean McDermott and the City Council pictured with Parade Grand Marshal Thomas Boyle, Queen Catie Ramicone, Members of the Queen's Court, Colleen Ramicone, Maureen Kane, Olivia Perez, and Princess Maeve Watson.



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Coffee with the Mayor - May 14th 10 - 11 a.m.

There was a full house on Saturday, February 26th for a presentation on updating the City's Comprehensive Plan (CP). The current CP was completed in 2004. These plans are completed for a 20-year period. The purpose of the CP plan is to determine what stakeholders want the City to look like in 15-20 years and guide the City on how to get there.

John Houseal from Houseal & Lavigne described what a CP is and the process to update the plan over the next 12-14 months. Residents are encouraged to get involved. Visit www.hla.fyi/Countryside (link on the City's website) for more information. This site includes a community questionnaire which asks questions about important issues and opportunities facing the City. The CP will take input from the public, the CP steering committee, and community leaders to create a successful plan for our community.



At the next Coffee with the Mayor the City will discuss our pollinator garden initiative. The City's landscape architect has developed layouts for residents to use to develop their own butterfly/pollinator gardens. Kits will be available with the recommended seeds free of charge for your convenience. Lori Harris, of Western Springs will speak about her bee hive initiative. Please join the City in increasing the Monarch butterfly, bee and other pollinators' populations.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN Steering Committee

WARD 1

Tom Fröhlich, Alderman
Richard Fullmer, Resident
Bryan White, Resident

WARD 2

Tom Mikolyzk, Alderman
Tina Grotzke, Resident
Sonya Spaulding, Resident

WARD 3

Sean McDermott, Mayor
Scott Musillami, Alderman
Carlos Charneco, Resident
Tom Geraghty, Resident

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Eric Brown, Pastor
Carm Scarpace, Business Owner



Upcoming City 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	5:00 p.m.
15	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.



The City Hall will be closed in observance of **Good Friday**, Friday, April 15th.

Welcome to Countryside

Design by Three Construction, Inc.
7041 Willow Springs Road, Unit 102
Provide concrete & excavation services



Gerald Honda of Countryside
(formerly: Continental Honda)
5901 S. LaGrange Road
Car dealership

Harling School of Irish Dance
919 W. 55th Street, Unit B
Teaches youth Irish Dance

Premier Events of Countryside
(formerly: Capri Banquets)
6240 Joliet Road
Banquet facility



Harling School of Irish Dance Ribbon Cutting

On Friday March 4, 2022, the Harling School of Irish Dance located at 919 W. 55th Street, Unit B was officially welcomed to the City of Countryside with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mayor Sean McDermott and members of the City Council welcomed the School to the Countryside community.



L to R: Alderman Benson, John & Mimi Harling with granddaughter Evadean Cleland, Alyssa Harling (owner), Abigail Kamin and Dylan Rafferty (1st two students), Mayor Sean McDermott, Clerk Kmet, Treasurer Bolt, and Alderman Finn.

Cost Sharing Tree Program

The City's Cost Sharing Tree Program runs May 1st through November 15th. This program helps pay for the removal of dead, diseased or nuisance trees on private property. This program helps assure public safety and improve the appearance of Countryside. The City will pay 50% of the cost for removal up to \$500 per household. However, stump removal/grinding is **NOT** eligible for reimbursement. The City caps the entire program at \$40,000 per year and is available on a first come, first served basis.



Trees considered nuisance species include cottonwood, willow and mulberry. Ash trees are included in the program provided the stump and chips are removed simultaneously. The total cost to remove the ash tree, stump and chips will be shared 50/50 by the City and the resident with a \$500 cap per household, per year for all trees.

If you believe your tree qualifies for this program the following procedures **MUST** be followed.

1. Call the Clerk's Office to report the tree(s) considered eligible.
2. An alderman of your ward will inspect the tree to verify it qualifies for the program.
3. The Clerk's Office staff will seek quotes from tree service contractors with a valid certificate of insurance on file.
4. The City will inform the property owner of the low quote and reconfirm their desire to remove the tree.
5. The property owner must pay their 50% share directly to the City **BEFORE** the tree removal is scheduled.

Property owners may select an alternate contractor provided the following conditions are met:

1. Work must be done by the alternate contractor at a cost equal to or lower than the lowest quote received by the City; and
2. The alternate contractor must provide proof of liability insurance coverage that satisfies the City's requirements. Under no circumstances will the City reimburse either the property owner or the alternate contractor if these qualifications are not met.

Capital Projects

Joliet Road & East Avenue Water Main Replacement Project

consists of replacing an approximately 50 year old 16" water main with a new 20" PVC water main on the City's high pressure system. The project is located on Joliet Road between the Countryside City Center and East Avenue, on East Avenue between Joliet Road and 55th Street and on 56th Street between the Pump Station and East Avenue. The project includes the construction of approximately 5,000 feet of 20" PVC water main, including new hydrants, valves, water service reconnections, and the restoration of all disturbed surfaces. The City's high pressure system delivers water to the City's residents in Ward 2 as well as to the City's Municipal customers, Indian Head Park and the LaGrange Highlands Sanitary District. The total cost of this project is \$2.6 million.



East Avenue between Joliet Road and 55th Street



will be reconstructed by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The proposed improvement consists of pavement removal, roadway reconstruction and resurfacing, roadway widening, channelization improvements, repairs to four existing culverts, construction of two retaining walls, earth excavation, sidewalk reconstruction, shared use path construction, construction of new PACE bus pads, ADA ramp construction, concrete median construction, placement of pavement markings, traffic signal modernization and installation and interconnect system and lighting improvements. This project involves work in the floodway of the East Avenue

Ditch. The total estimated cost of this project is \$16.9 million. The City's share is \$534,000 which will be partially covered by a Surface Transportation Program grant in the amount of \$427,000.

2022 Street Resurfacing Program – Each year the Public Works Superintendent and City Engineer assess the conditions of all streets and alleys in Countryside. The streets and alleys in the worst condition are included in the 5-year street resurfacing plan. This plan is reviewed by the Infrastructure Committee to determine which streets will be improved each year, taking into account the conditions and costs. This year the following streets will be included in the resurfacing program: Longview N (Brainard Ave. to 59th St.); Longview S (59th St. to Brainard Ave.); 59th Street (Brainard to Kensington); and Natasha Court (Willow Springs Road to East Limit). The total estimated cost of the 2022 street resurfacing program is \$661,000.

2022 Grants

City staff works very hard to identify grant opportunities for the City Council to consider. This past year, the staff has applied for 20 grants of which all were either partially or fully awarded. Below is a list of the grants which total \$12.9 million of improvements of which the local cost is \$3.6 million.

Grant Name	FY	Amount Applied	Amount Awarded	Rec'd thru 12/31/21	City Match	Total Project	Status
CDBG 2020	2022	100,000	100,000	-	30,000	130,000	Completed
Invest in Cook County (Brainard Av. Bike Path Project)	2022	187,906	90,000	90,000	-	90,000	Completed
ITEP Streetscape Project - Construction	2022	1,899,612	983,073	983,073	245,768	1,228,841	Completed
ITEP Streetscape Project - Engineering	2022	423,788	296,690	296,690	74,173	370,863	Completed
ITEP Bike Path Project - Construction	2022	691,750	1,082,885	777,528	194,382	1,082,885	Awarded
ITEP Bike Path Project - Engineering	2022	296,800	300,110	207,887	75,027	375,137	Awarded
Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds Grant Program	2022	388,504	388,504	259,002	-	388,504	Awarded
Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation	2022	1,000,000	1,000,000	600,000	1,024,811	2,024,811	Awarded
IL Law Enforcement Training Standards Board (Body Camera Program)	2022	12,530	12,530	12,530	14,205	26,735	Completed
FEMA/IEMA Public Assistance Grant Program	2022	38,782	38,782	38,782	-	38,782	Completed
American Resue Plan Act (ARPA)	2022	806,557	806,557	403,279	-	806,557	Awarded
MWRD - Green Infrastructure Partnership Program	2022	325,000	325,000	-	226,000	551,000	Awarded
ComEd Green Region Openlands Grant Program	2022	7,160	7,160	-	75,410	82,570	Awarded
STP - Local Cost of IDOT's East Av. Project	2022	333,874	333,874	-	111,291	445,165	Awarded
STP - Local Cost of IDOT's 55th Street Widening	2022	1,028,642	1,028,642	-	832,863	1,861,505	Awarded
STP - Joliet Road Shared Use Path	2022	582,000	582,000	-	198,000	780,000	Awarded
ITEP - Joliet Road Shared Use Path	2022	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	500,000	2,500,000	Awarded
Invest in Cook County - Joliet Road Shared Use Path	2022	110,000	110,000	-	-	110,000	Awarded
IL Dept of Human Services (DHS) - Tobacco Enforcement	2022	1,870	1,870	-	-	1,870	Awarded
IDOT Traffic Safety	2022	37,820	37,820	-	-	37,820	Awarded
TOTALS:		10,272,595	9,525,497	3,668,772	3,601,930	12,933,045	

2021 Accomplishments

- Launched a new Clean Energy Aggregation program
- Educated the community on Energy Assistance programs through COMED and NICOR
- Installed bird feeders in the Municipal Complex's roof top garden
- Planted native plants to attract and feed butterflies, bees and other pollinators
- Raised and released approximately 50 painted lady and monarch butterflies
- Created "Sustainability Square", a section in the City's quarterly newsletter to educate the public on how they can be more sustainable in their everyday lives
- Completed the GRCs Framework
- Took the Mayor's Monarch Pledge
- Created a logo to be used when promoting sustainable programs and initiatives
- Adopted the Sustainability Plan by Resolution
- Replaced the East Avenue water main between 55th Street and Joliet Road

2022 Priorities

- Become a US EPA Green Power Community
- Inform the community about climate change and air quality
- Adapt building and zoning codes for renewable energy technologies
- Promote energy efficiency programs
- Promote the use of energy star appliances
- Install native and sustainable landscaping in the community and encourage residents and business owners to do the same
- Share information on sustainability at community functions
- Encourage the public to participate in sustainable initiatives and events
- Encourage residents and business to identify and mitigate water loss

Sustainability Committee



The Mayor and City Council continue to make sustainability a priority in the City. The Sustainability Committee met in January to review 2021 accomplishments and to prioritize initiatives for 2022 (noted in the sidebar). Chairman Scott Musillami praised the work of the committee over the past 12 months, stating "How are we going to beat 2021?"

Well, the committee recommended taking the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. This pledge shows a community's commitment to increasing the population of the Monarch butterfly. Mayor Sean McDermott took this pledge in December which set some big plans in motion for 2022.

The committee reviewed landscaping design and installation proposals for three butterfly/pollinator gardens in the community. The proposal includes smaller designs adequate for a resident's yard or a business's landscaping. The design includes native plants that require less maintenance, attract pollinators, and provide food and a habitat for the Monarch butterflies to flourish.

Chairman Musillami recommended creating a kit which includes seeds in addition to the garden design. These will be available in May **free of charge** to Countryside residents and businesses.

Sustainability Square

Native bees need your help! These important pollinators are experiencing population declines due to pesticide poisoning, habitat loss and disease. Here are five easy ways to help the bee population.

1. Plant native plants that bees will love.
2. Reduce your lawn and add a new garden bed.
3. Go organic, insecticides can kill bees.
4. Provide bees with water by filling a dish with large pebbles and filling half way with water.
5. Consider adding a bee house, most native bees are solitary and use tunnels to lay eggs.





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SHAMROCK: BlueSky Home Care, Engineering Co., Illinois Harley Davidson, Sinnott Tree Service

A big thanks to our volunteers: Betsy Michelle, Jimmy, Jacob, Rusty & Jessica Gross Kevin & Terri McDonald; and Mary, Ashley & Emily

Photographs by Resident Janusz G

2022 ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Public Works Reminds You . . .

Brush Pickup (April 1 - October 31)

Branch and brush pickup will be provided by the City for residents beginning April 1st through October 31st. 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 Cleanup (May 23 - May 26)

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 23rd.

Items **not accepted** include:

Yard waste (including brush)	Radioactive material
Bio-medical and infectious material	Concrete/Dirt
Hazardous and toxic waste of any kind	Liquids and paints
Volatile and highly flammable material	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.

Water Department

Water Report - 2021 Water System Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)



The City of Countryside will be publishing its 2021 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in June 2022. The CCR includes basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2021, 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, 803 Joliet Road, in June. This report will also be available on the City's website at www.countryside-il.org/departments/water-department/consumer-confidence-reports/.

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.

Code Enforcement

How Does Your Home Measure Up?

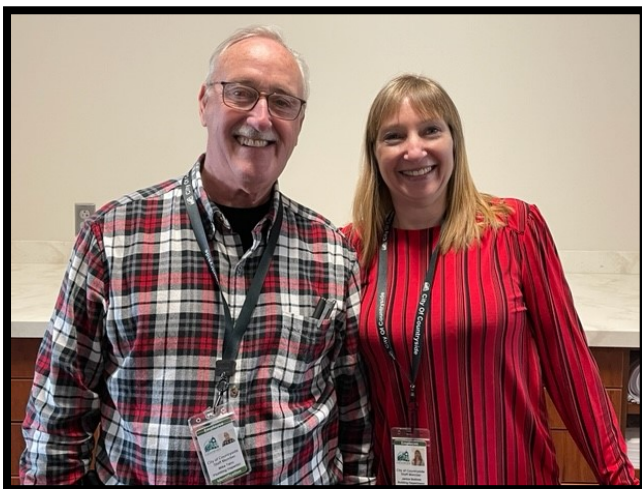


Spring is upon us and the Community Development Department will be resuming their code enforcement patrols of the City. We would like to take this time to make you aware of some of the areas that will be looked at to assure that exterior surfaces and surroundings are up to code. This checklist will help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

1. **Address Numbers** must be easily seen from the street, and be at least 4 inches high.
2. **Roofs** cannot be missing shingles or show 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 condition.
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, please call the Community Development Department at (708) 354-1860.



Welcome ...

Mike Tatro and Janice Bodinet. Mike started with the City in February 2022 as a part-time Plumbing Inspector. Mike comes with 53 years of plumbing experience in commercial and residential plumbing repairs, installation, and reviews. Janice came to the City in December 2021 and is a full-time Permit Specialist for the Community Development Department. Janice has worked in other municipalities coordinating reviews, inspections and administrating front office staff.





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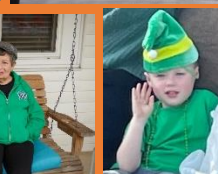
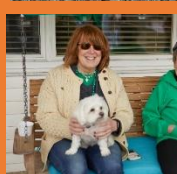
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CK'S DAY FAMILY PARADE



City Council Approves Pension Bonds to Fully Fund the Police Pension Plan (\$6.5 Million of Potential Savings)

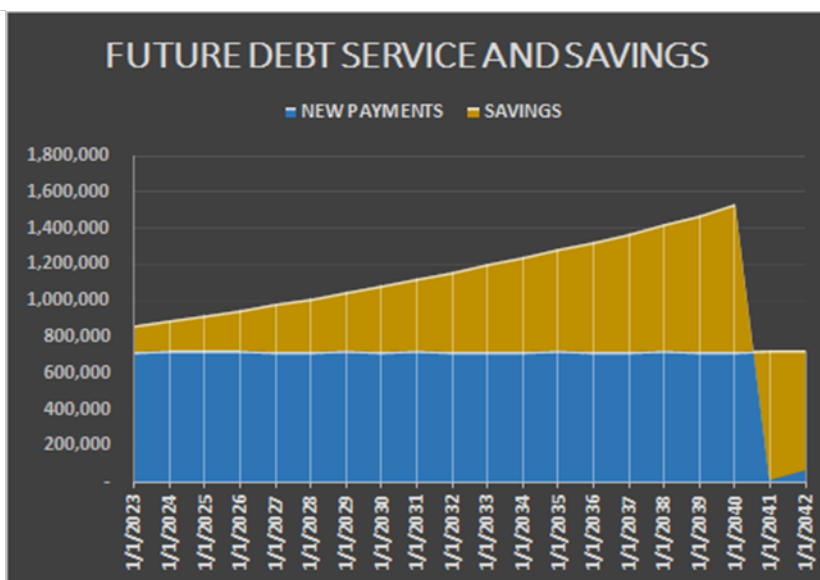
Currently the Police Pension Plan has an unfunded balance of \$10.6 million which makes the plan just over 73% funded. While this funding level is relatively high compared to plans sponsored by other Illinois communities, the City Council voted to accelerate full funding of the plan. In fact, if the City could eliminate the unfunded balance entirely (i.e. become 100% funded) it could eliminate interest on the unfunded balance that accrues at 7%. The issuance of pension funding bonds would allow the City to pay off this high interest balance and replace it with general obligation bond debt at interest rates in the 3.25-3.5% range under current market conditions.

As illustrated in the charts below, the City can replace higher interest rate pension obligations with lower fixed rate bonds. Therefore, by issuing pension funding bonds to bring the plan to full funding, the City could save over \$6.5 million in future payment obligations as shown in figure 1 below. Figure 2 gives a graphical representation of the payment differential and resulting savings. Note the top of the yellow bars represent the future payments required by the City to pay off the unfunded police pension balance over the next 18 years. The blue bars represent projected payments on the proposed pension funding bonds. The area contained within the yellow bars represents the savings of \$6.5 million.

Figure 1

	NEW PAYMENTS	OLD PAYMENTS	FUTURE SAVINGS
1/1/2023	719,473	860,000	140,527
1/1/2024	724,204	889,000	164,796
1/1/2025	721,792	919,000	197,208
1/1/2026	723,592	950,000	226,408
1/1/2027	719,352	982,000	262,648
1/1/2028	719,195	1,015,000	295,805
1/1/2029	723,146	1,049,000	325,854
1/1/2030	721,086	1,085,000	363,914
1/1/2031	723,298	1,121,000	397,702
1/1/2032	719,523	1,159,000	439,477
1/1/2033	719,973	1,199,000	479,027
1/1/2034	719,473	1,240,000	520,527
1/1/2035	722,735	1,282,000	559,265
1/1/2036	719,813	1,326,000	606,187
1/1/2037	720,838	1,373,000	652,162
1/1/2038	723,600	1,421,000	697,400
1/1/2039	719,800	1,474,000	754,200
1/1/2040	720,200	1,533,000	812,800
1/1/2041	724,600	11,000	(713,600)
1/1/2042	722,800	69,000	(653,800)
	14,428,493	20,957,000	6,528,507

Figure 2



Finance Department Earns Best Practices - Audit & Budget Awards

The Finance Department is being recognized for earning both the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (audit award) and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada during this fiscal year. This is the 15th consecutive year that the City has received the Certificate of Achievement which is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment. The City also received the Distinguish Budget Award for the 6th consecutive year. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In order to receive this award, a governmental must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and as a communications device. Both the Audit and Budget documents can be found on the City's website under the Finance Department.

Police Department Updates

Spring Crime Prevention Tips

SCAMS

Be alert for confidence crimes/ruse burglaries. This type of scam commonly targets senior citizens. Two or more subjects will come to the door with an excuse to gain entry to your home. These criminals will pose as city or utility workers, roof repair workers, or handymen. Once inside the home (or doorway), one individual will distract the homeowner while the other steals from the homeowner.

- If someone comes to your door and you feel uncomfortable - **DO NOT LET THEM IN! Call 9-1-1 immediately. *If you see something suspicious, say something.***
- Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS & UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES

- Solicitors must comply with local ordinance. Always ask for identification. Never allow a solicitor into your home to use the bathroom or to complete paperwork. Never give your credit card number or Social Security number to a solicitor. ***If you suspect any unusual activity, call 9-1-1.***
- If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification. True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you.

VEHICLE BREAK-INS

- A vehicle break-in is a very common crime that most frequently occurs in places with large numbers of parked cars, but can also occur right in your own driveway. Always lock your doors. Keep items out of view. A thief looks into car windows hoping to find something of value; purses, bags, GPS devices, etc. Keep spare change out of sight. Put anything of value in your trunk or take it in your house. Use safety features - such as a car alarm or removable radio face plate. Park in a well-lit area.

AROUND THE HOUSE

- Keep doors locked at all times. If you are working in the back yard, keep your front door and garage door closed and locked; and lock your back door when you are in the front yard. Always lock your doors when you leave, even if you only plan to be gone for a few minutes.
- During the spring weather, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and sliding doors when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Install motion-activated lights in your front and back yards.
- Put all ladders and other tools back into a secure storage area after you use them. Ladders and other tools can be used by criminals to access your home. Always lock any storage unit or shed you have on your property.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS & TRAINING

Detectives DiGangi and Venem received Honorable Mention awards for their investigative efforts while assisting with the investigation of a stabbing in another jurisdiction. The investigation led to the identification and arrest of the offender who was then charged with Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon. **Officer Cahue** received a Life Saving award for his quick and decisive actions that resulted in saving the life of an individual who had overdosed. **Officer Brunke** received a Meritorious award for his actions in identifying and arresting an offender suspected of committing a burglary at a Countryside business and a Willowbrook business. **Commander Stern** successfully completed the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command in December 2021. This intensive 10-week program is one of the top command college level courses for Law Enforcement in the country. We are proud of Commander Stern who now joins the ranks as one of the six supervisors/administrators with the Countryside Police Department who has successfully completed this program.

Flagg Creek Golf News

Resident Rates

Effective January 1st, all residents of the City of Countryside or residents that live within the boundaries of Pleasant Dale Park District qualify for resident golf rates. However, you **MUST** renew or establish your resident status **YEARLY!** A valid driver's license or photo I.D. and current utility bill is required. **You will not be eligible for resident rates unless you are registered as a resident at the golf course.**

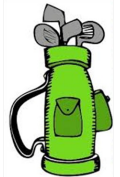


Online Tee Time Reservations

Tee time reservations are available 24/7 under the "Tee Times" tab. Log on to www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org. Golfers are able to book 7 days in advance, one foursome at a time. Payment is required at the time of booking. The best rates are found online!

Spring Scramble

DATE: Sunday, June 12th
TIME: 2:30 p.m. Shotgun
COST: \$280 per foursome which includes golf, cart, food, & prizes.



Contact the Proshop at (708) 246-3336 for additional information or go to www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org.

SPACE IS LIMITED!

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 Michael Rawl. The kids and adults enjoyed the balloon twisters and a craft hosted by Home Depot.



Ground Feeding the Wildlife Prohibited

Please remember that it is **prohibited** to feed the wildlife. This includes birds, cats, squirrels, chipmunks, rats, rabbits, raccoons, skunk, deer, ducks and geese. Above ground bird feeders are allowed as long as the bird food is placed in a container or feeder designed for birds. Ground feeding attracts deer, unwanted rodents and coyotes, which can be dangerous to you and your neighbors properties. If ground feeding is observed, citations can be issued.

Reminders ...

Community Garden

We have seven 10' x 10' garden plots available to Countryside residents.
Call (708) 485-4775 for more details and registration materials.



Library Reimbursement Program

In January, the City Council renewed our Intergovernmental Agreement with the McCook Public Library. Countryside residents may become members of the McCook Public Library at the rate of \$100 per person, and the City will reimburse each member the \$100 rate. If you choose to join another library, the reimbursement amount will be capped at \$100. To apply, please bring in your library card, receipt and photo ID to the Clerk's Office. Reimbursements take approximately three weeks to process. For more information, please contact the Clerk's Office at (708) 354-7270.





Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, April 16th
Place: Countryside Park
Time: 10 a.m.

Mark your calendar for Countryside's
Concert in the Park Series
Band acts start at 7 p.m.!



Where: Countryside Park
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Day: Thursday

June 16	Second Hand Soul Bank
June 23	Billy Elton
June 30	Wild Daisy
July 7	Flat Cats
July 14	Generation
July 21	Industrial Drive
July 28	Good Clean Fun (FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9 P.M. with a rain date of August 4)
August 4	The Beatles

ALL CONCERTS ARE RAIN OR SHINE

For more information, call (708) 354-7270

Memorial Day Holiday



When: Monday, May 30, 2022
Time: 11:45 a.m.
Where: Carl W. LeGant Memorial Park

Following the service, a separate ceremony to honor all deceased veterans will be held at 12:00 p.m. at Post 1941.

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

Countryside Chamber of Commerce

www.countrysidechamber.org

Flagg Creek Golf Course

www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org

Pleasant Dale Park District

www.pdparks.org

Pleasantview Fire Protection

www.plvw.org

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 911



City Hall/Clerk's Office:

Main: (708) 354-7270

Fax: (708) 354-9445

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Community Development:

Main: (708) 354-1860

Fax: (708) 354-9445

Police Department:

Main: (708) 352-2171 (non-emergency)

Fax: (708) 352-1032

Public Works:

Main: (708) 354-3390

Fax: (708) 354-9445

Water Billing:

Main: (708) 485-2465

Fax: (708) 354-9445

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