

Countryside CONNECTIONS

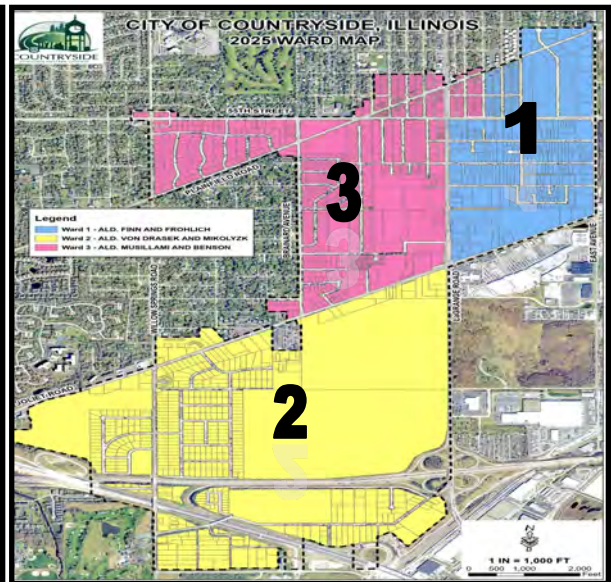
SUMMER 2025

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City Officials Re-Elected

The City Council meeting on May 14, 2025 included the swearing in of 3 re-elected officials. Mayor Sean McDermott administered the oath of office. Picture below from left to right: Aldermen Mark Benson, Ward 3, John Von Drasek, Ward 2 and John Finn, Ward 1. All took the oath of office, and will serve a 4-year term.



Route 66 Centennial Coming in 2026

November 11, 1926 US  Highway 66 is established

In 1926, Illinois became the first state to have the entirety of its portion of Route 66 paved, from Chicago to St. Louis, utilizing the existing SBI 4 for the newly created U.S. highway, known as Joliet Road in Countryside. In 2026, the Mother Road turns 100, and celebrations are coming.



ROUTE 66 POINTS OF INTEREST

2010: Route 66 By-Way sign installed near the IUOE Local 150 parking lot.

2015: Travelers from Ireland begin their cross-country trek in a line of Ford Mustangs from Countryside.

2023: Route 66 monument sign installed near Chariot Towing.

2025: Route 66 Centennial monument sign to be installed.

The City is a member of the Route 66 Association of Illinois. This Association is a member of the Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership, a nationally-focused group including representatives from all eight Route 66 states, working on Route 66 projects from a national perspective. The centennial is a major focus. The City's Special Events Committee will be planning an event (s) right here in Countryside.

Your help is needed! The City would like to set up a display at City Hall with memorabilia, pictures and articles about the Mother Road. If you or a loved one had experiences along Route 66, we would love to hear about it. You can send pictures, stories and memorabilia to Liz Cordova, Deputy Clerk. We are also happy to scan any materials you have and return them to you as you wait. Any memorabilia loaned to the City will be returned after the centennial.

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Coffee with the Mayor - March 22nd from 10 - 11 a.m.

Mayor Sean McDermott welcomed Julie Reschke from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning “CMAP” and Dave Schutter, City Finance Director to speak to the residents. Ms. Reschke gave an overview of CMAP which is a regional government planning agency that works on behalf of the 7 counties, 1284 municipalities and 8.6 million residents of northeastern Illinois. They address development and transportation challenges in our area. CMAP recently released a community survey to assist them in preparing the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Reschke reviewed the survey’s purpose and encouraged participation online or paper surveys were provided. If you have not given your input please do so at <https://engage.cmap.illinois.gov/2026-rtp/surveys/rtp-questionnaire-eng>



Finance Director Schutter gave an overview of the FY2026 budget. He indicated the City is in great financial shape. The City Council continued to abate the property tax levy for this year. In addition, Mr. Schutter talked about all the capital projects included in this fiscal year budget including patrol cars, trucks, street resurfacing and new StarChase technology for the Police Department. A big thank you to the ***Honey Fluff Donuts*** located at 6566 Joliet Road, for their delicious donuts!



Coffee with the Mayor - June 7th from 10 - 11 a.m.



The Mayor welcomed John Fitzgerald, Engineer to speak about all the construction projects in Countryside. John reminded everyone that the closing of Joliet Road in 1998 caused 20,000 vehicles to move onto other streets causing traffic congestion in the community. In 2004, IDOT completed a Joliet Road Traffic Impact Study. This study recommended 14 projects to help alleviate the congestion. 11 of IDOT's projects are in Countryside. The residents felt the pain of the East Avenue project the last couple years. Now it's the pain of the 55th Street widening project. IDOT anticipates these projects to continue for 2 more years. John also reviewed the City projects in this fiscal year's budget including the La Grange Road water main, the new 5th Avenue Cutoff Park and

the street resurfacing of 6th Avenue (55th St. – Plainfield Rd.), Kensington (Joliet Road – North limit), and Terry Lane (Brainard – Longview). A big thank you to the ***Country Cup Restaurant*** located at 6301 Joliet Road, for their delicious breakfast sandwiches!



NEXT COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH 10 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

Board of Fire and Police Commission

At the April 23, 2025 City Council meeting Mary Lou Pisone was presented a service award recognizing her 13 years of service on the Board of Fire and Police Commission. Mayor Sean McDermott swore in Commissioner, Claribel Quintana to the Board of Fire and Police Commission at the May 14, 2025 City Council meeting. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Congratulations to Countryside's Newest Police Officers

Please join us in congratulating Countryside's newest police officers. Officer Nicholas Maslanka graduated from Class BA 25-01 at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage on Friday, April 25th. Officer Jacob Terpstra graduated from Class RC 640-05 at the Illinois State Police Academy on Friday, June 6th. Throughout their academy training, both Officers distinguished themselves through outstanding academic and physical performance and were highly ranked in their respective programs. Additionally, Officer Terpstra was elected Vice President of his class by his peers. We are incredibly proud of the accomplishments of Officers Maslanka and Terpstra and wish them long, healthy, and fulfilling careers with the City of Countryside.



Police Department Updates

Illinois Special Olympics Athletes

On May 16, 2025, Countryside police officers participated in the annual Cop on a Rooftop fundraiser to benefit Special Olympics. This popular community event enables special needs athletes to participate in sporting competitions which celebrate remarkable physical achievements and promote pride and self reliance. Our generous community raised \$3,217.12 for this worthy cause. As always, we extend a special note of gratitude to our friends at the Countryside Dunkin Donuts for once again making this event possible. We couldn't do it without you! To those community members who stopped by, we are deeply grateful for your continued support.



Traffic Safety is Everyone's Responsibility



The arrival of warm weather and longer days signals a return to outdoor activities and increased pedestrian traffic in town. This is an opportune time to remind drivers of the importance of obeying all posted speed limits and traffic control signs and devices located throughout the City.

The Countryside Police Department places a high priority on ensuring the safety of the community. Our patrol activity includes careful oversight of residential areas in particular, where a recent uptick of higher speeds has been noted. Rest assured, we will be augmenting already comprehensive coverage of our neighborhoods with directed patrols to specifically address speeding and stop sign violators. Concerned residents are also welcome to request a P.D. speed sign trailer be temporarily placed on their street by emailing police@countrysidepolice.org.

Police Department Welcomes Social Worker

The Countryside Police Department is very pleased to welcome Ms. Mariah Cox to our staff. Ms. Cox is a Mental Health Clinician who provides compassionate insight and guidance to individuals facing personal challenges. Mariah earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice from Illinois State University and received her Master's degree in Forensic Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She is currently working toward getting her Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) license and has five years of clinical experience. She specializes in forensic psychology, crisis intervention, trauma, eating disorders, and mood disorders.

Mariah's presence at our department provides the kind of additional support and follow-up capabilities we are committed to providing those in crisis. If you or someone you know is in need of a helping hand, please consider reaching out.

Mariah's direct phone number is (708) 485-3902 and her e-mail is mcox@countrysidepolice.org.



Finance Department Earns Audit and Budget Awards



The City's Finance Department has been recognized for earning both the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award as well as the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (audit award) from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (the "GFOA").

This marks the 18th consecutive year that the City has received the Certificate of Achievement for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Certificate is the highest form of recognition in governmental financial reporting and serves as evidence of the City's spirit of transparency and full disclosure.

The City also received the Distinguished Budget Award for the 9th consecutive year. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In addition to earning the award this year, the City also received special recognition for its development and communication of its strategic goals and strategies.

Top 10 Sales Tax Generators

The City of Countryside depends on sales tax revenue to support the majority of general operations. It has and will continue to be a top priority for the City to attract high sales tax generating businesses.

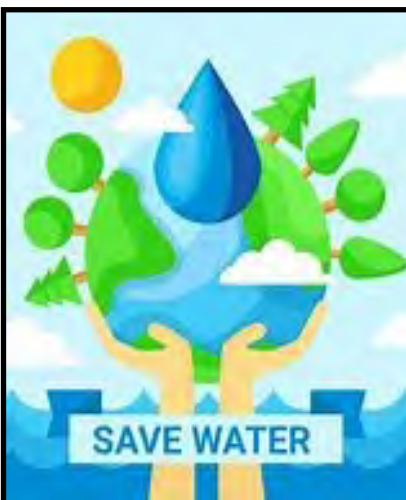
The total sales tax rate in Countryside was 9.75% during calendar year 2024 and of this total rate, the City automatically receives a 1.0% local share of the tax rate and an additional .75% home rule sales tax rate on qualifying purchases (general merchandise only - excluding vehicles and packaged food.)

For calendar year 2024, the total sales tax collected by the City was just under \$11 million dollars. The top ten businesses (listed in alphabetical order) generate about 47% of all the sales tax collected. **Shop Countryside!**

TOP TEN

Autobarn Subaru
Autobarn Volkswagen
Ettleson Hyundai
Floor & Décor
Gerald Honda
Home Depot
Jack Phelan Chrysler
Dodge/Jeep/ Ram
Jewel
TJ Maxx
Westfield Ford

Water Rate Change Effective June 1st



The City of Chicago has announced a water rate increase of 4.0% which will be effective for water consumed after June 1st by its wholesale customers. In response to the scheduled water rate increase from the City of Chicago, the Village of McCook announced an increase to the City of Countryside to \$6.19/thousand or +4.00%. In an effort to cover the increased water supply costs and to ensure ample funding for water system operating and capital replacement costs, the City Council elected to increase retail water rates by the pass-through rate of 4.00%.

Water bills are based on consumption, so conserving water not only benefits the environment but can save you money. Consider installing low-flow showerheads and water-efficient toilets, washing full loads in your washing machine and dishwasher, and creating a water smart landscape that minimizes the need for watering.

Small changes add up to help reduce your usage and your water bill!

Building Department

Code Corner

The City Council has recently approved some code changes for the City of Countryside. Below are the Ordinance numbers with a brief description of the Ordinance.

25-09-O - This Ordinance is adding language that requires when a roof is damaged due to wind, hail, tornado or storm damage; if it is damaged over 25%, it must be color and material matched or the entire roof replaced. The roof must have a uniform appearance. This Ordinance also applies to siding. Tarping of roofs cannot be longer than 90 days.



25-10-O - This Ordinance is regarding lighting emitting onto neighboring properties. "To cause or permit the emission of light from any residential, multi family or commercial property onto another property so as to cause annoyance or discomfort to the residents thereof".

25-11-O - This Ordinance is regarding responsible animal care. Dog or animal waste must be immediately picked up whether public or PRIVATE property. A property owner may not allow animal waste to accumulate to allow stench to become offensive to neighboring properties. Also included in this Ordinance is a limit on keeping more than three dogs or three cats at a property.



25-12-O - This Ordinance requires all work on commercial or residential properties be completed in a workmanlike manner. "All work shall be conducted, installed and completed in a workmanlike and acceptable manner as to secure the results intended by this Code."



25-13-O - This Ordinance increases the number of chickens kept on a property from four to six. Remember a permit is required from the City of Countryside to keep chickens on a property and NO roosters are allowed.

25-14-O - This Ordinance regulates portable toilets. When placing a portable toilet on a property, a permit from the City of Countryside is required. A fee of \$5.00 per day of use will be paid at the time of permit. A temporary use permit for a portable toilet is allowed for no more than five days, which cannot be repeated in a calendar year. This does not include portable toilets used for construction activity on a property, or community events.



25-15-O - The use of electric bicycles and scooters on major thoroughfares has increased. This ordinance regulates the operation and licensing of bicycles, low speed electrical bicycles and personal mobility devices. All residents must register their bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device with the City Clerk. An application must be completed and the Clerk will issue a numbered identification tag which shall be firmly attached to the bicycles, low-speed electric bicycle or personal mobility device at all times. Persons operating such vehicles shall ride in single file with both hands on the handlebars at all times. **ATTENTION PARENTS and GUARDIANS:** It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian to permit any minor child to violate any provision of this chapter. Every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$750. A copy of the entire ordinance is available on the City's website.

Welcome to Countryside

KCPT, Inc.
9910 W. 55th Street
Physical therapy & functional rehab-lifting

Next Step Physical Therapy
919 W. 55th Street, #A
Physical Therapy Clinic

iRepair Tek
24 E Plainfield Road
Cell Phone, laptop repair shop



Building Department

With the change in weather, many homeowners will take on home improvement projects. If you are having work done to the outside/inside of your home, please remember the following permit and code requirements:



✓ Hours for construction are 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. If temperatures are above 95° F, work can begin at 6:00 a.m. No work can be performed on the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Tools other than heavy equipment may be used at any time within a fully enclosed structure; such tools outside a fully enclosed structure shall be used 7:00am to 8:00pm. Please be a good neighbor by ensuring that you and any landscaping and construction company is respectful of your neighbors.

✓ Typically a permit is required for the following common projects: Window and exterior door replacement, water heater, furnace/AC, fences, interior remodels, dumpster/PODS, roof, siding, gutter, soffit, fascia installation, decks, patios, swimming pools, sheds, underground drainage discharge and driveways or sidewalks. **MYTH:** Doing the work yourself (as the homeowner) means that you do not need to get a permit. **ANSWER:** FALSE! If you are not sure if a permit is required, call (708) 354-1860.

✓ Application Requirements:

- ◆ **Application:** Fill out completely. Found on our website www.countryside-il.org under “Forms and Permits” on the left side of the home page. Scroll down to Community Development and choose the appropriate application. Email the completed application to building@countryside-il.org.
- ◆ **Plat of Survey:** Submitted with all permits for new construction, additions and accessory structures, including replacing patios/decks and driveways. Plat of Survey **must be current** and reflect all structures on the property. Applications will be denied if a current plat of survey is not submitted with the application.
- ◆ **Engineering/Grading Plan:** Required for new construction or for any permit that will be disturbing the soil (patios, in-ground pools or major landscaping). Engineering/grading plans are reviewed by a consulting engineer for stormwater management compliance. **All engineering review fees are paid by the permit applicant.**
- ◆ **Copy of contract or estimate:** Details the scope of work and the cost of the job.
- ◆ **Contractor's License:** All contractors are required to be listed on a permit application and be registered with the City. Permits will not be issued when a contractor is not registered or their license has expired. Contractor's licenses expire yearly on December 31st.
- ◆ **J.U.L.I.E.:** Upon receiving your permit, call J.U.L.I.E. and they will arrange to visit your property and mark the locations of the underground utilities. **Call J.U.L.I.E. at 811 or (800) 892-0123.**
- ◆ **Permit Card:** Required to be displayed in a window or door that faces the street and is unobstructed. Failure to display the permit card will result in a fine.

✓ Inspections: Every permit requires an inspection on all work performed. The owner/contractor is responsible for obtaining all inspections. **FAILURE TO CALL FOR AN INSPECTION WILL RESULT IN FINES.** It is recommended that a homeowner does not make their final payment to their contractor until a final inspection has been completed and approved. This protects the homeowner by ensuring that the contractor has done the work according to the plans approved by the Community Development Department and the City Code. Call (708) 354-1860 to schedule the inspection.



Inspections occur Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. A contact name and number must be provided. Our inspectors may call in advance prior to their arrival on the job site if requested. Failure to be on-site for the inspection will result in a re-inspection fee being charged.

✓ Permits shall become invalid unless the work authorized is completed within 365 days after issuance, or if the work is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the time work is initiated, unless an extension is requested from and authorized by the Building Official.

If you have questions about building permits or possible violations, please contact the Community Development Department at (708) 354-1860 or visit the Community Development's web page on the City's website www.countryside-il.org/departments/community-development/.

Public Works Reminds You . . .

Brush Pick-Up

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.

Keep Storm Sewers Clear to Prevent Flooding

The Public Works Department is requesting that residents with a sewer cover near their homes help prevent street and parkway flooding by keeping the cover and inlets clear of grass clippings, leaves and other debris throughout the year. Clearing the sewer covers also helps prevent storm water backup into homes.



Restrictions on Sprinkling



City ordinance restricts sprinkling between May 15th and September 15th. Sprinkling lawns is **prohibited between the hours of Noon - 6:00 p.m.** During the hours when sprinkling is permitted, properties who addresses end in an odd numbered digit may water on odd numbered dates, and properties who addresses end in an even numbered digit may water on even numbered dates.

Lawn Sprinkler Systems/Fire Sprinkler Systems

Reminder ... All RPZ/Backflow devices are to be inspected annually. This is a City, State and Federal law to prevent cross-contamination of the potable water system.

Plumbers must register their information online: <https://bsionline.com/> or phone (888) 966-6050.



Irrigation systems should be tested before activation in the spring. Fire sprinkler testing can occur at any time.

Cook County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

The Cook County's Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) is expanding their Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM Center) at South Suburban College in South Holland. Currently the center provides residents a resource to safely dispose of household recyclable materials, clothing and textiles, polystyrene foam, electronics, computers, televisions and more. DES is in the process of expanding the CHaRM Center to include a household hazardous waste (HHW) facility to collect items such as oil-based paints, motor oil, fertilizer and more from residents. Collection activities are scheduled to begin in fall 2025. To learn more, visit: https://www.cookcountyil.gov/CHaRMCenter?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery



Upcoming Holiday

The City Hall will be closed in observance of **Independence Day**, Friday, July 4th
and **Labor Day**, Monday, September 1st



Mosquito and Tick Prevention

As we start to get warmer weather here in Countryside we also start to get some familiar, but unwelcomed pests. Mosquitos and ticks are not just a nuisance, they can also be dangerous as they are often infected with certain viruses which can be transmitted to their host.

Mosquito season typically begins in early April and ends with the first hard frost in the fall. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health “Mosquitoes and the diseases they spread have been responsible for killing more people in the world than all the wars in history.” Mosquito-borne diseases include West Nile Virus, Encephalitis, Filariasis, Yellow Fever, and Malaria. Not all mosquitoes carry disease, but if you are bitten and begin to experience symptoms such as fever, chills, body aches, and nausea be sure to contact your doctor. See tips on preventing mosquito bites in the sidebar.

Infected **ticks** can transmit diseases including Lyme disease, Powassan virus, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tularemia, and ehrlichiosis. Symptoms can be quite severe if not treated promptly. The greatest danger of a tick is their stealth nature. Ticks wait on the tips of grasses and shrubs for a host. When brushed by a moving person or animal they quickly let go and climb onto their host. Ticks are among the most efficient carriers of disease as their bites are painless, they attach firmly when sucking blood, feed slowly (up to several days), very small and can go unnoticed for a considerable time. The longer a tick is on you the higher the chance of infection.

PREVENTION

Mosquitoes



✓Reduce mosquito breeding sites:

Eliminate standing water in planters, gutters, bird baths and other areas.

✓Repel mosquitoes:

Use insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin.

✓Report mosquito problems:

Report public areas with stagnant water that could be a breeding ground to either the Cook County Department of Public Health or the Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District.

✓Take precautions:

Wear light colored clothing and minimize time spent outdoors during peak mosquito season.



Ticks

✓Wear protective clothing:

Long sleeves and pants tucked in socks can help limit exposure to ticks.

✓Use insect repellent:

Repellents containing DEET or picaridin can be used on skin and clothing.

✓Check for ticks:

Regularly check yourself, and pets for ticks, especially after spending time in nature.

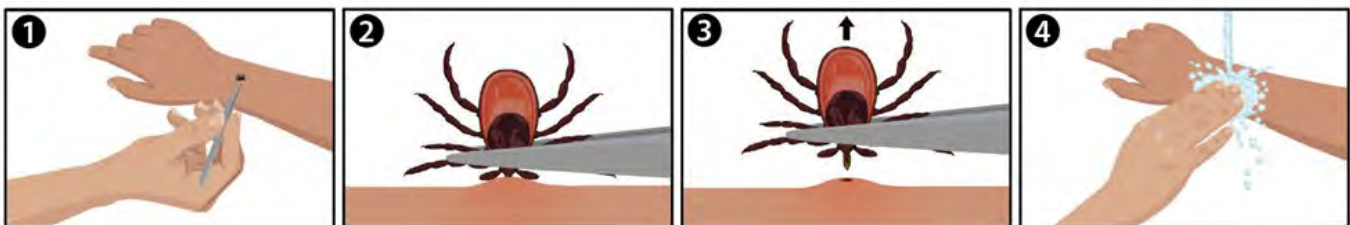
✓Avoid tick-prone areas:

Avoid tall grasses and stay in the center of trails when hiking or walking in wooded areas.

✓Remove ticks promptly:

Use pointy tweezers between your skin and the tick's mouth. Gently pull straight up.

How to Remove a Tick (Source: U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention)



Monitor for Symptoms (for at least 30 days)

Skin rash

Muscle or joint pain

Fatigue

Headaches/stiff neck

Joint swelling

Swollen lymph nodes

Fainting

Heart palpitations

Small bump or redness

Flu-like symptoms (fever or chills) at tick bite

Sign Up Today—E-News Mailing List

Countryside residents can receive City News updates via email. To join the list, click on “E-News Mailing List” on the home page of the City’s website, www.countryside-il.org, and follow the easy onscreen directions.

Flagg Creek Golf Course Is For Kids Too!

Ken Malnar has been a golf professional for over 30 years. He contracts with Flagg Creek Golf Course to teach and inspire children in the game of golf. Ken is committed to creating the ultimate golf experience while make lifetime memories powered by DiscoverGolf "Play-to-Learn" methodology, (Golf – Play – Education – Experience) unlike any other experience.

Ken offers spring sessions, summer golf camps, junior golf programs and coaching for 7th – 12th grades. Summer camps available:

Ages 5 – 7 years

M, W, TH & F 8:30am – 11am
Tues. only 9am – 11:30am

Ages 8 – 12 years

M – F 1:00pm – 4:00 pm
Loaner clubs available



For more information or to register visit
www.kenmalnar.golfcoachingsystem.com

Healthy Countryside

Enjoy our Parks and Recreation Spots This Summer!

Our city parks offer you a great opportunity to get outside and enjoy the weather this summer. Whether you enjoy pickleball or tennis, sand volleyball or skateboarding – or simply walking to get some exercise, visit our parks to take advantage of our great facilities! Three of our parks also offer baseball/softball diamonds and soccer fields. Just be sure to put on sunscreen to protect yourself as you enjoy being outdoors.



Go Online to Learn About Healthy Aging

Visit the Healthy Countryside page on the city website to see the replay of the Healthy Aging Presentation, held April 10. About 140 people attended the event to learn how to reduce the risk of getting Alzheimer's or another dementia, when and how to seek support for yourself or a loved one, and strategies and resources for healthy aging.

Please Visit Healthy Hotspot Restaurants

The Healthy Hotspot Restaurant Program encourages restaurants to offer — and the community to eat — more whole plant foods, making healthy choices easier. Check out the plant-based entrées at these Healthy Hotspot Restaurants: [Viet Heritage Cuisine](#) , [Ledo's Pizza](#) and [Rafferty's Irish Pub](#).

Stay tuned for details on the city's Aug. 9 Back-to-School Wellness Fair at Ideal school grounds where Healthy Countryside will have fun activities to support your healthy habits.

Fireworks are Illegal in Countryside

The Consumer Product Safety Commission states, "Fireworks are beautiful to watch, but they can be deadly when mishandled or misused, or if the fireworks themselves contain illegal components." Fireworks can explode unexpectedly or go off in the wrong direction. Fireworks burn at more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause burns, loss of a finger or hand and surgery/hospitalization.



It is unlawful for any person to knowingly possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell, use or explode any fireworks within the city other than supervised public displays of fireworks approved and permitted by the City. Due to the number of complaints received about illegal fireworks last year, the City Council increased the fine. Violations shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$750.00. Please respect your neighbors and their property. Every year more than 10,000 firework injuries are treated in emergency rooms. Don't be the cause of one of them!

Community Happenings

CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2025

COUNTRYSIDE PARK
THURSDAYS 7:00-9:00PM

JUN 12
RHYTHM ROCKETS
 JAZZ, RHYTHM & BLUES FROM THE 40'S & 50'S

JUN 19
SEMPL
 CHICAGO COVER BAND: ALL GENRES & CURRENT MUSIC

JUN 26
THE DBS
 A COLLECTION OF BLUEGRASS TO BLUES TO ROCK

JUL 10
GENERATION
 CLASSIC ROCK & SOUL

JUL 17
BEYOND THE BLONDE
 COVERS OF PINK, GWEN STEFANI, LADY GAGA, AND OTHER FEMALE ICONS OF POP & ROCK

JUL 24
ERIC CASE BAND
 CLASSIC COUNTRY & SOULFUL ROCK

JUL 31
OPENER: BIPOLAR BEAR COVER BAND
STRUNG OUT BAND
 ULTIMATE TRIBUTE BAND TO THE 1970'S

AUG 7
ANCHORS AWAY
 YACHT ROCK (AKA SOFT ROCK) COVERS GENRES FROM THE MID-1970S TO THE MID-1980S

FIREWORK SHOW AT 9:00 PM

COUNTRYSIDE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

AUGUST 16, 2025 • COUNTRYSIDE PARK
1:00PM-9:00PM 630 61ST STREET



LIVE MUSIC THE GRATEFUL STRING BAND

7:15PM - 8:30PM

ANDERLIK, OTTO & CHURCH
5:15PM - 6:45PM

CHICKEN WIRE EMPIRE
3:30PM - 4:45PM

RIVER VALLEY RANGERS
2:15PM - 3:00PM

WHEELS NORTH
1:00PM - 1:45PM

BAND SCRAMBLE - CLOSING JAM
8:30PM - 9:00PM

FOOD TRUCKS & BREWERIES







FOR MORE INFO CALL: 708-485-2545

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY



Saturday, August 2, 2025
9:00 am - 11:00 am

City Hall Parking Lot
803 Joliet Road

Limit of 5 Boxes

Prevent consumer fraud and identity theft by shredding your personal papers.

Upcoming Meetings

July

1	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
9	City Council	7:30 p.m.
15	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.

August

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

September

2	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
9	Fire & Police Commission	5:00 p.m.
10	City Council	7:30 p.m.
16	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE

BACK TO SCHOOL

Wellness Fair

August 9, 2025



IDEAL SCHOOL

2-4PM



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COUNTRYSIDE IL
60525



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803 Joliet Road
Countryside, IL 60525

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Sean McDermott

Clerk

Elizabeth Kmet

Treasurer

Courtney Bolt

Aldermen

Mark Benson

John Finn

Tom Frohlich

Thomas Mikolyzk

Scott Musillami

John Von Drasek



Websites to Know

City of Countryside

www.countryside-il.org

Cook County Clerk

www.cookcountyclerk.com

Flagg Creek Golf Course

www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.com

Pleasant Dale Park District

www.pdparks.org

Pleasantview Fire Protection District

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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