

Countryside CONNECTIONS

SUMMER 2017

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City Aldermen Elected



The May 10th City Council meeting included the swearing in of 3 re-elected Aldermen. John Finn (Ward 1), John Von Drasek (Ward 2), and Mark Benson (Ward 3) all took the oath of office, administered by Mayor Sean McDermott. The Aldermen will serve a 4-year term.

Congratulations!



Coffee with the Mayor - August 12th 10 - 11 a.m.

Jonathan Tallman from Dewberry Architects was the guest speaker at Coffee with the Mayor in April. He shared the preliminary site plan, department layouts and façade renderings of the new City Hall with the group. Many individuals asked questions about parking and use of the community room by outside organizations. The input received at this meeting will be taken into account as the City finalizes the design of the new facility. A special thanks to Andy's Frozen Custard which provided delicious treats for everyone to enjoy during the presentation.

Please join the Mayor on August 12, 2017 for the next Coffee with the Mayor. A representative from Interfaith Community Partners will be talking about the services their non-profit provides to residents in Lyons Township and the surrounding communities. More information can be found on page 7.



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Countryside Honors Former Mayor Carl W. LeGant

Former Mayor Carl LeGant passed away on May 18, 2017 at the age of 88. Carl served the City for over 5 decades. He was one of the founding fathers when Countryside incorporated on July 27, 1960. He served as Ward 3 Alderman beginning in 1963 for 15 years until 1978 when he became Mayor. Carl was a dedicated leader of our community until 2007.

During his years serving the City he participated on many committees including the Police and Water Committees. Carl was instrumental in bringing Lake Michigan water to the City of Countryside and eventually to Indian Head Park and La Grange Highlands.

Carl's most gratifying accomplishment was the conception, design and dedication of Countryside Memorial Park at the intersection of Plainfield Road and 55th Street. The park with its landmark clock tower was dedicated to veterans of the United States military on July 23, 2000. The City Council recently voted to rename the park Carl W. LeGant Memorial Park. A dedication ceremony will be held in the future where a boulder will be installed listing all council members' names involved in the park's development.



Brainard Avenue Bike Path

In 2014, the City was notified that it is the recipient of an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Brainard Avenue multi-use path. This is an 80/20 grant with the City of Countryside funding \$236,550.00 for the project and the remaining \$946,200.00 being paid for using federal funding through the ITEP grant. The total cost of the project is \$1,182,750.00.

The City will be installing an 8 foot wide multi-use path along the east side of Brainard Avenue from Joliet Road to 55th Street. The scope of work consists of earth excavation; installation of an aggregate base course and hot mix asphalt; storm sewer and drainage improvements; pavement markings; signage; traffic signal modifications and parkway restoration. The Brainard Avenue multi-use path will benefit the City, making it easier, safer and more convenient to get around by foot or bike. A multi-use path will reinforce proper roadway etiquette, raise the visibility of cyclists and help bicyclists and drivers share the road space. The multi-use path will also support many recreation opportunities, such as walking, running, cycling, rollerblading and skateboarding. The children will have a safe place to walk, ride their bikes, and get to school. Work on this project will begin around August 2018 and the majority of the path will be operational by the end of 2018.

The City held a public information meeting on May 21, 2017 regarding the proposed path. To see a copy of the presentation, please visit www.countryside-il.org and click on the "construction news" link on the left side of the page. For additional information, please call Assistant City Administrator Sharon Peterson at (708) 485-2595.

Mosquito Abatement

The Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District has found its first positive mosquito samples for West Nile Virus within the District last month. The combined efforts of any mosquito abatement program can't succeed without the assistance of the public. Since disease carrying mosquitoes develop in stagnant water, places that hold water for more than a week are potential sources of mosquitoes.



Residents can take these steps to eliminate potential sources of mosquitoes:

- ➔ **Keep weeds and grass cut short.**
- ➔ **Maintain your swimming pool.**
- ➔ **Change the water in bird baths weekly.**
- ➔ **Remove containers, buckets, etc. which may accumulate water.**
- ➔ **Window screens should be inspected and repaired if damaged to prevent mosquitoes from entering the home.**

For the latest district news call (708) 447-1765 or visit www.desplainesvalleymad.com.

Ettleson Hyundai

The City entered into a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Agreement with Ettleson Hyundai. The purpose of the agreement is to retain the Hyundai dealership in Countryside. Currently, they are renting the facility at 6420 Joliet Road. Under the agreement the City will sell Ettleson the vacant property at 5631 La Grange Road and Ettleson will build a new 25,000 square foot single story car dealership. Mr. Ettleson has agreed to sell both the Hyundai and Genesis lines from this location. He anticipates a 20% increase in sales due to the new SUV models and the new location. This development will also help the TIF district by bringing in an estimated \$1.4 million in incremental tax revenue to the City over the life of the TIF district.



The site work began this spring at 5631 S. La Grange Road. Construction is expected to go through the end of the year.

The TIF district was created in 2010 to assist private commercial development along La Grange Road after several dealerships closed. The TIF district was instrumental in the development of the Countryside City Center (Illinois Harley Davidson, Texas Roadhouse, Hooters, Starbucks, T-Mobile, Vitamin Shoppe, and Chick-fil-A), Andy's Frozen Custard and now Ettleson Hyundai. The TIF district will be dissolved in 2033 or earlier if all projects are complete and debts are paid.

New City Hall/Police Station

The City's staff continues to work with Dewberry Architects to finalize the interior layout of the various departments, common areas and public areas of the new facility. The Design Committee, composed of elected officials, a business owner, and residents, met in May to review the preliminary renderings of the exterior of the building. They will be meeting again to review materials including stone, brick, and trim materials for texture and color. Below is a preliminary rendering which will continue to be revised over the next few months. Please visit the City's website at www.countryside-il.org for updates on the project including a copy of Dewberry's slide presentations.

In the meantime, the City has graded the property and installed a temporary 8 foot fence along the property perimeter to help reduce the disruption to the neighbors. The City plans to go out to bid in August for the site work including relocating a La Grange Highlands water main, burying utility lines, and installation of utilities for the new facility. The goal is to complete the site work before winter. Construction of the new facility will begin next spring.

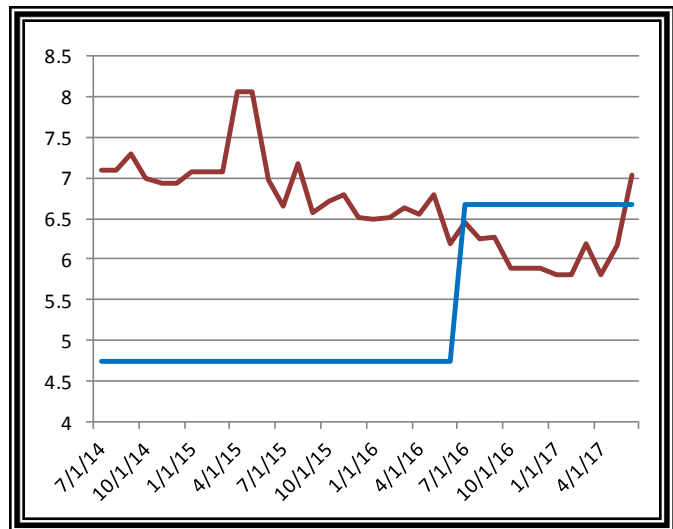


Electric Aggregation Program

Residents recently received a mailing from the City, announcing the renewal of the electric aggregation program for another year. With the ComEd rate increasing over 10%, the City extended its aggregation program to help lower residents' home billing.

The ComEd average residential base rate increased from 6.32¢ to 7.185¢ per kilowatt hour, starting June 1. The City's fixed aggregation rate through next October will be 6.633¢ per kilowatt hour. This compares favorably to the ComEd rate that can adjust up or down each month by a half of a cent per kilowatt hour. Based on this adjustment the average ComEd rate could be between 6.685¢ and 7.685¢ per kilowatt hour, while the countryside aggregation rate is fixed at 6.633¢ per kilowatt hour.

Since inception, the City's aggregation program has resulted in \$275 of savings for the average homeowner, when comparing the City's aggregation rate to ComEd's rate. The City is able to accomplish this by performing a group bid for the aggregate power needs of the City. In addition, there are many residents that are pleased that the City is managing the program, as they find the purchase of electricity confusing. Residents are free to leave the City's program at any time with no early termination fee.



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. As of December 2016, the City abated the property tax levy for the third consecutive tax year. The City has again determined that all operating and capital expenses for the upcoming budgeted fiscal year can be supported without a municipal property tax being assessed on residents and businesses.

The total sales tax rate in Countryside was 9.75% during calendar year 2016 and of this total rate, the City automatically receives a 1.0% retailers' occupation (sales) tax local rate and an additional .75% home rule sales tax rate on qualifying purchases.

For calendar year 2016, the total sales tax collected by the City approximated \$8.69 million dollars, of which, the top ten businesses generated half of that sales tax. Remember to shop Countryside!



Upcoming Meetings

July

11 Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
12 City Council	7:30 p.m.
19 Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.
26 City Council	7:30 p.m.

August

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

September

12 Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
12 Fire & Police Commission	5:00 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.

Welcome to Countryside

Baltic Food Distributing, Inc.

5808 East Avenue
Wholesale distribution warehouse.

Phenix Salon Suites Countryside

23 Countryside Plaza
Rental of suites to hair stylists and nail techs.

TCI Contractors, LLC

7061 Willow Springs Road
General contractor.

IDOT Business Outreach Meeting

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is proposing widening 55th Street from East Avenue to La Grange Road. This project will include:

- ♦ A continuous 5 lane road with a center turn lane.
- ♦ Dedicated right turn lanes at the north, east and west legs of the intersection.
- ♦ Increased stacking of cars for left turns (including raised medians for safety).
- ♦ Continuous sidewalks for pedestrian safety.
- ♦ Traffic signal modernization.
- ♦ Lighting & drainage improvements.

IDOT estimates that 126 parking spaces will be impacted by this project. 125 of these parking spaces are encroaching on the State's right of way. Therefore, IDOT has the legal right to remove the parking spaces and install their improvements. However, with the impact on the businesses, IDOT scheduled a Business Outreach Meeting.

On June 1, 2017, IDOT met with business and property owners to review the project parameters, the need for the improvements, and the anticipated timing of the project. After their presentation, IDOT representatives discussed the impact of the project on specific properties with the owners. Everyone was encouraged to write down their comments and submit them to IDOT at the meeting or email them to DOT.55thStreet@Illinois.gov. IDOT will review all the comments prior to completing Phase 1 (Design Phase) of the project. IDOT and the City will continue to work with owners to try and minimize the impact on businesses.

This project is included in the IDOT's 5-year plan for 2018-2023. If funding is available, IDOT anticipates bidding the project in 2019 or 2020. Please see the City's website at www.countryside-il.org/general/construction-news/ for a copy of IDOT's presentation and regular updates on this project.



Historic Preservation Committee

Mayor McDermott appointed 7 individuals to serve on the City's Historic Preservation Ad-Hoc Committee. The committee is to collect, organize and report on the City's history. If you have any pictures, documents or articles from the past that you are willing to share, you can scan and email them to Deputy Clerk Margaret Carey at mcarey@countryside-il.org or bring them to City Hall. The Clerk's Office staff will scan and return the originals to you. We will be happy to acknowledge your contribution if we display them at the new City Hall.

Committee Members

Sue Burdett
Bob Conrad
Jim Jasinski
Ed Krzeminski
Robert Lube
Tom Mikolyzk

Staff Liaison:
Margaret Carey

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

It is important to dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and appropriate manner. The Illinois EPA offers the following two long-term collection facilities:



City of Chicago - 1150 N. North Branch Street
(312) 744-7672

Tues: 7 a.m. - Noon

Thurs: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

1st Saturday of each month 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Naperville - 156 Fort Hill Drive
(630) 420-6095

Sat: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sun: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

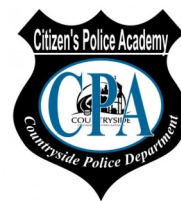
Below is a list of common household hazardous waste material.

Antifreeze, oil-based paints, paint thinners, aerosol paints, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, lawn chemicals, solvents, cleaning products, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, mercury, compact fluorescent lamps and light bulbs.

Police Updates

Citizen's Police Academy

Live, work, or volunteer in the City of Countryside? Interested in how our police department operates or looking to participate in a community program? Adults of all ages are encouraged to apply for the Countryside Police Department Citizen's Police Academy. Applications are available at the Police Department and on our website at www.countrysidepolice.org. For more information about the Citizen's Police Academy, please contact the Countryside Police Department at (708) 352-2171 or police@countrysidepolice.org.



ATTENTION

**NO SOLICITORS
OR PEDDLERS
INVITED**



Ordinance Reminder:

Solicitors are prohibited from knocking on doors at homes that have a "No Solicitor" sign displayed. No Solicitor stickers are available at the Countryside Police Department.

Need a safe spot to exchange items purchased or sold on the Internet?

Residents of Countryside making online transactions that require a meet up are encouraged to use the Countryside Police Department lobby as a safe meeting spot for the exchange of internet purchases. The Police Department lobby is under 24 hour video surveillance and there is an emergency phone located in the lobby that will automatically connect with a 911 dispatcher. Please feel free to contact the Countryside Police Department with any questions or for more information at (708) 352-2171 or police@countrysidepolice.org.



**INTERNET
PURCHASE
EXCHANGE
LOCATION**

2017 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois Events

On May 19, 2017 our officers participated in the annual Dunkin' Donuts Cop on Rooftop event. They raised \$2,855.00 for Special Olympics Illinois. **Harley Davidson raffle** tickets are 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. **"Beards for a Cause"** in support of Special Olympics and the Chicago Blackhawks brought in \$1,790.00. The **Texas Roadhouse Free Benefit Lunch** is being held on Friday, July 28, 2017. Updates will be available on our department Facebook page and our webpage at www.countrysidepolice.org.



Safe Riding Program

Countryside police officers will be out all summer looking to "catch" kids riding safe by wearing their bicycle helmets. If kids are caught, they can be rewarded with a certificate for a free cone from Andy's Frozen Custard.

CAR TEMPERATURE PET SAFETY CHART

How long does it take
for a car to get HOT?

Outside Temp (F)	Vehicle Temperature	
	10mins	30mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

WITHIN MINUTES
INTERIOR
CAR TEMPS
CAN BE DEADLY!



"Your vehicle can quickly reach a temperature that puts your pet at risk of serious illness and even death, even on a day that doesn't seem hot to you. And cracking the windows makes no difference."

"Before you put your pet in the vehicle, ask yourself if you really need to take your pet with you - and if the answer is no, leave your pet safely at home." www.avma.org



**TEXTING and DRIVING ...
it can wait.**

interfaith community partners

Interfaith Community Partners (ICP) is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults and individuals with disabilities in Lyons Township and surrounding communities. Currently, over 85 volunteers provide escorted transportation to medical appointments, therapies, and life enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, and hairdresser. We also drive clients with disabilities to their places of employment. There is no cost to our clients. We are solely funded by private donations, grants, fundraising, and church support. In 1999, with grants from the Community Memorial Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Faith in Action) local church congregations formed ICP. Those churches still partner with us and act as liaisons to recruit volunteers and clients as well as to support us financially. We are always looking for volunteer drivers. For more information and a volunteer application, please call 708-354-9328, or email us at interfaithcommunitypartners@gmail.com, or visit our website at www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org.

Countryside's 1st Criterium



On Saturday, August 5, 2017, the first Countryside Criterium, sponsored by Autobarn Subaru and Volkswagen, will be held in Ward 2. The City of Countryside and the Countryside Business Association are working with Ultimate Pro Bikes, 6558 Joliet Road on this exciting event. A "Criterium" is a bike race that consists of several laps around a closed circuit, the length of each lap or circuit ranging from about 500 meters to 1000 meters. Riders of all levels from amateur to professional are expected to participate. This event will be a neighborhood bicycle festival including food vendors, entertainment and a community fun ride along the race course. On August 5th, we will begin setting up for the race around 6:00 a.m., the races will be from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. During this time, street closures will take place from Lorraine Drive to Sunset Avenue between 67th Street to 71st Street. We are working on a parking plan for the residents and cyclists and will have information on our website shortly.

For more information, please contact Assistant City Administrator Sharon Peterson at 708-485-2595.

Ceremonial First Pitch



Shannon Rapp, resident and Countryside Business Association board member, threw out the first pitch on May 11, 2017 at the White Sox game. Shannon is a former softball player and had no problem hitting the strike zone!

Countryside Seniors Club



The May meeting of the Countryside Seniors Club honored retiring officers Art and Darlene Vogel. The incoming President, Gary Przewoznik, presented them with a gift certificate as a token of appreciation for their 20 years of service.

The club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor at City Hall. Refreshments, bingo, and rummy provide entertainment at their meetings. All are welcome, regardless of residency.

For more information, please contact Gary at (708) 579-5850.

Building Department

With the change in weather, many home owners will take on home improvement projects. If you are having work done on or in 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.
- ✓ Typically a permit is required for the following common projects: Window replacement, exterior door replacement, fences, dumpster or PODS, roof installation, siding, gutter installation, decks, patios, swimming pools, sheds, underground drainage discharge, and driveways.
- ✓ Application Requirements:
 - ◆ **Application:** Filled out completely.
 - ◆ **Plat of Survey:** Submitted along 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.
 - ◆ **Site Plan:** Required for new construction, additions and accessory structures, drawn to scale, with the building dimensions noted. The site plan can be shown on the plat of survey. New construction plans are reviewed by a consulting building official. **All building review fees are paid by the building permit applicant.**
 - ◆ **Engineering/Grading Plan:** Required for new construction or for any permit that will be disturbing the soil (large patios, in-ground pools or major landscaping). Engineering/grading plans are reviewed by a consulting engineer for stormwater management compliances. **All engineering review fees are paid by the building 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.
 - ◆ **Permit Card:** Required to be displayed in a window or door that faces the street and is un-obstructed. Failure to display the permit card will result in a fine.
 - ◆ **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.**
- ✓ Inspections: Required 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.
 - ◆ Inspections occur Monday – Friday within the times of 9:00 a.m. - Noon during the summer months. Inspections occur on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the remainder of the year within the times of 9:00 a.m. - Noon.
- ✓ 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. The exception is unless an extension has been requested to 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. ☎

Lawn Sprinkling Restrictions

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, odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered dates, and even numbered addresses may water on even numbered dates.

Water Conservation Tips

Studies show the average household uses about 400 gallons of water per day for drinking, cooking, bathing, washing dishes and clothes, flushing toilets, watering lawns and gardens, and maintaining pools. Listed below are some tips you can use to reduce that number.

1. **Thawing Food** - Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.
2. **Quicker Showers** - A 10 minute shower can use as much as 40 gallons of water. Try a five minute shower instead.
3. **Run the Dishwasher** - Use a dishwasher rather than wash by hand. Running a full dishwasher requires about 20 gallons of water, compared to the 40 gallons required to wash the same amount of dishes.
4. **Faucets** - Replace old faucets with more efficient ones which can save the average family about 700 gallons of water per year.
5. **Gardens** - Collect water from your roof to water your garden.
6. **Outdoor Faucets and Hoses** - Check for leaks.

2017 Street Resurfacing Program

The City of Countryside will be contracting for road resurfacing work on three streets and two alleys this summer/early fall. The project includes curb replacement as needed, roadway base repair, and replacement of asphalt surface from curb to curb. This work is part of the City's 5-year street and alley program to improve the road system throughout the community. The funding for the project will be from the City's General Fund, and there will be no direct charge to the property owners on these streets.



STREETS

- ✓ Catherine Ave. from 55th Street to 57th St.
- ✓ 56th Ct. from the west limit to 9th Ave.
- ✓ 67th St. from Willow Springs Rd. to Sunset Ave.

ALLEYS

- ✓ Alley north of Plainfield Road from Kensington Ave. to LaGrange Rd.
- ✓ Alley west of LaGrange Rd. from Plainfield Rd. to 53rd St.

The City will notify the affected homeowners and businesses prior to work beginning.

City Services

Block Party Request: An application must be completed and returned to the Clerk's office at least 3 weeks in advance of the event. There is no charge for this service.

Garage/Estate Sale: A permit is required at no cost to the resident. Two garage/estate sales are permitted per household per calendar year, for three consecutive days.

Library and Pool Reimbursements: Countryside offers its residents a 50% reimbursement (one per household, up to a maximum of \$100) toward the cost of membership in the public library of their choice. To apply, bring your library card, valid driver's license, and the paid membership to the Clerk's office.

Residents are also offered a 50% reimbursement (one per household, up to a maximum of \$100) toward the cost of a membership to any outdoor swimming pool. Fitness Clubs and YMCA memberships are not eligible unless a separate "outdoor pool" rate is established. To apply for a reimbursement, bring in your paid receipt and valid driver's license to the Clerk's office. All 2017 pool memberships must be presented by December 31, 2017 to be eligible for a reimbursement.

For more information about these services, please contact the Clerk's office at (708) 354-7270. **Forms are available at the Clerk's office or on our website.**

FYI Is your business planning a special event? Don't forget to submit a special event application to the Clerk's Office.

Speak Out!

"Speak Out" provides a way in which YOU can communicate with the City of Countryside elected officials and administration. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive a response. If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet.

Full Name: _____ as a citizen/business owner of the City of Countryside, it is my opinion that: _____

Date: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Mail to: "Speak Out" City of Countryside, 5550 East Avenue, Countryside, IL 60525 or e-mail to: cityhall@countryside-il.org

Full Name, mailing address, or e-mail address are required for a response.

Municipal Clerk's Week



Our City Clerk's office celebrated Municipal Clerks' Week May 7-13, 2017. The week-long event is aimed at increasing the public's awareness of the vital services City Clerks provide for local government and the community. The highlight of the week was the presentation of a Proclamation by Mayor McDermott at the May 10th City Council meeting. Clerk Susan Burdett along with the entire staff of the Clerk's Office was on hand to receive the special recognition.

Program Excellence Award

We are proud to announce that the City Clerk's Office is the recipient of the 2017 Program Excellence award from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Margaret Carey accepted the award at the 2017 International Conference in May. The award was granted for the Angel Tree Program that was introduced by the Clerk's Office last fall, to assist our residents in need during the holidays.



Community Happenings

THE CBA & CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE PRESENT

BEST OF Countryside

Free ENTRY **JULY 13-16TH**

LIVE MUSIC

- Thurs, July 13
 - * EVIL BURRITO
- Friday, July 14
 - * THE REDMONDS
 - * RECKLESS
- Saturday, July 15
 - * ARRA
- Sunday, July 16
 - * SCOTT ALLEN BAND
 - * TIMELESS

CITY PARK
61st Street and Ashland Avenue, Behind the Home Depot

For event info (rides, hours, etc.):
CBACOUNTRYSIDE.COM/CARNIVAL (708) 485-2695

CBA
BUSINESS - COMMUNITY

Summertime fun brought to you by the Countryside Business Association and the City of Countryside. The carnival is a family friendly community event featuring live music, amusement rides, food and drinks, bingo, bags tournament sponsored by Ledo's Pizza, raffles, business vendors, and more! Mega Pass wristbands for unlimited carnival rides can be purchased at a discounted rate of \$60 (online at www.cbacountryside.com/carnival), in person at the Concerts in the Park before July 11th (BEST VALUE) or at the carnival for \$75. Visit www.cbacountryside.com for more information or call the **Carnival Hotline at (708) 485-2695**.



The Countryside Business Association organized a Spring Pub Crawl on May 20, 2017 as part of its ongoing "Shop Local" campaign. Trolleys transported 100+ "crawlers" to and from eight Countryside establishments (Flagg Creek, Spot on 66, Rafferty's, Stanley's Pub, Rolling Lanes, Time Out, Ledo's and Café Salsa) throughout the evening. Each bar offered specials and a raffle prize for pub crawl participants.

Pictured: Nick Mataragas (Time Out) with Gail Paul (Pub Crawler) who won the raffle prize at Time Out.

Summer Concert Series

The City will be raffling off a \$1,000 Visa gift card donated by Westfield Ford. The raffle will be at the final concert on August 3rd. Tickets will be sold for \$5 a piece, and **all proceeds will go to The New Countryside Women's Club**, that provides scholarships to Countryside residents.

Thanks to... our sponsors for this year's concert series. It is only with community sponsored support that we are able to present these **FREE** concerts to the Countryside community.

CJ Wilson BMW Motorcycles
CJ Wilson Mazda
Countryside Business Association
Groot Industries
Heartland Bank
Hooters
Infinity Communications Group
Vulcan Materials Company
Westfield Ford

A Special Thank You to Westfield Ford for being our Presenting Sponsor.

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

	Where: Countryside Park
	Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Day: Thursday
July 6	Orange Star (Opening Act) Corey Dennison Band (Headliner)
July 20	Joe Elvis Tirrito (Opening Act) The Four C Notes (Headliner)
July 27	Evil Burrito (Opening Act) Lincoln Don't Lie (Headliner) (FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9 P.M.)
August 3	Rosie & the Rivets (Opening Act) Cadillac Groove (Headliner) (FIREWORKS RAIN DATE)

Flagg Creek Golf News

Fall Scramble

DATE: September 17th
TEE TIME: 3:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

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

Sign up in the Pro Shop (708) 246-3336.
Space is limited!





City of Countryside
5550 East Avenue
Countryside, 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

Fax: (708) 354-9029

Community Development:

Main: (708) 354-1860

Fax: (708) 354-9029