

Countryside CONNECTIONS

SUMMER 2018

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Municipal Complex Ground Breaking Ceremony

City officials had a ground breaking ceremony at the future Municipal Complex site on May 9, 2018.



Pictured below from L to R: Margaret Carey, Deputy Clerk, Gail Paul, City Administrator, Aldermen Tom Mikolyzk, Mark Benson, and John Von Drasek, Mayor Sean McDermott, Aldermen John Finn, Scott Musillami, and Jim Jasinski, Chief Joe Ford and Sharon Peterson, Assistant City Administrator .



After the ground breaking ceremony, elected officials were given an update on the construction from project manager, Adam Slotkus, Frederick Quinn Corporation. Excavation was completed in May. The storm trap installed (pictured in the middle) can hold 23,131 cubic feet or 173,032 gallons of storm water. In addition, rebar was installed and footings poured. The piping of the storm structure, interior underground plumbing and installation of the basement foundation walls, interior piers and elevator pit are all scheduled to begin in June. Check out the City's Facebook page for updated construction photos.



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Coffee with the Mayor - August 25th 10 - 11 a.m.



Residents joined the Mayor for coffee and authentic Mexican pastries, compliments of **Pueblo Bakery**, on Cinco de Mayo. The bakery recently opened at 5410 S. La Grange Road. Please stop by and sample their goodies.

State Representative Jim Durkin visited with the residents and spoke about current issues being discussed in Springfield. Balancing the budget and pension reform were two of the bigger issues discussed. This led to a lively discussion among the attendees. In addition, Brian Duffy and biologist Mark Tomek from the Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District provided the group with information about larval control, pesticide safety, and what homeowners can do to help reduce the mosquito population and the risk of West Nile virus. Please see page 5 for detailed information from their presentation.



The City, Chamber, and 9 auto dealerships joined forces to increase advertising of Countryside businesses on the White Sox radio program and at Guaranteed Rate Stadium. As a special treat, four lucky attendees received a pair of tickets to an upcoming Sox game. The City will raffle additional tickets at the Concerts in the Park.

Please join the Mayor on August 25, 2018 when the services and programs of the Police Department will be discussed.

City Adopts Budget for New Fiscal Year

Following a budget presentation and public hearing, the City Council passed the Fiscal Year 2019 budget on April 25, 2018, which covers the period of May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. The budget consists of nine funds totaling just under \$40 million dollars in combined expenses. A summary by fund is presented as follows:

Category	General Corporate	Motor Fuel Tax	Hotel/ Motel	Commercial TIF	Capital Projects	Drug Forfeiture	Water	Sewer	Flagg Creek Fund
Revenues	13,160,276	151,796	422,314	358,760	11,737,383	101,400	4,685,758	25,350	1,151,946
Expenses	13,160,276	-	422,314	358,760	18,976,119	7,000	5,709,490	55,698	1,151,946
Surplus (Deficit)	-	151,796	-	-	(7,238,736)	94,400	(1,023,732)	(30,348)	-
Beg Fund Balance (1)	10,173,111	41,484	1,301,331	(7,784,974)	7,238,736	161,997	3,723,691	39,308	(157,762)
Ending Fund Balance (1)	10,173,111	193,280	1,301,331	(7,784,974)	-	256,397	2,699,959	8,960	(157,762)

(1) Represents projected beginning/ending unrestricted (liquid) fund balances.

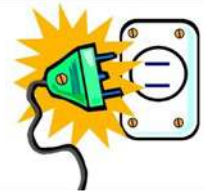
The General Fund (the City's primary operating fund) is **balanced for the fourth consecutive year without the use of a property tax levy on residents and business owners**. The General Fund continues to see increases in sales and other local taxes from economic growth and community development efforts within the City. These revenue streams primarily support the General Fund and cover the significant outlays for personnel costs, benefits, risk management, debt service, pension liabilities, and infrastructure improvements.

The Capital Project fund, which is supported by bond proceeds, general fund transfers, and grants, reflects a significant increase in the budget this year from the inclusion of the new municipal complex project. The City issued bonds to fund the first phase of this project last November and expects to issue additional bonds by this summer/fall. The Water and Sewer funds also include significant capital outlays that will be funded from reserves. Current capital expenditure levels reflect the City's ongoing commitment to infrastructure investment.

As part of the budget cycle, the City creates 5-year operating and capital plans. Recent projections completed in this cycle reflect the ability of the General Fund to support all operating, capital, and debt service costs without the use of property taxes under normal economic assumptions.

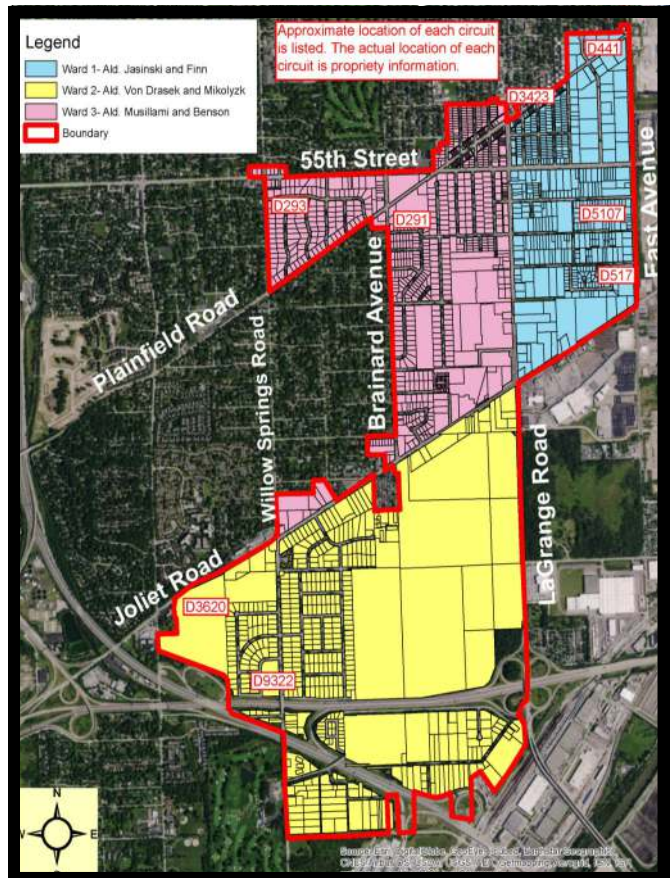
Electric Reliability Rate Increases to 99.98% in 2017

Each year, management meets with a representative of ComEd to review the City's annual report. It includes information about the number, duration, and cause of all outages, the improvements made to the distribution system, and improvements planned for the upcoming year. Many improvements have been made over the past few years which helped increase the customers' reliability rate to 99.98%. Below are some of the contributing improvements:



1. They have upgraded 3 circuits (D162, D441 & D9322) and have plans to install a new circuit (D9322) this year to accommodate increased load.
2. Replaced 3000+ feet of underground residential distribution cables (D291, D517 & D5107) and another 600 feet planned for 2018 (D441).
3. 900 feet of overhead wire was replaced to reduce the susceptibility of certain circuits to fail due to storm-related damage.
4. Smart grid upgrades have been completed.
5. Eleven wood poles were reinforced and one wood pole was replaced. Over 70 poles are schedule for reinforcement or replacement in 2018.
6. Line clearance tree pruning and vegetation maintenance is performed on a four-year cycle to reduce vegetation-related interruptions on the overhead lines. Eight miles of trees were trimmed on circuit D3423 and 3 miles on circuit W3620. Three other circuits had spot trimming.

These improvements contributed to the reliability rate increase to 99.98% in 2017. In addition, the average number of outages per customer decreased to fewer than 1 per customer from 2.77 outages in 2014. The average duration of these outages has also decreased from 102 minutes in 2014 to 92 minutes this past year. The City will continue to monitor ComEd's progress and encourage system improvements.



Top 10 Sales Tax Generators

The City of Countryside depends on sales tax revenue to support the majority of general City 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 2017 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 - not vehicles.)

Autobarn Subaru
Best Buy
Continental Honda
Continental Nissan
Floor & Decor
Home Depot
Jack Phelan Dodge/
Chrysler/Jeep/Ram
Jewel Foods
TJ Maxx
Westfield Ford

For calendar year 2017, the total sales tax collected by the City was about \$8.9 million dollars. The top ten businesses (listed in alphabetical order) generate almost 50% of the taxes collected. **Shop Countryside!**



Sox vs. Cubs Tickets



Did you ever see the two professional Chicago baseball teams play each other? Well, it could be your turn to watch the battle live at Guaranteed Rate Field. The City of Countryside and its 9 car dealerships are running a special promotion to give one lucky winner 4 box seat tickets to watch the Chicago White Sox battle the Chicago Cubs in September.

Visit any of Countryside's 9 car dealerships through Saturday, September 8, 2018 to register. You must be 18 years or older with a valid driver's license to enter. Only one entry per person. No purchase is necessary. The random drawing will take place at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. The winner does not need to be present. Notification will be via phone on September 13th.

Good luck to all you baseball fans!

Police Updates

Text to 9-1-1

Southwest Central Dispatch Center (SWCD), the 911 Dispatch Center that serves the City of Countryside, has announced that they now have the capability to offer "Text-to-911" services. Text-to-911 offers the ability to send a text message to 911 through your mobile phone or handheld device.

While Text-to-911 service is available through SWCD, we remind you that you should call 911 when you can and text when you can't.

Text-to-911 is primarily intended for use in three emergency scenarios:

- 1) For individuals who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or have a speech disability.
- 2) For situations where it is not safe to place a voice call to 911.
- 3) A medical emergency renders a person incapable of speech.

Any time you are texting or calling 911, please do your best to know your location and communicate it to 911 personnel as clearly possible.

In order to text 911:

- ◆ Enter "911" in the "To" or "Recipient" field of your messaging app.
- ◆ The first text you send should be short, INCLUDE THE LOCATION, and request police, fire, or ambulance.
- ◆ After you send the text to 911, be prepared to answer any questions or receive follow up instructions from the 911 call taker.
- ◆ Any responses should be kept as short as possible.
- ◆ Avoid using abbreviations or slang to prevent any miscommunication between you and 911 personnel.
- ◆ Photos and videos **CAN NOT** be received at this time.



A reminder... voice calls to 911 are the best and fastest way to communicate with 911 personnel. Also, Text-to-911 is not yet available across all locations in Illinois and the US or all wireless carriers depending on the location.

2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run

On May 18, 2018 our officers participated in the annual Dunkin' Donuts Cop on a Rooftop event. They raised \$2,772.00 for Special Olympics Illinois. Tickets for the **Harley-Davidson Raffle** are still available for purchase at the Countryside Police Department for \$10 per ticket. This year's drawing for a 2018 HD Street Glide will be held on October 19, 2018. The **Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch** is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 27, 2018. Updates will be available on our department Facebook page and our webpage at www.countrysidepolice.org.



Citizen's Police Academy

The Countryside Police Department is still looking for applicants in order to schedule the next Citizen's Police Academy. For additional information, please visit our website or contact the Countryside Police Department at (708) 485-4018 or by email at police@countrysidepolice.org.

2018 Junior Police Academy

The Police Department hosted its 1st Annual Junior Police Academy from June 11 - 15, 2018. The Junior Police Academy is a **free**, 1-week program designed to offer an informative and interactive experience for students entering 7th and 8th grades who are interested in learning more about law enforcement and what police officers do on a daily basis.



Memorial Park to be Rededicated Carl W. LeGant Memorial Park

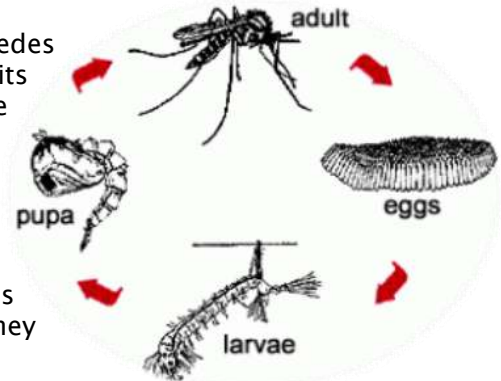
Memorial Park was dedicated to veterans of the United States military on July 23, 2000. The concept and design of this park was conceived through the vision of former Mayor Carl LeGant. He viewed this park with its landmark clock tower as one of his greatest accomplishments as Mayor. Carl LeGant served the City of Countryside for over 50 years, 30 as Mayor. The current City Council will rededicate the park as the "Carl W. LeGant Memorial Park" in honor of his contributions to the park's development. Please join the City Council for the rededication ceremony on Saturday, August 25, 2018. There will be a short ceremony at noon, followed by the unveiling of a plaque renaming the park.



Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District

Brian Duffy and biologist Mark Tomek from the Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District (District) educated the attendees at the last coffee with the Mayor. The District services 5 townships and all or parts of 31 municipalities, including Countryside. It operates with 5 full-time employees and 25 seasonal employees during mosquito season.

There are 46 species of mosquitoes in Illinois. The species *Aedes Vexans* (floodwater mosquito) is a nuisance mosquito. It lays its eggs on dry ground in areas that flood. Once the area floods, the eggs hatch and develop into larvae then pupa and finally emerge as adult mosquitoes. The *Vexans* can fly up to 20 miles in search of a blood meal. That's why there is often an influx of this mosquito from areas outside the District that have no control operations. The *Culex* mosquito can carry and transmit disease such as West Nile Virus. This mosquito lays 200-400 eggs on the surface of water. They typically stay close to where they emerge as adults as they have a flight range of only 1-2 miles.

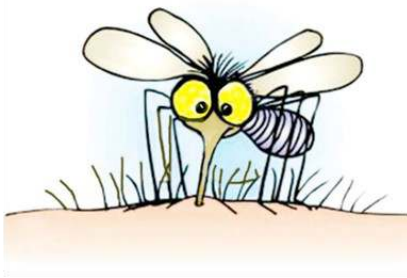


Larval Control is the primary focus of the District as it is the most effective. The district is responsible for inspecting and treating over 2,200 open water sources (120 in Countryside), treating 40,000 street catch basins (1,200 in Countryside), treating 5,500 off-road basins (500 in Countryside), surveillance of the mosquito population using different types of traps, and testing for the presence of disease.

Adult Control referred to as fogging is the most visible part of their program. This is conducted only when the West Nile Virus threatens to spillover into the human population. Since the *Culex* mosquitoes that can transmit disease don't fly very far, this can help in lowering the numbers of that species of mosquitoes.

Pesticide Safety is very important. The District only uses pesticides licensed by the USEPA and approved by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. All employees are properly trained to handle and apply pesticides.

Tire Collection is another part of the District's program. Vehicle tires left outside collect water and can produce thousands of mosquitoes, typically the *Culex* mosquito that can transmit disease. The District will collect tires they come across and store them for recycling. Over the past 20 years the District has collected over 10,000 tires for recycling.



HELP CONTROL THE MOSQUITO POPULATION

- ◆ Change water in your birdbath regularly
- ◆ Flip over that wheelbarrow or store it inside
- ◆ Make sure your rain barrel screen is in good condition
- ◆ Clean your gutters
- ◆ Dispose of old tires
- ◆ Clear stagnant water (water that sits for 7+ days can produce mosquitoes)

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.

✓ Typically a permit is required for the following common projects: Window and exterior door replacement, fences, dumpster/PODS, roof, siding, gutter, soffit, fascia installation, decks, patios, swimming pools, sheds, underground drainage discharge and driveways or sidewalks. If you are not sure if a permit is required, call (708) 354-1860.

✓ Application Requirements:

- ◆ **Application:** Filled out completely.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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. 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: 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 between 9:00 a.m. and noon during the summer months; and Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the remainder of the year. A contact name and number must be provided. Our inspectors will not call in advance prior to their arrival on the job site. 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/. A link to our forms including General Information, Guides and Permits can be found on the left side of the web page.

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.

2018 Street Resurfacing Program

The City of Countryside will be contracting for road resurfacing work on five streets 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.

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



STREETS

- ✓ Rosemary Court from Lorraine Drive to the north limit.
- ✓ Lorraine Drive from Francis Avenue to Rosemary Court.
- ✓ Francis Avenue from Lorraine Drive to 58th Street.
- ✓ Ashland Avenue from 53rd Street to Plainfield Road.
- ✓ Madison Avenue from 55th Street to Plainfield Road.



George Meyers Day - June 27, 2018

George Meyers is a long time resident of Ward 2. He is a Navy veteran who served in World War II. In honor of George's 100th birthday on June 27th, the City Council approved a resolution naming June 27, 2018 **GEORGE MEYERS DAY**.

The City looks forward to George's continued attendance at Coffee with the Mayor and occasional appearances at City Council meetings. George even participated in the La Grange Pet Parade this year.



George Meyers with the City Council.

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 each.

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 2018 pool memberships must be presented by December 31, 2018 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.**

Stump The Clerk

Each day the Clerk's Office fields dozens of phone calls - answering a wide variety of questions. Here are a few of the recent questions that we have received:



Q: When will the new City Hall be completed?

A: *The anticipated completion date of the new Countryside Municipal Complex is June, 2019.*

Q: How do I find the City Code?

A: *The City Code contains all of the municipal laws adopted by the City. Our code can be accessed online at www.countryside-il.org/residents/city-code/.*

Q: I'm selling my home. What do I need to do?

A:

- 1. Contact the Building Department to schedule a pre-sale inspection. Inspection fee - \$100.*
- 2. If you are selling a house, request your final water and sewer bill (not required for condos).*
- 3. Complete a Real Estate Property Transfer Declaration Form (available online or at City Hall). Stamp fee - \$50.*

Q: What business is opening at the old Beef 'n Brandy location?

A: *Russell's Barbecue!*

Q: Do I need a City vehicle sticker?

A: *No. The City does not require vehicle stickers.*

Q: What band is playing at the Concert in the Park this Thursday?

A: *Please visit our website www.countryside-il.org and click on "special events".*

Q: I have a raccoon living under my porch. What should I do?

A: *We suggest you call a wildlife removal service. The City does not assist with the removal of wild animals.*

Q: How do I dispose of old paint cans?

A: *For Latex paint, dry out the can or put kitty litter in it. Then throw it in your regular garbage. For oil-based paint you can call Earth 911 at (800) 253-2687.*

Q: When is my garbage pick up day? Do I need yard waste stickers?

A: *Please contact your garbage hauler directly. As Countryside residents, you are free to select the hauler of your choice. This is not facilitated by the City. Your garbage hauler has all the information you need. Not sure who is your hauler? Check your billing statement or the name printed on your garbage can.*

Do you have a question? Email it to clerk@countryside-il.org.

Flagg Creek Golf News

Flagg Creek will be turning 25 on July 2nd! On Sunday, July 1st at 2:00 p.m., 2 foursomes will tee off in honor of the first tee off when the golf course first opened. The foursomes will consist of members of the City Council and the Pleasant Dale Park Board. We will be having a party on the patio and in the club house with drink and food specials throughout the day. The band Timeless will be performing on the patio (weather permitting) from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. We will also have commemorative golf balls on sale for the event too. For more information, please call (708) 246-3336.



Original picture of Flagg Creek Golf Course on July 2, 1993.

Summer & Fall Scramble

DATE: August 12th

TEE TIME: 3:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

DATE: October 14th

TEE TIME: Shotgun TBD

COST: \$175 per foursome which includes golf, food, prizes, Closest to the Pin, Skins, and Beat the Pro.

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

Nominate A Good Neighbor!



Have you ever been overwhelmed by the kindness of a neighbor? The City would like to give you an opportunity to nominate your neighbor for the Good Neighbor Award. The City will be accepting nominations through September 30, 2018. The winner will be a resident who has gone above and beyond to help their fellow neighbor. The City wants to publicly recognize them at a City Council meeting this fall as Countryside cares. To nominate a neighbor, please complete the form below or send information via email to the City Clerk.

The "Good Neighbor" Award Nomination Form

I nominate _____ who lives at _____

He/She is a great neighbor because: _____

My Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Mail to: "Nominate A Good Neighbor" City of Countryside, 5550 East Avenue, Countryside, IL 60525
or e-mail above information to: clerk@countryside-il.org

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

Welcome to Countryside

Bluesky Homecare

7041 Willow Springs Road

Home care



Color Bar 13 Thirteen

23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 116

Hair salon

Gypsy Slick

23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 106

Hair and make-up

Jazz E Butterfly Waxing & Skin Care

23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 105

Waxing and skin care



Karie's Hair Studio

23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 122

Hair salon

Picture Perfect Airbrush Tans

23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 104

Air brush tanning salon



State Farm—Mark Niemiec

1508 W. 55th Street

Insurance

Upcoming Meetings

July

10	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.

August

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

September

4	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
11	Fire & Police Commission	5:00 p.m.
12	City Council	7:30 p.m.
17	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.
26	City Council	7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Holidays

The City Hall will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4th

Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd

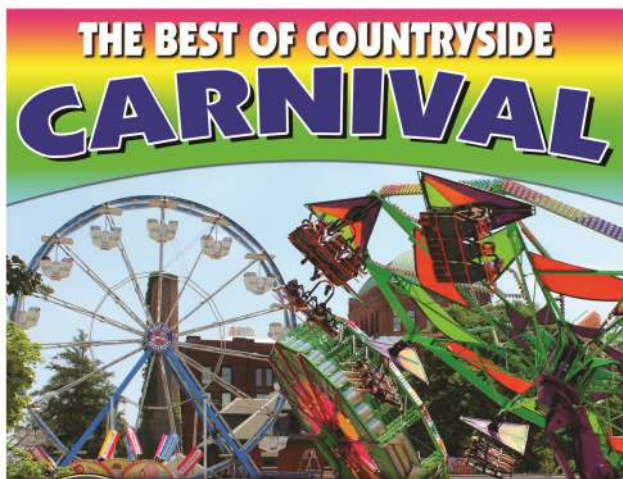
Communications Tower

A communications tower will be constructed near the southwest portion of the Municipal Complex site. This communications tower is vital to the ongoing services provided by the City, especially in the area of public safety. The City has two communications towers at the existing site. One communications tower is the water tower and the other is a tripod tower affixed to the current police department. Communications equipment on these towers provide connection to the Public Works and Water Department facilities and carry both voice and data transmissions. Without this equipment, the City would have to maintain separate phone systems and servers for each site which would increase costs and make operations less efficient. The water tower also houses antenna equipment that connects the police department to the central dispatch center. These antennas carry both data and radio transmissions to the dispatch center and enhance our radio network for public safety allowing better service to the community.



The communications tower at the new facility will still maintain the current and essential connectivity to the various sites with the added benefits of enhanced public safety communication and the future potential to generate revenue. Historically, due to the environmental make up of our community, public safety radio transmissions have continued to experience significant signal degradation, especially in the southern portion of our jurisdiction. This degradation jeopardizes police communication, response, and officer safety. With the centralized location of the new communications tower, public safety radio communications will be greatly improved. In addition, the City will have opportunities to lease space on the tower to cellular companies which will generate revenue and increase overall cellular communications in the area. The enhancement of cellular signal strength to the area will improve the data connection required to operate the mobile data units (MDU) in each police vehicle. MDUs are essential for functions such as receiving emergency police dispatch, writing reports, checking for warrants and stolen vehicles, running license plates, and locating officers and police vehicles with the Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) system. The enhanced cellular coverage in the area will also more accurately direct 911 calls made with a mobile phone to the appropriate communications center.

Community Happenings



THE BEST OF COUNTRYSIDE CARNIVAL

WINDY CITY AMUSEMENTS

JULY 12 - 15

Located at City Park
(Behind Home Depot in Countryside Plaza Shopping Center)

UNLIMITED RIDE SPECIALS	
Thursday	5pm - 9pm
Saturday	1pm - 5pm
Sunday	1pm - 5pm

ONLY \$25
PER PERSON, PER SESSION

CARNIVAL HOURS	
Thursday	5pm - 10pm
Friday	4pm - 10pm
Saturday	1pm - 10pm
Sunday	1pm - 8pm

For full fest hours and events, visit:
www.countrysidechamber.com

MEGA PASS SAVINGS	
UNLIMITED RIDES EACH DAY DURING CARNIVAL HOURS	

ONLY \$60 PRESALE
\$75 AT THE FEST

Purchase by July 9 at www.countrysidechamber.org

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www.countrysidechamber.org
www.WindyCityAmusements.com



Summertime fun brought to you by the Countryside Chamber of Commerce 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, Knockerball, raffles, business vendors, and more! Mega Pass wristbands for unlimited carnival rides can be purchased at a discounted rate of \$60 at www.countrysidechamber.org, in person at the Concerts in the Park before July 5th (BEST VALUE), or at the carnival for \$75. Visit www.countrysidechamber.org for more information or call the **Carnival Hotline** at (708) 485-2695.

Code Corner

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

18-10-O: This ordinance amends section 10-10-3 (D) of the zoning code. The amended code now allows parking stalls on commercial properties to be 18 ft. in length. Prior to the amendment, all parking stalls were required to be 20 ft. in length.



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 2nd. Tickets will be sold for \$5 a piece, and **all proceeds will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.**

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.



Countryside Leadership Party
Combined Warehouse LLC
Groot Industries
Hooters
Infinity Communications Group
Vulcan Materials Company

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

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

PASSPORT THROUGH COUNTRYSIDE



July 5 - Sweden
Scott Allen Band
OPENING FOR
ABBA Salute

July 19 - England
Cirrus Falcon
OPENING FOR
American English

July 26 - Spain
Guitarra Azul
OPENING FOR
Wild Daisy

FIREWORKS SHOW @ 9



August 2 - Poland
Dan Mateja & The IPA
Tribute Band
OPENING FOR
Spoken Four

**FIREWORKS
RAIN DATE @ 9**



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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

Pleasantview Fire Protection

www.plvw.org

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www.westsuburbanchamber.org

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

Police Department:

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

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Clerk's Office:

Main: (708) 354-7270

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