

Countryside CONNECTIONS

SUMMER 2019

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City Officials Re-Elected

The May 8th City Council meeting included the swearing in of 5 re-elected officials. All took the oath of office, administered by Judge Peter Felice, and will serve a 4-year term.

Congratulations!



Pictured L to R: Thomas Mikolyzk, Ward 2; James Jasinski, Ward 1; and Scott Musillami, Ward 3



Pictured L to R: Susan Burdett, City Clerk; and Caryn Stancik, Treasurer

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

There was a full house at the May 11th Coffee with the Mayor, Sean McDermott. The third construction video of the new Municipal Complex was played for the audience. The onsite Construction Manager Adam Slotkus was present to answer questions. All three videos can be viewed on YouTube by searching for Countryside Municipal Complex. Enjoy the tours.

The highlight of the morning was opening one of the two time capsules which were placed behind the dedication plaque when the final City Hall addition was completed in 1986. The time capsule included a letter from Sherrill E. Lynch, one of Countryside's founding fathers, who wrote about the City's incorporation, its gravel streets, and the introduction of Little League Baseball to Countryside residents. His 6-page hand-written letter full of history is posted on the City's website www.countryside-il.org/residents/city-time-capsule-1986/. The time capsule also included pictures of the town in 1986 and some of the residents, notes from children, a cassette tape of songs from the 1980's, and newspapers. See page 6 for a sample of the contents.

Please join the Mayor on Saturday, September 7th at 10 a.m. for the next Coffee with the Mayor, tentatively scheduled for the Council Room in the new Municipal Complex. A tour will be given of the new facility. The Mayor will also open the second time capsule for your viewing.



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Municipal Complex Update

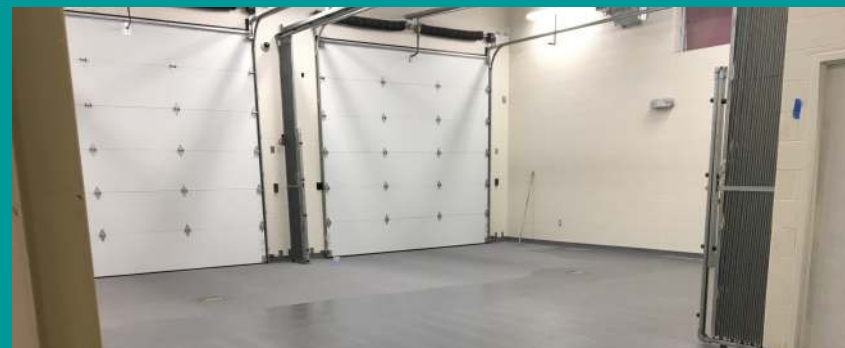
The City's move to the new Municipal Complex has been delayed until August. This is due to a number of factors but primarily the record rains this spring and the delay in the elevator delivery. The elevator was due to be installed and operational by the end of May. Schindler Elevator Company purchases the parts to build its elevators from all over the world. These parts are shipped to an assembly warehouse in Pennsylvania. Once ALL the parts are received, they are shipped in one load to Elk Grove Village where the elevator is assembled. The elevator was finally delivered on June 11th. Crews are currently installing the elevator which takes approximately 5 weeks. Afterwards, the contractors will need to finish the floor and walls in and around the elevator. This work will take an additional 3 weeks.

In the meantime, windows, carpeting, furniture and fixtures are being installed. Measures had to be taken to permit the work to continue without an elevator. Appliances will be delivered shortly. Mechanicals are being tested and staff are being trained on the new equipment. There will be a one month flush-out period to ensure the building is safe of contaminants for the occupants. Everyone is looking forward to moving to this state of the art facility. The City is planning a grand opening which will include tours of the complex in the coming months.

The Community Room/Training Room located on the lower level is equipped with a kitchen, and audio-visual equipment. The room can be divided in half for smaller groups.



The Police Department Sally Port where patrol officers will enter with arrestees.



Drinking fountains with bottle refills will be available on each floor to help eliminate plastic bottle waste.



A recycling center will be located in each department for paper and plastic.



Below is the pump room where the geo thermal wells are connected to the building HVAC system.



High density record storage has been installed in the lower level.



Economic Development Update

The owner of the **NW Corner of Joliet & La Grange Roads** has demolished the building which previously housed Granger Oldsmobile, Max Madden Mitsubishi, the Amish Furniture Store, and Westfield Ford temporarily during their construction project. The property will be graded while the owner considers several options for developing the property.

Burger King began another upgrade of their restaurant at 170 Countryside Plaza in May. The renovations are proceeding well. They are open during construction.

Ledo's Pizza located at 5525 S. La Grange Road is currently under renovation. Their project includes a 1,278 sf. addition to the south side of their building that will include two private dining rooms with a seating capacity of 54 and an office and storage area. A 460 sf. patio with seating for 20 customers covered by a cedar wood pergola in the front of the building will also be added.

Russell's BBQ located next door to Ledo's at 5545 S. La Grange Road has been working feverishly on a complete remodel of the old Beef n' Brandy restaurant. Russell's will have a drive thru and an outdoor eating area in the back. They are targeting August for their grand opening.

7 Gates Mediterranean Grill has completely changed the look of the former Long John Silver's property located at 10050 W. 55th Street. This restaurant will have a drive thru and outdoor eating area. They are scheduling an August opening date as well.



Holiday Inn Completes a Major Renovation

The William Tell Holiday Inn is in the final stage of an \$8 million renovation project. This project includes updated banquet and meeting rooms, renovated guest rooms in the main building, and updates to the pool area and lobby. The Countryside Chamber of Commerce's "CCC" May meeting was hosted by the Holiday Inn. The room was decorated nicely and the lunch was delicious. They provided tours to the CCC members afterwards. Check out the updated pictures on this page. The owners are considering a complete makeover of the West Wing which has been vacant for years. These improvements may begin this fall.



Proposed 55th Street Commercial TIF District

In February, the City Council entered into an agreement with Kane, McKenna and Associates Inc. for the study of a potential 55th Street Commercial Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. Many people ask, "What is a TIF District?" A TIF District is a tool that municipalities can use to facilitate economic development in areas experiencing blight or limited economic growth. The proposed TIF District encompasses the commercial properties between 55th and 56th Streets and La Grange Road and East Avenue. No residential properties are located in the proposed TIF District. The primary objective of the new TIF district is to redevelop the current City Hall site which comprises approximately 5 acres.

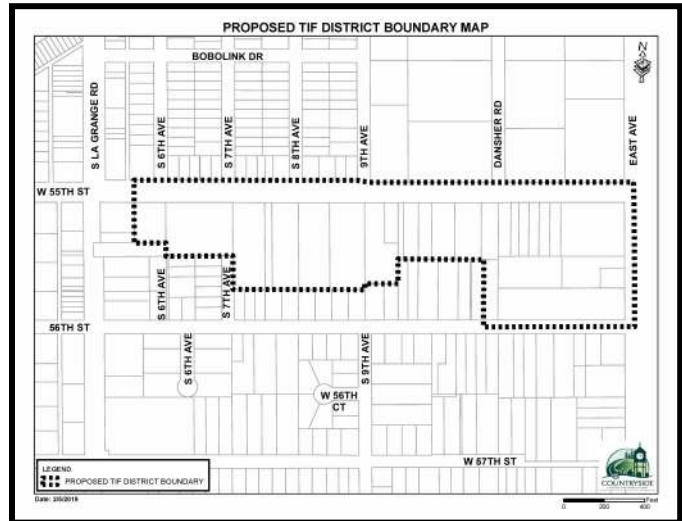
In order to establish a TIF District, the City Council has to adopt an Ordinance calling for a public hearing and a Joint Review Board meeting to consider the designation of a redevelopment plan and project. This Ordinance was adopted at the May 8, 2019 City Council meeting. The 55th Street Commercial TIF District Joint Review Board met on June 8, 2019. Representatives from Pleasantview Fire Protection District, Lyons Township School District 204, School District 105, Township of Lyons, the City of Countryside and a Public Member were all present. During this meeting, the objectives of the proposed TIF were discussed, as well as the legal requirements for establishing the District.

The Joint Review Board voted in favor of a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the 55th Street Commercial TIF District. The next step is to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the current City Hall facility. The Elected Officials will review the public input and authorizing ordinances could be adopted around 60 to 90 days after the Public Hearing.

The 55th Street Commercial TIF District will provide the City with a wonderful opportunity to attract new businesses, improve infrastructure, and make the area more vibrant. These improvements in turn will bring additional sales tax revenue to the City and ultimately improve the property tax base for the overlapping taxing bodies.

5th Avenue Cutoff Improvements

The City entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Cook County to permit the City to bid and manage the repaving of the 5th Avenue Cutoff in Ward 2. This agreement provides that Cook County will reimburse the City for the cost of the project. The work began last fall and will be completed this year. Improvements include: pavement widening, repaving with a reflective crack control treatment, drainage improvements, and a pedestrian pathway along the road.



City Adopts Budget for New Fiscal Year

Following a budget presentation and public hearing, the City Council passed the Fiscal Year 2020 budget on April 24, 2019, which covers the period of May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. The budget consists of nine Funds totaling just under \$30.6 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	14,166,315	149,348	435,620	546,000	2,532,878	105,350	4,673,391	25,950	1,142,200
Expenses	14,166,315	320,550	435,620	546,000	7,461,387	436,350	6,108,584	45,881	1,142,200
Surplus (Deficit)	-	(171,202)	-	-	(4,928,509)	(331,000)	(1,435,193)	(19,931)	-
Beg Fund Balance (1)	10,816,422	193,389	1,306,220	(7,784,974)	4,928,509	336,440	3,742,913	19,931	(156,480)
Ending Fund Balance (1)	10,816,422	22,187	1,306,220	(7,784,974)	-	5,440	2,307,720	-	(156,480)

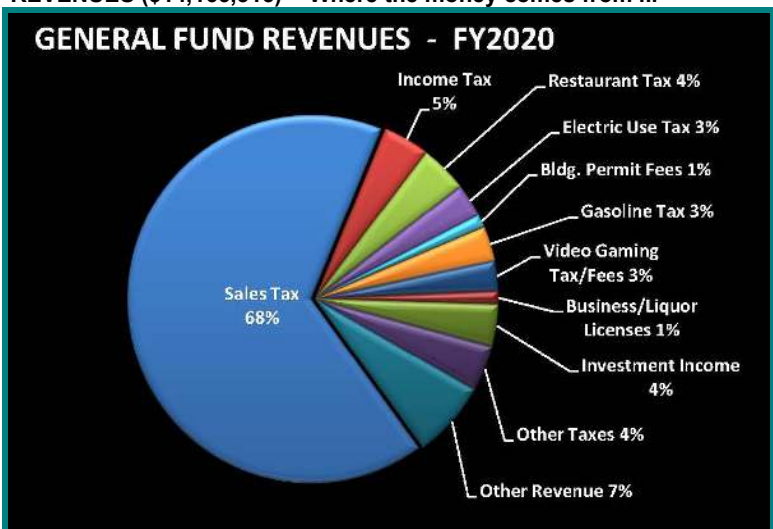
(1) Represents projected beginning/ending unrestricted (liquid) fund balances.

The General Fund (the City's primary operating fund) is balanced for the fifth consecutive year *without* the use of a property tax extension 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 operations and cover the personnel costs, risk management, debt service, pension liabilities, and infrastructure improvements.

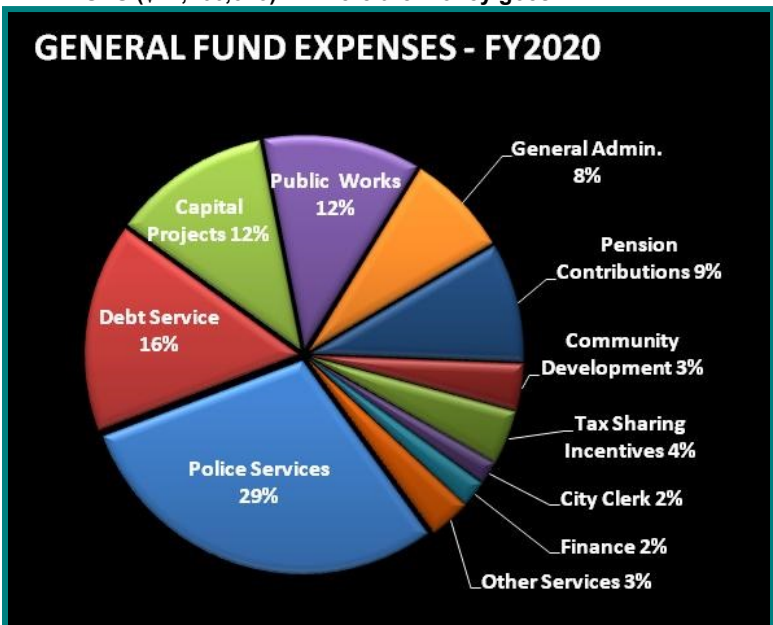
The **Capital Project fund**, which is supported by Bond Proceeds, General Fund Transfers, and Grants, reflects a significant increase in the budget again this year from the inclusion of the new municipal complex project. The City issued bonds to fund the majority of the project costs with surplus revenues covering the rest. The City has determined that it can cover new debt service payments on the bonds without a property tax levy as well. The **Water and Sewer funds** also include significant capital outlays that will be funded from reserves including a water main replacement on East Avenue to Joliet Road to remove any conflicts from the IDOT East Avenue widening project. Other capital outlays include about \$400,000 to resurface Forestview Rd, 61st Pl, Burr Oak Ln, and Barton Rd. Current capital expenditure levels reflect the City's ongoing commitment to infrastructure investment.

The charts on the right represent the sources and uses in the General Fund.

REVENUES (\$14,166,315) - Where the money comes from ...



EXPENSES (\$14,166,315) - Where the money goes ...



Municipal Aggregation Update

In 2012, the residents approved a resolution to have the City manage a Municipal Aggregation program. The City seeks competitive pricing for the residents' electricity bills and has been very successful since the inception of the program. The City's current Municipal Aggregation pricing is 7.429 cents/kWh through October 2019.

ComEd issues residential supply pricing annually. They just released their pricing for June 2019 to May 2020 at an average rate of 7.063 cents/kWh. This new ComEd price would lower the average resident's bill by about \$3 per month. Residents who would like to opt out of the program and return to ComEd would need to call 1-844-849-3990. Please have your ComEd account number available when you call. There are no fees charged to return to ComEd.

The City will be seeking new bids for the program to commence in October following the expiration of the current program. If the bids come in favorable to the ComEd rate, the City may elect to accept the bid and extend the program for a defined period of time. Customers who opt out of the current program and return to ComEd through October can elect to get back into the new program.

1986 Time Capsule

Countryside Lions Club
P.O. BOX 395
COUNTRYSIDE, ILLINOIS 60525

CHARTER DATE
OCT. 3, 1961
68 MEMBERS

1985--1986 FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30)

PRESIDENT: LION HAY DOIGNER
1ST. V.P.: LION NICK CRNECVOICH
2ND. V.P.: LION FRANK WAIDE
3RD. V.P.: LION LYNN RHINEFINGER
SECRETARY: LION JOHN WALSH
TREASURER: LION ROBERT ZAVOREKA
TAIL TWISTER: LION RUDY PERISICH
LION TAPER: LION JACK NUTLEY
DIRECTORS ARE: LION CLARENCE POSTER, DUWAYNE RIPHENBURG, JACK ZEILENOA
PLUS ALL PAST PRESIDENTS.

PAST PRESIDENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
1961-1962--CHARTER PRES. LION EDWARD FINN (DECEASED)
1962-1963--LION EDWARD FINN (DECEASED)
1963-1964--LION RUDY PERISICH
1964-1965--LION CHARLIE SOULE
1965-1966--LION EMIL MANICE (DECEASED)
1966-1967--LION LES LOGAN (MOVED OUT OF IOWA)
1967-1968--LION RAY DOIGNER
1968-1969--LION RICHARD KOCH (RESIGNED)
1969-1970--LION BILL MANICE (DECEASED)
1970-1971--LION MIKE COBITO (DECEASED)
1971-1972--LION NICK CRNECVOICH
1972-1973--LION BEN RSHLEPPER (DECEASED)
1973-1974--LION CLIFF BROCKEN (RESIGNED)
1974-1975--LION PAT DUMAS (RESIGNED)
1975-1976--LION JOHN SCOTTEZ (DECEASED)
1976-1977--LION DON GUNPAD
1977-1978--LION BOB ZAVOREKA
1978-1979--LION ALBIE KLANIAC
1979-1980--LION JIM DORGAN
1980-1981--LION JIM QUAGLIAFO
1981-1982--LION EDW. J. VECOLLY
1982-1983--LION RUDY VALESTEIN
1983-1984--LION ERNIE COULIS
1984-1985--LION JOHN WALSH
1985-1986--LION RAY DOIGNER

CHARTER MEMBERS THAT ARE STILL IN OUR CLUB
LION BOB CARBONE--LION LES LOGAN--LION ROSE MEYER
LION MATT SKRICH--LION RUDY PERISICH--LION CHARLIE SOULE

"Answer the Call to Serve"




WHO KNEW back in 1986 when young Jason Shepler placed his picture and list of favorites in the time capsule, he would become the LaGrange Highlands Sanitary District Superintendent?

Jason Shepler
L1012 59th place
countryside Ill.
60525 352-8954

Favorite Song - Emergency (Not Just The Song)
Favorite Book - Where The Sidewalk Ends
Favorite Singer - Phil Collins
Favorite Artist - Sugar Pope
Favorite TV Show - Perfect Stranger
Carly Show
Favorite Movie - Indiana Jones Raiders of the Lost Ark
Favorite Place to Eat - Quetzalcoatl - J.C. Ganges
Favorite Football Player - Walter Payton
Favorite Baseball Player - Ryan Sandberg
Favorite Basketball Player - Michael Jordan

Police Updates

2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run

On May 17, 2019 Countryside police officers participated in the annual Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop event. They were able to raise \$3,044 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 2019 HD Street Glide will be held on October 18, 2019. **"Beards for a Cause"** concluded with the Stanley Cup Finals. Officers raised \$1,120 for Special Olympics Illinois. Save the date for the **Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch** that is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 26, 2019.

Special Olympics t-shirts, hats, and pins are also available for purchase at the Countryside Police Department, 24 hours a day.



Mass Notification System

Countryside uses a system called Blackboard Connect to notify residents of important/emergency alerts or events that may be occurring in our community. Blackboard Connect relies on public information sources in order to populate its database with resident and business phone numbers. As technology improves, we see more residents eliminating their home phones and relying on cellular phones as their primary means of communication. With that in mind, if your primary means of communication is cellular, there is a good chance you are not enrolled in our mass notification program and will not receive important or emergency notifications from the City. If you are interested in receiving this important information on your cell phone, please go to the City's website, www.countryside-il.org, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click the link for Blackboard Connect. Follow the prompts and you're set! The system will also allow you to receive notifications by text or email. Any questions can be directed to Deputy Chief Novak at the police department, (708) 352-2171.



School of Police Staff and Command

Sergeant DuRell has successfully completed the School of Police Staff and Command offered by Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. This intensive 10 week program is one of the top command college level courses for law enforcement in the country. We are proud of Sergeant DuRell who now joins the ranks as one of the six supervisors/administrators with the Countryside Police Department who has successfully completed this program.

GOT POP TOPS??



Drop them off at the Countryside Police Department, 5550 East Avenue, Countryside, IL. We are the **OFFICIAL** drop off point for the "Pop Tops for Joy" pop tops challenge in memory of Kelli Joy O'Laughlin and benefitting the Ronald McDonald house. We can also pick up pop tops from you, just give us a call at (708) 352-2171.



SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

The Countryside Police Department is collecting school supplies to donate for the 2019-2020 school year. Contributions of NEW school supplies (including new backpacks), can be dropped off 24 hours a day at the Countryside Police Department, 5550 East Avenue, Countryside, IL.

Car Seat Installation at Countryside Police Department



Officer Kalker and Officer Maher completed National Standardized Child Passenger Safety training in May. The Countryside Police Department now has 3 officers who are certified in child safety seat installation. If you would like your child safety seat checked for proper installation, contact us at (708) 485-4713 or carseat@countrysidepolice.org to set up an appointment with one of our certified installers.



Building Department

Many homeowners will take on home improvement projects either by themselves or by hiring contractors. If you are having work done, please remember the following permit and code requirements:

✓ 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.

✓ Inspections: Required on all work performed and the owner/contractor is responsible for obtaining all inspections. 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 phone number must be provided. Our inspectors will not call in advance prior to their arrival on the job site, the expectation is that someone will be at the job site to allow access.

✓ Any sale of property requires a Pre-Sale Inspection. In addition to the inspection, final water and sanitary reads and payments are required prior to the Property Stamp purchase. Under the Residents link on the City's website go to Selling Your Home and that will have links to the required forms.

✓ Sump Pumps and Downspouts: City code prohibits sump pumps and downspouts from discharging into the street or onto adjacent properties. Please take a moment to ensure that your sump pump and downspouts are in compliance. City Code section 7-7-5 states that sump pumps and downspouts shall discharge the water at least 25 feet from the front or rear property line and at least 15 feet from the side property line.

✓ 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.

✓ 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.



Pool Safety

"69% of young children who drown were not expected to be in or near water" per the American Red Cross. Many of these accidents could be avoided with a few safeguards. The Red Cross's top things to know is highlighted to the right. In addition, they have developed the Home Pool Essentials program, which is a maintenance and safety online course to learn how to create a safer pool or spa environment. Visit their website at www.redcross.org to take the online course or to get more information. Have a safe summer!

TOP THINGS TO KNOW

- Secure your pool with appropriate barriers.
- Designate a water watcher...and stay in arm's reach of young children.
- Install anti-entrapment drain covers and safety release systems to protect against drain entrapment.
- If a child is missing, check the water first.



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.

2019 Street Resurfacing Program

The City of Countryside will be contracting for road resurfacing work on four streets this summer. 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 Motor Fuel Tax Fund and 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

- ✓ Forestview Road from Lorraine Avenue to Sunset Avenue
- ✓ Parkside Avenue from Hillsdale Road to Crestview Road
- ✓ 61st Place from Brainard Avenue to the Cul-De-Sac
- ✓ Barton Road from Brainard Avenue to Longview Drive

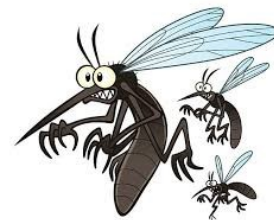


Help Fight Mosquitoes

It's a fact ... mosquitoes develop in water. **Here's what you can do ...**

It doesn't take much water for mosquitoes to develop. There are many potential breeding sites that can be found around your home. You can take the following steps to eliminate potential sources:

- ❶ Throw away all trash that can hold water (cans, jars, tires, etc.).
- ❷ Clean rain gutters and downspouts to prevent water from standing in gutters or on flat roofs.
- ❸ Change the water in bird baths, wading pools, etc. at least once a week.
- ❹ Clean out and fill tree holes.
- ❺ Stack pails, barrels, tubs and similar containers upside down.



The Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District routinely maintains an aggressive larval control program against mosquitoes. Control operations started in early April and continue into early October.

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: The City has a contract with the McCook Public Library for Countryside families to become members for a flat rate of \$100. Families can choose to join the McCook Public Library and get reimbursed 100%. If you choose to join another library, the reimbursement will be capped at \$100. To apply; bring your library card, a 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 2019 pool memberships must be presented by December 31, 2019 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.**

COMING IN JULY... Pay Your Water Bill From Anywhere

Our new electronic billing and payment service is here. You will now have the ability to make automatic payments via online, phone and text. **Here's How to Get Started:**

- 1 Go to www.countryside-il.org and click on the Pay Online button to access the payment portal.
- 2 Click on Register Now to create an account or click on Pay Now to make a one-time payment.
- 3 Enter your information and select the invoice that you would like to pay. Add it to your cart or click the option to register.
- 4 Follow the steps to complete your payment. You may also choose to go paperless and sign up for pay by text during this time. **OR, to pay by phone 24/7, call (855) 329-4908.**



Home Repair Scams

Many residents do home repairs during the summer months. Make sure you are working with a reputable company. Below are tips from the Illinois Attorney General to assist you in identifying and avoiding home repair scams.



WHAT TO WATCH FOR...

- ◆ Door-to-door salespeople without local connections offer home repair work for much less than the market price.
- ◆ You receive solicitations for repair work from a company that provides only a telephone number or post office box number to contact and does not have any online presence.
- ◆ A salesperson or contractor offers to inspect your home for free or asks you to sign a contract that still has blank spaces.
- ◆ A contractor demands cash payment or full payment before work is completed.
- ◆ You are asked to write a check payable to a person other than the owner or company name.
- ◆ A contractor refuses to provide references or proof of insurance when requested.
- ◆ You're offered discount prices that seem too good to be true.

WHAT YOU CAN DO...

- ◆ Refrain from opening your door to contractors or salespeople unless you initiated the call.
- ◆ Get at least three written estimates.
- ◆ Check the contractor's background, references and prior work.
- ◆ Never sign a contract that you do not understand or has blank spaces.
- ◆ Be aware of what licenses are required in your municipality and check that your contractor/worker has those licenses.
- ◆ Report scams to local law enforcement and the Office of the Attorney General.
- ◆ Contact the Office of the Attorney General, Better Business Bureau or your local Chamber of Commerce for more information.

Countryside Chamber of Commerce

2019 Pub Crawl



Our Spring Pub Crawl was held on Saturday, May 18th. It was one of our most successful crawls ever! The crawlers enjoyed trolley rides, food, drinks, friends and perfect weather. A special thanks to our sponsors: **Burke Beverage, City of Countryside, Mayor Sean McDermott, and Ledo's Pizza.** We couldn't have done it without you!



Membership Directory

Coming soon to a mailbox near you! This directory will be an informative booklet and a wonderful resource for you to keep in your home and refer to often. It will contain a listing of all Countryside Chamber of Commerce members by category, area emergency phone numbers, contact information for local points-of-interest, and advertisements and coupons.

Best of Countryside CARNIVAL

JUNE 27-30, 2019 @ CITY PARK

Was held June 27 - 30 and everyone had a great time! A special thank you to our generous carnival sponsors.

City of Countryside
Chicago Chain and Transmission
Countryside Bank
Groot Industries
International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150
Ledo's Pizza
Rag's Electric
Township of Lyons

City Council Approves Additional Sewer Improvements

At the June 19th City Council meeting City Engineer, John Fitzgerald presented six areas in need of improvements. The City Council directed the engineer to prepare a change order to the street resurfacing contract in an amount not to exceed \$69,000. Below is a listing of approved projects:

- ❑ 18" Culvert Crossing on Brainard Avenue south of Joliet Road
- ❑ Catch Basin Replacement at 6700 Brainard Avenue
- ❑ Catch Basin Adjustment on NW corner of Joliet Road and Kensington Avenue
- ❑ 107 S. Constance Curb & Gutter & Pavement Repairs
- ❑ Catch Basin Adjustment at 1102 W. 55th Place
- ❑ Parkway Catch Basin & Underdrain System Installation at 5647 Leitch Avenue



Flagg Creek Golf News

Come out to Flagg Creek Golf Course every Monday, starting July 1st for Free-N-Fun Bar Bingo! The game will run from 5-7 p.m. It's **FREE** to play and there are lots of great prizes to be won, such as: bucket of balls, Target gift cards, comedy club tickets, a coupon for a menu item from the Flagg Creek grill. Please call (708) 246-3336 for more information.




Always Free To Play!!

6939 Wolf Rd,
Countryside, IL

**FIRST SHOW MONDAY
JULY 1ST 5PM!**

**Great prizes and
Jackpots from
\$3,000 to \$10,000**

**Win one of four 2019 Toyota Corollas.
Receive an entry during game 4.**




FindMeBingo.com

Upcoming Meetings

July

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

August

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

September

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

Welcome to Countryside

Dan King Therapy Services

7061 Willow Springs Road
Occupational Therapy

Dennis Sopata

5650 Brainard Avenue
Law Practice



Forever Glow

23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 125
Facials, waxing, makeup, lash extensions

Illusion of Beauty

23 E. Plainfield Road
Hair salon



Nilce Salon Studio

23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 110
Hair salon

Rosati's Pizza

6560 Joliet Road
Pizza carryout



Summer & Fall Scramble *Sign up in the Pro Shop (708) 246-3336. Space is limited!*

DATE: Sunday, August 18th
TEE TIME: 2:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

DATE: Sunday, October 13th
TEE TIME: 2:00 p.m. Shotgun start

COST: \$180 per foursome which includes golf, food, Closest to the Pin, (optional) Skins, and Beat the Pro. Registration opens one month before each scrambled date.

Night Golf

DATE: Friday, August 23rd
TEE TIME: 8:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
COST: \$50 per person
Includes golf, food, goodie bag & prizes

Big Cup Tournament

DATE: Saturday, November 9th
TEE TIME: 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
COST: \$90 per team (2-person scramble format includes golf, lunch, prizes. Closest to the pin and (optional) Skins game too.

Did You Know ..

Countryside Residents
can take advantage of our resident rates.

Monday - Friday \$15

Senior Residents (age 62)

Monday - Friday \$13

Junior (age 17 & under)

Monday - Friday \$10

Weekend & Holidays \$17

Community Happenings

A Shining Star!

Countryside resident and recent LT graduate, Hannah Hasenwinkel, was nominated by LTHS and the first student from LTHS to be a finalist and awarded the prestigious Wells Scholarship at Indiana University in Bloomington. The Wells Program awards 18 freshmen who have excelled in terms of outstanding academic prowess, exceptional leadership and character, significant involvement in extracurricular activities, and demonstrated a concern for their community. The Wells Scholarship is valued at over \$240,000 and provides tuition, academic fees, living expenses stipend, summer experience grant, and support for overseas study.



Retirement in Public Works



Mayor Sean McDermott presented Mark Bobysud with a watch for his 37 years of dedicated service to the residents and the City of Countryside at the May 8th City Council meeting.

In his career with the City, Mark started as a Maintenance Worker 1, then advanced to Maintenance Worker 2, and was appointed to a Crew Chief in 2012.

Good luck and best wishes to you on your retirement!

Upcoming Holidays

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

Independence Day, Thursday, July 4th

Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd

Summer Concert Series

The City will once again be raffling off a \$1,000 Visa gift card donated by Westfield Ford. The raffle will be held at the final concert on August 1st. Tickets will be sold for \$5 a piece, and **all proceeds will benefit the Illinois Carol Fisher Chapter, Crohn's & Colitis 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 Chamber of Commerce
Groot Industries
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

Summertime in Countryside

July 11th
Evil Burrito
Opening for
**SUBURBAN
COWBOYS**

July 18th
Steel Express Band
Opening for
RECKLESS

July 25th
Multiplicity
Opening for
**PRISCILLAS
FIREWORKS SHOW
@ 9**

August 1st
Strung Out Band
Opening for
**R GANG
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

West Suburban Chamber
www.westsuburbanchamber.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

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