

Countryside CONNECTIONS

SUMMER 2020

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Countryside Strikes Gold!

The City of Countryside has been awarded LEED Gold Certification for the environmentally conscious design of its Municipal Complex. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, is the most widely used green building rating system in the world. To achieve LEED Gold, a building must earn a total of 60-79 points over 6 categories.

At Coffee with the Mayor, back in 2017 a presentation was made regarding the new building design and the City's goal to apply for LEED Silver certification. However, during the design process, the architects informed us that if we installed photovoltaic (solar) panels on the roof and carports, along with geothermal HVAC, the City could get enough points for LEED Gold. The decision was made to take on this new challenge. In doing so, the Municipal Complex also became the first Net-Zero Energy municipal building in the State of Illinois. Simply stated, net zero means the building generates as much or more energy than it consumes.

329,228 kWh of energy was produced by the Municipal Complex's 466 photovoltaic panels during our first 7 months of occupancy. 271,993 kWh was consumed by the building operations and the remaining 57,235 kWh was transferred back to Com Ed's grid.

The LEED categories summarized to the right provide the framework for healthy, highly efficient and cost-saving buildings. Countryside's initiatives are listed below each category. Mayor Sean McDermott stated, "I am extremely proud that our new municipal complex has been awarded LEED Gold certification. This clearly demonstrates the commitment the City of Countryside has made to protecting our environment and mitigating the impact of climate change."



Photo by Troy Carrigan, Merging Technologies.

LEED CATEGORIES

SUSTAINABLE SITE

- Meets all accessibility requirements
- Includes bike racks
- Multi-use path being installed
- Serves as a storm shelter for residents
- Ability to expand

WATER EFFICIENCY

- Automatic plumbing fixtures
- No irrigation system

ENERGY & ATMOSPHERE

- Geothermal HVAC
- Energy efficient appliances and fixtures
- Interior lights occupancy sensors
- Timers/sensors on exterior lights
- Solar panels installed

MATERIALS & RESOURCES

- Demolition materials recycled
- Recycling of glass, aluminum and paper
- Water fountains have bottle refill
- Recycled and renewable materials selected when possible

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

- Dimmable lighting fixtures
- Individual office thermostat
- Large windows to permit daylight
- Lights and temperature automatically adjust to occupancy and "off" hours
- Successful blower door test to check for air infiltration
- Acoustical panels to manage sound
- Low-emitting paints, fabrics & carpeting

INNOVATION IN DESIGN

- This Category gives the reviewer the ability to assign up to 6 points for an innovative design element such as the rain water collection system.

Restore Illinois

Phase 3: Recovery

Governor J.B. Pritzker announced on May 27th that the State would move to Phase 3 effective May 29, 2020. The Recovery Phase allowed offices, hair salons, barber shops, and retail stores to open, following social distancing guidelines. The City Hall operations opened to the public on June 1st.

Governor Pritzker announced eating and drinking establishments would be able to have outdoor service in addition to take out. Typically, a restaurant is required to apply to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a Special Use to have outdoor dining in Countryside. However, the City Council took swift action to amend the City Code to assist our restaurants in creating outdoor dining space or expanding their current outdoor dining on a temporary basis. The amendment allows the restaurant to apply for a temporary (through 10/31) outdoor dining permit at no charge. Staff



processes the application which includes a site plan and safety measures for their staff and the public. The City's building official inspects the area before the permit is issued.

Within 2 days of the City Council approving this amendment, the Community Development Department processed, inspected and approved five applications. A total of 10 applications have been processed to date.

OUTDOOR DINING

Barone's
Café Salsa
Chick-fil-A
Hacienda Cocula
Kenny's Irish Pub
Kombs
Ledo's Pizza
Little Joe's
Rafferty's
Russell's BBQ
7 Gates
Spot on 66
Texas Roadhouse
Time Out
Via Bella

Phase 4: Revitalization

The State moved into Phase 4 on June 26th. This opens up many more opportunities for shopping, dining, entertainment and personal care. Overall, groups are now expanded in most cases to 50 individuals. You should continue to wear face covering over your nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 feet or more and frequently wash your hands. Some of the highlights include:

- **Restaurants & bars** can now have indoor dining and drinking for parties of up to 10; with social distancing of tables; standing areas limited to no more than 25% of standing capacity; and buffets and self-service food stations must adhere to additional minimum guidelines.
- **Seated theaters & cinemas** for ticketed events with seating available for all customers is now permitted.
- **Youth and recreation sports** competitive play permitted; group sizes limited to 50 participants (including athletes, coaches, and referees); and capacity limit of no more than 50% of facility capacity, 20% seating capacity for spectators.
- **Day camps** capacity limit is no more than 50% of facility capacity; groups limited to 15 participants.
- **Indoor/Outdoor recreation** is reopening select facilities (e.g. bowling alleys, skating rinks) operating at the lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity; outdoor activities limited to 50 customers; activity stations should be spaced at least 6 feet apart; shared equipment must be disinfected before and after each use.
- **Health and Fitness** classes can accommodate up to 50 people with at least 6 feet social distancing between individuals; workout stations and equipment with social distance guidelines; and sanitize equipment both before and after each use.
- **Meetings & social events** are limited to 50 people or less with social distancing or 50% of overall facility capacity.

For a complete list of Phase 4 Guidelines visit <https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/restore-illinois-phase-4/>.

Police Department Updates

Retirements and Promotions

Officer Kenneth Goluszka retired on December 28, 2019 after 25 years of service with the Countryside Police Department. During his years of service, Officer Goluszka was a Field Training Officer, Evidence Technician, Officer in Charge, and a member of the Mobile Field Force.

Sergeant John Andree retired on May 16, 2020 after 28 years of service with the Countryside Police Department. During his career, Sergeant Andree was a Field Training Officer, a member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System Mobile Field Force, a bicycle patrol officer, and spent time as a task force officer assigned to the DEA.

Sergeant Anthony Boyd retired on May 30, 2020 after 26 years of service with the Countryside Police Department. During Sergeant Boyd's career, he served in many roles including the supervisor for our juvenile division, the supervisor for the bicycle patrol officers, an investigator, expandable baton instructor, Naloxone/Narcan instructor, and a CPR instructor.

Sergeant Robert Sodt was promoted from Detective to Sergeant on May 17, 2020. Sergeant Sodt has served with the Countryside Police Department for 21 years. He has been a member of the Major Case Assistance Team, 5th District SWAT, and the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. He is a juvenile officer and a state certified firearms training officer. We thank each of these officers for their years of dedicated service and wish them all the best in their new endeavors.



Officer
Goluszka

Sergeant
Andree



Sergeant
Boyd

Sergeant
Sodt

Accepting Applications for School Crossing Guard

In preparation for the upcoming school year, the City of Countryside is accepting applications for one part-time crossing guard. The individual will be required to work two crossings per day and must be willing to work in any type of weather. Salary is \$25.00 per day, no benefits. Applications are available at: Countryside City Hall, Clerk's Office, 803 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525, Hours: M-F 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Questions may be directed to Commander Klimek at (708) 352-2171 or pklimek@countrysidepolice.org.



Reminder! Vehicle Registration and Driver's License Expiration Dates have been extended!

All driver's licenses, ID cards, vehicle registration, restricted driving permits and monitoring device driving permits that are currently expired or set to expire by July 31 have been extended until October 1, 2020. More information is available on the Illinois Secretary of State website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Emissions testing sites are also now open for those who need to renew their vehicle registration. More information and times can be found on the Illinois EPA website at www2.illinois.gov/epa/Pages/default.aspx.

Thank you for your continued support!



Throughout the ongoing pandemic and now during this time of social unrest, the members of the Countryside Police Department have experienced such an out pouring of support from businesses, residents, and community organizations. To those who took the time to write thank you letters, to those who dropped off meals or baked goods, to those who called just to say thank you, and to those who dropped off much needed PPE, words cannot express how much we appreciate you and how proud we are to serve the community of Countryside.

Police Department Updates, continued

To: The Autobarn of Countryside, The Gill Family, The Benson Family, Kenny's Irish Pub, Westfield Ford, Ledo's Pizza, The Robinson Family, Inside out Company, Mr. Kenagis, Enzo's Pizza, Teachers of Ideal School, Brainard Avenue Baptist Church, Vulcan Materials, The Gross Family, The Sutter Family, Rafferty's, 4 Suite Salons, Nyco Products, Mayor Sean McDermott, Brandon Edenfield, Baltic Food Distributing and anyone we may have missed....



thank
you!



Census 2020 - PLEASE BE COUNTED!

Only 72% of Countryside households have completed their census. That puts us in 7th out of 17 municipalities in the Township of Lyons. Countryside is better than that! If you have not completed the 2020 census please do so today. If you have completed your census encourage your neighbors and friends to complete theirs. It only takes a few minutes and the next 10 years of funding depends upon it.



The City does not levy a property tax for general operations as other taxes and fees are adequate to pay the bills. Several taxes we receive from the State of Illinois such as Income Tax and Motor Fuel Tax are allocated to municipalities based upon population. If 28% of our residents do not respond we are likely to see a reduction in these taxes. In addition, funding decisions by both the state and federal government take into account the census data, including the Head Start program for schools, plans for new/expanded highways, and housing assistance for older adults. Being counted is important!

- ONLINE:** Visit www.my2020census.gov
- BY PHONE:** Call 844-330-2020 (English)
Call 844-468-2020 (Spanish)
Call 844-479-2020 (Polish)
- BY MAIL:** Complete the questionnaire sent to your home and mail back in the envelope provided.

In April, the U.S. Census Bureau suspended 2020 Census field operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bureau has announced that regional offices will begin opening in July. Once the offices are established, census workers will be paying visits to all households that have not completed their census. Complete your census today! For the first time, your census can be completed online, by phone, or by the traditional mail-in form.

Countryside Cares Restaurant Promotion

Countryside initiated this promotion in an effort to support our restaurants during the pandemic. We would like to thank all those who participated. Over 400 individuals from 42 cities submitted receipts totaling close to \$30,000. The winners were selected by Mayor Sean McDermott on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. Congratulations to the winners. We encourage everyone to continue to support our local businesses.



Grand Prize Winner: Diane Kocimski
Downers Grove
\$2,000 of gift certificates



2nd Prize Winner: Karen Morfoot
La Grange
\$1,000 of gift certificates



3rd Prize Winner: Alyse Ritchey
Countryside
\$500 of gift certificates

Countryside Turns 60!



The City of Countryside was incorporated on July 27, 1960. At that time, there was no city water, no police department and the City Hall was located in a store front on La Grange Road. The City has made big strides over the past 60 years. In 1961 & 1963, bonds were issued to construct a water distribution system to provide Lake Michigan water to Countryside. In 1961, the City started its very own police department. It consisted of the Chief of Police, 3 patrol officers, 4 part-time officers, and 1 support staff. In 1967, City and police operations moved into the former City Hall/Police Station located at 5550 East Avenue. They thought back then that building was state of the art, little did they know.

Flash forward to today. Staff is working in a LEED Gold, net zero energy building....who knew! Our police department now consists of the Chief of Police, 23 sworn officers and 14 support staff (3 full-time and 11 part-time). The City's water distribution system consists of 33.5 miles of water main serving the Village of Indian Head Park and La Grange Highlands in addition to Countryside. But these are just a few highlights. Test your knowledge of Countryside's history with the trivia questions below. Answers can be found on page 11.



1	How many Mayors have served Countryside?
2	What was located where Countryside Plaza is now?
3	How many years did Countryfest run?
4	What famous brothers owned a farm in town?
5	What motel was a favorite on Route 66?
6	Flagg Creek Golf Course used to be named what?
7	Who was Srejma-Michalek Park named after?
8	How many properties does Public Works maintain?
9	Where is the Route 66 Scenic Byway Exhibit located?
10	Who was the first woman elected to office?

City Adopts Budget for New Fiscal Year

The budget cycle began last October with a requested budget for the General and Capital Funds. City management uses this initial budget to determine the City's ability to cover operating and capital costs without the use of a property tax levy. **The Finance Director and City Administrator advised the City Council in December that all budgeted costs could be covered without the use of a property tax extension for the sixth consecutive budget cycle.**

By March, City management was ready to present a final requested budget to the Finance Committee that reflected balanced operations in the City's primary operating funds. Subsequent to the Emergency Declaration and Stay at Home Order the March Finance Committee was cancelled and management staff began analyzing the economic impact of the pandemic. In particular, the Finance Director put together scenarios reflecting revenue impairment projections for the City's primary revenue sources (Sales Tax, Restaurant/Fuel Taxes, State Shared Income Taxes, and Investment Income). The impact is summarized in the following chart that was part of the budget presentation and public hearing.

% OF BUDG SOURCE	CONSIDERATIONS	REVENUE IMPACT PER MONTH		
		APRIL OPTIMISTIC	APRIL MEDIAN	APRIL PESSIMISTIC
68.2% SALES TAX	SHELTER IN PLACE IS SECTOR SENSITIVE - SHAPE OF RECOVERY	797,694	606,248	502,547
4.4% INCOME TAX	CAPITAL LOSSES - ACUTE AND LARGE SPIKE IN UNEMPLOYMENT - LAG	51,250	46,125	41,000
4.3% RESTAURANT TAX	NO ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION - INCREASED CARRY OUTS	50,417	37,813	25,208
3.5% INVESTMENT INCOME	HISTORICALLY LOW INTERST RATES - DISLOCATION OF MARKETS/SPREADS	40,608	30,456	20,304
3.1% VEHICLE FUEL TAX	TYPICALLY SHOWS INELASTICITY - SHELTER IN PLACE EFFECTS	36,250	27,188	18,125
2.9% ELECTRICAL USE TAX	SHELTER IN PLACE CONSIDERATIONS - RESIDENTIAL VS. COMMERCIAL	33,333	30,000	25,000
2.2% STATE GAMING TAX	NO ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION - ON SITE GAMING OPERATIONS HAULTED	25,417	-	-
1.4% TRANSFER IN (HOTEL)	NON ESSENTIAL CORPORATE AND LEISURE TRAVEL SUSPENDED	16,667	8,333	3,333
89.9% TOTAL REVENUE/MONTH		1,051,636	786,162	635,518
VARIANCE	SCENARIO BASED		(265,474)	(416,117)

The revenue projections were presented to the City Council and public participants at the Public Hearing. Given the difficulty in predicting the duration of the revenue impacts on the current budget period, and the significant lag in receiving actual data, the Finance Director urged the City Council to pass a conservative but optimistic budget without significant adjustments for current market conditions present in April. At the budget hearing City Council members committed to slowing down all major expenditures until the true economic impact of the pandemic could be properly assessed. The City Council passed the Fiscal Year 2021 budget on April 22, 2020, which covers the period of May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. The budget consists of nine Funds totaling just under \$24 million dollars in combined expenses. A summary by Fund is presented as follows:

Category	Motor								Flagg Creek Fund
	General Corporate	Fuel Tax	Hotel/ Motel	Commercial TIF	Capital Projects	Drug Forfeiture	Water	Sewer	
Revenues	14,042,466	246,939	407,500	558,908	1,778,667	100,195	4,619,447	25,950	1,198,988
Expenses	14,042,466	-	407,500	352,479	1,778,667	5,000	6,180,461	31,208	1,198,988
Surplus (Deficit)	-	246,939	-	206,429	-	95,195	(1,561,014)	(5,258)	-
Beg Fund Balance (1)	11,157,734	-	1,306,463	(7,567,410)	-	32,501	3,539,044	15,077	(167,736)
Ending Fund Balance (1)	11,157,734	246,939	1,306,463	(7,360,981)	-	127,696	1,978,030	9,819	(167,736)

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

Building Department

Homeowners take on home improvement projects either by themselves or by hiring contractors.



If you are having work done, please remember 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 permit applicant 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.
- Any sale of property, residential or commercial, requires a Pre-Sale Inspection. Under the Residents link on the City's website go to Selling Your Home and that will have links to the required form and a step by step checklist.
- Inspections occur between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Inspections can be scheduled for early morning (9:00 to 10:30) or late morning (10:30 to 12:00 Noon). If no time range is requested, the inspection will default to early morning. **A contact name and phone number must be provided.** The expectation is that someone will be at the job site to allow access and the inspector will not wait on site for someone to arrive.
- 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 thru Friday and 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 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 can be submitted for review by the following methods:

- Dropping off at the Community Development office or in the Night Depository located in the vestibule of the Municipal Complex.
- Submitting an on-line permit application at the following: www.countryside-il.org/departments/community-development/online-building-permits/ or
- Sending via e-mail to building@countryside-il.org and typing Permit Application in the subject line. **Please be sure to include an e-mail address on the application.**

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 or by clicking the Forms and Permits link on the home page and scrolling down to the Community Development Department.



Welcome...

Cheryl Jordan as the new part-time property maintenance inspector. Mrs. Jordan comes with 15+ years of code enforcement experience and brings a strong dedication to keeping the City's residential and commercial property values in great standards.

Outdoor Tents

Any use of an outdoor tent for commercial events, outdoor dining etc. shall be listed and approved per NFPA 701 guidelines and indicating a flame resistant material.

Tents shall be properly anchored to the pavement via the use of water or sand barrels and tensioned tied accordingly to resist uplift during storms or high winds.

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.

2020 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 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

- ✓ Pleasantdale Drive from 5th Avenue Cutoff to Pleasantdale Court
- ✓ Pleasantdale Court to Pleasantdale Drive
- ✓ Crestview Road from Lorraine Drive to Sunset Avenue
- ✓ Burr Oak Lane from the south limit to 5th Avenue Cutoff



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.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are accepting Block Party and Garage/Estate sale requests via email. You can download the form from our website and email it to clerk@countyside-il.org.

Library 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.

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.**

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.**



Brainard Avenue Multi-Use Path

PATH FUNDING	
ITEP Grant	946,200
Cook County Grant	90,000
City's Share	146,550
Total Cost	1,182,750

In 2014, the City of Countryside was awarded an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant to construct a multi-use path along Brainard Avenue from Joliet Road to 55th Street. The grant provided an 80% 20% split with the ITEP Grant paying 80% of the cost and the City paying 20% of the total project costs. In 2018, the City was also awarded an Invest in Cook County Grant in the amount of \$90,000.00. This grant will help offset the City's project costs. Work on this project started last fall with the utility relocation project. In March, construction began again with tree and stump removal in the right-of-way, silt fence installation, earth excavation, drainage improvements, aggregate base installation, asphalt leveling binder and surface paving, pavement striping, signage, driveway apron removal and replacement, and parkway topsoil and sod restoration. The actual multi-use path itself should be completed by mid-July. The sod and plantings portion of the project will be complete in the fall.

PHASE 1

Excavation of the area for the path placement.



PHASE 2

Placement of aggregate base installation.



PHASE 3

Installation of asphalt leveling binder and surface paving.



Community Happenings

Summer Concert Series

At the May 13, 2020 Special Events Committee meeting, the Committee decided to cancel the 2020 Summer Concert series. It was a very difficult decision to cancel, but it is important to ensure the health and safety of our residents and visitors. It is our hope to come back in 2021 with a 12-week series. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Countryside Chamber of Commerce

~~Spring~~ **FALL**
Drink specials, trolley rides, music, and more!
PUB CRAWL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020 - 7PM TO MIDNIGHT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2020

Place: City Hall Parking Lot
803 Joliet Road

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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

(Limit of 5 small boxes)



Welcome to Countryside

Chicago Metropolitan Stone Fabricators

5230 East Avenue

Counter fabrication

Illinois Portable Truck Inspection

5342 East Avenue

Provide offsite mobile truck inspections



Upcoming Holiday

The City Hall will be closed in observance of
Labor Day, Monday, September 7th

Upcoming Meetings

July

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

August

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

September

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



Pictured below: Route 66 Drive-In Theatre, Marx Brothers on the farm; Flagg Creek Golf Course today; and the Route 66 Byway Exhibit unveiling picturing former Mayor Robert Conrad, William Kelly, former Clerk, Sharon Sweeney, Alderman Jim Jasinski, former Public Works Superintendent, Jim Essig, and former Chief of Police, Michael Ruth.

1 Seven mayors have served the City: Albern Hollands (1960-1963); Melvin Eggert (1963-1967); Mike Coduto (1967-1978); Carl LeGant (1978-2007); Robert Conrad (2007-2011); Ed Krzeminski (2011-2015); and Sean McDermott (2015-present)

2 The Route 66 Drive-In Movie Theatre operated from 1948-1976 where the Countryside Plaza is today.

3 Countryfest brought people together for 25 years in town. In the early years, the City and Chamber of Commerce cooked up about 400 pounds of bratwursts and 50 pounds of hotdogs throughout the day at the forest preserves. In later days it was true festival with entertainment at the old City Hall parking lot.

4 Minnie Marx bought a chicken farm in order to avoid her sons being drafted. The Marx Brothers were a famous comedy act in the early to mid-1900s. After the USA declared war on Germany in 1917, Minnie Marx bought a farm in Countryside in order to avoid her sons from being drafted. The chicken farm was not an economical venture as Groucho later claimed he and his brothers spent too much time at Wrigley Field watching the Chicago Cubs.

5 The Wishing Well Motel was built in 1941 at the NE corner of Joliet Road & Brainard Avenue. It was originally built with 10 cabins but later was converted into one building with 19 rooms. The motel closed in 2006.

6 The City of Countryside and the Pleasant Dale Park District embarked on a joint venture in 1992 to purchase and operate Maple Crest Golf Course. Both parties believed preserving this course was in the best interests of the citizens. Renamed Flagg Creek Golf Course, it has become one of the premier 9-hole courses.

7 This park was named after Jerry Srejma and Gary Michalek, two firefighters from the Pleasantview Fire Protection District who lost their lives fighting a fire in a commercial building in Countryside. Both firefighters were young single men, Jerry 26 and Gary only 21 years old.

8 The 12 employees in the Department of Public Works maintain 42 properties including the Municipal Complex, Jim Essig Public Works Building, Pump House, Ward 2 Lift Station, 8 parks & tot lots, 2 ditches, and many parkways and easements. This is all in addition to our local streets.

9 On Route 66 of course! The Byway exhibit was installed on the south side of Joliet Road near the IUOE Local 150's parking lot in 2010.

10 Denise Likens was elected Alderman in 1983. She served one term as alderman and then was elected City Clerk. She served as Clerk from 1987-1996.





City of Countryside
803 Joliet Road
Countryside, IL 60525

Presorted Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
So Suburban, IL
Permit No. 928

Officials:

Mayor

Sean McDermott

Clerk

Elizabeth Kmet

Treasurer

Caryn Stancik

Aldermen

Mark Benson

John Finn

James Jasinski

Thomas Mikolyzk

Scott Musillami

John Von Drasek



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) 354-9445

Community Development:

Main: (708) 354-1860

Fax: (708) 354-9445

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