

Countryside CONNECTIONS

SUMMER 2022

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City Adopts Budget With NO Property Taxes

The budget cycle begins in October with a requested budget for the General and Capital Funds. City management uses this initial budget to determine its ability to cover all 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. **"I am pleased to report that this marks the eighth consecutive year that we have been able to balance our budget without the use of a municipal property tax. Our administration and City Council have worked aggressively to diversify our sales tax base and that hard work has clearly paid off,"** said Mayor Sean McDermott. The City Council adopted the final budget for fiscal year 2023 (May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023) following a public hearing on April 27, 2022. The budget consists of ten funds totaling just under \$26 million dollars in combined expenses.

Category	Motor							Flagg Creek	
	General Corporate	Fuel Tax (2)	Hotel / Motel	Commercial TIF Funds	Capital Projects	Drug Forfeiture	Water (2)	Sewer	Fund
Revenues	15,611,647	369,024	337,030	1,016,989	2,144,267	152,000	5,095,275	26,006	1,575,373
Expenses	15,611,647	660,676	337,030	304,974	1,620,423	152,000	5,387,511	32,028	1,575,373
Surplus (Deficit)	-	(291,652)	-	712,015	523,844	-	(292,236)	(6,022)	-
Beg Fund Balance (1)	12,196,500	785,665	1,309,300	(6,315,470)	619,361	119,195	3,517,480	3,761	26,169
Ending Fund Balance (1)	12,196,500	494,013	1,309,300	(5,603,455)	1,143,205	119,195	3,225,244	(2,261)	26,169

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

(2) reserves will be used to cover current year capital projects in the Motor Fuel Tax and Water Funds.

As reflected above, the General Fund is balanced while supporting over \$1.1 million in capital investment (net of grant receipts) through the Capital Projects Fund. Please see the following chart for the total City Capital Investment of nearly \$3.8 million by fund and purpose.

Project Description	Fund	Amount	Funding Source
MWRD Green Infrastructure Project	Capital	551,000	General Fund/Grants
Infrastructure Improvements (Joliet/East Av)	Capital	444,825	General Fund
Pollinator Garden Projects	Capital	63,500	General Fund/Grants
DPW - Vehicles/Equipment Replacements	Capital	409,098	General Fund
Police Squads/Equipment Replacements	Capital	102,000	General Fund
2022 Street Resurfacing Program	Motor Fuel Tax	660,696	Motor Fuel Tax/Grants
Police Equipment and Upfit for new Squads	Drug Fund	152,000	Drug Fund
Water Main Replacements	Water	703,125	Water Revenues/Reserves
Commercial Meter Replacement Project	Water	235,000	Water Revenues
FCGC - Parking Lot Resurfacing	Flagg Creek	380,000	User Charges
FCGC - Lighting and Front Entrance Improvements	Flagg Creek	73,773	User Charges
Project Totals:		3,775,017	

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Economic Development Updates

The City Council approved a proposed development for the old city hall property. The development includes a fueling station and outbuilding on 55th Street and a multi-tenant building on 56th Street. The multi-tenant building will include a City Fresh grocery store, a quick serve restaurant and a brewery. This building will also include roof top seating. Building materials will be similar to the City Center at Joliet and La Grange Roads. A 40' berm 7' high with heavy landscaping will be installed along 56th Street.



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 Reimbursement: 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.

Pool Reimbursement: 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 2022 pool memberships must be presented by December 30, 2022 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.**

5 Things To Know When The Tornado Siren Blares

1. **A tornado watch versus a tornado warning** - A tornado watch means tornadoes are possible, but not confirmed, in a given area. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and National Weather Service recommend preparing to take shelter during this threat level. A tornado warning means rotating, funnel-shaped clouds have been sighted or picked up on radar. The Emergency Outdoor Warning Siren System will blare during a tornado warning and most cellphones should automatically receive weather alerts, according to IEMA.
2. **Taking shelter** - Experts recommend going to a shelter's lowest floor, like a basement, or an interior room, like a bathroom, a closet or center hallway. Avoid sheltering in a room with windows, as they can easily be blown out by high winds. It is not recommended to take shelter in a mobile home or car. If outside, avoid bridges or highway overpasses.
3. **What to put in an emergency preparedness kit** - Top emergency management and weather agencies recommend households keep the following in a prepackaged emergency preparedness kit: water and non-perishable food for several days, flashlight with extra batteries, phone and phone chargers, first aid kit, prescription medications, cash, sleeping bags or blankets, important documents like insurance policies, identification, etc.
4. **Developing a household communication plan** - Households should develop a communication plan before a major weather event. The National Weather Service recommends conducting severe thunderstorm drills.
5. **How long to wait out after the storm and what to do after** - The Emergency Outdoor Warning Siren System may stop blaring even if a threat is still present. People should continue to shelter in place while monitoring weather alerts. Multiple rounds of thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible during severe weather events, according to the National Weather Service. After the threat is lifted, the Chicago emergency management office advises that people check their immediate environment and report fallen trees, flooded streets and damaged public utilities like power lines.



Balloon Safety

Mylar balloons that bump into or wrap around power lines can pose a public safety risk and cause enormous damage from fires and downed lines. Mylar balloons have a silvery metallic coating which is a conductor for electricity. When the balloons float to the sky and make contact with power lines, they can short transformers, cause power outages, melt electrical wires and cause them to fall.

If you see anything caught in a power line, call ComEd at (800) 334-7661.



Coffee with the Mayor - August 20th from 10 - 11 a.m.



Lori Harris, Salt Creek Butterfly Farm, was the guest speaker at May's Coffee with the Mayor. Lori has a passion for pollinators. She educated the attendees about the importance of bees and how bees operate as a team with the queen as their coach. Lori brought a bee hive for people to observe the bees at work. The queen is easy to pick out as she is longer than the other bees and has a bright yellow dot on her back. Marian Pezdek and Matt Murray volunteered to suit up and help assemble the City's third bee hive. For more information on the flow bee hives see page 5.



City Administrator, Gail Paul discussed the pollinator gardens being installed at Ideal Park, the north end of Countryside Park and the front entrance of Flagg Creek Golf Course. The City hired Pizzo Native Plant Nursery to design and install the gardens. As part of their contract they also designed layouts for residents to plant their own gardens. Seeds were given away that day. Residents may also get free seed packets at the City Clerk's Office. Resident Janet Klancir was the lucky winner of 4 flats of plants to begin her pollinator garden.



Please join the Mayor for coffee and conversation on **August 20th**. Finance Director Dave Schutter will be the guest speaker. He will discuss the City's 2023 Fiscal Year's Budget and the upcoming capital projects planned. He'll also explain what a TIF is and why the City has two.

Memorial Day Ceremony



The Robert E. Coulter Post 1941 held Memorial Day Services at the Carl W. LeGant Memorial Park located at the intersection of 55th Street and Plainfield Road. Aldermen Benson, Finn, Frohlich, Musillami, Von Drasek, and Treasurer Bolt attended the ceremony. Past City officials, family members and residents were also in attendance. TAPS and a rifle salute were performed as a part of the service honoring our fallen heroes.

Chicago Announces Water Rate Increase Effective June 1st

The City purchases its water from the Village of McCook who is a direct wholesale customer of the City of Chicago. The City of Chicago has announced a water rate increase to \$4.33/thousand gallons or +5% which will be effective for water consumed after June 1st by its wholesale customers. In response to the scheduled water rate increase from the City of Chicago, the Village of McCook announced an increase to the City of Countryside to \$5.50/thousand gallons or +4.36%. In an effort to cover the increased water supply costs and to ensure ample funding for water system operating and capital replacement costs, the City Council elected to increase retail water rates by the pass-through rate of 4.36%. Effective for water purchased after June 1, 2022 the water billing will continue to include the \$5 monthly connection fee plus the following water rates per thousand gallons: Single Family Residential \$7.78, Multi Family \$9.97, Commercial < 20,000 gallons \$11.32, and Commercial > 20,000 gallons \$12.56.

Million Pollinator Garden Challenge

The Mission of the National Pollinator Garden Network (NPGN) is to inspire individuals and community groups, institutions and the garden industry to create more pollinator habitats through sustainable gardening practices, habitat conservation and to provide these groups the tools to be successful. In 2015, a group imagined creating a network of a million gardens called the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge. According to the NPGN report, "Simple, individual actions would tally up to a big footprint for pollinators facing steep declines". In 2018 the NPGN announced it met its mark with 1,040,000 registered gardens, over 8 million people planting and over 5 million acres of pollinator habitat.



Every pollinator garden and landscape makes a difference. The City registered its three gardens (Countryside Park, Ideal Park, Flagg Creek Golf Course) to be part of this great endeavor. Consider joining this challenge by registering your pollinator garden at <https://pollinator.org/mpgcmmap/register#form>.

Pollinators



The City of Countryside is the recipient of three "flow hive" beehives. Two hives are located in the back of the Municipal Complex by the detention pond. The third hive is located on the roof near the Municipal Complex's rooftop garden. Lori Harris, Salt Creek Butterfly Farm, builds, stocks and maintains the hives. Lori delivered approximately 40,000 bees to each hive in May.



The flow hive design allows honey to flow by gravity through a tube, directly filling honey jars without any disruption to the bees. Lori will be servicing each of the hives. She intends to videotape and document the progress of the hives and generation of the local honey. This will all be shared via a link on our website.

Lori Harris said, "I think these hives will be a great addition to the City of Countryside, furthering the City's initiative to support pollinators and the role they play in the ecosystem". The City is grateful for being considered to house these flow hive bee hives.



Top 10 Sales Tax Generators

The City of Countryside depends on sales tax revenue to support the majority of general operations, including streets and public safety. It continues to be a top priority to attract and retain sales tax generating businesses. Having enough sales tax to pay for general operations allows the City the rare opportunity to abate ALL City property taxes. The City estimates its sales tax revenues will once again be adequate to cover operations in FY 2022-2023 and therefore, there will not be a property tax levy once again this year.

For calendar year 2022, the total sales tax collected by the City was \$10.9 million, of which the top ten businesses generated \$5.5 million or 51%. Please remember to shop, stay, dine and play in Countryside. Every tax dollar helps us provide programs free of charge and high quality services to our residents and businesses.



Sustainability Corner



Sustainable practices in the home and businesses can lead directly to lower water bills at home and lower operating costs in businesses. Paying attention to water connections in the home, namely toilets, hoses, hose bibs, and lawn sprinkler systems can result in real savings when it comes to monthly water bills. Limiting the amount of time spent taking showers and the amount of water used performing other water related chores can only add to this goal. Now that summer is coming around don't get caught off guard allowing your garden watering and lawn sprinkling to spike your water bills. A great way to mitigate the cost of sprinkling is to use rain barrels to collect water during rainy periods to be used during dry periods.

Commercial properties like condos and apartment buildings can benefit from some of these ideas as well. Multi-unit facilities should check their water usage on a regular basis and check things like toilets and other connections for leaks. A leaking toilet leaks 24 hours a day, most of the time without anyone noticing thus adding to operational costs.

Dye strips used for detecting leaking toilets are available free of charge at the City of Countryside Clerk's Office.

Water Conservation Tips



1. When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one side of the sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
2. Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
3. We're more likely to notice leaks indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, sprinklers and hoses for leaks.
4. Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
5. Collect water from your roof to water your garden.
6. Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.
7. Turn off water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
8. Make sure there are water-saving aerators on all your faucets.
9. When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your trees or shrubs.
10. When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather.

Restrictions on Sprinkling

City ordinance restricts sprinkling between May 15th and September 15th. Sprinkling lawns is **prohibited between the hours of Noon - 6:00 p.m.** During the hours when sprinkling is permitted, properties

who addresses end in an odd numbered digit may water on odd numbered dates, and properties who addresses end in an even numbered digit may water on even numbered dates.



Energy Star Appliances

ENERGY STAR is the trusted, government-backed symbol for energy efficiency helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy-efficient products and practices. The ENERGY STAR label was established to: reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants caused by the inefficient use of energy. Appliances that bear the ENERGY STAR label help you save energy and money without sacrificing performance. By using less energy, your appliances help reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. Next time you replace an appliance, consider an ENERGY STAR product.

ENERGY STAR appliances do not cost any more than standard appliances. Compared to non-certified models, ENERGY STAR products can save over \$100 a year in energy costs and they are better for the environment.



Police Department Updates

Welcome Officer Dziallo!

We would like to welcome our newest officer, Ian Dziallo, to the Countryside Police Department! He was sworn in by Mayor Sean McDermott at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Officer Dziallo comes to us with over three years of experience as a police officer. He will begin his field training on Monday, April 18, 2022 as he embarks upon his career with the City of Countryside.

Executive Management Program

Deputy Chief Paul Klimek graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NUCPS) Executive Management Program on Friday, May 20, 2022.

The Executive Management Program is comprised of three weeks of intensive examination of law enforcement trends and critical issues shaping law enforcement today. Under the leadership of respected and experienced NUCPS instructors, participants gain tools and knowledge for proactively responding to dynamic public safety environments. Congratulations Deputy Chief Klimek!



Hiring Part-Time Community Service Officers

The Countryside Police Department has several openings for Part-Time Community Service Officer. The **starting salary for this position is \$15.45/hr.** For more information and a full job description, visit <https://www.countryside-il.org/general/employment-opportunities/>.

Applications are available at: CITY HALL, CLERK'S OFFICE 803 Joliet Road Countryside, IL 60525; Hours: M-F 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

OPT-IN NOW for ALERTS on SMART 911

Residents, as well as anyone that works in or visits the City of Countryside are invited to sign up for free **Rave Alerts** and also create a free **Safety Profile** with "Smart911". The **Alerts** portion of "Smart911" acts as a mass notification system allowing the City and Police Department to notify you of vital information and emergency situations that may be occurring in your neighborhood. By opting in for these alerts/notifications you can receive vital information via text, email, and/or voice message.

Creating a Safety Profile with SMART 911 allows individuals and families to provide key information to 9-1-1 call takers during an emergency. This information includes any details you would like to provide about your household such as allergies, pets, emergency contacts, other household information, medical history, and vulnerable needs. You decide how much information you want to provide when you sign up. All information is optional and you have the ability to choose what details you would like to include. This information is stored on the "Smart911" secure online system.

You can sign up today by typing the following address into your web browser and following through the prompts <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=Countryside>. Or you can go to www.countryside-il.org, select "Departments" at the top of the page, select "Police Department", then on the right side of the page, select "Sign up for Emergency Alerts & Create your Safety Profile".

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

✓ Application Requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

Public Works Reminds You . . .

Brush Pick-Up

Residents are asked to observe the following rules for branch/brush pickup:

- Cut ends of tree limbs must face the street and be stacked along the parkway.
- Tree limbs should not be over 10 feet in length or over 4 inches in diameter.
- Tree stumps are **not accepted** at the disposal site and will not be picked up.
- Do not include vines in the branches for pickup. They will become entangled with the limbs, creating a dangerous situation during handling.
- City ordinance forbids the depositing of grass clippings, leaves or any other debris in the branch pile or on the street.
- Contractors providing tree and brush trimming services are responsible for the removal of all materials they cut.
- Please allow 7 to 10 working days for pickup.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works at (708) 354-3390.

Keep Storm Sewers Clear to Prevent Flooding

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

Lawn Sprinkler Systems/Fire Sprinkler Systems

The City of Countryside requires that RPZ/Backflow devices on all lawn/fire sprinkler systems are to be inspected and tested annually to prevent cross-contamination of the potable water system. Test results should be emailed to building@countryside-il.org.



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

Survey Required of all Residents & Businesses

The City is required to inventory all water services lines in our water system by the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act. A survey will be mailed to each water customer shortly. The City is requesting that you complete the survey with the type of material (i.e. lead, copper or galvanized steel) your service line is made of and return as soon as possible.

Grow Solar Chicagoland

Are you interested in solar power? Grow Solar Chicagoland is a program run by the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and Midwest Renewable Energy Association. This program makes solar more affordable and easier to obtain for Chicagoland residents and businesses.



Marina Minic of CUB gave a free educational presentation on the Grow Solar Chicagoland program on May 19th in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Residents in Cook, DuPage, Kane and Will Counties have an opportunity to participate. This program combines volume purchasing with community education to make solar more accessible and affordable. Marina explained different options for renewable energy such as buying and installing your own solar panels, leasing solar panels and community solar, where you can purchase a portion of the electricity produced by a solar installation called a community solar garden. For more information

on the Grow Solar Chicagoland program go to www.Chicagoland.GrowSolar.org. This program closes on Friday, September 30, 2022.

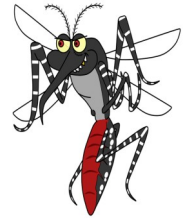
Help Fight Mosquitoes

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:

- 1 Throw away all trash that can hold water (cans, jars, tires, etc.).
- 2 Clean rain gutters and downspouts to prevent water from standing in gutters or on flat roofs.
- 3 Change the water in bird baths, wading pools, etc. at least once a week.
- 4 Clean out and fill tree holes.
- 5 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.



Threat of Lone Star Tick Disease



Our recent warm weather has reawakened ticks. One type in particular, the Lone Star Tick, is more common in the southern states but is now spreading to new areas in the U.S. It is easily identified by the white spot on its back if it's a female, however the male does not, making it harder to identify. One bite from this tick can cause a life-long adverse reaction to eating red meat. Use proper clothing and tick and insect repellent for protection while outdoors.

Rabid Bat Found in Countryside



The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) reported in June that a bat was found in Countryside. The bat was tested and found to be rabid. According to the CCDPH "Rabies is a fatal but preventable viral disease. It can spread to people and pets if they are bitten or scratched by a rabid animal. In the United States, rabies is mostly found in wild animals like bats, raccoons, skunks, and foxes."

The rabies virus infects the central nervous system causing disease in the brain and ultimately death if untreated. The good news is rabies can be prevented by vaccinating pets, staying away from wildlife, and seeking medical care after potential exposures before symptoms start.

RABIES PREVENTION

IN PETS

- Keep vaccinations up to date for dogs, cats and ferrets.
- Maintain control of your pets through supervision outside.
- Call animal control to remove stray animals.

IN PEOPLE

- Leave wildlife alone.
- Wash animal bites or scratches immediately with soap and water.
- If bitten, scratched or unsure, contact a healthcare provider.
- Vaccinate your pets.

Welcome to Countryside

Cosa Bella Day Spa

23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 122

Day spa customizing in facials, waxing, and body treatments

Empire Auto

6501 Joliet Road

Auto repair shop

Maria Lisa's

6534 Joliet Road, Suite 2

Hair salon

Olgas Twisted Scissors

23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 123

Hair Salon



Ombre Brows by Christina

23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 108

Eye brow tinting studio

Systems Accounting Services

1023 W. 55th Street, Site 110

Tax and accounting service

The Art of H Studio

23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 111

Hair salon

Ultimate Treasurers

9930 W. 55th Street

Used furniture and housewares store



Community Happenings

Bluegrass & Brews

Saturday, August 27th

COUNTRYSIDE PARK
630 61st Street
3 - 9 PM

BEER FROM LOCAL BREWERIES

LIVE MUSIC

Aaron Dorfman & Pete Smith of Bluegrassify, Miles Over Mountains, and Anderlik, Otto, and Church Bluegrass Band.

FOOD VENDORS ON SITE

Ledo's Pizza, Kissed by Fire (BBQ) & Serna's Grill.

For more information about this event, please call (708) 354-7270 or visit our website at www.countryside-il.org under the Special Event tab on the home page.

Summer Concert Series

Join your friends and family every Thursday at Countryside Park (located at 630 61st Street) for our eight week summer concert series. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and run through 9 p.m. This years lineup is designed to appeal to all music lovers. Concerts are held, rain or shine. For more information, please call (708) 352-7270.

July 7: Flat Cats
July 14: Generation
July 21: Industrial Drive
July 28: Good Clean Fun (*FIREWORKS SHOW at 9 p.m. with a rain date of August 4*)
August 4: The Beatelles

Upcoming Meetings

July

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

August

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

September

6	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:15 p.m.
13	Fire & Police Commission	5:00 p.m.
14	City Council	7:30 p.m.
21	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.
28	City Council	7:30 p.m.

Back to School Celebration and Neighborhood Festival

Saturday, August 20th

Sponsored by the City of Countryside & School District 105



IDEAL SCHOOL
9901 W. 58th Street
2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

2-4 pm - Wellness Resource Fair, school supply and personal hygiene distribution.

4-5 pm - High School "Battle of the Bands" competition.

6-6:30 pm - Mariachi Monumental De Mexico.

7-9 pm - Timeless.

For more information about this event, please call (708) 354-7270 or visit our website at www.countryside-il.org under the Special Event tab on the home page.

Mary Pat Larocca Recognized



At the May 11, 2022 City Council meeting, longtime LaGrange School District 105 Kindergarten teacher Mary Pat Larocca was recognized for her years of service. Mary Pat began her journey as an educator when she was hired by the LaGrange School District 105 on September 9, 1982, and taught Kindergarten at Ideal School for the next 40 years. She is one of the longest tenured teachers in LaGrange School District 105 history. We wish her well in her retirement and hereby proclaim June 6, 2022 as Mary Pat Larocca Day in honor of her 40 years of service to our community.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022

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)





City of Countryside
803 Joliet Road
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Websites to Know

City of Countryside

www.countryside-il.org

Cook County Clerk

www.cookcountyclerk.com

Flagg Creek Golf Course

www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.com

Pleasant Dale Park District

www.pdparks.org

Pleasantview Fire Protection District

www.plvw.org

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 911



City Hall/Clerk's Office:

Main: (708) 354-7270

Fax: (708) 354-9445

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

Community Development:

Main: (708) 354-1860

Fax: (708) 354-9445

Police Department:

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

Fax: (708) 352-1032

Public Works:

Main: (708) 354-3390

Fax: (708) 354-9445

Water Billing:

Main: (708) 485-2465

Fax: (708) 354-9445

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