City Council Members Elected

At the April 7, 2015 Consolidated General Election, the following individuals were elected to the City Council, and received the oath of office from Judge Peter Felice on May 13, 2015.

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Congratulations!

Coffee with the Mayor - August 1st 10 - 11 a.m.

Mayor Sean McDermott is initiating a new program which gives residents and business owners an opportunity to hear from and talk to the Mayor personally. This program will be kicked off on Saturday, August 1, 2015. You are invited to come meet with the Mayor over a cup of coffee from 10 - 11 a.m. at the City Hall Chamber Room. Information will be available about economic development projects and a new crime free housing program being considered. You will have the opportunity to give your opinions on these items, give suggestions for improving our community and bring problems to his attention. Mayor McDermott looks forward to meeting you.
## Ward Reports

### WARD 1

**Alderman James Jasinski**  
(708) 828-3563  
jjasinski@countryside-il.org

**Alderman Robert Pondelicek**  
(708) 354-5001  
bpondelicek@countryside-il.org

- Jack Phelan Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep is in the process of expanding their store. With the recent addition of the Chrysler Jeep lines, more space is required. Keep your eyes open for a brand new look to this dealership in the fall of 2015.
- Hollands Park, along with several other City parks will have the playgrounds filled with rubberized mulch which will help alleviate flooding.
- Plans are currently being reviewed for the Chick-fil-A which will be opening in the Countryside City Center. Work will begin this summer on the site.

### WARD 2

**Alderman Thomas Mikolyzk**  
(708) 263-3973  
tmikolyzk@countryside-il.org

**Alderman John Von Drasek**  
(708) 482-7663  
jvondrasek@countryside-il.org

- Keep your eyes peeled for the new Route 66 benches! The City has purchased three Route 66 benches which will be placed along Joliet Road. This will allow walkers a place to stop and relax as they walk up and down Joliet Road.
- The Tollway Authority is preparing a two-year study for improvements on the 22-mile section of the Central Tri-State Tollway (including noise walls). Once the designers are chosen, their work will begin and will be aided by the input the Tollway Authority has received from area communities (including Countryside) of specific issues or interests. The earliest that construction could begin would be 2020, according to the Tollway’s Deputy Chief of Programming. The Tollway Authority does plan on forming a local advisory group, similar to what they did for the I-90 corridor and the Elgin O’Hare Western Access Project.
- The City Council and Pleasant Dale Park District recently signed an agreement with Tommy R’s Catering of Willowbrook to provide all food service at Flagg Creek Golf Course. Verde by Tommy R’s is officially open for business. Stop in for a fabulous bite to eat and enjoy the patio or hit the driving range.

### WARD 3

**Alderman Mark Benson**  
(708) 579-1299  
mbenson@countryside-il.org

**Alderman Scott Musillami**  
(708) 334-5803  
smusillami@countryside-il.org

- The City Council recently approved a resolution authorizing an Economic Incentive agreement with Pearshire Countryside Hotel, LLC and Pearl Hospitality Manager, LLC (Holiday Inn). The new owners of the Holiday Inn will be investing over $11 million, including property acquisition and improvements. The agreement provides that the City will rebate 50% of the hotel/motel collections from the Holiday Inn for a period of five years, or a maximum of $1,140,000.00, whichever comes first. All funding is from the hotel/motel fund.
- Please inform the City of any low hanging wires that you may see in your neighborhood.
- The Countryside Community Garden is back for its third year. This popular summer gathering spot for residents to plant their own gardens has grown and now has a waiting list. We would like to give a special thank you to Home Depot for the soil and gardening kits donated to the community gardeners.
- Be sure to stop by Countryside Park every Thursday evening for our summer concert series! We look forward to seeing you there and will answer any questions you may have.
Business Attraction and Retention is our Business

The City has been recognized by two outside groups for our business development efforts, last year by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and this year by the consumer finance site, Nerd Wallet. This site conducted a study which ranked Countryside as the fourth best place to start a business out of 285 communities in Illinois. Go to www.nerdwallet.com and click on small business to view the entire study.

The City felt the pains of losing businesses when the automobile industry took a huge hit in 2007 and the real estate market hit unexpected lows in 2008. The City officials did not sit idly by but rather took a very proactive approach to preserve our business base. Below is a list of some important actions taken in this regard.

- 2008 Creation of the Economic Development Committee
- 2008 Issued bonds for property assembly
- 2009 Establishment of the Countryside Business Association
- 2010 Creation of the Countryside Commercial TIF District
- 2010 Adoption of the LaGrange Road Arterial Road Corridor Overly District
- 2011 Began site work design for the Countryside City Center
- 2011 Approved a TIF Redevelopment Agreement “RDA” for Harley Davidson
- 2011 Approved a Tax Sharing Agreement with Ettleson Hyundai
- 2012 Approved a TIF RDA for a Hooter’s Restaurant
- 2012 Approved a Tax Sharing Agreement with Westfield Ford
- 2013 Approved a TIF RDA for Texas Roadhouse and a multi-tenant building
- 2013 Approved a TIF RDA for an Andy’s Frozen Custard Development
- 2014 Completed site work including storm water detention, roads and parking lots. All common areas were transferred to the Property Owners' Association for future maintenance and taxation.
- 2014 Approved a TIF RDA for Jack Phelan’s expansion which includes the addition of Chrysler and Jeep car lines
- 2014 The City receives the EDIE Award from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce for the City Center Development
- 2015 Approved a RDA for a Chick-fil-A development
- 2015 Approved a Tax Sharing Agreement to retain the William Tell Holiday Inn
- 2015 Countryside is ranked the fourth best place to start a business

The City Council and staff work very hard to retain businesses and attract new businesses which are good for our community. Officials have recognized the importance of our business community which contributes over $8 million in sales tax to the City annually. These funds are used to pay for the services we provide to our residents and businesses including street resurfacing, snow plowing and police protection. When considering a major purchase please consider a Countryside business.

Officials Workshop

A workshop was held on June 25th for all elected and appointed officials. Jeff Stein from Tressler, LLC conducted the workshop. He covered several topics including board and committee meeting best practices, the Open Meetings Act, the Freedom of Information Act and Ethics. This workshop was very educational and solicited many questions from the attendees. This was the first time a workshop of this nature was done in-house.
Police Updates
Congratulations All Around!
Since the last newsletter, there have been a few things to celebrate!

Citizen’s Police Academy Class of 2015
(2015 graduates: Bruce Brewer, Bruce Briley, Sharon Clifford, Angela Diaz, Mariana Iepure, Michael Iserman, William Karlovia, Cindy Kiger, Barbara La Papa, Gary Lewis, Alan Lindner, Jacquelyn Pilarski, Mary Scialo, Judy Smith, Bea Sutkus, and Michele Weyrick)

Students from Ideal School
D.A.R.E. Class #40
On Friday, April 17, 2015, 5th Grade students from Ideal School were joined by family, friends and community members for the graduation ceremony of the Countryside Police Department D.A.R.E. Class #40.

PROMOTIONS
Sergeant Paul Klimek
, who has been with the Countryside Police Department since 2004, was promoted to Master Sergeant. Detective Darrell DuReLL has been with the Countryside Police Department since 2003 and he was promoted to Sergeant. Both officers reported for duty in their new roles on June 8, 2015.

RETIREMENT
After 27 years of service, Master Sergeant John Mikel retired from the Countryside Police Department on May 23, 2015. We wish him the best in his retirement and appreciate his years of loyalty and dedication to our department and the entire City of Countryside.

Do You Call Police?
This summer, the Countryside Police Department is rolling out a new program, “We Call Police”, to continue to develop our partnership with the community. “We Call Police,” is a simple form of community watch which enlists Countryside residents to display a sign in their front window and to be our extra set of eyes in our neighborhoods and parks. Crime in Countryside is minimal and we want to keep it that way. The front of the sign simply says, “We Call Police”, which not only sends a message to miscreants to go elsewhere but it also notifies police that they have a partner in that residence. The back of the sign reminds residents of important descriptive information when reporting an incident. Residents of Countryside can pick one of these signs up at the front desk of the Police Department or they can call our non-emergency number (708) 352-2171 and request a sign to be delivered.

Special Olympics Fundraising
This year’s fundraising events in support of Special Olympics are well underway. For the second year, our officers participated in Beards for a Cause and raised over $3,500 for Special Olympics. On May 29, 2015, officers stood on the rooftop of Dunkin Donuts at 55th and La Grange for 9 hours and raised over $3,100.00. On Friday, July 31, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Texas Roadhouse is again hosting a Free Benefit Lunch where officers will be serving lunch to patrons who simply leave donations for Special Olympics at their table. Updates and more information will be available on the Countryside Police Department Facebook page and our website at www.countrysidepolice.org.
Shared Cost Tree Removal Program

The City’s Shared Cost Tree Removal Program helps pay for the removal of dead, diseased or nuisance trees on private property. This program helps assure public safety and improve the appearance of Countryside. It is a violation of the City Code to have dead trees on your property. If you do have dead trees on your property, you will first receive a warning letter and if progress has not been made to remove the dead tree, you will receive a citation. The City will pay 50% of the cost for removal up to $500 per household. However, stump removal/grinding is NOT eligible for reimbursement. The City caps the entire program at $35,000 per year and is available on a first come, first served basis.

Trees considered as nuisance species include cottonwood, willow and mulberry. Ash trees are included in the program provided the stump and chips are removed simultaneously. The total cost to remove the ash tree, stump and chips will be shared 50/50 by the City and the resident with a $500 cap per household, per year.

If you believe your tree qualifies for this program the following procedures MUST be followed.

1. Call the Clerk’s Office to report the tree(s) considered eligible.
2. An alderman of your ward will inspect the tree to verify it qualifies for the program.
3. The Clerk’s Office staff will seek quotes from tree service contractors with a valid certificate of insurance on file.
4. The City will inform the property owner of the low quote and reconfirm their desire to remove the tree.
5. The property owner must pay their 50% share BEFORE the tree removal is scheduled.

Property owners may select an alternate contractor provided the following conditions are met:

1. Work must be done by the alternate contractor at a cost equal to or lower than the lowest quote received by the City; and
2. The alternate contractor must provide proof of liability insurance coverage to the City that satisfies the City’s requirements. Under no circumstances will the City reimburse either the property owner or the alternate contractor should the alternate contractor’s qualifications not meet with the City’s approval.

Please call the Clerk’s Office at (708) 354-7270.

2015 Street Resurfacing Program

The City of Countryside will be contracting for road resurfacing work on three streets this summer/early fall. The project includes curb replacement as needed, roadway base repair, and replacement of asphalt surface from curb to curb.

This work is part of the City’s 5-year street and alley program to improve the road system throughout the community. The funding for the project will be from the City’s Motor Fuel Tax Fund, and there will be no direct charge to the property owners on these streets.

STREETS

✓ Hillsdale Road from Lorraine Drive to Sunset Avenue.
✓ Stalford Road from Joliet Road to the east limit.
✓ 9th Avenue from 56th Street to 57th Street.

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

Lawn Sprinkling Restrictions

City ordinance restricts sprinkling between May 15th and September 15th. Sprinkling lawns is prohibited between the hours of 12:00 (noon) and 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.
Building Department

Building Permits

Now that summer is here, many people take on home improvement projects. If you are having work done on your home, please remember the following building permit and code requirements:

- Construction activities are limited to the hours of 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., 7 days a week. On days when the temperature is above 95°, work can begin at 6 a.m.
- New construction sites are required to be fenced and secured until structures are nearly complete.
- All residential or commercial building permits must include the name, address and phone number of the general contractor and all sub contractors.
- All building permits must include at least one 24-hour contact number.
- All building permit applicants must acknowledge that they read, understand, and agree to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Building Code.
- A temporary construction sign, issued by the City, shall be placed at all residential and commercial construction sites. The sign shall include the name and phone number for the general contractor, permit information, and general construction rules established by the City.
- All permit holders are responsible for the cleaning of the street within 250 feet of the work site every day.
- Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is completed within 365 days after issuance, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the time the work is commenced.
- The building official is authorized to grant one or more extensions of time for periods of no more than 180 days each.

The purpose of the building permit and the reason the City requires the contractor to be licensed and bonded is to protect residents. Building department staff monitor these locations to review the impact on traffic flow and access while working closely with the Police department to hold contractors accountable for complying with approved plan requirements.

Should you need to report building permit concerns or possible violations, please contact the Community Development Department at (708) 354-1860.

Code Corner

The City would like to notify all residents and businesses of these newly passed ordinances which are effective immediately.

15-23-0: This ordinance permits and limits the number of allowable sidewalk sales per year from an unlimited amount to two (2) a year for a period not to exceed five consecutive days in length. Any business that wishes to hold a sidewalk sale must see the City Clerk’s office to obtain a permit. In the past, there were no rules or regulations regarding sidewalk sales.

15-24-0: This ordinance changes the limits on garage sales. Previously, garage sales were only allowed twice a year for two days only. The new ordinance allows garage sales to be held twice a year for three consecutive days. The person wishing to hold a garage sale must see the City Clerk’s office to obtain a permit.

Code Enforcement

Our Code Enforcement program is underway and our inspectors are driving through the neighborhoods looking for items in need of attention. The big items this spring have been grass/weeds in excess of 10 inches, accumulation of "items" in and around the yard, dead or dying trees, and recreational vehicles (boats, trailers, campers, etc.) improperly stored on the property.

For more information or to answer any questions you may have, please call the Community Development Department at (708) 354-1860.
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.

Storm Season

The City would like to inform you of the proactive measures it takes prior to storm conditions and during major storms. The City’s Department of Public Works “DPW” tracks the weather. If storms are predicted in the next few days, the street sweeper will be dispatched to clean up debris on the streets which minimizes the amount of garbage entering the storm sewer system. DPW also checks all the ditches (behind Ideal School, Peck Ditch, and Ward 2 ditch by Forestvilia). DPW will check all the outfalls (near Cook County Forest Preserve, 56th St. & East Avenue and LaGrange by the Country Club) to make sure none are blocked.

When storms do hit, the entire DPW staff is called out. Four pickup trucks are stocked with construction cones, barricades, shovels, pitch forks, rain gear, etc. The workers first go to all the known trouble spots. They will barricade areas to avoid entry if needed. Once the trouble areas are under control the workers will proceed to other areas needing attention. After the water recedes all the debris from lawns and landscaping including mulch and grass clippings goes into the sewer. You will see the workers going around town to clear all our storm sewers.

Residents can help the storm efforts by:

- Keep the storm sewers in front of your property clear of debris.
- Do not rake or blow grass clippings into the street.
- Call 9-1-1 for public safety concerns (people trapped in car)
- Call the police non-emergency number (708) 352-2171 for all other storm related issues

Depending on the amount of rain, typically once the streets flood due to the storm sewers being at capacity it takes approximately 3-4 hours for all the water levels to go down and get back to normal conditions.

Stay Informed

Want to receive emergency notifications and other community information? Sign up for Blackboard Connect.

Sign up at the City’s website www.countryside-il.org. Use the link at the bottom of the main page. Or call the police non-emergency number (708) 352-2171.

Are you already signed up? Log into Blackboard Connect and verify that your contact information is correct.
City Services

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

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

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

Residents are also offered a 50% reimbursement (one per household, up to a maximum of $100) toward the cost of membership to any outdoor swimming pool. Fitness Clubs and YMCA memberships are not eligible unless a separate “outdoor pool” rate is established. The membership should extend from Memorial Day through Labor Day and you must produce a letter of cancellation. To apply for reimbursement, bring in your paid receipt and valid driver’s license to the Clerk’s office. All 2015 pool memberships must be presented by December 31, 2015 to be eligible for 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.

Speak Out!

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

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

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Date: ___________ Address: __________________ Phone: ___________

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

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

Summer Concert Series

The City will be raffling off a $1,000 Visa gift card donated by Westfield Ford. The raffle will be at the final concert on August 6th. Tickets will be sold for $5 a piece, and all proceeds will go to the Kelli Joy O’Laughlin Memorial 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.

Autobarn
BMW Motorcycles of Countryside
CJ Wilson Mazda
Countrywide Business Association
Groot
Heartland Bank of Countryside
Hooters
Infinity Communications Group
Jack Phelan Chrysler, Dodge Jeep
Westfield Ford

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

Don’t miss out on our best carnival yet! Awesome rides, lots of fun, fantastic bands, and surprise carnival extras!

Mega Passes can be purchased at Ledo’s Pizza, Flagg Creek Golf Course, Marry Me Jewelry, Concerts in the Park, and online at www.cbacountryside.com for $60 until July 15th or $75 at the carnival.

4 hour unlimited ride passes ($25-$30) available for purchase at the carnival.

Flagg Creek Golf News

Fall Scramble will be held on Sunday, September 20th. The fee is $200 for a foursome, which includes golf, buffet lunch and prizes. Tee times range from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

“Verde” by Tommy R’s restaurant in the clubhouse is now open serving delicious food. Watch your favorite sporting event on one of our 3 flat screen tv’s, or relax and enjoy the view from our scenic deck while listening to our premier audio system. The menu can be found on our website www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org under the “Bar and Grill” tab. The Flagg Creek Bar is open daily.

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

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5550 East Avenue
Countryside, IL 60525

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Mayor
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Clerk
Susan Burdett

Treasurer
Caryn Stancik

Aldermen
Mark Benson
James Jasinski
Thomas Mikolyzk
Scott Musillami
Robert Pondelicek
John Von Drasek

Websites to Know

City of Countryside
www.countryside-il.org

Cook County Clerk
www.cookcountyclerk.com

Pleasantview Fire Protection
www.plvw.org

West Suburban Chamber
www.westsuburbanchamber.org

Countryside Business Association
www.cbacountryside.com

Flagg Creek Golf Course
www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall:
Main: (708) 354-7270
Fax: (708) 354-9445
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Police Department:
Main: (708) 352-2171 (non-emergency)
Fax: (708) 352-1032
Emergency: 911

Clerk’s Office:
Main: (708) 354-7270
Fax: (708) 354-9445

Public Works:
Main: (708) 354-3390
Fax: (708) 354-9445

Water Billing:
Main: (708) 485-2465
Fax: (708) 354-9029

Community Development:
Main: (708) 354-1860
Fax: (708) 354-9029