A Year in Review

Mayor Sean McDermott set out to accomplish several goals during his first year in office. His goals were simple - improve resident communication, increase public safety, promote economic development and build a stronger sense of community. Working closely with the City Council, Mayor McDermott has achieved these goals by putting several initiatives forward.

Communications – The Mayor initiated quarterly “Coffee with the Mayor” meetings. These Saturday morning sessions educate residents and business owners about the City’s budget, programs, services, economic development and new initiatives. Everyone is welcome to provide feedback, ask questions and suggest topics for future meetings.

Public Safety – Several residents expressed concerns about rental properties within the City. The Mayor listened to these concerns and implemented the Crime Free Housing Program. This program requires the owners of residential rental property to register their property and successfully complete a landlord “crime free rental housing program” training class. This class educates the owners and their managers about the requirements of the program including crime prevention through environmental design.

Another public safety/life saving initiative was the requirement for fire sprinklers in new residential construction. Unlike smoke detectors, sprinklers detect AND automatically respond to a fire while it is small, reducing the spread of deadly heat, flames and smoke.

Economic Development – The Mayor has worked closely with the Economic Development Committee (EDC) to continue development on vacant and underutilized properties. Chick-fil-A’s grand opening this year marks the completion of the Countryside City Center project. In addition, the runner up for the last lot found a home down the block at 58th & La Grange Road. Chipotle is under construction and will open later this year.

The Mayor also brought forward the White Sox radio advertising initiative. The Mayor and EDC chair, Scott Musillami, collaborated with the City’s car dealerships and the Countryside Business Association to develop an advertising campaign to promote our current businesses as well as attract new businesses to our community. Listen for the ads on WLS 890 AM White Sox radio. Sales tax is the bread and butter of Countryside. Without it, property taxes are inevitable. The FY2017 budget was balanced without a property tax again thanks to our healthy business environment.

Community – Bringing both the residential and business community together was accomplished with the City’s inaugural St. Patrick’s Day Family Parade. Some residents participated in the parade, while others watched from their front porches. Victoria Reyes of nearby LaGrange Highlands was crowned queen, and the proceeds from the parade were donated to the Kelli Joy O’Laughlin Memorial Foundation of Indian Head Park. This parade brought hundreds of people to our town to watch the parade and patronize our businesses.

The City has taken initial steps for the construction of a new City Hall and Police Station. Our current facility is outdated, inefficient and does not meet the needs of staff especially in the police arena. A Space Needs Analysis (SNA) was completed this year. A final site was selected and a contract to purchase the old Flame property has been executed. The Mayor appointed a design committee including elected officials and residents to establish design standards for the new facility. Be sure to attend the next Coffee with the Mayor where an overview of the SNA will be presented.
# Ward Reports

## WARD 1

**Alderman James Jasinski**  
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- Construction on the Chipotle project has begun! Chipotle will be located at 58th Street and LaGrange Road, at the former Brown’s Chicken property. Stay tuned for an opening date this fall.
- The Economic Development Committee has been in discussions with Etteson Hyundai on the relocation of their dealership to the vacant parcel at 57th Street and LaGrange Road. We are very excited about this opportunity.
- Andy’s Frozen Custard has submitted their parking lot plans to address resident concerns. We anticipate the work being completed in July.
- The Mayor has 60 days to appoint a resident to fill the Alderman vacancy. This appointment requires the consent and approval of the City Council.

## WARD 2

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**Alderman John Von Drasek**  
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- City staff attended an event at the Holiday Inn to discuss how Historic Route 66 can be used to increase tourism in our area. There will be a committee formed which will include several communities along Route 66 to help generate ideas for improving tourism in this area.
- Upon direction and input from the City’s Infrastructure Committee, the City recently applied for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant for a landscape/beautification/streetscape project on both the north and south side of Joliet Road. The proposed project will start at LaGrange Road and be built west-bound to Brainard Avenue. The project consists of decorative lighting, stamped concrete, urban oases, decorative planters, benches and trash receptacles. A primary goal with this grant is to continue the streetscape from LaGrange Road onto Joliet, making the entire area more pedestrian friendly.
- IDOT is conducting preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the improvement of I-55 from I-355 to I-90/94 in DuPage and Cook Counties. As a part of the environmental study for this project, traffic noise was evaluated for the proposed improvements. The analysis found that with the proposed improvements and the predicted noise levels in the Woodland Ridge Subdivision area, it will warrant consideration of a noise wall. All of the homeowners in this area should have received a survey asking them to vote for or against the noise wall. We will keep you apprised on updates as they occur.

## WARD 3

**Alderman Mark Benson**  
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mbenson@countryside-il.org  

**Alderman Scott Musillami**  
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smusillami@countryside-il.org  

- The City recently installed a drainage restrictor near 55th and Willow Springs Road. We are hoping that this will help alleviate some of the drainage issues in the Triangle area.
- The water main lining project is currently underway at Countryside Plaza. The long term effects of this project should result in less water main breaks and less blacktop pavement replacement for the Plaza.
- A Brazilian/Martial Arts school will be opening at 5404 LaGrange Road. Keep your eyes open for their grand opening!
- The Summer Concert Series began on June 9th and runs through August 4th. Stop by Countryside Park every Thursday for an evening of great music and friends!
Shop, Stay, Dine & Play … It Pays!

The City of Countryside entered into an agreement to advertise on White Sox radio. The goal is to get our name and convenient location out to potential customers and businesses in the Chicagoland area. The agreement includes rotation of 2 30-second commercials during each regular season game, 3rd inning sponsor announcement, a full page ad in the White Sox Game Day Program, opening and closing billboards, 20 weeks of advertising on the White Sox radio website and complimentary tickets.

On Saturday, June 18th Mayor Sean McDermott and the Chicago White Sox mascot, Southpaw, visited 10 businesses in Countryside. Complimentary tickets were given to one or more customers at each location. The Mayor personally thanked all customers for shopping, staying, dining and/or playing in Countryside. This event brought customers from all over, including: Berwyn, Bridgeview, Chicago, Elmwood Park, Justice, and Lake Zurich.

Thanks to the Countryside Business Association and the 7 participating car dealerships (C.J. Wilson Mazda, Continental Honda, Continental Nissan, Continental Mitsubishi, Ettleson Hyundai, Jack Phelan Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep/Ram, and Westfield Ford) who worked collaboratively on this advertising venture with the City.

Top “10” Sales Tax Generators

The City of Countryside depends on sales tax revenue to support the majority of general city operations. It has and will continue to be a top priority for the City to attract high sales tax generating businesses. As of December 2015, the City abated the property tax levy for the second consecutive tax year. The City has again determined that all operating and capital expenses for the upcoming budgeted fiscal year can be supported without a municipal property tax being assessed on our residents and businesses.

The total sales tax rate in Countryside was 8.75% during calendar year 2015 and of this total rate, the City automatically receives a 1.0% retailers’ occupation (sales) tax local rate and an additional .75% home rule sales tax rate on qualifying purchases.

For calendar year 2015, the total sales tax collected by the City approximated $8.6 million dollars, of which, the top ten businesses generated a little more than half of that sales tax. Remember to shop Countryside!

Welcome to Countryside

Del’s Moving
5316 East Avenue
Residential Mover

Suckerpunch Gourmet
6475 Joliet Road, Suite B
Administrative Office for their product line of gourmet pickles and Bloody Mary Mix.
**New City Hall/Police Station**

The current City Hall/Police Station at 56th and East Avenue is at the end of its useful life. Back in 2006, FGM Architects was hired to complete a Space Needs Analysis (SNA) on behalf of the City Council. The analysis pointed out many deficiencies with the building and the need for additional space. This analysis was completed as part of a proposed project with the YMCA for a joint facility. Despite the need for a new facility, an agreement could not be finalized for the joint facility.

Ten years later the study has been updated. Many things change over time especially in the police world. New laws have been adopted regarding the proper handling and processing of evidence, and the housing of prisoners to name a few. One thing remains the same as the original study, this building is not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Then add the old wiring, plumbing, and HVAC systems - the building is inefficient and lends itself to inefficient operations.

The City Council approved a real estate contract for the purchase of the old Flame property at 803 Joliet Road as the site for the new City Hall/Police Station. This location was selected for a number of reasons. First, the new location will improve accessibility as it is practically the center point of the City; second, the property was vacant due to foreclosure; third, the City has already been approached by two developers to purchase the current site; and finally, development along the Joliet Road corridor is at a standstill and the City Council believes public investment will prompt additional private development.

The SNA and site selection are the very beginning of a long process. To learn more about the SNA and future planning activities, attend the next “Coffee with the Mayor.”

**Coffee with the Mayor - August 13th 10 - 11 a.m.**

The last Coffee with the Mayor on April 30th was dedicated to a discussion on the Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Budget. Finance Director, Dave Schutter, presented and explained the budget to those in attendance. The presentation stressed the importance of sales tax as it pays for 71% of the general operations. Dave discussed how over 50% of the general fund’s budget is for employee related costs including salary and benefits. Other items discussed were programs and services included in this fiscal year budget. Thanks to Andy’s Frozen Custard who donated vanilla and chocolate custard for all in attendance. It was delicious!

The next Coffee with the Mayor will be held on August 13th from 10 – 11 a.m. in the City Hall Council Room. Ray Lee of FGM Architects will present the Space Needs Analysis for a new City Hall/Police Station. To develop the analysis, Mr. Lee met with the Mayor and staff to discuss the City’s vision, its operations, and procedures. Time was dedicated to determining how staff can become more efficient in a new facility. Mr. Lee will review the deficiencies with our current facility and how new regulations have affected the need for new space. We hope you can join the Mayor for the first look at what will be required for a new City Hall/Police Station.
Police Updates

Citizen’s Police Academy

Live, work, or volunteer in the City of Countryside? Interested in how our police department operates or looking to participate in a community program? Adults of all ages are encouraged to apply for the Countryside Police Department Citizen’s Police Academy. Applications are available at the Police Department and on our website at www.countrysidepolice.org. For more information about the Citizen’s Police Academy, please contact the Countryside Police Department at 708-352-2171 or police@countrysidepolice.org.

Bulletproof Vest Contribution

A special thanks to Eric Vates, General Manager of CJ Wilson Mazda of Countryside. For the second year in a row, CJ Wilson has sponsored our annual purchase to replace expiring bulletproof vests. At the June 9, 2016 Concert in the Park, Eric presented the police department with a check for $4,800 for this year’s replacements.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A CAR TO GET HOT?

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Bulletproof Vest Contribution

Safe Riding Program

Don’t forget, Countryside police officers are going to be out all summer looking to “catch” kids riding safe by wearing their bicycle helmets. If kids are caught they can be rewarded with a certificate for a free cone from Andy’s Frozen Custard.

Law Enforcement Torch Run Events for Special Olympics Illinois

- On May 20, 2016 our officers participated in the annual Dunkin’ Donuts Cop on Rooftop event and raised $4,746.90 for Special Olympics Illinois.
- Our 3rd Annual Beards for a Cause fundraiser brought in $3,482.00 for Special Olympics Illinois.
- Harley Davidson raffle tickets are still available at the Countryside Police Department for $10 each. The drawing for the 2016 HD Street Glide will be held on October 21, 2016.
- The Texas Roadhouse Free Benefit Lunch will be held on July 29, 2016.

Visit our Facebook page or www.countrysidepolice.org for updates.
**Electric Aggregation Program**

The City of Countryside currently offers an “opt out” municipal aggregation program. After a thorough bid process, Homefield Energy (also known as Dynegy Energy) was selected as the new supplier for the contract term of July 2014 through July 2017. Under the program the rate was fixed at 7.0 cents/kWh from July 2014 through June 2016. **Beginning in July 2016 through the final contract month of July 2017 the rate will be fixed at 6.425 cents/kWh.** During the term of this program, the delivery of the electricity and billing agent services continue to be performed by ComEd – Homefield is simply the supplier.

It is important to note that through the inception of the aggregation program the average residential participant has saved over $305 versus the traditional ComEd supply pricing, and the cumulative savings for the City has been over $610,000 through May of 2016.

However, ComEd has recently changed/published their rate structure for the upcoming year, and although complicated, it can be simplified as follows: for the summer period of June to October of 2016, the ComEd rate **can adjust within the range of 5.695 cents/kWh to 6.695 cents/kWh.** For the non-summer months (November-May of 2017) the ComEd rate **can adjust within the range of 5.815 cents/kWh to 6.815 cents/kWh.** The ComEd rate adjusts monthly by +/- .5 cents.

Based on the variable nature of the ComEd rate and the fixed rate provided under the aggregation program, it is difficult to predict the best alternative. However, if anyone participating in the program wishes to switch back to ComEd or choose any other supplier, the process is easy and there are no termination fees. Call Homefield Energy at (844) 351-7691 and provide them with your ComEd account number. In fact, you can choose your supplier at any time with the exception that you cannot go back to a supplier you just left for at least 6 months.

If you have any further questions regarding the Electric Aggregation Program, please call Dave Schutter, the City’s Finance Director, at (708) 485-2464. Please be advised that Mr. Schutter cannot provide specific advice or projections on future ComEd rates, but certainly can help explain the choices that you have with respect to this matter.

**Go Ape Treetop Adventure Course - Opened June 25th**

Did you know that the first ever zip line and treetop obstacle course in Illinois opened June 25th within the Forest Preserves of Cook County? Go Ape is an adventure course company who designed and built the obstacle course at Bemis Woods South located at 1100 Ogden Avenue in nearby Western Springs. The course is seven acres and features 5 zip lines, a double Tarzan swing, a series of rope ladders and bridges, and 40 obstacles 40+ feet up in the forest canopy. The course will be open until November 30th.

The cost is $57 for adults, and $37 for kids ages 10 – 15. You can book your Go Ape Adventure online at [www.goape.com](http://www.goape.com). For more information please follow the link on the City’s website.

(Pictures courtesy of GoApe.com)
2016 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 General Fund, and there will be no direct charge to the property owners on these streets.

STREETS

√ 67th Street from Willow Springs Road to Sunset Avenue.
√ Constance Lane from Joliet Road to Brainard Avenue.
√ Surface patching on Barton Road and Longview Drive.

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

Crime Free Housing Program in Full Swing
Over the last 14 months, our Crime Free Housing Coordinator has made contact with every identified multi-unit property owner or manager, acquainting them with the program and ordinance. We have already identified over 500 individual units owned or managed by 70 different people. Our coordinator has conducted two seminars, trained over 25 property managers and owners and has two more seminars scheduled for September and October of this year.

We have already begun to experience the positive results of improving certain multi-family rental properties in the City. The core of the program is building relationships with the owners and managers to work together for common results. If you would like more information on our crime free housing program, please call the program’s coordinator, Mark Battaglia at (708) 485-3902.

FREE Workshop for Property Managers & Owners
Did you know that 62% of renters are more likely to look at a unit in property advertised as smoke-free, and that 20% of these renters are willing to pay more to live in a smoke-free environment.

The Cook County Department of Public Health, Respiratory Health Association, American Lung Association, and the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association have partnered in a program called Healthy Hotspot to help expand smoke-free housing options in suburban Cook County.

A workshop will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2016, 8-9:30 a.m., at the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, 1904 W. 174th Street, East Hazel Crest. This workshop will discuss the following topics: legality of smoke-free protections; cost benefits of going smoke-free; steps to transition your property; and tips from property managers. Free technical assistance, including sample lease language, toolkits, smoke-free signage, and smoking cessation resources will be available for your use.

To Register: go to www.cookcountypublichealth.org/event-registration or call (708) 633-8342. Breakfast is provided - Space is limited!

In Memory
Alderman Bob Pondelicek, who loyally served the City of Countryside passed away on May 29, 2016. Bob was the Chairman of many committees during his tenure with the City, including the Board of Fire and Police Commission.
Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.
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 have 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. If you hire a contractor to do work on your property, please make sure that they show you proof of a permit and post that permit in the window of your property.

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

Code Enforcement

We have been receiving many calls regarding drainage issues. Please remember that filling up your backyard with dirt and plantings may be affecting your grading and drainage. If you are looking to re-grade your yard, please contact the Community Development Department at (708) 354-1860 to see if a grading permit is required.

Code Corner

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

16-19-O: Changes the security requirement for Special Events. When alcohol is being served at a special event and there are over 100 people in attendance, there shall be one security guard present for every 100 persons. All special event licenses shall expire at 2 a.m. on each day of the event.

16-26-O: Updates the requirements for a Solicitor’s permit. Anyone seeking to solicit, door-to-door, in the City of Countryside must complete an application, pay a fee of $100 per solicitor, and submit to a background check prior to approval of the permit. The application processing time may take up to ten days. The fee and background check may be waived for certain groups, such as charitable organizations registered in good standing with the State of Illinois. A permit is not required for persons under the age of 16.
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.

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.

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Community Nurse

For 95 years, Community Nurse, a nonprofit community health center, has been a leader in caring for those most in need in the western suburbs. Today their medical, dental, and mental health services provide integrated care including check-ups, school physicals and immunizations, chronic disease management, dental treatments, prenatal and obstetrical care and on-site behavioral health assessment and specialist referrals. Lower income residents may be eligible for sliding fee discounts for services, regardless of whether they have Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance or are uninsured. No one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Community Nurse is here to ensure that vulnerable area residents can overcome financial, language, and cultural barriers to access the healthcare services they need to be productive participants in school, the workplace, and in our community. For more information, contact the Community Nurse Benefits & Enrollment Staff at (708) 352-0081.

Plainfield Road Project

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways resurfaced Plainfield Road from Willow Springs Road to East Avenue.

Mayor McDermott would like to thank President Preckwinkle and Commissioner Tobolski for the Plainfield Road repaving project.
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 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 2016 pool memberships must be presented by December 31, 2016 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.

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: ___________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

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.

Upcoming Holidays

Please note that City Hall will be closed in observance of the following holiday:

Labor Day  
Monday, September 5, 2016

Upcoming Meetings

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Please slow down and keep an eye out for children playing in the streets, now that the children are on summer break.
**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 4th. Tickets will be sold for $5 a piece, and all proceeds will go to The New Countryside Women’s Club, that provides scholarships to Countryside residents.

**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 Subaru
- BMW Motorcycles
- CJ Wilson Mazda
- Countryside Business Association
- Groot Industries
- Hooters
- Infinity Communications Group
- Jack Phelan Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram
- Vulcan Materials Company
- Westfield Ford

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

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**“NEW LOCATION” - Countryside Plaza!**

Bring out the family for great days of fun! This year’s event features bands, bingo, toss, food, beer, wine, and raffles. Wristbands for unlimited carnival rides can be purchased on the CBA website, [www.cbacountryside.com](http://www.cbacountryside.com) for $60 through July 13th. Wristbands are also sold at the carnival for $75. Additional information is available on the CBA website or by calling the Carnival Hotline at (708) 485-2695.

**SAVINGS ALERT:** The CBA “Shop Local” Coupon Book is now on sale for $15! The book contains lots of valuable coupons for businesses around town. Books can be purchased at City Hall, Concerts in the Park, and at some local merchants. Most coupons are valid until May 31, 2017.

**Flagg Creek Golf News**

*Fall Scramble* will be held on Sunday, September 18th. The cost is $175 for a foursome, which includes golf, buffet lunch, range balls and prizes. Tee times range from 12-3:30 p.m.

*“Xando on the Green”* is the golf course restaurant located in the clubhouse. You have the option to dine in, take out, or cater. The menu can be found on our website [www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org](http://www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org) under the “Bar and Grill” tab. The Flagg Creek Bar is open daily and the driving range is open until 10:00 p.m. through Labor Day.
Officials:

Mayor
Sean McDermott

Clerk
Susan Burdett

Treasurer
Caryn Stancik

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Mark Benson
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Websites to Know
City of Countryside
www.countryside-il.org

Cook County Clerk
www.cookcounty clerk.com

Pleasantview Fire Protection
www.plvvw.org

West Suburban Chamber
www.westsuburban chamber.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

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Main: (708) 354-7270
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Water Billing:
Main: (708) 485-2465
Fax: (708) 354-9029

Community Development:
Main: (708) 354-1860
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