

# Countryside CONNECTIONS

SPRING 2018

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## Coffee with the Mayor - May 5th 10 - 11 a.m.

Over 40 residents had coffee and pastries with the Mayor on February 28, 2018. Speakers from Meals on Wheels and Dewberry Architects were in attendance.



Spencer Harstead and Samantha Hill informed the group about the Meals on Wheels program out of Brookfield. They prepare nutritious meals for seniors and persons with disabilities to assist them in leading active healthy lives. To apply, contact Aging Care Connections at (708) 354-1323. In addition, they provide a community lunch on weekdays for all seniors at the Brookfield Colgraff Café located in the Brookfield Elks Lodge, 9022 31st Street. There is no cost for the lunch but they do recommend a donation which is at your discretion.



Jonathan Tallman, Dewberry Architects gave a riveting presentation about the new Municipal Complex. His presentation included a slideshow of the interior and exterior design and a discussion about the Net Zero Building Design program. Those in attendance were intrigued and asked many excellent questions. The overwhelming sentiment was accolades to the City Council for their forward thinking in the design and construction of this new public facility. See page 2 for more information.

The next Coffee with the Mayor will be on Saturday, May 5th from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Members of the Police Department will be in attendance to discuss some of their initiatives.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen

The 2018 St. Patrick's Day Queen was crowned at the February 21st City Council meeting. Meaghan O'Neill of Countryside was crowned by last year's queen, Abby Hurley. Meaghan attends Lyons Township High School. She is involved with the National Honor Society and volunteers at LaGrange Hospital. Meaghan has spent many years in Irish dance and has a dual (Irish/American) citizenship.

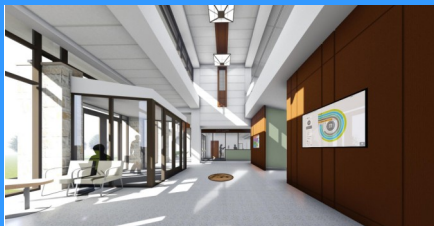
"On behalf of the City of Countryside, I congratulate Meaghan O'Neill on her selection as our 2018 St. Patrick's Day Queen. Meaghan's volunteer work in the community and her compassion for others make her a great choice to serve as our queen. She truly exemplifies the ideals of St. Patrick" said Countryside Mayor Sean McDermott.



Pictured L to R: Chairman John Finn, Queen Meaghan O'Neill, Grand Marshal Tony Bresnahan, Court Colleen Sullivan, Mayor Sean McDermott, (front) Bridget Oik and Princess Mia Mazzei.

# GET YOUR GREEN ON!

## Municipal Complex Update - \$ 1 Million Grant Award



The City is pleased to announce it is the recipient of a \$1 million grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation. The City qualified for this grant through the *Net Zero Energy Building Program*. This simply means the Municipal Complex's total energy usage on an annual basis will equal or be less than the amount of renewable energy created by the site. Mayor Sean McDermott stated, "As local elected officials, we all have a responsibility to protect our environment, and mitigating the impact of climate change needs to be a priority."



The City Council completed its design of the new Municipal Complex in December. The design incorporates several elements to achieve net zero including:

- Energy efficient design of the mechanical systems (geothermal ground loops will be used in conjunction with a hybrid system of heat pumps and VAV boxes)
- LED lighting throughout
- Air tight building design
- Photovoltaic (solar) panels on the roof and car ports

Bid Package #2 which included 31 trades was published by the City's construction manager, Frederick Quinn Corporation (FQC). A recommendation to award the bids was approved by the City Council at their regularly scheduled meeting on February 21, 2018. Below is a listing of all the trades and the bid amount. FQC holds the individual contracts.

Construction of the new facility will begin in April. Construction is expected to take about 12 months. After the building is complete, there will be a testing period before staff can move in. Mayor Sean McDermott added, "The City Council has been committed to building a sustainable facility. The Countryside Municipal Complex will be the first net zero municipal building in the State of Illinois." The City will also be applying for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

### **BID PACKAGE #2 TRADE AWARD AMOUNTS**

Detention Equipment	\$144,498	Dry wall & Metal Framing	\$1,033,750	Resilient Flooring & Base	\$124,540
Plumbing	\$602,500	HM, Wood Doors & Hardware	\$196,898	Painting & Wallcovering	\$98,705
Structural Steel	\$1,288,000	EIFS & DEFS	\$101,500	Resinous Flooring	\$64,177
Window Treatments	\$73,800	Acoustical Ceilings	\$107,060	Millwork & Casework	\$417,700
Elevator	\$137,000	Terrazzo Flooring	\$156,975	Ceramic Tiling	\$139,725
Carpentry & General Trades	\$275,000	Masonry & Stone	\$1,470,000	Cast-In-Place Concrete	\$1,486,275
Detention Security/CCTV Systems	\$302,265	Low Voltage (PV Panels)	\$3,616,200	Landscaping	\$195,890
Fire Protection Sprinklers	\$185,784	Operable Partition	\$17,380	Waterproofing, Air Barrier & Sealants	\$217,400
Unit Pavers	\$38,700	Asphalt Paving	\$154,999	Sectional & Coiling Doors	\$46,500
Roofing & Sheet Metal	\$707,234	H.V.A.C.	\$1,190,000	Fencing & Gates	\$134,510
Aluminum, Glass & Glazing	\$486,760				



## Police Updates

### Next Generation 911

In December 2017, Southwest Central Dispatch (SWCD) Board of Directors approved the purchase of an upgraded computer-aided dispatch and records management system. The \$1 million cost to purchase this system was funded entirely by SWCD. This enhanced software is a major step in the process as we work towards Next Generation 911. Next Generation 911 in simple terms is the ability to allow software to determine the location of callers on cell phones which directs the call to the appropriate dispatch center as opposed to the current version which is based on cell tower location. This new system will greatly enhance the amount of information officers receive on their mobile units as they are assigned to calls and we are in the process of adding Text-to-911, where texting can be used to report criminal activity.



On March 22, 2018 officers from Countryside, Hodgkins, and LaGrange Police Departments participated in the "Cops n Kids" Basketball game at Gurrie Middle School. The event raised just over \$600 for Special Olympics Illinois.



### New in 2018 - Junior Police Academy

The Countryside Police Department is planning to present our first ever Junior Police Academy this summer. The Academy will be offered to students entering 7th and 8th grades in the 2018-2019 school year. Further details will be sent to schools at a later date and we will post information on the Countryside Police Department webpage [www.countrysidepolice.org](http://www.countrysidepolice.org) as it becomes available.

### 2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run Events

*Harley-Davidson Raffle* tickets are now available for purchase at the Countryside Police Department for \$10 per ticket. This year's drawing for a 2018 HD Street Glide will be held on October 19, 2018. When the Stanley Cup playoffs begin in April, our officers will participate in our annual "Beards for a Cause". Save the date for the *Dunkin' Donuts Cop on a Rooftop* on Friday, May 18, 2018 and the *Texas Roadhouse Free Benefit Lunch* that is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 27, 2018.



We are proud to announce that through our efforts and the support we received from the community we were able to raise **\$15,013.83** during the 2017 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. This amount earned our department a spot on the back of the 2018 Torch Run t-shirt.



### Citizen's Police Academy



The Countryside Police Department is still looking for applicants in order to schedule the next Citizen's Police Academy. Any citizen 18 and over who lives, works, or volunteers in the City of Countryside is invited to enroll. The Citizen's Police Academy is a free, 12 week program with classes held one evening per week from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Countryside Police Department. For additional information, please visit our website or contact the Countryside Police Department at (708) 485-4018 or [police@countrysidepolice.org](mailto:police@countrysidepolice.org).

## Finance Department Earns CAFR & Budget Awards from GFOA



City Treasurer Caryn Stancik recognized the Finance Department at a March City Council meeting for earning both the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (audit award) and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This is the 11th consecutive year that the City has received the Certificate of Achievement for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This prestigious award represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The City also received the Distinguished Budget Award for the second consecutive year. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In order to receive this award, a government must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and as a communications device. Both documents can be found on the City's website [www.countryside-il.org](http://www.countryside-il.org).

## Community Happenings

### Community Nutrition Network & Senior Services Association (CNNSSA)

CNNSSA serves older adults (60+) and persons with disabilities regardless of their race, religion or economic status in Suburban Cook, Grundy and Kendall Counties. They provide 550,000 meals a year and serve over 4,000 older adults. You can join them for lunch at various community cafés. For a listing of these cafés, call (708) 354-1323. Their programs are funded through the Older Americans Act, which requires them to ask for a donation for each meal. No older adult will be denied a meal if they are unable to contribute. All donations are used to support their meal programs.

They also offer home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels). To qualify for this program you must be:

- 1 60 years or older ...
- 2 Unable to leave your home for health reasons, or ...
- 3 Too frail or otherwise physically unable to prepare a meal at home.

If you meet the above requirements, you may qualify to have healthy, delicious meals delivered daily right to your door. Contact them at (312) 207-5290.

If you have a spouse or immediate family member living in your home, you still may qualify to receive meals. They may qualify to receive meals, too.

### Ageing Care Connections (Alderman Von Drasek, City liaison)

#### MOVE MORE, LIVE BETTER

*Presented by: Dr. Sarah Kelly*

**Date:** Thursday, 5-31-18  
**Time:** 1 - 3 p.m.  
**Place:** City of Countryside  
(Council Chambers)

*(light refreshments are being provided by Shannon Rapp from Blue Sky Home Care)*

This program will be discussing easy, quick ways to improve your health through movement, balance and flexibility.

#### Ageing Well Month

In celebration of Older Americans Month, Officer April Bisignani, will be giving a presentation on behalf of the Countryside Police Department. The program is called "Can You Hear Me Now? How to Prevent Phone-y-Scams."

**Date:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018  
**Time:** 2 - 4 p.m.  
**Place:** City of Countryside  
(Council Chambers)

*(light refreshments will be provided)*

## ITEP Streetscape Continues

The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) for the City's LaGrange Road streetscape project will continue this spring. Last fall, decorative stamped concrete sidewalks were installed along the west side of LaGrange Road from 57th Street to Joliet Road. In the next few weeks, construction will begin again to complete the sidewalks on the east side of LaGrange Road, and to add landscaping, benches and garbage receptacles along the path. A beautiful entry way sign will be constructed at the northwest corner of Joliet and LaGrange Road on the State's right-of-way which will continue the Clocktower motif and beautify the corner with dense landscaping. This will be a welcome addition to this intersection. Approximately, 80% of the construction costs are covered by the ITEP grant.



## Countryside receives IRMA Re-accreditation Award

The Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) is a public entity risk pool of which Countryside is a member for its property, liability and workers compensation insurance. IRMA conducts a Management Assessment Program to gauge each community's risk management practices, work conditions and property maintenance. The City is happy to report that Countryside's overall score was 93% this year, a 10% increase over our last assessment in 2014. This score indicates that the City is operating a safe work environment and has policies and procedures in place to help reduce risks and claims. Assistant City Administrator, Sharon Peterson accepted the City's award at the IRMA Board meeting in March.



Pictured L to R: Kathy Jirik, Palos Heights; Jennifer Clough, Lake in the Hills; Janet Gorman, Villa Park; Bettina O'Connell, Lake Bluff; Michelle Robbins, Brookfield; Angela Kneisel, Carol Stream Fire Protection District; Sharon Peterson, City of Countryside; and Greg Van Dahm, Northbrook. (Not pictured, Oak Brook)

## St. Patrick's Day Parade Sponsors

A special thanks to our volunteers including Alderman John Finn, parade chairman and Deputy Clerk, Margaret Carey, staff liaison to the Parade Committee. This parade would not be possible without the generous sponsorships from our businesses especially the presenting sponsor Jack Phelan Ram/Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep of Countryside.

# JACK PHELAN



### POT O' GOLD

County Commissioner Tobolski  
Novotny Engineering  
Local 134, IBEW  
Local 150, IUOE  
United Party for Progress



### EMERALD

Countryside Bank  
Countryside Chamber of Commerce  
Mayor McDermott & Elected Officials  
Flagg Creek Golf Course  
Friends of Tony Bresnahan  
Frederick Quinn Corporation

Groot Industries  
Highline Automotive  
Kenny's Irish Pub  
Ledo's Restaurant  
NYCO Products Co.  
Park District of LaGrange



### SHAMROCK

Rafferty's Irish Pub  
Score Sports Center  
Spot on 66  
Tony's Finer Foods  
Via Bella/Bella Banquets  
Vulcan Materials Co.

American Legion Post 1941  
Autobarn Subaru  
Barkin Boutique  
Chariot Automotive & Towing  
Countryside Veterinary Center  
Friends of Caroline Golden  
Lively Arts Dance  
Miken Transport, Inc.  
Schwartz Excavating, Inc.  
St. Ignatius College Prep



Photos courtesy of Janusz Gryglak, Steve Norman and posts to the City's Facebook page.



# 2018 St. Patrick's Day Family Parade



# PRESENTING SPONSOR:

## **JACK PHELAN**





## Public Works Reminds You . . .

### Brush Pickup (April 2 - October 31)

Branch and brush pickup will be provided by the City for residents beginning April 2nd through October 31st. Public Works crews will be covering the City on a weekly basis.

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. ☎

### Spring Clean-Up (May 21 - May 25)

This service is provided to all residents **free** of charge and is certainly one of the benefits of living in Countryside! Please note that all items (including electronics) for pick-up should be placed at the edge of the street in front of your home by 7 a.m., Monday, May 21st.

Items **not accepted** include:

Yard waste (including brush)  
Bio-medical and infectious material  
Hazardous and toxic waste of any kind  
Volatile and highly flammable material

Radioactive material  
Concrete/Dirt  
Liquids and paints  
Explosive material



The hauler will not collect any materials that are excessive in size and weight. Items that are not acceptable will be tagged by the hauler.

## Water Department

### Water Report - 2017 Water System Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)



The City of Countryside will be publishing its 2017 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in June 2018. The CCR includes basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2017, compliance with other drinking water rules, as well as educational materials.

To obtain a free copy of the CCR, please contact the Clerk's office at (708) 354-7270 or stop by the Clerk's office at City Hall, 5550 East Avenue, in June.

### Lawn Sprinkling Restrictions

City ordinance restricts sprinkling between May 15th and September 15th. Sprinkling lawns and gardens 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.

# Countryside Chamber of Commerce

## New Executive Director

Sheila Benson resigned her position as the Executive Director of the Countryside Chamber of Commerce (CCC), formerly the Countryside Business Association, after 3+ years to accept a full-time position. Victor Geraci is the new executive director for the CCC.

Victor and his wife, Michelle, are Countryside residents for the past 18 years, and own Milano Day Spa and Wellness Center in Indian Head Park. Victor, a small business owner and former CBA/CCC board member, is a great fit for his new role as executive director. He is looking forward to working with the CCC Board of Directors to continue to grow the CCC, to assist and support members, encourage community involvement, and be a valuable go-to resource for local businesses and the community.



We want to thank Sheila for her dedication to the Countryside businesses. During Sheila's years with the Chamber, she worked with the Board to secure a Google grant, rebrand the organization as the CCC, increased membership and promoted additional special events, all for the benefit of businesses and residents alike. We wish Sheila the best in her new position.

## New Gift Certificate Program

Countryside Chamber of Commerce (CCC) introduces the new Chamber Gift Certificate Program. These gift certificates can be used at any of the participating Countryside businesses (go to our website at [www.countrysidechamber.org](http://www.countrysidechamber.org) for the list of participating businesses) and will be sold in \$10 and \$25 increments. They make great gifts for coaches, teachers, co-workers, Mother's Day, graduation, etc. This program is part of the Chamber's "Shop Local" initiative and is a great way to support local businesses. Chamber gift certificates will be available for purchase at the City of Countryside beginning May 1st (*cash or check only*).



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**April 21, 2018**  
(for more information, go to [www.countrysidechamber.org](http://www.countrysidechamber.org))

**SPRING**   
**PUB CRAWL**

## Capanna's Grand Opening

Panini



Wine



Flowers



City officials and the Countryside Chamber of Commerce attended the grand opening of Capanna located at 5526 S. LaGrange Road. They sell flower arrangements, stock a great selection of wines, and prepare select panini sandwiches to go. Consider stopping by and supporting one of Countryside's newest small business.





## Flagg Creek Golf News



### Demo Day

**DATE:** May 18

**TIME:** 2 - 6 p.m.

**SPONSORED BY:** Ultimate Golf & Flagg Creek

All major golf vendors will be present to test out their latest equipment. Ping, Titleist, Cobra, Callaway, Mizuno, Taylor Made, Cleveland and Tour Edge.

### Spring, Summer & Fall Scramble

**DATES:** June 10, August 12, October 14

**TIME:** Shotgun start (TBA)

**COST:** \$175 per foursome which includes golf, buffet lunch, events and prizes.

### Junior Cup

Looking for kids interested in a more competitive league than the Junior Golf League. This program is designed for kids that can manage their way around the golf course and who want to participate in low gross, closest to the pin, and longest drive events that will prepare them for future high school golf.

**DATES:** June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16

**AGES:** 13 - 18 (Boys & Girls)

**TIME:** 2 - 3:15 p.m.

**COST:** \$150 per golfer which includes golf, prizes, lunch on Championship Day (last day of play), and a t-shirt.

### Junior Golf League

**DATES:** June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10 (Rain Date July 17)

**AGES:** 8 - 12 (Boys & Girls)

**TIME:** Shotgun start 7 a.m. or 10 a.m.

**COST:** \$100 for Residents, \$125 for non-residents

*Sign up in the Pro Shop (708) 246-3336 for Spring, Summer, Fall Scramble; Junior Cup, and Junior Golf League.*

**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

### Tree Sponsorship Program

Help replenish the golf course trees by participating in our Tree Sponsorship Program. What a unique way to celebrate a special occasion to honor a loved one. Each tree sponsorship is a minimum cost of \$250. The sponsorship includes a customized recognition stone and a complimentary round of golf. Call the Pro Shop at (708) 246-3336 for more details.

## St. Patrick's Day Party

The golf course hosted a family-friendly St. Patrick's Day party after the parade. Corned beef and cabbage were available. The entertainment was provided by the band Rowdy Irishmen and Irish dancers from Lavin Cassidy School of Irish Dance. The children enjoyed having their faces painted and the balloon art from the Balloon Twister.



For the Love of Golf  
My 2nd "Hole in One"  
Garry Fagan

## Upcoming Meetings

### April

3	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:15 p.m.
11	City Council	7:30 p.m.
18	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.
25	City Council	7:30 p.m.

### May

1	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:15 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.

### June

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

## Welcome to Countryside

**Bottomless Beauty Salon**  
23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 114  
*Hair Salon*

**Combined Warehouse Company**  
5300 S. Dansher Road  
*Handling/storage of general merchandise for customers*

**Dogtopia**  
1416 -1418 W. 55th Street  
*Dog daycare, boarding & training*



**House of Design**  
23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 107  
*Hair Salon*

**Mardon Trucking, Inc.**  
6325 Joliet Road, Suite 200  
*Dispatch, safety & accounting office*

**Parker Cromwell & Associates**  
6432 Joliet Road, Suite C  
*Staffing Agency*

**The Only Salon**  
23 Countryside Plaza, Suite 109  
*Hair Salon*

**The Pueblo Bakery**  
5410 S. LaGrange Road  
*Retail bakery*



# FYI

If you are planning on grading your property, please contact the Building Department at (708) 354-1860 to see if a permit is required.

## Concerts in the Park

Mark your calendar for Countryside's  
Concert in the Park Series -  
Opening acts start at 6 p.m.

### PASSPORT THROUGH COUNTRYSIDE



June 7 - Italy  
Steel Express Band  
OPENING FOR  
Rosie & The Rivets

July 5 - Sweden  
Scott Allen Band  
OPENING FOR  
ABBA Salute

June 14 - Ireland  
Whiskey Brothers Band  
OPENING FOR  
1976

July 19 - England  
Cirrus Falcon  
OPENING FOR  
American English

June 21 - Caribbean  
Timeless  
OPENING FOR  
Johnny Russler &  
The Beach Bum Band

July 26 - Spain  
Guitarra Azul  
OPENING FOR  
Wild Daisy

June 28 - Mexico  
Cielito Lindo  
OPENING FOR  
The Four C Notes

**FIREWORKS SHOW @ 9**



August 2 - Poland  
Dan Mateja & The IPA  
Tribute Band  
OPENING FOR  
Spoken Four

**FIREWORKS  
RAIN DATE @ 9**

## Reminder...

### Community Garden

We have 16 garden plots, 10' x 10' in size, which are available to Countryside residents.

Call (708) 485-2595 for more details and registration materials.





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Countryside, IL 60525

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## Officials:

### **Mayor**

Sean McDermott

### **Clerk**

Susan Burdett

### **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](http://www.countryside-il.org)

Cook County Clerk

[www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com)

Countryside Chamber of Commerce

[www.countrysidechamber.org](http://www.countrysidechamber.org)

Flagg Creek Golf Course

[www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org](http://www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org)

Pleasantview Fire Protection

[www.plvw.org](http://www.plvw.org)

West Suburban Chamber

[www.westsuburbanchamber.org](http://www.westsuburbanchamber.org)

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

### City Hall:

Main: (708) 354-7270

Fax: (708) 354-9445

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



### Police Department:

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

Fax: (708) 352-1032

Emergency: 911

### Clerk's Office:

Main: (708) 354-7270

Fax: (708) 354-9445

### Public Works:

Main: (708) 354-3390

Fax: (708) 354-9445

### Water Billing:

Main: (708) 485-2465

Fax: (708) 354-9029

### Community Development:

Main: (708) 354-1860

Fax: (708) 354-9029

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