

# Countryside CONNECTIONS

SPRING 2015

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## From the Mayor's Desk . . .



After a promising start, the winter weather certainly took its toll with bitter temperatures and an everlasting blanket of snow. As I drove beyond the boundaries of our City, I was always impressed by the noticeably thorough job our Public Works folks did to keep the streets clear. I am proud of their efforts to keep our citizens safe.

The longer daylight hours following daylight savings time help us to focus on the future and to think spring. One anticipated spring treat is the opening of Russell's Barbecue, a Chicagoland tradition since 1930. Inside, construction is in progress, so it should not be long now before we can sample their wares.

Throughout this year, as you travel down LaGrange Road, you will see several new or renovated car dealerships. This is a positive sign for the City. Keep our Countryside dealerships in mind if you are planning to purchase a vehicle, as it's great for all of us when we frequent our local businesses.

Just a reminder - you can go to the City of Countryside website [www.countryside-il.org](http://www.countryside-il.org) to read the minutes of City Council and committee meetings. You may also sign up for e-mail blasts to keep you notified of upcoming Council or Committee meetings. Your attendance at the City Council or committee meetings is also appreciated. These are ways for you to understand and become involved in the workings of our City.

On that note, I want to remind you to make your voice heard on April 7, 2015. Please get out and vote for the candidates you support and make your voice heard. As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions, issues or concerns at [ekrzeminski@countryside-il.org](mailto:ekrzeminski@countryside-il.org) or (708) 354-7270.

Mayor Ed Krzeminski



**Reminder ... Easter Egg Hunt**

**Date:** Saturday, April 4th  
**Place:** Countryside Park  
**Time:** 10 a.m.

## Welcome to Countryside

### Acacia Academy

6438 Joliet Road  
*Educational services, diagnostic testing, and therapeutic day school*

### All Kids Closet, Inc.

6555 Willow Springs Road, #1 & #2  
*Children's resale store*

### Android Wireless & Repair

5530 S. LaGrange Road  
*Cell phone sales and payments*

### Flooring Management Group

51 E. Plainfield Road  
*Commercial carpet cleaning*

### Guaranteed Financial Corp.

26 E. Plainfield Road  
*Mortgage company*

### Nazdar Company

5444 East Avenue, Unit B  
*Distributor of graphics inks and supplies*

### Salon De Labahn

6534 Joliet Road  
*Full service hair salon*

### Ultra Discount Nutrition

19 W. Plainfield Road  
*Retail sales of vitamins, nutritional sport supplements, and related products*

### Ward Contracting & Building Restoration

5117 Dansher  
*General construction and masonry restoration*

## Ward Reports

### WARD 1

**Alderman James Jasinski**  
**Alderman Robert Pondelicek**

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- ◆ As part of the City's Street and Alley Resurfacing Program, 9th Avenue from 56th Street to 57th Street will be resurfaced.
- ◆ Jack Phelan Dodge has recently obtained the Chrysler and Jeep names at his dealership. As a result of the additional brands, the Phelan dealership will be expanding and giving the front façade a major face lift. Work is expected to begin in late spring/early summer.
- ◆ Continental Honda is one of the three first Generation III dealerships in the Chicagoland area. To keep their position as the President's Award winner, they must be Generation III compliant in all aspects of the dealership. Some major renovations will be happening to Continental Honda in 2015.

### WARD 2

**Alderman Karen Michalczyk**  
**Alderman John Von Drasek**

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- ◆ As part of the City's Street and Alley Resurfacing Program, Hillsdale Road from Lorraine Drive to Sunset Avenue, and Stalford Road from Joliet Road to the east limit will be resurfaced.
- ◆ Stop by and visit 4 Suite Salons, which recently opened at 6534 Joliet Road.
- ◆ As of May 13, 2015, I am stepping down as one of your Ward 2 Aldermen. I believe that 12 years of public service is more than enough time to achieve your goals as a public servant! I wish you all well and hope that I have made a difference in our ward as well as in our great little City. It has been a pleasure working with the many of you that I came in contact with - *Karen Michalczyk*.

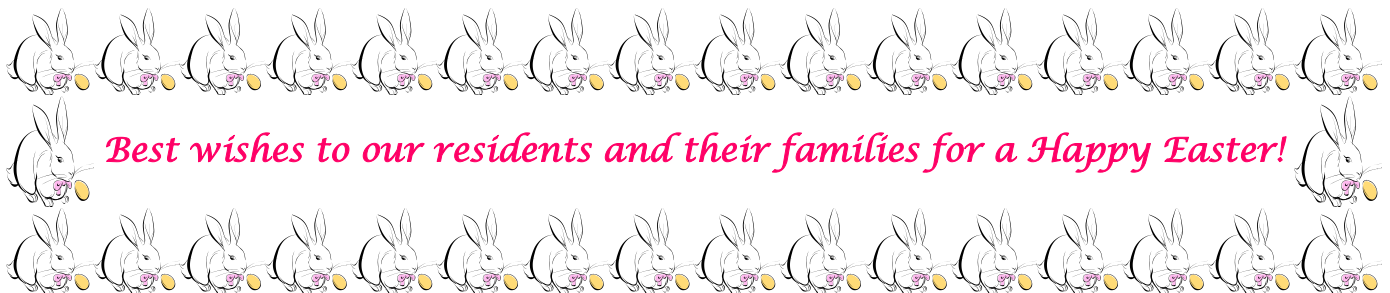
### WARD 3

**Alderman Sean McDermott**  
**Alderman Scott Musillami**

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- ◆ Continental Nissan located at 57th Street and LaGrange Road will be constructing a new building on their existing site. With this project, Nissan will be creating a brand new facility for the Nissan line. Upon the completion of this project, the footprint will increase by 25-50%.
- ◆ Ultra Discount Nutrition has a new location, they have moved from their LaGrange Road location to 19 W. Plainfield Road.
- ◆ All Kids Closet, located at 6555 Willow Springs Road is open for business. They specialize in kids resale clothing.



## Economic Development Update



The City Council approved a redevelopment agreement (RDA) with Jack Phelan Dodge. This agreement requires Phelan to purchase their current location which they are currently leasing; construct a 15,000 square foot addition; renovate the existing facility and bring the Chrysler, Jeep and Ram car lines to the City of Countryside. In return, the City has approved an incentive of up to \$3.5 million paid from the TIF district increment and a percentage of the sales tax over the established based. Jack Phelan's total investment in this project is estimated at \$8 million.

### Flagg Creek Golf News



**New Assistant Manager, Michele Stepanek** resides in Chicago with her husband Dan and 3 children, Vincenzo, Emily and Delanie. Her passion for golf evolved soon after becoming a caddy at Edgewood Valley Country

Club. Since then she has experienced caddying for the pros in the Western Open and being a State Qualifier on her high school golf team. She has had the privilege of being head golf coach at Mother McAuley High School where her team has earned conference and regional championship titles. Michele still plays golf competitively and has accomplished her personal goal as Club Champion at Cog Hill several years in a row. We are happy to have her on board in her new capacity.

**Permanent Tee Times on Saturdays** are now available by calling Flagg Creek at 708-246-3336. The cost for a foursome for the summer is \$100.

**A Demo Day** will be held on Friday, May 15th from 2-6 p.m. This event will be hosted by Ultimate Golf and Flagg Creek. Major vendors will be present including Callaway, Cobra, Nike, Mizuno, Ping, etc.

**Concession changes coming soon**, offering a new selection of salads, sandwiches and special items. New hours and menu selections will be available soon. We are trying to appeal to a wider customer base and become a destination for lunch. Even non-golfers should check it out!

### Countryside Business Association News (CBA)

The CBA will be hosting a **Job Fair and Business Expo:**

Date: Saturday, 4-25-15

Place: Capri Banquets  
6240 Joliet Road

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please **Like** the CBA Countryside on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter! Local promotions/deals and upcoming community events are posted on the CBA Facebook and Twitter pages. Visit [www.cbacountryside.com](http://www.cbacountryside.com) for more information.

#### New Members

Blue Sky Home Care  
Countryside Bank  
Dahme Mechanical-  
Star Piping & Heating  
Heat Engineering Co.  
K2 Tank Lines  
Stanley Luke Farm  
State Farm-Brian Harmon  
Terry Plumbing

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Best of Countryside Carnival

**July 16 - 19**

Featuring rides for the whole family and live entertainment including: American English, ARRA, Hello Nuvo, Hillbilly Rockstarz, Lisa Rene Band, Timeless, 7th Heaven, and featuring Battle of the Bands.



## Police Updates

### Alarm Being Serviced? Please Inform The Police Department First!

In 2014, Countryside police officers responded to 415 alarm calls. The vast majority of these calls were closed out as false alarms due to alarm installation, malfunction, maintenance, or misuse. If you are a business or residence with an alarm system and have a scheduled service or maintenance appointment, please contact the Countryside Police Department at 708-352-2171 to provide our officers with the date and time of service. In the event your alarm goes off during service, our officers will still respond to your location however the level of response can be matched to the incident. Our officers respond promptly to alarm calls and, based upon the type of alarm; it is possible that aid could even be requested from a neighboring department. Responding to false alarms not only takes needed patrol officers off the street, but creates unnecessary safety hazards for our officers and the public. Make sure all alarms are properly maintained and please let us know whenever a new alarm system is being installed or an existing alarm system is being serviced.

### Automated License Plate Reader

It has been two months since the Countryside Police Department has rolled out our newest crime fighting tool. An Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) which has been purchased with forfeited funds is the latest addition to our patrol division. While this technology is not new to policing, it is the first system deployed in our area. With high definition cameras affixed to the roof of a police vehicle, license plates are run against a database instantaneously cross referencing multiple wanted vehicle lists as officers patrol the City. This seamless function assists officers in maintaining security in and around the City of Countryside. The system has resulted in the arrest and/or issuance of a citation in 9 instances with over 43 positive hits since its inception.



The Countryside Police Department wants to encourage all kids to RIDE SAFE in Countryside. To reinforce the importance of bicycle safety, our officers will be out again this spring and summer looking to “pull over” kids for wearing their bicycle helmets. Kids “caught” riding safe could be rewarded with a certificate for a free ice cream from Andy’s Frozen Custard. Always wear a bicycle helmet and ride safe!

### Hiring Part-Time Community Service Officers

The Countryside Police Department is seeking dependable individuals with a desire to work with the public to supplement staff at the front desk in the Police Department. The work schedule entails shift work and is predominately afternoons and midnights. More information and an application can be found at [www.countryside-il.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.countryside-il.org/employment-opportunities) or picked up Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the City Hall, Clerk’s Office, 5550 East Avenue, Countryside, IL 60525.



### Countryside Police Officer Returns From Deployment

Officer Kelly Kalker returned to the Countryside Police Department on March 8, 2015 and will begin training to re-acclimate her to her duties as a Countryside Police Officer. As a member of the Army Reserve Military Police, Officer Kalker’s latest deployment was in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. While in Guantanamo Bay, Officer Kalker was assigned as Watch Commander at Camp 6 and also carried the position of Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC). During Officer Kalker’s tour she was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteerism Award, and the Good Conduct Medal. In the picture, Officer Kalker is being promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant. The ceremony was conducted at the 420<sup>th</sup> MP company office in Guantanamo Bay.



## Code Enforcement

### How Does Your Home Shape Up?



Spring is upon us and the Community Development Department will be resuming their code enforcement patrols of the City. We would like to take this time to make you aware of some of the areas that will be looked at to assure that exterior surfaces and surroundings are up to code. This checklist will help you keep your property in good condition. *How does your home measure up?*

1. **Address Numbers** must be easily seen from the street, and be at least 4 inches high.
2. **Roofs** cannot be missing shingles or any defects that would allow rain or snow to leak through, or any signs of sagging.
3. **Gutters** must be anchored to the roof, with downspouts properly connected and free from obstruction.
4. **Sump pumps and downspouts** shall discharge onto your own property in such a manner as to not create a nuisance to neighbors or public property.
5. **Window** glass cannot have cracks or holes. Window frames must be in good condition.
6. **Doors and door frames** must be in good condition and weather-tight.
7. **Exterior surfaces**, such as siding, soffit and fascia must be free of holes and be properly painted and weather-proofed.
8. **Driveways and walkways** should not have serious cracks, deterioration, or settlement that might cause a trip hazard.
9. **Accessory structures** such as decks, sheds, detached garages, fences, porches, pools and retaining walls must be structurally sound and in good repair.
10. **Recreational vehicles** (boats, campers, trailers) may not be stored in the front yard or on the driveway. When stored in the side or rear yard, they must be placed upon either asphalt or concrete and be screened on three sides by fencing or non-deciduous plants that are at least five feet in height.
11. **Trees** that are diseased, dying or dead shall be removed from your property.
12. **Grass and weeds** shall be maintained to 10 inches or less.

Some home improvement projects require a permit, which can be obtained from the Community Development Department. Some examples of work that does not require a permit are painting, carpeting or flooring, landscaping (as long as it does not change the grading of the land), or sealing your driveway. Most other work around your home or business does require a permit and if you are ever in doubt - please call and we will be happy to assist you.

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

### Pre-Sale Home Inspections

Did you know that the City of Countryside has a Presale Property Inspection Program? A question that commonly comes up is, "what if the person buying my home has plans to tear it down?" When a home is inspected, if it fails, there are two options which are; fix the violations, or have the buyer set up an escrow with the City. The escrow option and then tearing the home down will be discussed below.

1. If the Buildings Official's estimated cost of correcting the outstanding violations is \$3,000 or more, the purchaser will place the sum of \$1,500 in escrow with the City, or;
2. If the Building Official's estimated cost of correcting the outstanding violations is less than \$3,000, the City will accept an attorney's letter. The letter must be notarized by the purchaser stating the repairs will be made within 30 days. If the purchaser is unable to obtain the attorney's letter, then an escrow shall be established in the amount of \$750 or less, as deemed by the Building Official.

If the purchaser has plans to demolish the home, the money placed in escrow will be returned to the purchaser after they have submitted a demolition permit with all the supporting documents to the Building Department. For more information on this program, or to answer any questions, please call the Building Department at (708) 354-1860.

## Public Works Reminds You . . .

### Brush Pickup (April 6 - October 30)

Branch and brush pickup will be provided by the City for residents beginning April 6th through October 30th. 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 18 - May 20)

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 18th.

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.

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

### Frustrated by Potholes?

While the City is responsible for maintaining the majority of Countryside's 17 miles of roadways, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (800) 452-4368 and the Cook County Highway Department (708) 485-7130 are responsible for plowing, maintaining, and repairing potholes on approximately 11 miles of Countryside streets. These typically include more heavily used roads such as Willow Springs Road, Joliet Road, La Grange Road, 55th Street, East Avenue, Brainard Avenue, 5th Avenue Cutoff, and Plainfield Road.

Residents are always encouraged to report pothole problems to the City. If the pothole is on a street that the City maintains, a Public Works crew will be dispatched as soon as possible, often on the same day, to repair the problem. If the pothole is on an IDOT or Cook County Highway Department road, the information is passed along to the proper jurisdictional agency.



### Street Lights Get a "New Look"

The City received grant funding from the Illinois Department of commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) in the amount of \$91,000 to install LED lights on our residential streets. This will result in an annual cost savings of \$130,000 to the City.



## Water Department

### Sump Pump Inspections

Every year the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District requires the City of Countryside to perform inspections of its sanitary system. Part of this program requires inspection of all residential and commercial sump pumps to verify there is no cross connection between the sump pumps and the sanitary system. Pump connections should be made with metal or rigid PVC-type pipe, and not be connected to the sanitary system. You are not required to have a sump pump, but if you do it must be properly connected. Our inspectors will need to verify this.

We will be inspecting homes in the Ward 2 area for cross connected sump pumps, since this ward is managed by the Countryside Water Department. South Lyons Township Sanitary District is responsible for the remainder of the City, and will be conducting the same inspections in those areas.

Letters will be mailed in advance to those areas still needing inspections which will explain the procedure. Inspectors will begin by going house to house. Those not home when the inspector arrives will be required to schedule an appointment. If you should have any questions regarding this project, or need to schedule an inspection in advance, please contact Water Billing at (708) 485-2465. A normal inspection will take 10 to 20 minutes.

Please take note that City employees always carry a City issued photo I.D. They will provide it upon request.

### Water Report

#### 2014 Water System Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)



The City of Countryside will be publishing its 2014 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in June 2015. The CCR includes basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2014, 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.

## Clerk's Office



**Your Voter Information**

- Verify your voter registration
- Find your polling place
- See your sample ballot
- Check your mail ballot status

**Election Day - April 7, 2015**

Visit the Cook County Clerk's Website at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) and click on the "Your Voter Information" box. It's a useful lookup tool to find your polling place and other specific voting information.

### Electric Aggregation Program

As a reminder, The City of Countryside participates in a Municipal Electricity Aggregation Program. Homefield Energy was selected as the City's supplier of energy for contract term July 2014 to July 2017. You will still receive a monthly bill from ComEd and the only change is in the Electric Supply price on your ComEd bill. Customers with questions can call Homefield Energy at 1-866-694-1262 or visit [www.homefieldenergy.com](http://www.homefieldenergy.com).

## Community Happenings

### Helping Hand

The Helping Hand Center located at 9649 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street is a nonprofit organization serving 750 children and adults with disabilities. They offer a range of programs and services, including outpatient therapies, a school for the autistic, residential homes, employment services, adult day services, special recreation, etc. The need for these services has grown immensely. On March 6<sup>th</sup>, Helping Hand had an open house at their new Adult Services Building in nearby Hodgkins. Moving this important service into a new building will enable Helping Hand to increase the size of its school for children with autism thereby accommodating the children currently on a waiting list to attend this valuable school in Countryside.



### Countryside Aging Well

The Countryside Aging Well Community Action Team and the Countryside Police Department are sponsoring a spring seminar called "Safe Driving for Seniors" to be held at Countryside City Hall on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 from 1-3 p.m. Covered topics will include: an overview of new traffic laws, review of safe driving techniques, tools to make driving easier, an introduction to technology in cars, and a discussion of when it might be time to stop driving. This event is open to seniors and their families with refreshments being served. For more information, please contact officer April Bisignani, Elderly Service Officer at 708-352-2171.

## 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](mailto:cityhall@countryside-il.org)

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

## Upcoming Meetings

### April

|    |                          |           |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| 7  | Senior Citizens Club     | 6:30 p.m. |
| 8  | City Council             | 7:30 p.m. |
| 14 | Plan/ZBA Commission      | 7:15 p.m. |
| 14 | Countryside Women's Club | 7:00 p.m. |
| 15 | Flagg Creek Admin. Board | 7:00 p.m. |
| 21 | Senior Citizens Club     | 6:30 p.m. |
| 22 | City Council             | 7:30 p.m. |
| 27 | Aging Well               | 7:00 p.m. |

### May

|    |                          |           |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| 5  | Senior Citizens Club     | 6:30 p.m. |
| 5  | Plan/ZBA Commission      | 7:15 p.m. |
| 12 | Countryside Women's Club | 7:00 p.m. |
| 13 | City Council             | 7:30 p.m. |
| 18 | Aging Well               | 7:00 p.m. |
| 19 | Senior Citizens Club     | 6:30 p.m. |
| 20 | Flagg Creek Admin. Board | 7:00 p.m. |
| 27 | City Council             | 7:30 p.m. |

### June

|    |                          |           |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| 2  | Senior Citizens Club     | 6:30 p.m. |
| 2  | Plan/ZBA Commission      | 7:15 p.m. |
| 9  | Fire & Police Commission | 5:30 p.m. |
| 10 | City Council             | 7:30 p.m. |
| 16 | Senior Citizens Club     | 6:30 p.m. |
| 17 | Flagg Creek Admin. Board | 7:00 p.m. |
| 22 | Aging Well               | 7:00 p.m. |
| 24 | City Council             | 7:30 p.m. |

## Black History Month

A luncheon was hosted by Marie Johnson, a resident of the Countryside Senior Housing Complex, on Thursday, February 26, 2015 in celebration of Black History Month.



Alderman Von Drasek and host, Marie Johnson

## Concerts in the Park - "55th" Anniversary for the City of Countryside

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

|          |                                                                                              |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|          | <b>Where: Countryside Park</b><br><b>Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</b><br><b>Day: Thursday</b> |
| June 4   | Soundz of Time (Opening Act)<br>7th Heaven (Headliner)                                       |
| June 11  | Prairie Brass Band (Opening Act)<br>Abba Salute (Headliner)                                  |
| June 18  | The Messengers (Opening Act)<br>Rhythm Rockets (Headliner)                                   |
| June 25  | Dave's Not Here (Opening Act)<br>Midwest Dueling Pianos (Headliner)                          |
| July 9   | 3AM Band (Opening Act)<br>Classical Blast (Headliner)                                        |
| July 23  | Wild Daisy Band (Opening Act)<br>Chicago Soul Revue (Headliner)                              |
| July 30  | Timeless (Opening Act)<br>Mason Rivers (Headliner)<br><b>(FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9 P.M.)</b>      |
| August 6 | Alter Ego (Opening Act)<br>Heartache Tonight (Headliner)                                     |



We are pleased to announce our 2015 Concerts in the Park schedule. The concerts will begin at 6 p.m. with an opening band showcasing their local talent. It's never too early to plan your summer schedule. All concerts are held rain or shine at Countryside Park.

Once again, we'll offer food from a local Countryside vendor and give-a-ways during intermission. Back by popular demand is the "firework show". The show will be held at 9 p.m. on July 30th, with a rain date of August 6th.

For more information, please call (708) 485-2595.

## Someone You Should Know ...

Casa Italia (an Italian Organization) is expanding its cultural horizons by launching an art league for painters, sculptors and other fine art artists. Kelly Kopacz is spearheading the league.

Kelly Kopacz, a resident of Countryside in Ward 2 for over 10 years, is also president of the Alliance of Fine Art and a member of the Lemont and Addison art leagues. She is also affiliated with the LaGrange and Elmhurst art leagues.

Kopacz, who works in acrylics and watercolors, has exhibited in the Casa Italia art show held every August in conjunction with the San Francesco di Paola Family Festival. The Casa Italia art show is held on the grounds of Casa Italia Chicago located in Stone Park, Illinois, a hidden village with their own church, school and recreation center.

Kelly has had solo shows, group exhibits, books, and more. She was recently written about in the Fra Noi monthly Italian magazine. You can check out her work at: [www.kopaczonlinestudio.com](http://www.kopaczonlinestudio.com) or contact her at myart79@yahoo.com.



## Upcoming Holidays

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

**Good Friday**  
Friday, April 3, 2015  
**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 25, 2015  
**Independence Day**  
Friday, July 3, 2015

## Memorial Day Holiday

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☆☆ **When:** Monday, May 25, 2015 ☆☆  
☆☆ **Time:** 11:00 a.m. ☆☆  
☆☆ **Where:** Memorial Park ☆☆  
☆☆ A separate ceremony will follow at ☆☆  
☆☆ 11:30 to honor all deceased veterans at: ☆☆  
☆☆ Robert E. Coulter Jr. Post 1941 ☆☆  
☆☆ 900 S. LaGrange Road ☆☆  
☆☆ LaGrange, IL 60525 ☆☆  
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City of Countryside  
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Countryside, IL 60525

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## Officials:

### **Mayor**

Ed Krzeminski

### **Clerk**

Sharon Sweeney

### **Treasurer**

(Vacant)

### **Aldermen**

James Jasinski  
Sean McDermott  
Karen Michalczyk  
Scott Musillami  
Robert Pondelicek  
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)

Pleasantview Fire Protection

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

West Suburban Chamber

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

Countryside Business Association

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

Flagg Creek Golf Course

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

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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:

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