

Countryside CONNECTIONS

SUMMER 2014

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From the Mayor's Desk . . .



We have been waiting for the summer to arrive and it has. As the lyric by Stuart Garrard says, "We'll be laughing, we'll be dancing. Nothing more to say, It's a beautiful day, yeah La La La." The trees, grass and flowers are doing their part and showing each day what happens when the time is right. We know it is sneezing season and time to reach for the allergy relief. I do so love the changing seasons and what each one brings and the summer heat will soon wipe out spring's fresh air. Mother Nature has taken over and the sunshine makes up for all of those chilly days during the past hard winter and life is really grand.

I am delighted that the City of Countryside has been awarded one of the 2014 EDIE awards by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Development Council (IDC) for our Countryside City Center project. This award is to recognize the top 6 significant economic developments projects in the state that translated into more jobs, tax base and economic vitality in Illinois. I still believe that a City should not be a developer and when I became Mayor, I, alongside your full City Council, worked hard to make this the best development it could be. Receiving this award proves that the establishments that were chosen for our center, were the best one.

Everyone on your City Council works hard to make this the best community around. We truly care about what you think of our City, and your comments and opinions count and are an important resource for us to determine the City's priorities, since we work for you! On behalf of the other elected officials, thank you for your continued support and for making Countryside so wonderful. You may address any comments and suggestions by calling me at (708) 485-2050 or writing to ekrzeminski@countryside-il.org.

Mayor Ed Krzeminski

City Receives Website Transparency Award

At the recommendation of Alderman McDermott, staff improved our website. Treasurer Jasinski announced the City's receipt of the Website Transparency Award for increasing the City's rating from 80.5 to 93.1% at the City Council meeting held on April 9, 2014. Mr. Justin Hegy, Policy Analyst at the Illinois Policy Institute, thanked Mayor Krzeminski and City Council for allowing him to present the Award. The Illinois Policy Institute is a government watchdog group responsible for making transparency the #1 tool to prevent waste and corruption. The City of Countryside is rated 14 among several hundred local governments audited via a 10-point transparency checklist for key financial documents posted online. They only give this award to the top governmental bodies in the audit scoring. He congratulated the Mayor, City Council, and the Administration staff on being accountable.



L-R: Treasurer Jasinski, Justin Hegy and Finance Director Steven Drazner.

Traffic Safety

Due to the construction on Joliet and LaGrange Roads, traffic has been slowed near the intersection during rush hour. Countryside Police have received numerous complaints from businesses along Joliet Road and residents on nearby side streets about drivers attempting to avoid the construction traffic by cutting through business parking lots or racing down side streets. In both instances these actions create an unsafe environment and are illegal. The Countryside Police are stepping up enforcement efforts in those areas.



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Ward Reports

WARD 1

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- ◆ Countryside Veterinary Center opened for business on June 1st. The Center not only offers normal veterinary procedures, but also around the clock emergency care, therapy, rehabilitation, boarding and more.
- ◆ The City Council recently approved a Special Use Permit for the operations of a sports training facility at 5100 East Avenue. We will keep you apprised of construction and opening dates.
- ◆ The City recently approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Orput Companies to be the preferred developer for the redevelopment of the final lot in the Countryside City Center and was granted 90 days to exclusively market the site.
- ◆ Be sure to stop by the City's Summer Concerts in the Park this summer and visit with your friends, neighbors and say hello to Bob or Jim.
- ◆ The existing water main, which is located on the west side of 9th Avenue from 55th Street to Plainfield Road will be replaced this fall. The existing main is an eight inch cast iron water main, built in 1963. The new water main will be an eight inch pvc pipe water main and be installed on the east side of 9th Avenue. We will notify the residents before work begins.

WARD 2

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- ◆ The City Council recently approved a Class 7b incentive for Tony's Finer Foods (formerly Dominick's). This is a 12-year incentive, and over the 12 years, Tony's Finer Foods would save approximately \$1.6 million in property taxes; there is no cost to the City. The benefit is an increase in real estate assessed valuation and employment opportunities within the area. Tony's Finer Foods has stated that this will create 200 full-time positions and 100 part-time positions.
- ◆ Alderman Von Drasek and the residents of the Countryside Senior Apartments would like to thank Countryside residents Jerry and Pat Welch for donating an organ for the residents at the Countryside Senior Apartments to use in their activities room. We would also like to thank resident Karen Anderson's grandsons, Nicholas and Donald and Andy Brozyna for delivering and moving the organ to the activities room.
- ◆ Congratulations to Ward 2 residents Rob and Kate Naurath with their recent addition of triplets to the family. Pictured on the right is: Proud parents Kate & Rob with triplets, Charlie, Grant, Andrew, big sister Grace and Barbie the family pet. Welcome to the "triplet club", from John & Kathy Von Drasek!



WARD 3

Alderman Sean McDermott
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- ◆ The long awaited opening of Outrigger's Steak and Seafood arrived! Outriggers officially opened for business in May.
- ◆ Continental Nissan, located at 57th Street and LaGrange Road will be building a new service center and showroom.
- ◆ Be sure to stop by the Countryside Community Garden, located at the northwest corner of 61st Street and Kensington Avenue.

Economic Development Updates

Andy's Frozen Custard



Andy Kuntz, owner of Andy's Frozen Custard arranged a ribbon cutting for his team, City officials, members of the Pleasantview Fire Protection District, and representatives of the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce on May 9th. They had a cake the shape of a custard cone and free sundaes for all customers. This frozen custard shop was built on the former Pleasantview firehouse site. The antique alarm used to call out volunteers in the past and a picture of the old fire station are prominent in the shop. If you haven't tried Andy's yet, you should it's delicious. (Photograph courtesy of DesPlaines Valley News)

Countryside Veterinary Center

The Countryside Veterinary Center opened its doors to the public for business on June 1st. This 20,000 square foot facility is a welcome addition for any pet owner. The full service animal hospital is open 24/7. It offers state of the art clinical evaluations and treatments including diagnostics, on-site lab, digital radiology, ultrasound, and various dental and surgical procedures. The center also offers day care, training, boarding, grooming and rehabilitation services. Check out their website at www.countrysidevetcare.com.



City Receives EDIE Award

On Thursday, June 26th Mayor Krzeminski, Alderman and Economic Development Chairman, Sean McDermott and City Administrator Gail Paul attended the Illinois Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting to accept an EDIE Award for the Countryside City Center Development.

This award is given to developers who are investing or re-investing in our state thereby creating jobs, and increasing the tax base and economic vitality in Illinois. The City Center project began with property acquisition back in 2008. After unsuccessful discussions with two developers, the City decided to work as its own developer; laying out the roads, detention and pad sites and installing all the public improvements. The City then recruited Illinois Harley Davidson and Hooters to the site. After attracting the anchor, Harley-Davidson, it was much easier to find a developer willing and able to develop the two other lots. This development brought some big names such as Texas Roadhouse and Starbucks to Countryside and created over 200 jobs.

The confidence of these corporate giants has generated great interest by others, however, there is only one .75 acre lot remaining. We look forward to bringing something unique to the residents soon.



Welcome to Countryside

Beyond Transport

5410 Dansher Road
Over the road transportation



Compass Funding Solutions

450 W. 55th Street, Suite 200
Finance-purchasing accounts receivable

Countryside Veterinary Center

9823 W. 55th Street
Veterinary Clinic



Outrigger's

803 Joliet Road
Restaurant

Rabbeh Ice Cream Truck

Mobile truck
Ice Cream vending truck



Police Updates

During the summer months the neighborhoods and parks come alive with activities for children and adults. We have police programs such as the bike patrol, safe riding program, park patrol, and Vacation Watch to help keep citizens and guests safe.

The police bike patrol units will be out in force through the summer months. This program gets officers out of their squad cars and makes them much more approachable by the community. It also allows them to reach areas where a patrol car is unable to maneuver. The park patrol consists of officers on bikes and also in police cars specifically assigned to patrol the City's four main parks and the tot lots.



Deputy Chief Novak with Alderman McDermott at "Cops on Top" event.



The fine people over at Andy's Custard were enthused to work with the police department on the Safe Riding program campaign that rewards children for riding safe. Any child observed by an officer riding their bike with a helmet through the summer

months will be "Stopped for Doing Something Good." The bicyclist will be issued a certificate for one free small custard cone from Andy's. A properly fitted helmet worn while riding a bicycle has proven to substantially mitigate head injuries.

Our Vacation Watch program gives you peace of mind when you leave your home for an extended period of time. Simply call our police station and answer a few questions. Officers will conduct periodic checks of your residence while you enjoy your vacation. It is also a good idea to connect lights on timers and install motion sensor lights on the exterior of your building.

Special Olympics Fundraisers

Every year the Countryside PD participates in fundraising campaigns to support Special Olympics Illinois. Special Olympics is a year round training and competition in nineteen different sports which serves over 21,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics benefits include physical fitness, sports skills, self esteem and social benefits. Our goal is to raise as much money as possible to make these athletes' dreams come true.

On May 30th officers stood on the roof of Dunkin' Donuts for nine hours for Cop on Top. Officers, staff and City officials volunteered for the cause; accepting donations and selling Special Olympics shirts, hats, and novelties. Officers also raised money for Special Olympics by growing playoff beards in support of our Chicago Blackhawks. Texas Roadhouse is hosting a Free Benefit Lunch on July 25th from 11am-2pm, where Police Officers will be serving lunch. Simply leave a donation at your table and 100% of your donation will go to Special Olympics Illinois.

Updated Bicycle Registration Form

We have updated our bicycle registration form. The new form is available at the police department or online at www.countryside-il.org/forms-permits-police-department.



City Adopts Budget for New Fiscal Year

On April 23, 2014, City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2015 budget covering the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015. The budget consists of nine Funds and totals almost \$20 million dollars in combined expenses. A summary by Fund is presented in the following table:

Category	General	Emergency Telephone	Motor Fuel	Hotel/ Motel	Commercial TIF	Capital Projects	Drug Forfeiture	Water	Sewer
	Corporate	System	Tax						
Revenues	11,270,898	96,500	169,048	333,000	90,000	1,059,315	95,500	4,457,700	27,500
Expenses	11,270,898	334,300	-	553,815	139,506	2,109,315	217,525	4,950,778	152,682
Surplus (Deficit)	-	(237,800)	169,048	(220,815)	(49,506)	(1,050,000)	(122,025)	(493,078)	(125,182)
Applied fund balance	-	237,800	-	220,815	49,506	1,050,000	122,025	493,078	125,182

Of the City's nine Funds, two are balanced or have a budgeted surplus. A balanced budget occurs when the expected (budgeted) revenues equal budgeted expenses. When a budgeted surplus occurs, revenues are expected to exceed expenses which will add to that Fund's accumulated reserves, or "savings account" at the end of the fiscal year for that Fund. Conversely, seven of the Funds have a FY15 budgeted deficit. When a deficit is budgeted, it should not automatically have a negative connotation but rather it just means that the City is using some of its accumulated savings, or reserves, to help pay for current year budgeted expenses. The City has adequate reserves on hand to cover these budgeted deficits but caution must still be exercised to not deplete reserves in order for the City to remain financially strong. In addition, the City is expecting higher sales tax revenue from all the new retail businesses within the City Center Development.

An important highlight of the FY15 budget is that the General Fund was balanced even with the City reducing its property tax levy by 85%, from approximately \$1 million down to \$150,000. This reduction is estimated to save the average homeowner about \$250 in property tax for the year. The entire detailed FY15 budget is available for review on the City's website under the Finance Department.

Motorcycle Awareness

Warm weather brings increased traffic and more and more motorcycles on the street. Being situated along historic Route 66, and with three motorcycle dealerships in town, drivers must be aware of their surroundings. Most motorcycle accidents are caused by car drivers not "seeing" the motorcycle. Make sure you are aware of your surroundings while driving this summer. Most importantly, always wear a Department of Transportation (DOT) approved helmet. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motorcycle helmets reduce the risk of head injury by 69% and reduce the risk of death by 37%.



2014 Street Resurfacing Program

The City of Countryside will be contracting for road resurfacing work on two alleys in the City. Construction will begin mid to late summer. The project includes catch basin repair, the installation of a drainage groove, curb repair and replacement of concrete alleyways.

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. There will be no direct charge to the property owners on these alleys.

ALLEYS

- ✓ West of LaGrange Road from 55th Street to Plainfield Road.
- ✓ East of LaGrange Road from 55th Street to Bobolink.

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



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.
- ♦ Construction is **prohibited** on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.
- ♦ 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 this newly passed ordinance which is effective immediately.

14-22-0: This ordinance allows residents to keep pet chickens and outdoor chicken shelters on residential lots. Roosters are not allowed, and a maximum of four chickens are permitted. We are requiring everyone to fill out a permit application for the chickens and their housing plan. The permit form will then allow a member of the Building Department onto your property to inspect the site if we receive complaints. The outdoor shelter can only be located in the rear yard of a lot and no closer than ten feet of either side yard lot line, no closer than five feet from any rear yard lot line and must be 25 feet from any neighboring house. For more information, please call the Building Department at (708) 354-1860.

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 . . .

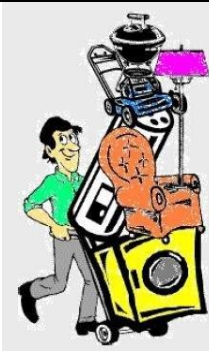
Brush Pick-Up

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.

Keep Storm Sewer Covers Clear To Prevent Flooding

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



Results of Spring Clean-Up

Dates: May 19 - May 21

Tons picked up: 66
Cost to City: \$10,853

Water Department

MXUs Update

The City of Countryside's Water Department began its MXU replacement program. MXUs are the transmitters that make it possible to read meters automatically on a monthly basis. All residences and businesses in the City will receive a letter from the City requesting you call the number on the letter and schedule an appointment to have this task completed. The MXUs are located at the water meter and replacement usually only takes a few minutes. Please have this area accessible when the technician arrives.



First letters went out in early June and this project will continue until all transmitters are replaced. Residents can expect this work to be done in a clean professional manner. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. As always, City employees will present their City IDs upon arrival. There is no cost for this upgrade.

If for whatever reason you suspect a problem, call 911 and report it.

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.

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 two consecutive days totaling four 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 2014 pool memberships must be presented by December 31, 2014 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: _____

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 holidays:

Independence Day

Friday, July 4, 2014

Labor Day

Monday, September 1, 2014

Upcoming Meetings

July

1	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
8	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:30 p.m.
9	City Council	7:30 p.m.
15	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
16	Flagg Creek Admin. Board	7:00 p.m.
23	City Council	7:30 p.m.

August

5	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
5	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:30 p.m.
13	City Council	7:30 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.

September

2	Senior Citizens Club	6:30 p.m.
9	Plan/ZBA Commission	7:30 p.m.
9	Fire & Police Commission	5:30 p.m.
9	Countryside Women's Club	7:00 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.

Good Luck Treasurer Jasinski

Steve Jasinski was elected City Treasurer in 2007. Prior to serving in this capacity, Steve served on the Police Pension Board. As Treasurer, he oversaw the City's Finance Department, served as chairman of the Finance Committee and also was a member of the Economic Development Committee. Unfortunately, due to increased demands of his new job and family commitments, he has decided to resign his position as Treasurer effective June 30, 2014. The City would like to thank Steve for his many years of public service. We wish Steve and his family all the best.



Congratulations Administrator Paul

City Administrator Gail Paul received the 2014 Public Servant of the Year Award from the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry "WSCCI". Her work with non-profit organizations and her leadership in transforming the City of Countryside were noted by WSCCI Executive Director Ken Grunke as the primary reasons. Gail accepted the award on behalf of the City on April 30th at the William Tell Holiday Inn. She gave a short speech acknowledging the tough decisions made by the City Council in order to develop the City Center as they envisioned. She also stated how much she enjoys working with the businesses and non-profit organizations in the area. A special thanks to Mary Beth Hepp and John Von Drasek who both nominated Gail and thanks to Countryside resident, Katherine Dugan-Labelle who sponsored her nomination.



L-R: Sponsor, Katherine Dugan-Labelle, Gail Paul and McCook Mayor & Cook County Commissioner, Jeff Topolski, award presenter. (Picture courtesy of Glenn Kaupert Photography)

Flagg Creek Golf Course

Are you aware that 50% of the golf course is owned by the City of Countryside and 50% is owned by the Pleasant Dale Park District? Approximately 20 years ago, the City and Park District entered into an intergovernmental agreement which designated the Park District as the Administrative District for purposes of managing the course and entering into contracts. Recently, a new intergovernmental agreement was approved which now names the City of Countryside as the Administrative District. Don't worry, for now everything will remain the same including your resident discount.



Gateway Special Recreation Association

Gateway Special Recreation Association (SRA) provides recreation services throughout the year to children, teens, and adults with disabilities. Gateway SRA was formed through an intergovernmental agreement and is an extension of the Park Districts of Burr Ridge, Oak Brook, Elmhurst, Pleasant Dale, Westchester, and York Center, the City of Countryside, and the Villages of Hinsdale and Willowbrook. Gateway SRA contracts the professional services of Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities to provide recreation services. Programs are conducted at a variety of locations throughout the seven communities, and at the Anna Emery Hanson Center in Burr Ridge. Program brochures are available at the Hanson Center. All programs are structured for persons with disabilities. Gateway SRA and the Ray Graham Association promotes and encourages positive interaction between persons with and without disabilities. Certain Gateway programs are open to individuals who do not have disabilities.

 * Are you looking for Recreation Programming for individuals with special *
 * needs? If so, please contact Sharon Peterson at (708) 485-2595. *

50-50 Tree Program

The City's 50/50 Tree 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. 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 \$20,000 per year and based 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.

Recipient of the 2014 District 105 Foundation Scholarship

Congratulations to Kyle Charlier, Lyons Township High School Class of 2014, who was one of four (4) School District 105 (D105) scholarship recipients. The D105 Foundation was established in 2013 and awards college scholarships to graduates of District 105 elementary schools. Kyle, who attended Ideal Elementary School, will be attending Indiana University in the Fall to study Business/Finance. The \$1,500 scholarship, which is renewable for four years, was awarded to Kyle at the LTHS Honors Assembly on May 23, 2014. The City of Countryside and the D105 Foundation Board Members would like to wish Kyle continued success. Further D105 Foundation information is available on their website at www.district105.net.



L-R: Jeff Garcia (Secretary - D105 Foundation Board), John Charlier (Father), Kyle Charlier (Scholarship Recipient), Beth Charlier (Mother), Steve Jasinski (Vice President - D105 Foundation Board), and Mitchel Charlier (Recipients Brother). Photographer/D105 Board Member not pictured - Scott Musillami.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Date: Saturday, August 2, 2014

Place: City Hall Parking Lot

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Prevent consumer fraud and identity theft by shredding your personal papers.

(Limit of 5 small boxes)



FYI

The Quarry has started up blasting again. If you experience any problems call the Quarry Complaint Line: 1-866-934-3278.

Community Happenings

Burger Antics Featured on WGN!

Chicago's Best, WGN's popular entertainment show hosted a segment titled, "Chicago's Best Burgers" on Sunday, May 4th. Burger Antics, located at 6542 Joliet Road, was featured as having one of the best burgers in the Chicagoland area! When customers were asked why it's the best, they answered, "The burgers are fresh and Chef Brenna is very creative with the burgers".



Household/Hazardous Waste Collection Event Held on May 17th



We had a continuing flow of cars dropping off their paint cans and other hazardous materials. By the end of the day we had 2 rolling dumpsters filled with items.

Blood Drive



The City of Countryside will be hosting a blood drive, sponsored by Heartland Blood Centers.

Where: City Hall (Parking Lot)

Date: **Wednesday, July 16, 2014**

Time: **3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

This is a simple and free way to give back to your community. All donors will receive a \$5 Subway gift card.

Please call (708) 354-7270 to sign-up.

Summer Concert Series

The City will be raffling off a scooter donated by Westfield Ford. The raffle will be at the final concert on August 7th. 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.



Andy's Frozen Custard
BMW Motorcycles of Countryside
CJ Wilson Mazda
Continental Motors
Countryside Business Association
Groot
Harley Davidson
Heartland Bank
Hooter's
Infinity Communications Group
State Bank of Countryside
Westfield Ford

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



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

Where: Countryside Park

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Day: Thursday

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| July 10 | Multiplicity (Opening Act)
Special Consensus (Headliner) |
| July 17 | Prairie Brass Band (Opening Act)
Flat Cats (Headliner) |
| July 24 | Sinister Finch (Opening Act)
Heartache Tonight (Headliner) |
| July 31 | Big Wheel (Opening Act)
HillBilly Rockstarz (Headliner)
(FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9 P.M) |
| August 7 | Strung Out Band (Opening Act)
Final Say (Headliner) |



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Steven Jasinski

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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