From the Mayor’s Desk . . .

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is so hard to believe that summer is coming to an end, and I hope that you have enjoyed it as much as I have. Our city concert series saw record crowds this year. Thursday evenings were really something special thanks to the wonderful restaurants which provided delicious food each week at the events. Special thanks go out to all of the sponsors of this year’s concert series, especially Westfield Ford, who donated two scooters which were raffled off. The raffle ticket proceeds were donated to the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Foundation and a check of $1,395 was presented to the foundation at the August 24th City Council Meeting.

We were challenged by some extreme weather events which negatively impacted the City. Power outages and uprooted trees caused great disruption to our quality of life. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our amazing Public Works and ESDA employees for their efforts all summer, but especially in response to that storm. It was a task of monumental proportion and they did an excellent job of meeting the needs of our residents.

We share your frustration regarding the repeated loss of power and the inconsistent information released from Commonwealth Edison related to the power outages and their efforts at restoring your power. I have met with the City ComEd representative and conveyed our feelings that they have to provide accurate and timely information. At this meeting, we discussed ways ComEd can better provide information during times of emergencies and they promised to improve their emergency response and the integrity of the power grid itself.

On a lighter note, I had the honor to welcome home the Army 863rd Engineering Battalion, after completing a 10 month tour of duty in Afghanistan. I was very encouraged to see over 400 family members, friends and Countryside citizens greet them home at 2:30 in the morning at the Local 150 Union Hall, even after a change of arrival time, because of hurricane Irene. Kevin Burke, Local 150 Business Agent, was very gracious to allow the use of their parking lot and their hall to make it a very heartwarming event that was enjoyed by all.

I am happy to report that the General Assembly passed a budget that did not contain a further reduction in our share of the state income tax. While we did not achieve a return to the earlier 10% share, we were able to avoid any further loss of those very important revenues that we rely on to deliver services to you. The State’s fiscal problems are not close to being solved. Payments to the city continue to be late and I will remain diligent in protecting this revenue source.

As summer ends, school begins. Please be careful as our youngest residents are walking to school or getting on and off buses. I wish you a great fall and successful school year to our young people.

Mayor Ed Krzeminski
Development Update

We reported in the last newsletter that the City decided to proceed on its own with the development rather than sell the property to a developer. During the last few months the City has focused on getting the property ready for sale to end users.

The City went out to bid for environmental and demolition services. Seven bids were received and tabulated. The City Council awarded the bid to N.F. Demolition in the amount of $293,114, which is 59% below the engineer's cost estimate. Demolition began in August and continued through September.

Next, the City hired The Lakota Group, Inc. as our land planner. They prepared several site plans for consideration by the Economic Development Committee. The preliminary site plan on this page was approved by the committee. This site plan will be modified as end users are identified.

Then, the City Engineer used the preliminary site plan to finalize the engineering plans for Phase I site improvements. These improvements will include the main roads throughout the development, ornamental lighting along these roads, utility loops throughout, storm water detention, sidewalks, parking islands, landscaping and all site work required by Harley Davidson. The City Council authorized the engineer to request proposals for the Phase I site improvements. It is expected that a general contractor will be selected the beginning of October with site work commencing by mid-October.

Phase II is scheduled to begin next spring. This phase will include the parking lots and bringing all the utilities to each pad so that each parcel is “pad-ready” in 2012. Harley Davidson is targeting April, 2012 for their grand opening. The City is currently negotiating terms with Hooters for the northern pad located next to the Bally’s. All other discussions with end users are in the early stages.
Updates

AUTOBARN VOLKSWAGEN

Renovations have begun on the new VW dealership located at 6161 Joliet Road just east of its current location. It is a complete remodel of the 33,000 sf. facility which is almost twice the size of the current facility. VW contemplates enormous growth in the U.S. over the next five years. Once completed, the old VW dealership will be converted into a new Subaru dealership. This new dealership will be more than double the size than the current Subaru dealership on La Grange Road. Construction of all these facilities is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2012.

TACO BELL

The Taco Bell restaurant located at 5611 S. La Grange Road and the neighboring CarX Muffler is scheduled for demolition in September. A 2,500 sf. Taco Bell restaurant will be constructed on the two lots allowing for better traffic flow and additional parking. The modern interior design will accommodate seating for 85. Outdoor dining will also be available in season. Construction will continue through the end of the year.

6246 JOLIET ROAD

This building was demolished in September due to a court order. No plans have been submitted for redevelopment of this site at this time.

BMW Grand Opening!

The new BMW motorcycle dealership had its grand opening on Saturday, June 25th. The event was a great success. Over 600 people came out to see the different models of motorcycles.

During the months of July and August, this particular store lead the region in new BMW motor sales. The event was also a great success in apparel and parts sales.

The BMW Dealers Demo Truck was on premise, which allowed people to test ride 16 new 2012 "BMW K 1600" motorcycles. The riders were taken around Countryside and through the forest preserve. They were the first to ride this new motorcycle introduction. For more information, please contact the dealership at (708) 588-9900 or visit their website at www.bmwmotorcyclesofcountryside.com.
City Re-Appoints City Administrator & Police Chief

Mayor Krzeminski swore in the City Administrator and Chief of Police for a 4-year term on July 13, 2011. Gall Paul has been serving as City Administrator since February, 2010. Prior to her appointment she served as the City’s Finance Director. Michael Ruth has been serving as Chief of Police since August, 2010. Both of their terms will expire in May, 2015. We wish them much success in the coming years.

Public Information Meeting
Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

The City of Countryside was recently awarded a Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) Grant from the Cook County Department of Public Health and Centers of Disease Control. Through this grant we will be pursuing planning and policy initiatives to improve our transportation network in hopes of making our community a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly place to live. Countryside will be working with the Active Transportation Alliance, to study, investigate, and recommend initiatives, policies, and infrastructure that will promote active transportation choices such as walking, biking and taking transit in the community.

We will be holding an open house/public information meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall. The open house/public information meeting is arranged for the residents and members of the community to share their experience and insight on walking, biking, and transit in our community.

For more information, please contact Sharon Peterson at (708) 485-2595.

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.

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

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Date: ___________ Address: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

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

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

Now that the City is almost halfway through the current fiscal year, the budget process for the next fiscal year is scheduled to begin soon. There has been talk around town regarding some of the recently enacted taxes and how city operations could possibly be affected if some or all of these taxes were either retroactively rebated back or eliminated in whole or in part going forward.

Due to the loss of several businesses in town, particularly car dealerships, as the unfortunate result of the downturn in the economy, the City took a proactive approach and implemented certain new taxes beginning in calendar year 2007 in order to offset the general deterioration of sales tax revenue. These taxes are summarized below:

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* Effective 5/1/11, this was reduced 50% to $.02/gallon

The City's recent Corporate Fund combined cash and investment balances are slightly under $8 million. This balance represents the total amount accumulated to date during better economic times in which net annual surpluses resulted in the Corporate Fund. Since the implementation of these taxes going back to 2007, the cumulative total revenue through April 30, 2011 is estimated at:

Newly Implemented Tax Breakdown:

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<td>768,395</td>
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<td>Property</td>
<td>1,497,473</td>
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<td>8,973,466</td>
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As indicated in the table above, the revenue collected from the newly implemented taxes approximates $9 million through the end of the last fiscal year. Therefore, if the City did not implement any new taxes, the Corporate Fund which accounts for the majority of the City's operations including Public Safety and Public Works, would currently have an accumulated deficit balance of approximately $1 million.

In summary, while nobody wants to see new taxes or increases to existing taxes, the City developed a long term strategy when the economy began its downturn and made some very difficult decisions. As can be seen while driving along the La Grange or Joliet Roads, progress is being made in redeveloping the commercial business district. Positive developments which will generate additional revenues for the City of Countryside are on the near term horizon.
Countryside Receives Highest Grade For Transparency

The Illinois Policy Institute, a non-profit research organization, recently audited sixteen different websites of municipalities in Lyons Township. The purpose of their audit was to determine the amount of transparency provided by each municipal website in such informational areas as elected official contacts, meeting schedules, budgets, financial audits, expenditures, contracts, lobbying, and taxes/fees. Each category was graded and a total was calculated with a maximum score of 100.

Not only did the City of Countryside receive the highest final grade at 80.5%, but we also improved the greatest amount at 52%. The average final grade among the group surveyed was 28.7% with an overall 9.8% improvement as shown in the following table:

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The City is dedicated to providing transparency to the public and encourages its citizens and businesses to get involved with the community, attend as many public meetings as possible, and continue to provide feedback to elected officials and city management on important issues.

Sign Up for E-News

In a continuing effort to keep residents informed about City business, the City of Countryside offers “E-News”. Subscribers receive timely news about the City, council meetings, agendas, news releases, health and safety alerts, and more via e-mail. Visit the City website at www.countryside-il.org and click on the “Sign up for E-News” on the left side of the page.
Welcome to Countryside

Each newsletter will feature the names and addresses of retail and service businesses that have recently opened. Please consider shopping locally and contributing to the Countryside economy. Shopping in Countryside is an investment in your neighborhood and community.

Young at Heart
6502 Joliet Road, Suite A
Adult day care facility

Accelerated Rehabilitation
6502 Joliet Road, Suite B
Physical therapy

Benney's Barber Shop
907 W. 55th Street
Barber shop

Ultimate Pro Bikes
6475 Joliet Road, A100
Sale of high-end road, cross, and triathlon bicycles. Perform professional sittings and repairs.

One Stop Express, Inc.
6475 Joliet Road, A100
Specializes in property preservation and cleaning services for foreclosed properties.

Flaunt
26 E. Plainfield Road
Hair Salon

Peter's Highline Automotive II, Inc.
(formerly: Community Car Care)
9675 W. 55th Street
Auto repair

Steiner Electric
(formerly: Industrial Sling)
26 E. Plainfield Road
Wholesale industrial cutting tools

Keep a Look Out ...

Watch for these other business openings pending review and approval:

Allstate Insurance is an insurance agency. This business plans to open fall 2011.

Greenside Design Build is a carpentry contractor. The opening is scheduled fall/winter 2011.

Hertz Local Edition is a rental car agency. This business plans to open fall 2011.

Orchard Electric Inc. is an electrical contractor. This business plans to open fall/winter 2011.

Building Department

in the community, but also has many ordinances which must be followed to maintain the look and feel we have all grown accustomed to and value in the City.

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the more common issues we face every year. Temporary signs, portable signs, balloon/blow up signs are not allowed within the City unless you first obtain a ten day special event sign permit. It is as simple as filling out the form, which is available on our website www.countryside-il.org and submitting it to the Building Department. The first four permits are free each year.

Regardless of a permit, signs are never permitted in the right-of-way along roads. These signs are considered trash and will be disposed of regularly by City staff. Please make sure your address is clearly visible on the front of your building, unit, or storefront. This is very important for the Police and Fire Department to be able to quickly respond in an emergency. All businesses are required to have properly identified handicapped accessible parking spaces, regardless of the existing conditions.

Finally, most work and repairs in commercial buildings require a construction permit. If you are in doubt, please call first and we will be happy to discuss it with you.

If you have any questions about signs, accessible parking spaces, etc., 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. Please review and note as the ordinance is effective immediately.

10–62–0: This ordinance allows for the placement of a portable sign on a business’s property. The sign is only to be displayed during normal business hours, and no later than 9:00 p.m. These permits are issued on a quarterly basis.

For more information on this and other ordinances, please contact the City Hall at (708) 354-7270.
Public Works Reminds You...

Fall Leaf Pick-Up
(October 10 – December 2)

Crews will be collecting leaves on a continuous cycle throughout the entire program period. The leaf collection program provides residents with an alternate way to dispose of leaves. Instead of bagging, or for those who do not mulch leaves, residents may rake leaves onto the parkway.

In order for this program to be successful, we ask all the residents to observe the guidelines listed below.

♦ Leaves should be raked onto the parkway.
♦ Leaves should NOT be raked into the street.
♦ Do NOT deposit branches, sticks, garbage, or other debris into the leaf pile.

Please allow 7 to 10 working days between pick-ups. Specific questions can be answered by calling the Public Works Department at (708) 354-3390.

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 leaves and other debris throughout the year.

Clearing the sewer covers also helps prevent storm water backup into homes.

Brush Pick-Up

Branch and brush pick-up will be provided through October 28th. Public Works crews will be covering the City on a weekly basis. If you have questions, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 354-3390.

Results of the July 11th Storm Clean-Up

Woodchips: 28 truckloads (252 yards)
Storm Damage Reports taken by P.W.: 68

Fall Leaf Raking For Countryside Seniors

The Countryside Aging Well, a program of Aging Care Connections will be sponsoring this service. The service is free and is provided by volunteers for older adults in need of assistance with their leaves.

Leaf raking will take place:

DATE: November 12, 2011
TIME: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

To sign up for this service, or for more information, please call (708) 354-1323 ext. 242. Registration ends on Saturday, November 5, 2011.

Seniors Ride Free Program

(Important Dates)

July 1
♦ The RTA stopped processing replacement permits for the current Senior Ride Free program to avoid sending duplicate permits.

August 1
♦ The agency began mailing new magnetic stripe permits for fixed-route service for all seniors currently enrolled in the Seniors Circuit Ride Free program. Depending on their eligibility, seniors will receive either a Seniors Circuit Ride Free permit or Reduced Fare permit.

August 15
♦ If you did not receive your new permit by the above date, please call (312) 913-3110. A customer service operator is available Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

September 1
♦ The previous Seniors Ride Free permit will no longer be accepted on any CTA train or bus, Metra train or Pace bus. Only the new Seniors Circuit Ride Free and Reduced Fare permits will be accepted on the CTA train or bus, Metra train or Pace bus.
City Services

Pool Reimbursements: 2011 outdoor pool memberships (Health Clubs and YMCA memberships are not eligible) must be presented by December 31, 2011 to be eligible for reimbursement. To apply for the reimbursement, bring your paid membership receipt and valid driver’s license to the City Clerk’s office.

Driveway Apron Snow Removal: Senior citizens and disabled Countryside residents may sign up each year to have their driveway aprons plowed if more than 2-inches of snow falls. This removal will be done after all of the City streets are cleared. The City is not responsible for any driveway damage. To receive this service, call the City’s Clerk office.

Selling Your Home or Business: All property sales in Countryside require a pre-sale inspection. In addition to the pre-sale inspection, requirements of a property transfer include:

♦ A completed Real Estate Property Transfer Declaration form.
♦ A final water meter read.
♦ A paid sewer receipt.

The cost of the stamp is $50 (no personal checks), and is the responsibility of the seller.

For more information about these services, contact the Clerk’s office at (708) 354-7270. Forms are also available on our website.

Countryside Business Association

The Countryside Business Association (CBA) is a group of local business owners and leaders who meet monthly to discuss issues relevant to doing business in the city. We look for ways to improve and promote our businesses as well as the overall business climate in Countryside. We provide education, marketing and networking opportunities to our members and other businesses in the surrounding communities. The CBA also works to promote activities for the residents of Countryside. The CBA wants to make sure we give back to the residents who support our businesses. Future key programs include: a Thanksgiving dinner party, the City’s Children’s Christmas Party, a summer carnival, and a 5K run. For more information about the CBA, you can visit our website at www.shopcountryside.net.

Upcoming Meetings

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Daylight Savings Time

Don’t forget to set your clock back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on November 6th. The time now becomes 1:00 a.m. This is where the saying “Fall Back” comes from.

When you turn your clock back, also make a lifesaving change in your household - change the batteries in your smoke alarms. This simple habit takes just a moment, but it is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire. A home fire impacts an American family every 85 seconds.

Upcoming Holidays

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

- **Thanksgiving Day**
  - Thursday, November 24, 2011
- **Friday after Thanksgiving Day**
  - Friday, November 25, 2011
- **Christmas Eve**
  - Friday, December 23, 2011
- **Christmas Day**
  - Monday, December 26, 2011
- **New Year’s Day**
  - Monday, January 2, 2012
Police Updates

Police Department Welcomes New Police Officer

Richard Porcaro was sworn in by Mayor Krzeminski on July 13th. This brings the police force to its authorized strength of 24 sworn officers. Officer Porcaro is currently attending the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy and will be joining the department after his graduation from the Academy on September 23rd. Officer Porcaro has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Benedictine University.

Update on Police Department Programs

Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy kicked off on Thursday, August 25th with 21 attendees. The academy meets every Thursday evening for 12 weeks and a new topic is presented each week. So far, Academy attendees have toured the police department, learned about criminal and civil law, and scams & financial crimes.

Neighborhood Watch Program

Are you interested in making your block safer? The Countryside Police Department is looking for residents to join the Neighborhood Watch Program. There is no cost to participate and residents learn about City ordinances, state laws, tips to prevent crime, and how to get to know their neighbors. The goal of the program is to help residents make their homes safer and to build a partnership between the police and the community. If you are interested in the program, please call 708-485-4018 or send an e-mail to police@countrysidepolice.org.

Business Watch Program

Many Countryside businesses have already enrolled in the Business Watch Program. This is a free program offered to local businesses that keeps owners and employees informed of current crime trends. Alerts are sent to specific businesses when a particular type of crime is occurring in and around our community. Look for the "Business Watch" decal displayed at participating businesses.

Avoid Telephone Scams

According to the Illinois Attorney General's Office, the best way to avoid telephone scams is to Just Hang Up! They list the following warning signs of telephone scams:

1. They Contact You—You have no way of knowing who the caller really is. Just Hang Up!
2. They Ask for Your Personal Information—Never give this information to someone you do not know. Just Hang Up!
3. They Promise a Big Award—if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Just Hang Up!

If you have fallen victim to or want to report a telephone scam, please contact the Countryside Police Department at 708-352-2171 or the Illinois Attorney General’s Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-386-5438.

FYI

Door to door solicitors must comply with local ordinance. If you suspect any unusual activity, contact the Police Department at 708-352-2171.
Ward Reports

WARD 1

Alderman James Jasinski
Alderman Robert Pondelicek

◆ The property at 5530 S. La Grange Road recently received zoning approval for a proposed plumbing contractor’s office. The location will also offer an upscale showroom for plumbing fixtures.
◆ The property at 5459 S. La Grange Road (former Blockbuster property) recently received zoning approval to provide additional parking spaces along 55th Street. The additional spaces will assist the property owner in recruiting a national franchise to the location.
◆ Be prepared for a brand new Taco Bell facility at 5611 S. La Grange Road. The expected opening date for the restaurant is scheduled for the end of 2011.
◆ The Illinois Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealership will be submitting building permit plans to Community Development Department for review this fall.
◆ Alderman Jim Jasinski attended the Extreme Martial Arts and Fitness grand opening on August 13th. This business, located at 51 E. Plainfield Road, welcomes all interested residents to join one of their many classes.
◆ Aldermen Pondelicek and Jasinski can be reached by e-mail at bpondelecek@countryside-il.org or jjasinski@countryside-il.org if you have any questions or concerns.

WARD 2

Alderman Karen Michalczyk
Alderman John Von Drasek

◆ We would like to welcome Young at Heart and Accelerated Rehabilitation Center to Ward 2. They are located at 6502 Joliet Road, Suites A and B.
◆ The property at 6246 Joliet Road has been demolished as the result of a court order. Currently, no plans have been made for this space.
◆ The resurfacing project on Lorraine Drive should be completed very soon. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this project.
◆ The City was recently awarded $115,000 through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to resurface Prescott Road. This project has been two years in the making. Work will begin in the fall of 2012.
◆ Staff have contacted the Cook County Highway Department for an update on the status of the resurfacing of 5th Avenue Cutoff.
◆ The Flagg Creek Golf Course has a new method of dispensing the range golf balls to patrons. The system is more efficient by providing quick access.
◆ Aldermen Michalczyk and Von Drasek can be reached by e-mail at kmichalczyk@countryside-il.org or jvondrasek@countryside-il.org if you have any questions or concerns.

WARD 3

Alderman Sean McDermott
Alderman Wayne Straza

◆ The Barker Shop received zoning approval for an expansion of their business, which will include opening a second location at 1418 55th Street. The new location will offer a doggie day care (limit of 15 dogs), dog grooming, and permission to keep up to five rescue dogs or cats overnight.
◆ Fuller’s Market and Lube received zoning approval to construct three additional service bays to change oil and service vehicles.
◆ Triangle Area Park: the house at 5539 Peck Avenue was demolished the last week of September. The City applied for an OSLAD Grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to help pay for the development of the park. The IDNR will announce the grant award recipients in early 2012.
◆ Aldermen McDermott and Straza can be reached by e-mail at smcdermott@countryside-il.org or wstraza@countryside-il.org if you have any questions or concerns.
Community Happenings

**Ledo's Celebrates 50th Anniversary!**

Ledo’s Pizza celebrated its 50th Anniversary on July 10, 2011. Ledo’s has been a cornerstone business in Countryside.

**Grand Opening of Extreme Martial Arts & Fitness**

Owners Grant Cavaliere (left) and Giacomo Ribaudo stand with Alderman Jim Jasinski.

Welcome Home!

On Sunday, August 28th, approximately 100 soldiers serving in the U.S. Army, 863rd Battalion, were reunited with their families at the I.U.O.E. Local 150 Hall after serving a 10 month tour of duty in Afghanistan. Mayor Krzeminski presented Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Ricciardi with a proclamation from the City welcoming their return home and thanking them for a job well done.

**Pearl Harbor Survivor, Turns Age 93!**

Pearl Harbor Survivor Edward Block celebrated his 93rd birthday on September 2nd. He has lived in Countryside for close to 50 years.

Ed enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1940 and started out as an apprentice seaman. During his time in the Navy, he survived both Pearl Harbor and the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle of World War II. At the Battle of Leyte Gulf, his destroyer ship the USS Johnston was hit by multiple torpedoes, causing the ship to sink. He was able to swim away from the ship with other shipmates. It took almost 2 ½ days before the Navy found them. During this period he said, "I saw many of my fellow shipmates drown and get eaten by sharks". Once rescued, Ed was hospitalized with many injuries that most people would not have survived. His entire left shoulder was destroyed, his face sustained several fractures resulting in the doctors having to re-build his face, he had a metal plate put in his skull to cover a hole at the top of his head, and had shrapnel throughout his body. He received a purple heart for his bravery and was honorably discharged in 1946 as a coxswain.

Ed is an active member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. - Illinois Chapter One where approximately 20 people still remain in this group. Ed is very proud to have served his country. His message to everyone is to "Remember Pearl Harbor" and all the sacrifices that the many men and women made and continue to make to keep our country safe.
Summer Concert Update

Mayor Krzeminski presented a check to Rosalinda Melgoza from the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization at the August 24th City Council Meeting. The City raised $1,300 during the summer concert series by selling raffle tickets to win two scooters donated by Westfield Ford.

Pictured from left to right are: Mayor Krzeminski, Rosalinda Melgoza and Carm Scarpace from Westfield Ford.

Congratulations to the Scooter Winners!

Mayor Krzeminski presented the scooter to Yokfa Sokolski (pictured on left), a resident of La Grange at the July 7th concert. The scooter winner at the August 11th concert was Enrique Munoz, a resident of Countryside.

Trick-or-Treating Hours

The City has set trick-or-treating hours from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2011.

Please respect the privacy of other residents and do not ring doorbells before or after this period. If the outside house light is off, do not disturb the homeowner by ringing the doorbell.

Volunteer Needed!

La Grange, IL - Aging Care Connections is seeking a volunteer for a front desk reception position on Friday afternoons. The receptionist is responsible for receiving incoming calls and directing calls to the appropriate person or office. If you are interested, please contact Linda Hussey at (708) 354-1323, extension 242.

Flagg Creek Golf Course is the perfect setting for your next party. Whether you are planning a shower, birthday party, holiday party or just a get together with friends let our staff do the work. Check out the menu options on our website www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org under private parties.

SAVE THE DATE

Children’s Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, 12-3-11
Place: William Tell Holiday Inn
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
City of Countryside
5550 East Avenue
Countryside, IL

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Ed Krzeminski

Clerk
Sharon Sweeney

Treasurer
Steven Jasinski

Aldermen
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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.shopcountryside.net

Flagg Creek Golf Course  
www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org