In case you are tiring of the longest and hottest summer in recent memory, here comes fall! Our mission in life is not to merely do as we have been instructed to do, or believe we must do, but to carry out our duties in a way that makes our labor enjoyable, rewarding (beyond just accumulation and accolades) and transforming.

According to Miss Manners (a/k/a Judith Martin) "We are all born charming, fresh and spontaneous and must be civilized before we are fit to participate in society." In other words, we are often forced by pressures from society, peers, and family to cast aside our spontaneity in exchange for predictability or; more to the point, practicality. On some levels, this is a sad and sorry environment we have created for ourselves and others.

Next time you are bored by the predictability of everyday life, take a moment to do something out of the ordinary, out of your comfort zone, and enjoy the excitement and thrill of what it feels like to be a little more carefree, but not careless. Jump into a pile of leaves with your kids and watch the leaves fall or watch the clouds go by. Make time for those special days that go by way too quick.

Strangely enough, sometimes the most thrilling spontaneous behavior is well-planned. So the next time you’re busy making plans that adhere to the strict norms of society as we know it, tweak them just a bit and add a dollop or two of spontaneity and see what happens - you may just discover that being a little more spontaneous will become the norm after all.

With warmest regards to you and yours,

Ed Krzeminski
Mayor of Countryside
## Ward Reports

### Ward 1

**Alderman James Jasinski**  
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jjasinski@countryside-il.org

**Alderman Robert Pondelicek**  
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bpondelicek@countryside-il.org

- Work on the LaGrange Road street lights will begin this fall. The City was awarded a $300,000.00 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to install decorative light poles along LaGrange Road. The timeframe for this project is approximately 12 weeks.
- Two streets in Ward 1 were part of the City’s 2012 Street Resurfacing Program. 57th Street, from LaGrange Road to East Avenue, and 8th Avenue, from 55th Street to Bob O Link Street were both resurfaced. Work included curb replacement as needed, roadway base repair and replacement of asphalt surface from curb to curb.

### Ward 2

**Alderman Karen Michalczyk**  
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kmichalczyk@countryside-il.org

**Alderman John Von Drasek**  
(708) 482-7663  
jvondrasek@countryside-il.org

- One street in Ward 2 was included in the 2012 Street Resurfacing Program. Cantigny Road, from Willow Springs Road to Lorraine Drive was resurfaced. Work included curb replacement as needed, roadway base repair and replacement of asphalt surface from curb to curb.
- The project for installing a new above ground lift station went out for bid.
- The Prescott Road construction project is expected to be completed in late fall. CDBG funds will be used to offset the cost.
- The City is having staff look into a sidewalk installation along the 6500 block of Joliet Road.
- Congratulations to Brianna Novotny in her ballroom competition.
- Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Von Drasek on celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.
- Any Ward 2 resident wishing to promote any accomplishment or recognition should contact either Alderman Michalczyk or Alderman Von Drasek.

### Ward 3

**Alderman Sean McDermott**  
(708) 354-2350  
smcdermott@countryside-il.org

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

- This fall, the City will undertake two storm sewer projects in Ward 3. The first project will help alleviate flooding issues to the residents who live on 55th Place, with the rear of their properties backing up to the Hallowell and James property. The second project will help alleviate the flooding issues for the residents who live in the Terry Lane/Barton Drive/Longview Drive area of Ward 3. Work on both storm sewer projects will take place in the late fall.
- Two streets in Ward 3 were a part of the City’s 2012 Street Resurfacing Program. Peck Avenue, from Plainfield Road to 55th Place, and Leitch Avenue, from Plainfield Road to 55th Place were both resurfaced. Work included curb replacement as needed, roadway base repair and replacement of asphalt surface from curb to curb.
- In 2011, the City applied for an OSLAD Grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to help pay for the development of a park at 5539 Peck Avenue. The City was notified in June that we were awarded the grant. This is a 50/50 matching grant with the City being reimbursed at the close of the project. Work on the park should begin in late fall, with anticipated completion, in the spring of 2013.
Economic Development Updates

Autobarn VW Dealership

The new Autobarn VW dealership located at 6161 Joliet Road is now open. The showroom is stunning and the customers waiting area is equipped with flat screen TV’s, wireless internet and iPads. No one will mind waiting here!

City Center

The City Council approved a redevelopment agreement “RDA” with Hooters for the construction of a restaurant at the City Center. The RDA requires the City to complete site work including utilities, concrete work and binder up to the pad before closing. There was a delay in obtaining the sanitary sewer permit which put the project about 1 month behind schedule. The site work has resumed and should be completed by the end of September. The closing will occur shortly thereafter. The RDA requires Hooters to apply for all permits within 2 months of acquisition and complete construction within 10 months of obtaining all required permits.

The City is in final negotiations with Shorewood/GMX to develop a multi-tenant building on LaGrange Road and a restaurant on Joliet Road. In order to keep the development moving, the City and the developer entered into a Reimbursement Agreement for engineering services. This agreement allows the City engineer to begin designing the site work prior to final approval of the redevelopment agreement “RDA”. In the event final terms cannot be agreed upon, the developer will reimburse the City for the engineering costs incurred. Staff is hopeful that a final RDA is presented to the City Council for approval in October.

Old Fire Station Property

In our last newsletter we reported that the Economic Development Committee accepted a proposal from Pop’s Italian Beef to construct a new restaurant at 5745 La Grange Road. We regret to inform you that Pop’s withdrew their proposal due to problems obtaining cross access and cross parking with the adjacent property owner.

CJ Wilson Mazda Grand Opening

C.J. Wilson, pitcher for the California Angels is the new owner of the Mazda dealership. A grand opening celebration was held on Friday, August 3rd. Unfortunately C.J. was unable to attend as the Angels were playing the White Sox that evening. However, the celebration continued on Saturday with C.J. autographing everything from baseball cards to the dashboard of a newly purchased automobile. The City is thrilled to have a celebrity invest in Countryside.
**Triangle Area**

On July 1, 2011, the City applied for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. During the application phase, the City held two public hearings at City Hall, where resident input was sought on the development of the park. The City purchased property at 5539 Peck Avenue for the dual purpose of removing a piece of property from the floodplain and providing adequate space for a park needed in the triangle area. The OSLAD Grant application seeks to create a passive park which will include rain gardens, flowerbeds, benches, and a small tot lot. In late June, the City was notified that we were awarded $199,900.00 in OSLAD funding for the Triangle Park. Work on this project will begin in the late fall and should be completed in the spring of 2013.

**5th Avenue Cutoff Update**

There have been ongoing requests from residents for the City to pave 5th Avenue Cutoff. The City does not own this road; but rather it is owned and maintained by Cook County.

The City has repaved several city-owned streets in this area, and has obtained grant funding over the past several years to help offset the costs.

On August 27, 2012, Aldermen Michalczky and Von Drasek met with Cook County Commissioner Tobolski and his Department Heads at the 5th Avenue Cutoff to discuss possible solutions.

**Video Gaming**

An ordinance allowing video gaming was passed at the August 22nd City Council meeting. The City has approved this action in an effort to help local businesses compete with surrounding towns.

Collection and disbursement will be controlled by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Revenue from the machines will be distributed as follows: Net proceeds/revenues from the machines is taxed at 30%, of which 25% will go to the State and 5% will go to the City.

It is estimated that the City could collect up to $2,200 per machine, per year. It is the City’s anticipation to reduce the tax levy by these collections.

For more information on video gaming, go to www.igb.state.il.us/VideoGaming.
Police Updates

Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy kicked off on Thursday, August 23rd with 17 attendees. The academy meets every Thursday evening for 12 weeks and a new topic is presented each week. So far, Academy attendees have learned about Countryside Police Department operations, criminal and civil law, and a “close-up” look at our investigations unit.

The first CPA Alumni event was held on August 16th. We invited CPA graduates back for an interesting presentation by retired DesPlaines Police Department Detective, Rafael Tovar about the John Wayne Gacy case. Tovar was instrumental in the investigation. His presentation took attendees back to the late 1970’s to explain how investigators followed leads, developed the case, and finally arrested one of the most notorious serial killers of all time.

Burglaries - Safety Reminder!

You may have seen the “Safety Alerts” posted on our website or may have received a notification through Blackboard Connect® regarding recent burglaries to motor vehicles in our area. We have increased patrol presence in response to these incidents. We would like to remind you that there are precautions that you can take to protect yourself from becoming a victim.

- Lock your vehicles.
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle such as laptop computers, GPS units, loose change and any other items of value.

Residents are encouraged to call 9-1-1 if they observe any suspicious person or activity. Please be aware that door to door solicitors must comply with local ordinance. If you suspect any unusual activity, contact the Police Department at 708-352-2171.

Chief’s Corner

The Countryside Police Department has been looking at ways to improve operational efficiency in our radio room to be able to provide the services of a reliable communications dispatch center. In the fall of last year, the Police Committee directed me to research the feasibility of joining a consolidated 9-1-1 dispatch center versus remaining with our current radio system and radio room. Some of the issues which have driven this study are the ongoing failures of the police radio system and the need to replace critical components of the computer and 9-1-1 telephone system which are dated and beginning to show signs of failure. Just last week, police officers who were in a building on Joliet Road were not able to immediately respond to an emergency call. The police response was delayed because their portable radios did not work inside of the building. There remain many businesses and areas within the City of Countryside where the officers are not able to communicate with the police dispatcher. In other words, these “signs of failure” are affecting our ability to communicate. Quite simply, we cannot send help if we cannot communicate with our police officers.

After careful review and consideration, I have recommended that we move toward the consolidation of dispatch services. One such service is Southwest Central Dispatch. They are a highly trained and specialized professional agency which has been certified under the CALEA Public Safety Communications Accreditation Program. Southwest Central Dispatch currently provides the 9-1-1 dispatching services for the Villages of Hinsdale, Burr Ridge, Willowbrook, Clarendon Hills and Indian Head Park to name a few. In addition to improving the quality of our police service and improving safety for our residents and police officers, the cost savings to the residents will be substantial. The quality of service and the timeliness of police response will not be compromised by merging with a consolidated dispatch center.

Although this is only a recommendation at this time, I am hopeful that in future newsletters, I will be able to share our progress toward making the City a safer place.
Public Works Reminds You . . .

Fall Leaf Pick-Up
(October 8 - November 30)

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 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.

Brush Pick-Up

Branch and brush pick-up will be provided through October 26th. 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.

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.

Building Department

The City of Countryside values every business 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 forty (40) 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.

Daylight Savings Time

Don’t forget to set your clock back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on November 4th. 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.
Upcoming Meetings

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- 17 Flagg Creek Admin. Board: 7:00 p.m.
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November
- 6 Senior Citizens Club: 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Plan/ZBA Commission: 7:30 p.m.
- 14 City Council: 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Senior Citizens Club: 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Flagg Creek Admin. Board: 7:00 p.m.

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- 4 Senior Citizens Club: 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Plan/ZBA Commission: 7:30 p.m.
- 12 City Council: 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Senior Citizens Club: 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Flagg Creek Admin. Board: 7:00 p.m.

Electric Aggregation

The City of Countryside's electric aggregation program has been a success with a total customer participation rate of approximately 82%. Only 7% of ComEd customers opted out of the aggregation program and another 11% of customers previously changed their electric provider independently of the City’s aggregation program. For those participating in the City's aggregation program, the average customer can expect to save approximately $345 for the year!

The transition to First Energy Solutions (FES) was completed in mid August 2012. Customers will continue to receive just one ComEd bill although First Energy should now be shown under the electricity supply category beginning with the September bill. The City recommends that aggregation customers carefully review their September 2012 bill to be sure that they are being billed the new, lower rate of $.0475 per kWh with First Energy Solutions.

If you have any questions regarding the electric aggregation program, please feel welcome to contact the City for additional information by calling (708) 354-7270.

Water Committee

Water Rate Update for 2013

As we get closer to the end of the year, the City wants to keep all Countryside water customers advised of any potential water rate increases for 2013. To provide some background, the City purchases its water from the Village of McCook which in turn purchases the water from the City of Chicago. In response to the scheduled water increases from the City of Chicago, the Village of McCook informed the City last year of the following expected annual increases for the cost of water: 25% increase effective 1/1/2012 and 15% increases effective on 1/1/2013, 1/1/2014, and 1/1/2015.

Although the City has not yet confirmed with the Village of McCook the 15% increase for water effective 1/1/2013, the City does expect that this will be the case. At that time, City elected officials will meet with staff to determine how much of this increase must be passed on to Countryside water customers. The City will make every effort to keep any future water rate increases to the minimum required to cover costs.

If you have any questions regarding City water rates, please do not hesitate to contact the City for additional information by calling (708) 354-7270.

Code Corner

10-62-0: This ordinance removes the permeability requirement on residential fences 6 feet and lower. The ordinance allows for single family property owners to apply for building permits to construct privacy fences.

12-44-0: This ordinance allows certain establishments the opportunity to obtain 5 video terminals. Terminals will be licensed through the City at the cost of $100 per machine. Controls on the machine operation will be overseen by the Illinois Gaming Board and collection and disbursing will be controlled by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

For more information on this and other ordinances, please contact the City Hall at (708) 354-7270.
**Municipal Property Tax**

There has been much focus and discussion about property taxes, especially in the Chicagoland area, as many households throughout the nation continue to struggle financially due to the poor economy. The City of Countryside first started assessing a property tax three years ago in response to a reduction in sales tax due to the loss of several auto dealerships after the economic downturn in 2008.

To compare the property tax in Countryside to other surrounding communities, please see the table on the right. Please note that fire/ambulatory services and fire pension levies have been excluded from the numbers shown since Countryside has a separate fire protection district which is not included in its levy.

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* Municipal levy only and excludes levy for Fire Pension & Fire/Ambulance operations

Of the group sampled, the City of Countryside assesses the lowest property tax rate. It is anticipated that sales tax revenue to the City will begin to increase from redevelopment efforts in the TIF District, thereby decreasing reliance on the property tax going forward. In addition, elected officials have directed City staff to continue seeking out any possible cost saving measures which do not negatively affect the level of services offered to Countryside residents and businesses.

If you have any questions regarding the property tax, please do not hesitate to contact the City Finance Department for additional information by calling (708) 354-7270.

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** Beautification Committee Update **

Have you ever wished for a few more square feet of soil to grow some sweet corn or for a pre-tilled plot to plant roma tomatoes, chili peppers, or pickles? Well, now is your chance. The establishment of a community garden is being explored by Countryside’s newly formed Beautification Committee and we would like your input.

If you are interested in procuring a garden plot, or want to learn more about the community garden, you can email Madel Rocio Campos at rociocampos44@yahoo.com (Spanish speaking), and Jane Ecker at vjecker@comcast.net, or call Penny O’Neill at (708) 354-6844.

The Beautification Committee will be having an information meeting on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the 2nd Floor meeting room. Please email or call us, or complete the form listed below if you plan on attending the informational meeting.

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| I am interested in the Community Garden: ________________ |
| Name: ________________________________________________ |
| Phone number: ________________________________________ |
| Email address: ________________________________________ |

I will ___ will not ___ be attending the information meeting on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the 2nd Floor meeting room.

Mail form to: Penny O’Neill, 10251 5th Avenue Cutoff, Countryside, IL 60525
City Services

Pool Reimbursements: 2012 outdoor pool membership to any outdoor swimming pool (Fitness Clubs and YMCA memberships are not eligible unless a separate “outdoor pool” rate was established from Memorial Day through Labor Day and you must produce a letter of cancellation) need to be presented by December 31, 2012 to be eligible for reimbursement. To apply for the reimbursement, bring your paid membership receipt and a 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 and the following information:

- 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, please contact the Clerk’s office at (708) 354-7270. Forms are also available on our website.

Important Election Dates for November 6, 2012

EARLY VOTING: 10-22 thru 11-3-12 at the following locations:
- Hours: Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Hodgkins Village Hall
- Stickney-Forestview Public Library
- Bridgeview Courthouse
- Cook County Main Office

VOTE BY MAIL - no excuse required. Now you can immediately download an application from www.cookcountyclerk.com and mail back to the address listed on the sheet.

LAST CHANCE - for those who haven’t registered to vote and want to vote can do so through GRACE PERIOD VOTING from 10-10 through 11-3 at the Cook County Building - Bridgeview Courthouse and other courthouse locations.

See www.cookcountyclerk.com for additional locations.

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.
**Community Happenings**

**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 local youth groups as a community service for adults in need of assistance with their leaves.

Leaf raking will take place:

**DATE:** November 10, 2012  
**TIME:** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Resident must be home at the time the leaf raking service is being performed.

To sign up for this service, or for more information, please call (708) 354-1323 ext. 242. Registration ends on Friday, November 2, 2012.

**Trick-Or-Treating**

The City has set trick-or-treating hours from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Children’s Christmas Party**

**Date:** Saturday, 12-1-12  
**Place:** William Tell Holiday Inn  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Summer Concert Update**

Another wonderful summer concert series has now ended. Thank you to everyone for all your help and support for such a great series.

**Congratulations** to the **Scooter** Winner!

Alderman Jasinski presented the scooter to Don Marchese, a resident of Countryside at the August 2nd concert.

Thanks to all of the hopefuls, we raised $1,200.00 in raffle sales that went to the Kelly Joy O'Laughlin Memorial Fund.

**Upcoming Holidays**

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

**Thanksgiving Day**  
Thursday, November 22, 2012

**Friday after Thanksgiving**  
Friday, November 23, 2012

**Christmas Eve**  
Monday, December 24, 2012

**Christmas Day**  
Tuesday, December 25, 2012

**New Year’s Day**  
Tuesday, January 1, 2013
Community News

Continental Honda Receives President’s Award

Congratulations to Continental Honda for receiving the President’s Award. The President’s Award is the most prestigious and coveted award given to a Honda Automobile dealership.

The President’s Award recognizes those dealership teams who have demonstrated professionalism and an unwavering pursuit of excellence in all areas of operation - customer service, sales, training and facility operation.

More than 1,000 Honda automobile dealerships participate in the President’s Award program annually. The President’s Award inspires dealerships to achieve even higher levels of customer satisfaction. Continental Honda has achieved those objectives and ranked to merit Honda’s highest honor as a President’s Award winner.

Continental Honda is family owned and operated, and they have been selling and servicing Honda vehicles since 1972.

Countryside Sherlock Holmes Lovers

A forty-seven year resident of Countryside, Dr. Bruce Briley, under the imprimatur of the Arthur Conan-Doyle Estate, has published the first three Sherlock Holmes novels in a new, “forbidden” series as eBooks. They are available now on Kindle, and will shortly be accessible on Apple iPads, Barnes & Noble Nooks, and Sony and Kobi eReaders. Their titles are: The Lost Folio, The Sow’s Ear, and the Vatican Murder.

Dr. Briley has four children that attended Ideal and Gurrie, and graduated from Lyons Township High School. They also all worked for the City of Countryside while attending high school. His daughter teaches at Park and Dr. Briley teaches at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT).

Like Brother Like Sister

Kareenna and Ricky Lange of Countryside proudly wear their scouting uniforms to celebrate their accomplishments. Each achieving the highest honor in scouting. Kareenna received her Gold Award on June 2, 2012 in a formal ceremony in Rosemont hosted by the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana. Ricky earned his Eagle rank from the Boy Scouts of America on September 5, 2007.

Ricky continues his involvement with scouting as an assistant scoutmaster. He is currently a senior at the University of Iowa majoring in chemistry and political science. Kareenna is a junior at Lyons Township High School in LaGrange.

Local Dancer Competes in Ballroom Competition

Brianna Novotny, age 18, of Countryside and recent graduate of Lyons Township High School, celebrated her graduation by participating in the Crystal Ball Ballroom Dance Competition, which was held in Itasca on June 7-10, 2012. Throughout the four day event, Brianna danced over 60 dance heats. She placed 1st in both her Closed Full Bronze Smooth and Rhythm Championships, and also in the DVIDA Bronze Rhythm Scholarship. She has recently started studying the Standard and Latin Styles of dance and placed 2nd in both the Closed Bronze Standard Championship and Latin Championships. She started studying ballroom dancing approximately three years ago, and has been competing for nearly two years.

Brianna will be attending Carthage in the fall, majoring in psychology and criminal justice with a minor in dance. She also plans to remain competitive with her ballroom dance coach.
Officials:

**Mayor**
Ed Krzeminski

**Clerk**
Sharon Sweeney

**Treasurer**
Steven Jasinski

**Aldermen**
James Jasinski
Sean McDermott
Karen Michalczyk
Scott Musillami
Robert Pondelicek
John Von Drasek

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**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.shopcountryside.net](http://www.shopcountryside.net)

Flagg Creek Golf Course
[www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org](http://www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org)

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**City Hall Contacts**

City Hall:
- **Main:** (708) 354-7270
- **Fax:** (708) 354-9445
- **Hours:** Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Police Dept.:
- **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

Recreation:
- **Main:** (708) 485-2595
- **Fax:** (708) 354-9445