A Message from Mayor Robert Conrad

The question I get asked most frequently is...

What is happening with the development?

Several steps need to take place in a development of this size. These steps include:

1. Property Assembly
2. Developer Selection
3. Marketing the Site
4. Site Plan Development
5. Negotiate Redevelopment Agreements
6. Finalize End Users
7. Engineering & Permitting
8. Site Preparation
9. Construction
10. Grand Openings

The City began the process of assembling property in 2008. This process was completed with the purchase of the Circuit City property in November, 2010. This completed the City’s goal to assemble 10+ acres.

Bradford was selected as the preferred developer in 2010. They were given exclusive right to market the site for a period of time. Over the past several months many businesses have toured the site and several have provided letters of intent (a non-binding letter expressing their intention to move to the site). These users include XSport Fitness, Hooters, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili’s, Texas Roadhouse, Sonic, Chick-fil-A, Hhgregg, T-Mobile, Chase Bank, and others. The developer continues to negotiate with potential end users.

Multiple site plans such as those displayed on these pages have been used to layout possible scenarios for the development. None of these plans are final, merely a visualization of how the development could look with different end users. Each end user has their own individual requirements (i.e. square footage, parking spaces, etc.) which the developer needs to accommodate as well as the City’s requirements.

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The time period allotted the preferred developer to exclusively market the site is up. The Economic Development Committee ("EDC") will be presented shortly with the developer's recommendation of end users, site plan, and requested terms. This committee will decide whether or not to recommend moving forward with this developer's recommendation.

If recommended by the EDC and approved by the City Council, a redevelopment agreement will be negotiated with the developer. This redevelopment agreement would cover many issues including the public improvements required (i.e. detention, roads, utilities, etc.) construction deadlines, construction materials, landscaping, timing of payments, restricted users, and other safeguards to ensure the timely completion of the development envisioned by the City.

It typically takes six months from the time the redevelopment agreement is finalized for the construction to begin. This time is used by the developer to complete final engineering, environmental remediation, permitting and final approvals from various agencies including the Illinois Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

The City is also negotiating directly with an anchor for the site. If the City determines it is advantageous to break the development into phases to expedite construction, it may do so in the next few weeks.

I want to thank everyone for your patience with this process. The goal of the City is to provide a unique development which includes both retail and restaurants while maximizing sales tax revenues and employment within the City. As soon as final agreements are approved we will be able to release much more information, I assure you the entire City Council is working very hard to make sure you, the City's taxpayers, are proud of this development. We look forward to future announcements and grand openings.
Economic Development

Mitsubishi is Back!

Welcome to Countryside

Each newsletter will feature the name and address of retail and service businesses that have recently opened.

Cameo Endodontics
475 W. 55th Street
Dentistry

Keep a Look Out …

Watch for these other business openings pending review and approval:

Automotive Concepts is an automotive accessories store that specializes in the installation of car stereos, navigation units, and premium wheel rims. This store plans to open Spring 2011.

Magic Nails is a nail salon that specializes in acrylic nails, manicures, and pedicures. The opening is scheduled Spring of 2011.

NAPA Auto Parts is a retail automotive parts store. This store plans to open Spring of 2011.

ATI Physical Therapy is an orthopedic rehabilitation provider. This business plans to open Spring of 2011.

Calendar

April
5 Senior Citizens Club  6:30 p.m.
6 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 Administrative Board 7:00 p.m.
27 City Council 7:30 p.m.

May
3 Senior Citizens Club 6:30 p.m.
3 Plan/ZBA Commission 7:30 p.m.
11 City Council 7:30 p.m.
17 Senior Citizens Club 6:30 p.m.
18 Flagg Creek Administrative Board 7:00 p.m.
25 City Council 7:30 p.m.

June
7 Senior Citizens Club 6:30 p.m.
7 Plan/ZBA Commission 7:30 p.m.
8 City Council 7:30 p.m.
15 Flagg Creek Administrative Board 7:00 p.m.
21 Senior Citizens Club 6:30 p.m.
22 City Council 7:30 p.m.

At the March 9, 2011 City Council Meeting, Velaine Carnall, from the Countryside Aging Well Community Action Team was presented with the Community Service Traveling Trophy. This award was for their selfless service and dedication to Countryside.

Mayor Conrad is an honorary member. Alderman John Von Drasek is a current board member, and Aldermen Sean McDermott and Michael Smetana are past board members.
New Park is Under Consideration

Back in 1998, the City Council adopted an Open Space Master Plan (OSMP) which includes a variety of recommendations regarding recreational space. This plan presents design criteria for parks as well as areas suitable for the development of a park. This plan was revised and re-adopted in 2007.

The OSMP identified the Triangle area of Countryside as an area that is in need of a park. It is the City’s intention to convert a developed lot in the flood plain to a “passive park” which may include park benches, a walkway, and possibly a tot lot.

The park will be there for everyone’s enjoyment. Children can play in the park, and residents will like having a place to sit and relax on a bench in the shade.

Plans to develop a park in the triangle area will begin with a grant application this spring. We will continue to update you on its progress.

Flood Plain News

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) has recently finalized the Lower Des Plaines River Detailed Watershed Plan Report, which includes a detailed study of the Peck Avenue Ditch floodplain and floodway. The City of Countryside has worked very closely with the MWRD during this entire process and is very excited about the results of this study.

The final Flood Inundation Map generated from this study shows the “Triangle Area” floodway virtually disappearing and the floodplain being significantly reduced.

The MWRD will be releasing their final hydrologic and hydraulic models of the “Peck Avenue Ditch” sometime in March of 2011. The City can then use these models as a basis to formally submit a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to FEMA and change the flood map.

The City will be scheduling the second “Triangle Area Floodplain Public Information Meeting” in the upcoming weeks, in order to present the final results of the Study and to discuss the changing of the FEMA Map for the “Peck Avenue Ditch”.

Additional information regarding the MWRD’s Final Detailed Watershed Plan can be found on their website at www.mwrd.org. Search “Appendix A – Figures FEMA 17031C477J through 486J”, open “Appendix A” PDF and go to page 9 of 10 to view the “Triangle Area” Inundation Map. Please be advised the official name of the “Peck Avenue Ditch” is “Des Plaines River Tributary A”.
Public Works Reminds You . . .

Brush Pickup (April 4–October 28)

Branch and brush pickup will be provided by the City for residents beginning April 4th through October 28th. Public Works crews will be covering the City on a weekly basis.

Residents are asked to observe the following rules for branch/brush pickup:

- Cut ends of tree limbs must face the street and be stacked along the parkway.
- Tree limbs should not be over 10 feet in length or over 4 inches in diameter.
- Tree stumps are not accepted at the disposal site and will not be picked up.
- Do not include vines in the branches for pickup. They will become entangled with the limbs, creating a dangerous situation during handling.
- City ordinance forbids the depositing of grass clippings, leaves or any other debris in the branch pile or on the street.
- Contractors providing tree and brush trimming services are responsible for the removal of all materials they cut.
- Please allow 7 to 10 working days for pickup.

Sump Pump Inspections

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

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

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

Please take note that City employees always carry a City issued photo I.D. They will provide it upon request.
Public Works Reminds You . . . (continued from page 5)

Fire Hydrant Flushing Program

The Fire Hydrant Flushing Program for the City of Countryside is scheduled to begin in April weather permitting. The Program is very important to our water system. Flushing is an integral part of our efforts to deliver the safest and highest quality water possible. It is also important to the fire protection districts as it verifies water valves and fire hydrants are fully functional.

The flushing program will be carried out this spring when water demands are lower. The flushing crews will systematically open and close fire hydrants along each street as they proceed through the City. The operation of allowing the water to run at high velocities will dislodge and remove mineral deposits that have accumulated in the water mains.

Flushing also serves the following purposes:

- Flushing helps us find weaknesses in our water system.
- Flushing checks for closed valves and weak flows in the water mains.

Flushing Notices will be posted on doors in the testing areas 24 hours prior to the flushing process, which will take place between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We urge all residents to use caution while traveling around the hydrant flushing crews and when entering areas of water accumulation during this program.

Water service should not be disrupted during the flushing process. When fire hydrants are opened, there may be temporary incidences of discolored water while mineral deposits are flushed out. There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water. If you notice your water is discolored, run several cold-water faucets at the same time until the water runs clear. Avoid using hot water if the water is discolored. Avoid doing laundry until you are sure the water is clear.

Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated during this operation. If you wish additional information or would like to discuss this program with the Water Department staff, please contact the office during business hours, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at (708) 354-8827.

Lawn Sprinkling Restrictions

City ordinance restricts sprinkling between May 15th and September 15th. Sprinkling lawns and gardens is prohibited between the hours of 12:00 (noon) and 6:00 p.m. During the hours when sprinkling is permitted, odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered dates, and even numbered addresses may water on even numbered dates.
City Services

Animal License: Pursuant to a city ordinance you must register your dog. Registration is renewable once a year and a rabies certification card is required. There is no charge for this service. This license may be obtained at the Police Department.

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.

Business License: All businesses operating in the City, including home-based operations, must obtain a license. The license and fees are renewable on a yearly basis.

Freedom of Information Request: FOI request forms are available at City Hall and are required to obtain municipal documents. (5ILCS140/) Freedom of Information Act.

Garage/Estate Sale: A permit is required. There is no charge for this. Two garage/estate sales are permitted per household per calendar year, for two consecutive days totaling four days. Applications are available at the City Clerk’s 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, and is the responsibility of the seller. For more information, please contact the Clerk’s office.

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

Voter Registration: Register at City Hall, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Two forms of I.D. are required, and one of the forms must be a picture I.D. For more information, please visit the Cook County website at www.voterinfonet.com.

Water Bill Payments: Cash, checks and money orders are accepted for payment of water bills. Payments can also be made by completing the Authorization Agreement for Direct Debit (see form on-page 8). Billing questions are answered by calling the Water Billing Department at (708) 485-2465.

Upcoming Holidays

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

- Good Friday
  Friday, April 22, 2011
- Memorial Day
  Monday, May 30, 2011
- Independence Day
  Monday, July 4, 2011

For more comprehensive information go to www.cookcountyclerk.com or call the City Clerk’s office at (708) 354-7270.
City Services

Don’t Delay – Sign up Today!

The City of Countryside would like to encourage residents to take advantage of the City of Countryside Water Bill Direct Debit Payment Plan.

Using this plan will allow your water utility bill to be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account on the due date of each month. Best of all, there is no charge for this convenience.

To get started on the plan, simply fill out and sign the Authorization Agreement Form below and attach a “voided” check. Then return the form to the City of Countryside Water Billing Department. Your enrollment becomes effective when “AUTO PAY DATE” appears on your bill.

End the worry over paying your water utility bill on time. Sign up for the Countryside Water Direct Debit Payment Plan and mail the form to the City of Countryside, Water Billing Department, 5550 East Avenue, Countryside, IL 60525. This authorization form is also available on our website under Forms/Permits, under Water Department.

If you should have any questions regarding this service, please contact the Water Billing Department at (708) 485-2465.

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT DEBIT

I authorize the City of Countryside to deduct automatically the amount of my monthly water bill from the bank account listed below. I understand my automatic payments will be deducted from my account on the due date of each bill. This authorization is to remain in effect until the City of Countryside receives written notice of termination from me. The City reserves the right to cancel this agreement with due notification to the water customer.

Customer Name: ____________________________________________

Water Account Number: ________________________________________

Service Address: ____________________________________________

Daytime Phone: _____________________________________________

Financial Institution Name: _________________________________

Bank Transit/Routing Number: ________________________________

Bank Account Number: _________________ □ Checking □ Savings

Authorized Signature: ______________________ Date _____________

(Please attach a “voided” check to your completed authorization form)

City of Countryside . Water Billing Department . 5550 East Avenue, Countryside, IL 60525
Police Updates

Promotion

Officer Paul Klimek was promoted to Sergeant and was sworn in by Mayor Conrad on February 23, 2011. Paul joined the Countryside Police Department on July 6, 2004 as a Patrol Officer.

Paul has a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and is currently working towards his Master’s Degree at Lewis University.

Countryside Police Department Offers Child Passenger Seat Installation

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians can check your child safety seats and help you with proper installation and use. **Certified Child Safety Seat Technicians are available at the Countryside Police Department.** Please call (708) 352-2171 to schedule an appointment.

The following are important child occupant safety laws to follow:

- Any person transporting a child under age 8 shall properly secure him or her in an appropriate child restraint system.

  - **Birth to age 1 and at least 20 pounds:** Rear-facing infant seat in the back seat.
  - **Age 1 and 20 pounds to Age 4 and 40 pounds:** Forward-facing toddler seat in the back seat.
  - **Age 4 to Age 8:** Booster seat in the back seat.
  - **Age 8 (and taller than 4'9")** Safety belt in the back seat.

- All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.
- The parent or legal guardian of a child under 8 years shall provide a child restraint to any person who transports his or her child.
- Illinois law requires everyone under the age of 19 to be properly restrained anywhere in the vehicle.

In Memory

**Joseph Curtin (1938–2010)**

Retired Countryside Police and Fire Board Commissioner Joseph Curtin passed away on December 6, 2010. Joe was an important member of the Police & Fire Board, serving for over 10 years. Joe joined the Board after a distinguished 41 year long career with the Chicago Police Department and brought his expertise in police work and administration to the Board. Joe was a true professional and an asset to his position with the City of Countryside.
WARD 1
Alderman Robert Pondelicek
Alderman Michael Smetana

◆ The Mobil gas station at 55th Street and LaGrange Road recently installed electronic signs to better assist customers in seeing what gas prices are.
◆ The Shell gas station at Joliet Road and LaGrange Road received City Council approval for electronic signage. While construction has not begun, the improvement will take place early Spring 2011.
◆ The former Blockbuster property at the northeast corner of 55th Street and La Grange Road has changed ownership. The future use of this property has not yet been determined.
◆ JSK Merchandising will be relocating to 5336 East Avenue in early Spring 2011.

WARD 2
Alderman Karen Michalczyk
Alderman John Von Drasek

◆ The City applied for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the 2010 program year to repave and improve the drainage on Prescott Road. Unfortunately, the application was denied for the 2010 year. However, the City has reapplied for the 2011 program year.
◆ Please congratulate the Department of Public Works on an excellent job keeping the City safe during the blizzard of 2011.

WARD 3
Alderman Sean McDermott
Alderman Wayne Straza

◆ Mitsubishi is back in Countryside. The Continental Motors Group has re-established the Mitsubishi brand at 5800 S. LaGrange Road.
◆ As mentioned in the Winter 2011 newsletter, BMW Motorcycles will be coming to the City in Spring 2011.

Best Wishes to our Residents and your families for a Happy Easter!
Water Report

2010 Water System
Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The City of Countryside will be publishing its 2010 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in June 2011. The CCR includes basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2010, compliance with other drinking water rules, as well as educational materials.

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

New City Website Design!

The City is proud to announce that its new website has recently been launched and is accessible at www.countryside-il.org. The new site has been completely revamped to provide users with an improved web browsing experience. With the most popular sections of the new website just a click (or two) away, you will now have the opportunity to view one central City directory with important phone numbers and email addresses as well as a consolidated list of all City forms and an easy-to-read calendar showing upcoming City events and meeting dates.

Your feedback is important to us. If you have any suggestions that you believe would further improve the website and benefit our users, please feel welcome to send your comments to cityhall@countryside-il.org.

Code Corner

The City would like to notify all residents and businesses of this ordinance newly passed. Please review and note as the ordinance is effective immediately.

11–12–0: Christmas tree lots are only allowed on properties with an existing and licensed business. The Christmas tree lot license is only valid between the dates of October 1st and January 15th.
Record Snowstorm
We’re No. 3!

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SNOWMAGEDDON 2011

Countryside's Statistics . . .

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A Special Thank You To...

Chariot Automotive — for towing our police vehicles out of the snow.
Highlands Yamaha — for offering the use of 2 snowmobiles.
Westfield Ford — for lending two 4-wheel drive vehicles.
William Tell/Holiday Inn — for accommodating our employees that could not make it home.

Comments from the Community . . .

“Just wanted to tell you how wonderful your crews were in cleaning up our streets.” — The Kosak’s
“Just wanted to tell you how impressed I was on how well the streets in town were plowed and cleared in such a quick manner, GREAT JOB!” — M. LaCroix, William Tell/Holiday Inn
“Thanks” to everyone who worked to keep our streets clear.” — B. Nawrot
“My wife and I would like to congratulate and thank the snow plow operators for a job well done!” — The Szabelski’s
“No rain, sleet, or 20″ of snow could keep the Countryside Police and Fire Department from doing their jobs. Both department’s rapid response averted a possible flooding disaster due to a water leak in one of the units.” — Country Club Condominiums, Building “D”
“I just wanted to pass on to the entire DPW crew, “KUDOS” for the excellent job that was done by the team.” — S. Norman, ESDA Coordinator
Upcoming Events

Farmers’ Market

The West Suburban Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Monday morning Farmers’ Market in Countryside. This weekly event takes place in the parking lot (southwest corner) of the Best Western/Holiday Inn. The market will run May 9th through October 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., rain or shine.

The market will offer the finest locally grown fruits and vegetables, homemade fudge, baked goods, and a variety of specialty items.

For more information on the Farmers’ Market, please call the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce at (708) 387-7550.

Memorial Day Ceremony

When: Monday, May 30, 2011
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Where: Memorial Park

Following the service, a separate ceremony to honor all deceased veterans will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Post 1941. Robert E. Coulter Jr. Post 1941
900 S. LaGrange Road
LaGrange, IL 60525

Easter Egg Hunt

At Countryside Park
Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
“Special” appearance by the Easter Bunny

Concerts in the Park

Where: Countryside Park
Time: 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Day: Thursday

Mark your calendar for Countryside’s Thursday Concert in the Park Series.

June 16  The Booze Brothers Show
           Band and Revue
June 23  Lynne Jordan & The Shivers
June 30  Pamela Rose & Windy City
           Country
July  7  Special Consensus
July 14  The Ragtops
July 21  Rico Band
July 28  Standing Room Only
August 4 Johnny Russler & The Beach
           Bum Band

Grab your lawn chairs and bring the entire family out for a relaxing evening of musical entertainment.
City of Countryside
5550 East Avenue
Countryside, IL

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Sharon Sweeney

Treasurer
Steven Jasinski

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Karen Michalczyk
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Michael Smetana
Wayne Straza
John Von Drasek

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

Flagg Creek Golf Course
www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org

City Hall Contacts

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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:
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Fax: (708) 354-9445

Water Billing:
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Fax: (708) 354-9029

Community Development:
Main: (708) 354-1860
Fax: (708) 354-9029

Recreation:
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