From the Mayor's Desk . . .

The City continues to move forward in fulfilling our ongoing desire for building a stronger Countryside. The rebuilt Taco Bell has opened and the Countryside City Center is progressing along nicely, with favorable weather conditions. Harley Davidson is scheduled to open in April and Hooters is expected to open in early fall pending final approval of a redevelopment agreement.

As we tackle our infrastructure issues, we will investigate all options with the understanding that they require time, dollars and patience. Although it takes time, it is my hope that in 2012, we continue to have faith and believe that our connected efforts will be rewarded. If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain.

We have recently received a little rainbow by Moody’s, who raised our credit rating. With interest rates so low, we have been afforded an opportunity to refinance one of our bonds, thus saving taxpayers a lot of money. We also received notice that our 2011 comprehensive annual financial report received a Certificate of Achievement of Excellence award from the Government Finance Officers Association, a national nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. My hat goes off to our Finance Director, Steve Drazner, on a job well done.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. My direct line is (708) 485-2050 and my e-mail address is ekrzeminski@countryside-il.org. Remember to buy local, buy Countryside.

Mayor Ed Krzeminski
**Ward Reports**

**WARD 1**

**Alderman James Jasinski**  (708) 828-3563  jjasinski@countryside-il.org  
**Alderman Robert Pondelicek**  (708) 354-5001  bpondelicek@countryside-il.org

- The O'Reilly's Auto Parts store has submitted plans to the Community Development Department for a new location at 5459 S. LaGrange Road (Former: Blockbuster store). The store plans on opening late spring or early summer. The new business will bring jobs and retail sales tax to the City of Countryside.
- The Taco Bell opened in February at 5611 S. LaGrange Road. They will complete their landscaping and finish their parking lot sometime late spring.
- The McDonald's at 5701 S. LaGrange has started construction of their new facade and dual drive-thru.
- The Beef N Brandy at 5545 S. LaGrange Road has new ownership.
- The City submitted a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to Cook County seeking funding for the improvement of: Rose Court, Rosemary Court, Francis Avenue, and part of Lorraine Drive.

**WARD 2**

**Alderman Karen Michalczyk**  (708) 917-2573  kmichalczyk@countryside-il.org  
**Alderman John Von Drasek**  (708) 482-7663  jvondrasek@countryside-il.org

- The much needed street improvement project for Prescott Road will start this summer. The City received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of $115,000 which the City will match in the same amount.
- We received an update from the County regarding the paving of the 5th Avenue Cutoff. At this time, the County is reviewing and prioritizing street projects for the upcoming year. The 5th Avenue Cutoff may be added to their project list, depending on fiscal availability. The City will continue to follow-up with the County on this project.
- We recently had twelve new families move into Ward 2. Welcome to Countryside!
- One of our younger residents, Scott Von Drasek, was on Channel 2 News (CBS) on February 24, 2012 as “Someone You Should Know”, by Harry Porterfield. Scott Von Drasek, age nine, has already learned the value of being kind to others. For instance, when Scott gets off the school bus, he heads over to visit his friend and next door neighbor, Peter Yovanof who suffered a crippling stroke last March. Scott has made it his mission to help him out, even doing such a simple thing as playing catch with him.

**WARD 3**

**Alderman Sean McDermott**  (708) 354-2350  smcdermott@countryside-il.org  
**Alderman Scott Musillami**  (708) 334-5803  smusillami@countryside-il.org

- The Maas Auto of Western Springs received zoning approval by the City Council to operate their business at 5640 S. LaGrange Road. The business plans to open during the month of May.
- The Supersonic Shell at 5300 S. LaGrange Road received zoning approval by the City Council to retrofit an LED gasoline price sign on their property.
- Pearle Vision at 5501 W. Plainfield Road has new ownership.
Development Update
Schwartz Excavating, Inc. - Clearing the Way for the City Center!

Schwartz Excavating, Inc. was awarded the bid for Phase I site improvements. Schwartz Excavating is a family run business in town. Bruce and Pat Schwartz moved to Countryside 37 years ago to raise their children. They established Schwartz Excavating 28 years ago. Over the years, Schwartz Excavating has evolved from new home construction to a vast variety of construction services including but not limited to industrial, commercial and civil projects like ours. The company is now in its second generation of leadership. Countryside has had such a positive impact on the family that Bruce and Pat’s three children also reside in Countryside with their families. Pat said, “The Schwartz family looks forward to many more years in the Countryside Community.”

Schwartz Excavating and its subcontractors resumed the site work at Countryside’s City Center on Joliet and LaGrange Roads in March. The City received final approval in February from the South Lyons Township Sanitary District to begin the sewer work. Excavation for the sanitary and storm sewers began in March. Phase I improvements scheduled to be completed this spring include storm water detention, sanitary sewers, landscaping, lighting, the Harley Davidson's Riders' Edge course/parking area and the completion of the main roads.

Illinois Harley Davidson’s renovations are well underway. Their general contractor is on schedule to finish the first of April. You should see a flurry of activity the first few weeks of April as deliveries of furniture, fixtures and inventory are made. It won’t be long before they are in full operation.

The City is currently negotiating a redevelopment agreement with Hooters for the construction of a restaurant on the northern lot of the site. A redevelopment agreement should be presented to the City Council for approval in May.

Shorewood Development/GMX presented a site plan and proposal to the Economic Development Committee in January. Discussions have continued regarding sales price and end users over the past two months. A revised proposal will be reviewed by the Economic Development Committee, chaired by Alderman McDermott on March 19, 2012. If recommended by the EDC and approved by the City Council Phase II site improvements would commence which would include “pad-ready” lots for summer/fall construction.

Autobarn Dealerships

Construction has not slowed down sales at the Autobarn dealerships. Construction began in early 2011 to renovate three dealerships, VW, Subaru and BMW motorcycles. The NW corner of Joliet and LaGrange Road was remodeled to temporarily house the new BMW motorcycle dealership in 2011. The new VW dealership located at 6161 Joliet Road will be completed ahead of schedule in June. The new Subaru dealership located next door is scheduled to be completed in August. Upon its completion, the Subaru will move from its current location at 6070 S. LaGrange Road around the corner to 6191 Joliet Road, and the BMW motorcycle dealership will move to its permanent home in the old Subaru building. We can’t wait to see what they achieve when all the construction is complete. Go Autobarn!
Police Updates

Back by Popular Demand . . .

Citizen’s Police Academy

The Countryside Police Department will be offering the next session of the Citizen’s Police Academy in fall, 2012. This program was a huge success last fall as participants met with our staff to learn about law enforcement topics, ranging from criminal and civil law to traffic stops and scams. There is no charge to attend the 12-week program and all materials are provided. Seating is limited, so please contact the Police Department at (708) 485-4018 or send us an email at police@countrysidepolice.org.

Neighborhood Watch Program

Did you know that a Neighborhood Watch program is one of the most effective crime prevention strategies a community can utilize? With the assistance of the Countryside Police Department, you can build a stronger connection with your community and make a real contribution to neighborhood safety. Participating residents are kept up to date on City ordinances, state laws, and crime prevention. The Countryside Police Department invites anyone interested in the program to call (708) 485-4018 or email us at police@countrysidepolice.org.

Chief’s Corner

The south and western suburbs have experienced a series of “Ruse Entry Burglaries” where a man will knock on the door of a residence and say that he is with the City Water Department or that he is looking at buying the house next door, and while diverting the attention of the homeowner, several others will enter the home and steal jewelry and cash. Countryside has experienced one of these attempts within the last month. Fortunately, the homeowner had the screen door locked and called police. Residents are reminded to never open their door to a stranger and immediately call police if they experience a situation like this.

Countryside police officers are geographically assigned to patrol strategic areas of our City, so a patrol car is normally just a few blocks away. I strongly urge our residents to call police on the 9-1-1 telephone line if they observe suspicious persons, vehicles or situations.

Starting or joining a Neighborhood Block Watch can also help to reduce the vulnerability of being a crime victim by working in partnership with the Countryside Police Department and reporting suspicious activity to the police.

Crime Prevention Class For Seniors

The Countryside Police Department will present a program featuring various crimes and scams that target seniors and what seniors can do to protect themselves.

When:  Friday, April 27, 2012
Time:  11:00 a.m. – Noon
Where:  Countryside City Hall
5550 East Avenue

The program is free, but pre-registration is required. Anyone interested in attending this class, should contact the Countryside Police at (708) 485-4018 or email police@countrysidepolice.org.

ESDA Update

Assistant Coordinator, Curt Monson retired in December, 2011 after 17 years of service.

Mayor Krzeminski presented him with a plaque at the February 8, 2012 City Council Meeting.

We wish him well and thank him for his many years of service.
Water Committee

Water Rate Update

The City of Countryside purchases the water it provides to its customers from the Village of McCook, who in turn purchases the water from the City of Chicago. This past December 2011, the City of Chicago notified all their municipal customers that there would be an increase in the cost of water they supply over the next four years equating to 25% in 2012, 15% in 2013, 15% in 2014, and 15% in 2015, for a total compounded increase of over 70% during this timeframe. The City’s supplier, the Village of McCook, notified the City of Countryside that they had no other choice than to pass on these Chicago rate increases.

In order for the City to keep its water utility operation in good working condition and offset the higher cost of water, the Water Committee, chaired by Alderman Von Drasek and collaborated with other elected officials, recommended the water rate increases as summarized below:

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These new rates became effective with all water provided by the City as of January 1, 2012 but only account for the first of four annual increases expected to be assessed by the City of Chicago. As would be expected, since the majority of Chicago area municipalities purchase water from the City of Chicago, either directly or indirectly, there has been a great deal of upset and distress over the Chicago rate increases.

The West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC), of which the City of Countryside is a member, have had some discussion with the City of Chicago over the rate increases and requested that Chicago consider reducing their previously announced rate increases for 2013 through 2015. Unfortunately, the City of Chicago has not agreed to any reductions and also has not satisfactorily provided justification to the WCMC for the water rate increases. The WCMC is diligently working on this issue and investigating all options going forward in the best interest of its members’ constituents. The City would also like to assure its residents and businesses that this rate situation is being very closely monitored and every effort will be made by the City to mitigate the impact of any future rate increases.

Top “10” Sales Tax Generators

While the majority of other municipalities in Illinois have a great reliance on property taxes, the City of Countryside primarily supports its general municipal operations from sales tax revenue and levies a minimal property tax. This has been made possible even during these difficult economic times due to the strong sales tax base within the City which allows for less dependence on a property tax as well as other taxes and fees. The total Countryside sales tax rate, excluding qualifying food/drugs and vehicles, is currently 9%. The actual percentage distributed to the City is 1.75% on general merchandise and 1% on qualifying food/drugs and vehicle/motorcycle sales. Total sales tax collected by the City for calendar year 2011 was approximately $6.7 million, of which, the top ten businesses collected $3.8 million, or roughly 56% of the total. The top ten sales tax generating Countryside businesses, are listed alphabetically in the chart.

City elected officials and management expect the sales tax base to expand in the near future as redevelopment efforts within the tax increment financing district begin to materialize and as the economy improves.

If you have any questions on sales or any other tax in the City, please do not hesitate to contact the City's Finance Director at (708) 354-7270.
**Finance Department**

**City of Countryside: Credit Rating**

Like publicly traded corporations, governmental entities at the federal, state, and local levels typically receive credit ratings when issuing debt from at least one of the three national rating agencies which include Moody’s, Standard & Poor’s, and Fitch. The City was rated A1 by Moody’s when it issued bonds in 2008. To put this rating into perspective, the following table summarizes Moody’s rating hierarchy:

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Recently, the rating agencies “recalibrated” their credit ratings for municipalities to a global scale which were historically on a different rating scale compared to corporations. This recalibration now allows an apples-to-apples comparison of risk associated with debt issued by states, units of local government, and corporations. After the recalibration in 2010, the City’s rating increased two notches on the scale, from an “A1” to an “Aa2”, which is considered high credit quality and very low credit risk. In contrast, Moody’s had recently lowered the rating on State of Illinois debt from “A1” to an “A2”, or three notches below the City of Countryside. In addition, Standard & Poor’s recently lowered the Federal government’s rating one notch from the top level “AAA” rating.

Through good financial management, responsible budgeting practices, and continued redevelopment activities, the City of Countryside’s credit rating has increased while other, much larger governmental entities have experienced recent downgrades. Every effort is being made to further upgrade the City’s credit rating which lower its borrowing costs. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about this, please feel free to contact the City’s Finance Director by calling (708) 354-7270.

**Non-Motorized Transportation Plan**

In 2010, the City was awarded a $25,000 grant to adopt a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. This grant program was a partnership of the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHIMC), and the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDHP). As a part of the grant process, the City worked with the Active Transportation Alliance in developing a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan/Active Transportation Plan. An open house/public information meeting was held on Thursday, October 20, 2011. At this open house, residents and members of the community shared their experiences and insights on walking, biking and transit in our community.

This plan was adopted by the City Council at the February 8, 2012 Council meeting. The next step in the process is implementing the goals and objectives in the plan. The Recreation Committee is interested in forming an Ad Hoc Committee that would work on the plan implementation. We are looking for members of the community who are interested in serving on this Ad Hoc Committee. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Sharon Peterson at (708) 485-2595 or by email speerson@countryside-il.org. The Ad Hoc Committee will most likely be formed in April or May.
**Code Enforcement**

**How Does Your Home Shape Up?**

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

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

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

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

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**Code Corner**

The City would like to notify all residents and businesses of these newly passed ordinances. Please review and note as the ordinances are effective immediately.

**12-4-0:** City Council revised the zoning ordinance to make shipping containers a permitted use in the B-1 "Retail" business district.

**12-7-0:** City Council revised the zoning ordinance to make clothing and donation boxes a special use in the B-1 "Retail" business district.

**12-8-0:** City Council revised the zoning ordinance to make driveways, stoops, and sidewalks permitted obstructions in setback areas. Driveways cannot be closer than 1.5 feet or a distance equaling 3% of the lot width. Sidewalks and stoops may project 3 feet into the front, side, and rear yard setback areas.

**12-17-0:** City Council has revised the zoning ordinance to make LED gas prices signs a permitted use in the sign code.
Public Works Reminds You . . .

Brush Pickup (April 2–October 26)

Branch and brush pickup will be provided by the City for residents beginning April 2nd through October 26th. Public Works crews will be covering the City on a weekly basis.

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

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

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

Spring Clean-Up (May 21 – May 23)

This service is provided to all residents free of charge and is certainly one of the benefits of living in Countryside! Please note that all items for pick-up should be placed at the edge of the street in front of your home by 7 a.m., Monday, May 21st.

Items not accepted include:

- Yard waste (including brush)
- Bio-medical and infectious material
- Hazardous and toxic waste of any kind
- Volatile and highly flammable material
- Radioactive material
- Concrete/Dirt
- Liquids and paints
- Explosive material

The hauler will not collect any materials that are excessive in size and weight. Items that are not acceptable will be tagged by the hauler.

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

Salt Creek Butterfly Farm

The City of Countryside is excited to welcome a truly “Green” business to our community. The Salt Creek Butterfly Farm at the Double J Riding Club, 10545 74th Street, will raise native Illinois butterfly species for educational and environmental purposes.

This small, seasonal, working butterfly farm will plant gardens with native butterfly host plants such as milkweed to attract native butterflies. The farm will collect the eggs laid on the plants, hand raise the caterpillars, and protect the chrysalides until the butterflies emerge.

The butterfly farm will also operate as a learning laboratory each summer for small groups of students in an art and science camp format. Approximately 10 students will participate in the butterfly rearing process.

For more information on the farm, or to enroll your child(ren) in a camp session, please call (708) 601-1080 or visit their website at www.saltcreekbutterflyfarm.com.
Water Department
Sump Pump Inspections

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

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

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

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

Water Report

2011 Water System
Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The City of Countryside will be publishing its 2011 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in June 2012. The CCR includes basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2011, compliance with other drinking water rules, as well as educational materials.

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

Lawn Sprinkling Restrictions

City ordinance restricts sprinkling between May 15th and September 15th. Sprinkling lawns and gardens is prohibited between the hours of 12:00 (noon) and 6:00 p.m.

During the hours when sprinkling is permitted, odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered dates, and even numbered addresses may water on even numbered dates.

Concerts in the Park – “Music Throughout the Ages”

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<td>August 2</td>
<td>Final Say (2000’s and beyond)</td>
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We are pleased to announce our 2012 Concerts in the Park schedule. It’s never too early to plan your summer schedule. All concerts are held rain or shine at Countryside Park.

Once again, we’ll offer food from a local Countryside vendor and give-a-ways during intermission.

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

Grab your lawn chairs and bring the entire family out for a relaxing evening of musical entertainment.
City Services

Recycling Event
The City has partnered up with the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce (WSCC) to use Sims Recycling Solutions to host a half day electronics event on:

DATE: May 19, 2012
TIME: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
PLACE: Lyons Township High School
        4900 S. Willow Springs Road
        Western Springs, IL 60558

Countryside residents may deliver any unwanted electronic equipment and components for recycling.

Additional information on the type of materials accepted can be found on the City's website www.countryside-il.org on the home page under Latest News & Notices.

Upcoming Meetings

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Upcoming Holidays

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

Good Friday
Friday, April 6, 2012

Memorial Day
Monday, May 28, 2012

Independence Day
Wednesday, July 4, 2012

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:
_____________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________
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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

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

Relay for Life of Countryside

Date: July 13 – 14, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.
Place: Countryside Park

Countryside residents will pull an “all-nighter” in an effort to raise funds in the fight against cancer. Almost everyone has had a family member or friend whose life has been affected by cancer. This national event gives people an opportunity to get involved in raising money to fund research, provide services and support to cancer patients and their families.

Besides being an extremely important fundraiser, this event is also great fun for families and friends. There will be overnight fun and excitement for everyone - including music, late night pizza, kids’ activities, contests and more.

Groups of individuals are needed to form teams. Each team will take turns walking the park throughout the night, with a team member walking the park at all times.

Anyone interested in participating in some way, either by forming a team, making a donation, joining in on the survivor’s lap, sponsoring a portion of the evening or volunteering your time to help at the event, please contact Marie Kieskowski from the American Cancer Society, at (708) 484-8542.

Countryside Businesses to Offer Senior Discounts!

The Countryside Aging Well team and the Countryside Business Association have announced the launch of a Senior Discount program offering reduced prices and special offers to individuals through merchants in the community. Listed below are participating businesses in Countryside:

- American Mattress
- J.C. Georges
- Beef and Brandy
- McDonald’s
- Boston Market
- Minuteman Press
- Burger King
- Tavern on LaGrange
- Dunkin Donuts
- Ultra Discount Nutrition
- Flagg Creek Golf Course
- Via Bella
- Great Clips
- Wendy’s
- Infinity Signs & Printing
- Westfield Ford
- William Tell Restaurant

All businesses listed offer a senior discount on Wednesdays. Please ask for your discount and tell them Aging Care Connections sent you. This program is endorsed by the Countryside Business Association. As the Aging Well City liaison, Alderman Von Drasek thanks all the participating businesses involved in this program.

A completed list of participating merchants can be found on the Aging Care Connections’ website at www.agingcareconnections.org. If you are a business that would like to participate in this program, or for more information, please call (708) 354-1323 ext. 242.

Memorial Day Ceremony

When: Monday, May 28, 2012
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

Come Meet Our New Catering Manager!

Flagg Creek Golf Course is pleased to introduce new catering manager, Leo Crotty.

Leo is currently living in LaGrange with his fiancée Sara and dog Ollie. Leo was educated at the Culinary Institute of Virginia, and is also a veteran of the US Navy.

Stop by and check out Leo’s new menu offerings and ask about the Lunch Club Card.
Officials:

**Mayor**
Ed Krzeminski

**Clerk**
Sharon Sweeney

**Treasurer**
Steven Jasinski

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

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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

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**City Hall Contacts**

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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