As I write this message for the summer issue of the Countryside newsletter we are all wondering if it will ever rain. There is a lot of good information in this newsletter and I will touch on a few topics that I think are important to you.

As you enjoy our long summer days living, playing and working in our wonderful community, I hope you will take advantage of the free summer concerts every Thursday evening starting at 7 p.m. in Countryside Park, from June 14th through August 2nd. The City has been working hard to create an environment where we all can be a part of an active, social, and vibrant community. So please take advantage of our great community and get out and shop and dine locally, and enjoy all the activities available in the City throughout the summer months.

The work on the new Countryside City Center is moving forward, with tenants selected. We look forward to the new shops and restaurants. We are also looking to make our neighborhoods more pleasant places to live and enjoy. We have a newly created Beautification Committee of City residents, which will be meeting soon to discuss needs within the City.

The infrastructure committee recently reaffirmed their 2010 decision that all residents should first contact the City if they are doing ANY repair or projects on their homes. This is so it can be determined if you need a permit and if the work you are planning on doing is up to code. Repairs include as small as a project as replacing a broken pane of glass, a toilet or a door knob. Permits may or may not be required to complete the work and the minimum cost of a permit is $50. Doing work without a permit could result in additional fees to the property owner.

I am pleased to announce that the City Council has decided to award the Electric Aggregation Program to First Energy Solutions. First Energy has significant experience in municipal aggregation for electricity, serving over 1.5 million residential accounts across several states including several local communities. Savings will be on your August or September bill and it is estimated that the average residential savings will be up to $300 in the first year.

Two new features have been added to the Police Department’s page on the City’s website at www.countryside-il.org, “Eye on Countryside” and “Monthly Police Report”. You can now view the log for weekly service calls by clicking “Eye on Countryside”, and also view a summary of police activity by clicking “Monthly Police Report”.

I encourage you to come to City Hall, in the City Council Chambers for the 2nd annual Heartland Blood drive from 3 – 7 p.m. on Wednesday July 18th. All the donated blood is returned to the communities served by Heartland.

Enjoy the coming of longer days and warmer weather, and by all means, contact me via email or phone and let me know what you think (good, or not so good). Your opinion counts! We all work for you, the residents of Countryside. My direct line is (708) 485-2050 and my email address is ekrzeminski@countryside-il.org.

Mayor Ed Krzeminski
WARD 1

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

◆ A grand opening for the new Taco Bell on LaGrange Road took place on June 12th.
◆ The McDonald’s at 5701 S. LaGrange has almost completed with their site improvements. The upgrades include: new façade, dual drive-thru, interior renovation, and a new sidewalk on 57th Street. The final improvement will be new landscaping.
◆ O’Reilly Auto Parts at 5459 S. LaGrange Road (formerly: Blockbuster) received building permits in June to begin their interior renovation project.
◆ Time-Out Sports Bar on LaGrange Road received zoning approval from the City Council in April to provide an outdoor patio area adjacent to the building. The patio area should be ready to open in the month of July.

WARD 2

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

◆ Ettleson Hyundai recently constructed additional parking in the rear of their property to accommodate increased inventory.
◆ Crews will be installing a new above ground lift station. The existing lift station is outdated and in need of replacement. The funding for the project will come from the Sewer fund.
◆ The City will start the Prescott Road rehabilitation project this summer. This project will be made possible through the Community Development Block Grant funding.
◆ Have a safe summer while walking and biking in Countryside.

WARD 3

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

◆ The City will be adding approximately 320 ft. to the Edgewood Avenue storm sewer. This will help alleviate the flooding of the homes on 55th Place east of Edgewood Avenue. This project will go out to bid this summer, and work is scheduled to begin in September.
◆ The former Flame Restaurant property at Brainard Avenue and Joliet Road is being marketed nationally by CBRE Real Estate.
◆ The MAAS Auto of Western Springs has relocated their store to 5640 S. LaGrange Road.
◆ The City will install storm sewers along the rear lots between Terry Lane and Barton Road, adjacent to Longview Drive. This project will help alleviate flooding issues for the residents in this area. The project will go out to bid this summer, and work is scheduled to begin in September.

Would you support gaming machines (i.e. video poker) in local establishments if the revenues generated helped offset the cost of City operations? Please contact your aldermen at the phone numbers or email addresses listed above.

_____ Yes  _____ Yes with restrictions  _____ No
Electric Aggregation

A referendum was approved by voters during the March 2012 election permitting the City to proceed with an electric aggregation program. The City hired the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) as its consultant to prepare the request for proposal and bid out electric rates for the benefit of Countryside residents and eligible small businesses. Five bids were received in response to the NIMEC request for proposal, and First Energy Solutions was selected as the lowest bidder for a two year contract.

First Energy Solutions proposed a two year rate of $.0475 per kilowatt hour versus the current ComEd rate of $.0850 per kilowatt hour for a savings of approximately 45%! It is estimated that the average residential savings will be up to $300 in the first year.

Residents who want to participate in the aggregation program do not need to take any action. All residential and eligible small business customers will automatically be included under the program unless action is taken on behalf of the customer to opt out. The following is a general timeline of important dates concerning the remainder of the process for switching ComEd accounts over to First Energy Solutions. Please note that these dates are estimates and that the actual timeline may differ:

- **Mid June, 2012:** First Energy Solutions mailed “opt-out” notices and other important information to ComEd customers
- **ComEd customers who receive the First Energy Solutions “opt-out” notice will be provided fourteen (14) days to respond if desiring to opt out of the electric aggregation program**
- **A second notice will be mailed approximately early to mid July 2012 by ComEd to inform customers who did not opt-out of the upcoming account transition to First Energy Solutions**
- **For those who do not opt out, it is anticipated that the conversion to First Energy Solutions will begin with August electric usage (shown on September bill).**

In addition to the savings mentioned above, First Energy Solutions is offering customers a price guarantee which in summary states that should ComEd lower its rate during the aggregation contract term to less than the First Energy Solutions rate, then First Energy Solutions will either match that rate or allow customers to switch back to ComEd without penalty.

Should a participating aggregation customer decide to cancel his/her agreement prior to the expiration of the two year First Energy Solutions term, that customer would be assessed a nominal $25 fee. This fee will not apply to anyone relocating outside of Countryside.

If you have any questions regarding the electric aggregation program, please call the City at (708) 354-7270.

2012 Street Resurfacing Program

The City of Countryside will be contracting road resurfacing work on five streets in the City and construction will begin mid to late summer. The project includes curb replacement as needed, roadway base repair, and replacement of asphalt surface from curb to curb.

The road work is a part of the City’s 5-year street resurfacing program to improve the road system throughout the community. The funding for the project will be from the City’s General Fund and there will be no direct charge to the property owners on these streets.

1. 57th Street, from East Avenue to LaGrange Road.
2. Peck Avenue, from Plainfield Road to 55th Place.
3. Leitch Avenue, from Plainfield Road to 55th Place.
4. Cantigny Road, from Willow Springs Road to Lorraine Drive.
5. 8th Avenue, from 55th Street to Bobolink Street.

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

Phase I site work is near completion. Storm sewer and detention work is complete. The landscaping work around the detention pond is underway. The sanitary sewer connection was made on the west side of LaGrange Road in May which required two lanes of traffic to be shut down for about one week. The system has been tested and passed inspection. The curbs for the entrances at LaGrange Road have been poured and new sidewalks installed. Paving of the binder on the roadway throughout the development and installation of the decorative streetlight poles are scheduled for the end of June.

The City is finalizing the Redevelopment Agreement (RDA) with Hooters for the sale of 1.25 acres for the construction of a Hooters restaurant on the north end of the property next to L.A. Fitness. The RDA should be presented to the City Council for their approval in July. If approved the sale of the property will take place a short time later with construction to begin in late summer. It is the goal of Hooters to be open for business before year-end.

The City Council approved a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Shorewood Development Group & GMX for the sale of the remaining parcels. The developer is proposing a mid-level restaurant on Joliet Road, a stand-alone restaurant and a multi-tenant building on LaGrange Road. The LOI requires that final leases be presented to the City prior to closing on the property. The City Council wants to make sure this development includes tenants which bring something new to our residents, are financially stable and therefore will be here for years to come, will appeal to a broad range of customers and will generate sales tax. The Council has pre-approved a list of potential tenants. The developer is in the process of negotiating leases with some of these tenants as the City drafts another RDA.

Illinois Harley Davidson

The first business opened in the City Center development. Illinois Harley Davidson’s grand opening was held on Saturday, May 5th. Over 1,000 bikers traveled to Countryside for the all-day event which included a live band, food, beverages and of course sales of motorcycles and merchandise. In true Harley-Davidson fashion, the “ribbon” cutting was more appropriately called the chain cutting as owner Bob Maxant cut through an orange chain tied across the front entrance.

Illinois Harley Davidson houses the Eagle Rider. Through Eagle Rider you can rent a motorcycle for a day or for a cross-country trip along Route 66. The City is thrilled with this addition as it brings people from all over the world, especially Europe to begin their Route 66 journey right here in Countryside. We encourage all of our residents who have not had the opportunity to visit the dealership to do so.
**Updates**

**Old Fire Station Property**

The Economic Development Committee reviewed two proposals for the sale of the old fire station property located at 58th & LaGrange Road. After much consideration the committee directed staff to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with Pop's Italian Beef. The owners Vince and Alice Cryns currently own four Pop’s restaurants, the closest located in Lyons. The proposal includes the construction of a 3,000 square foot family restaurant with a focus on catering. It will include indoor seating for 20-30 people, some outdoor seating and a drive-thru. They anticipated construction will take about 6 months from the time of the sale. This project will put a vacant parcel of property back on the tax rolls and bring approximately 30 new jobs to the City.

**Community News**

**Little Joe’s**

**Featured on WGN!**

Chicago’s Best, WGN’s popular entertainment show hosted a segment titled, “Chicago’s Best Lunch” on Sunday, June 10th. Little Joe’s was featured as one of the best spots in the Chicagoland area for lunch! Open since 1969, Little Joe’s was recognized on the show for having one of the best Italian beef sandwiches. When a customer was asked why it’s the best, he answered, “It’s the quality of the meat and the homemade hot giardiniera”.

*Congratulations Little Joe’s on being recognized as one of Chicago’s Best!*

**Casa De Montecristo**

**Open House**

Since Casa De Montecristo was built in 2010, it has already become an icon in the cigar industry. On a daily basis there are people from all over the United States coming to visit this store because of its uniqueness and specialty both in amenities and product. This store brings in an average of over 10,000 customers a month from all over the world.

Please come join them at their open house on:

- **Date:** July 21, 2012
- **Time:** 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- **Place:** 1332 W. 55th Street

**Welcome to Countryside**

- **All Information Services, Inc.**
  6428 Joliet Road, Suite 100
  **Build and repair computers and phone systems**

- **Eagle Rider**
  (inside Illinois Harley Davidson)
  **Motorcycle rentals**

- **Illinois Harley Davidson**
  9950 Joliet Road
  **Sales of new/used motorcycles, parts and service**

- **K-Five Construction Corporation**
  7023 Willow Springs Road, Suite 101
  **Road construction, heavy-highway general contractor**

- **MAAS Auto**
  5640 S. LaGrange Road
  **Auto repair and car detailing**

- **Salt Creek Butterfly Farm**
  10545 74th Street (at the Double J Riding Club)
  **Raise and release native Illinois butterfly species. Art and nature education classes are available.**

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**Did you know?**

That the 400+ businesses in Countryside generated over $7.1 million in sales tax. Please support our local businesses.
Police Updates

Citizen's Police Academy – Fall Session begins August 23!

The Countryside Police Department is currently accepting applications for the fall session of the Citizen’s Police Academy. Classes will meet for 12 weeks on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Applications are available on our website and at the police station. 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 cost to attend. For additional information, please contact the Countryside Police Department at (708) 485-4018 or send us an email at police@countrysidepolice.org.

Bike Rodeo – July 19 at Countryside Park

The Countryside Police Department will host a Bike Rodeo at Countryside Park on July 19 during the summer concert. The Rodeo will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include bike registration and giveaways. The Rodeo is a bicycle safety clinic for young cyclists, ages 5 to 14. The event will feature bike inspections, quick tune ups, and a safety lecture about Rules of the Road. Participants will have the opportunity to test their knowledge of the rules by taking a ride on a miniature course. Bicycle Patrol Officers will assist cyclists through the course, identifying hazards and providing safety tips.

Please remember to bring your bicycle and helmet.

Chief’s Corner

As we wind into the summer months, please remember that our children are out of school, so use caution while driving through the community. Children riding bicycles and joggers on residential streets can be a hazardous combination with speeding autos and distracted drivers. All motorists are reminded to drive defensively, avoid cell phone usage while driving, and monitor your speed.

The success of the police department can be enhanced when partnered with the community. As a contribution to this partnership, the police department has started placing the “monthly report” and “calls for service” report on the police department website. The calls for service are posted every week and are separated by police zones, which identify an area of patrol responsibility. The police zones correlate to the representative wards of the City. In other words, residents of Ward 1 are Police Zone 1. If you are interested in what is happening in your neighborhood, click on the “Eye on Countryside” link on the police website to read the calls for service.

I am also pleased to announce that due to popular demand, our second session of the Citizen’s Police Academy will kick off on August 23. Classes will be held on Thursday nights through November 8. The Citizen’s Police Academy is a wonderful opportunity to learn and understand the workings of the Countryside Police Department. It is also a way to extend our partnership with the community and is a great way for you to meet City staff and fellow residents.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Cop-On-Top Event a Success!

Officer Karl Rodey once again organized this year’s “Cop On Top” fundraiser for Illinois Special Olympics. Officers were atop the Countryside Dunkin Donuts on Friday, June 1, to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics.

In total, $1,090 was raised. Thank you for your donations!

Sergeant Mikel on the roof top. 
Officer Rodey with his daughter.
Public Works Reminds You . . .

Mosquito Abatement

The Illinois Department of Public Health confirmed the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV) in mosquito samples recently collected in DuPage County. Our recent mild winter has allowed a higher number of adult mosquitoes potentially infected with the disease to survive. Recent warm temperatures have increased mosquito activity and the start of the WNV cycle.

The DesPlaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District will continue an aggressive mosquito larval control program. They will continue in-house testing for the presence of WNV. However, they are not capable of testing dead birds for WNV. To report the presence of dead crows (or other birds) within our City, please contact the COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH at (708) 633-8025.

During the summer, you can protect your family by practicing the following:

- Maintain rain gutters/downspouts to prevent water retention in gutters.
- Change the water in bird baths on a weekly basis.
- Remove containers, buckets, etc. which may accumulate water.
- Maintain your swimming pool.
- Change the water in children’s wading pools at least once a week.
- Keep weeds and grass cut short.
- Window screens should be inspected and repaired if damaged to prevent mosquitoes from entering the home.

Finally, residents are encouraged to avoid exposure to mosquitoes. When outdoors, minimize mosquito exposure by wearing long-sleeved shirts, pants, etc. The appropriate use in insect repellents per manufacturer’s instructions is recommended.

Water Department

Water Conservation Tips:

One easy way to start conserving water is to take stock of how much water you need versus how much you use every day. Listed below are 6 easy, but effective, water conservation tips you can use to significantly cut back on the 80 gallons of H_2O that the average American uses every day.

1. **Slow the flow** - Install low-flow faucet aerators on each of your faucets and a low-flow shower head in the bathroom. You’ll keep the water pressure high, but reduce your average household water usage by up to 45 gallons a day.

2. **Put less down the drain** - Compost food and vegetable waste instead of using water to flush down the garbage disposal.

3. **Fill ‘er up** - If you have a dishwasher, make sure to only run full loads to make good use of all that water. If you’re washing by hand, fill up the sink to conserve water rather than keep the faucet running.

4. **Think ahead** - If you like drinking cold water, keep a water filter pitcher in the refrigerator rather than running the tap until gets cold each time. That way you’ll stay hydrated and not waste a drop!

5. **Check for leaks** - To check if your toilet is leaking, put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. Wait 15 minutes - if you see color in the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak!

6. **Turn it off** - Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. When shaving, fill up the sink with a few inches of water to rinse off the blade, instead of keeping the faucet running.

Lawn Sprinkling Restrictions

Sprinkling lawns is prohibited between the hours of 12:00 (noon) and 6:00 p.m. During the hours when sprinkling is permitted, odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered dates, and even numbered addresses may water on even numbered dates.
**Building Department**

**Building Permits**

Now that summer is here, many people take on home improvement projects. If you are having work done on your home, please remember the following building permit and code requirements:

- Construction activities are limited to the hours of 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., 7 days a week. On days when the temperature is above 95’, work can begin at 6 a.m.
- New construction sites are required to be fenced and secured until structures are nearly complete.
- All residential or commercial building permits must include the name, address and phone number of the general contractor and all sub contractors.
- All building permits must include at least one 24-hour contact number.
- All building permit applicants must acknowledge that they read, understand, and agree to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Building Code.
- A temporary construction sign, issued by the City, shall be placed at all residential and commercial construction sites. The sign shall include the name and phone number for the general contractor, permit information, and general construction rules established by the City.
- All permit holders are responsible for the cleaning of the street within 250 feet of the work site every day.
- Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is completed within 365 days after issuance, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the time the work is commenced.
- The building official is authorized to grant one or more extensions of time for periods of no more than 180 days each.

The purpose of the building permit and the reason the City requires the contractor to be licensed and bonded is to protect residents. Building Department staff monitor these locations to review the impact on traffic flow and access while working closely with the Police Department to hold contractors accountable for complying with approved plan requirements.

Should you need to report building permit concerns or possible violations, please contact the Community Development Department at (708) 354-1860.

**Code Enforcement**

Our Code Enforcement program is underway and our inspectors are driving through the neighborhoods looking for items in need of attention. The big items this spring have been: grass or weeds in excess of 10 inches, accumulation of “items” in and around the yard, dead or dying trees, and recreational vehicles (boats, trailers, campers, etc.) improperly stored on the property.

(These are sample pictures of code violations, **NOT** actual Countryside locations)

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

Young at Heart

Young at Heart is a Countryside organization that prides itself on providing comprehensive services to the senior community. Their adult activity center provides care to those needing supervision during daytime hours when their caregivers are unable to do so. Safety and socialization are our their priorities!

They also organize on-site activities for the entire senior community, not only their participants. These activities include seasonal parties, ice cream socials, and monthly FREE SPA days. Their off-site social outings include events like the Botanical Gardens, zoos, casinos, and more! All trips are wheelchair accessible & home transportation can be arranged.

They also provide complimentary wellness checks for their participants as requested. All staff have years of experience, and have contact with the on-staff nurse practitioner in case of emergencies.

Call Valerie Palencia today for more information at (708) 299-4364 or visit their website at www.youngathearthc.info.

ComEd’s Outage Alerts Program

This program allows participants to report outages via text messaging. To subscribe, customers will need either the ComEd account number, the account holder's social security number or the primary phone number on the account. New subscribers will receive a confirmation text-message that they have successfully subscribed, and will immediately be enrolled to receive notifications on their cell phone or pagers when an outage has been reported to their address.

Subscribers can simply text the word “OUT” to 26633 (COMED) to report an outage at the location ComEd has associated with their cell phone number and they receive regular updates on the status of their outage until service is restored.

Please note that ComEd does not charge customers for this notification, but your wireless carrier may have message and data fees.

To learn more about Outage Alerts, visit www.ComEd.com/text.

Pace Services–Vanpooling & RideShare

In some areas, fixed bus routes might not be available or meet a commuter’s specific needs. Vanpooling is an economical, convenient, and environmentally-friendly alternative to driving alone. A vanpool is formed by a group of five or more people who live and work near each other and have similar work schedules. Pace supplies the vehicle and covers costs including fuel, maintenance, insurance, tolls, roadside assistance, van washes, and an emergency ride home program for the participants.

Each member is billed monthly and fares are scaled based on the round-trip commute mileage and the number of people in the vehicle. One rider agrees to be the primary driver. This rider keeps the vehicle, does not pay a monthly fare and receives an incentive of 300 personal miles per month. Backup drivers receive a $10 per month discount. This program is available to those commuting to work who live and/or work in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry or Will County.

Pace RideShare is a free, easy and convenient online matching service that connects commuters who are interested in forming a vanpool (5 or more people) or carpool (2-4 people). The website, www.PaceRideshare.com, will confidentially match commuters based on starting location, destination location and work schedule and will even let you know if you match with an active vanpool.
**City Services**

**Block Party Request:** An application must be completed and returned to the Clerk’s office at least 3 weeks in advance of the event. There is no charge for this service.

**Garage/Estate Sale:** A permit is required at no cost to the resident. Two garage/estate sales are permitted per household per calendar year, for two consecutive days totaling four days. Applications are available at the Clerk’s office.

**Library and Pool Reimbursements:** Countryside offers its residents a 50% reimbursement (one per household, up to a maximum of $100) toward the cost of membership in the public library of their choice. To apply, bring your library card, valid driver’s license, and the paid membership to the Clerk’s office.

Residents are also offered a 50% reimbursement (one per household, up to a maximum of $100) toward the cost of membership to any outdoor swimming pool. Fitness Clubs and YMCA memberships are not eligible unless a separate “outdoor pool” rate is established. The membership should extend from Memorial Day through Labor Day and you must produce a letter of cancellation. To apply for reimbursement, bring in your paid receipt and valid driver’s license to the Clerk’s office. All 2012 pool memberships must be presented by December 31, 2012 to be eligible for reimbursement.

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

**50–50 Tree Removal Program**

The City will match dollar for dollar, up to $500 per household, for the removal of dead, diseased, or storm damaged trees on private property. Removal of the Emerald Ash Borer is excluded from this program. A total of $20,000 of City funds is available from this program. Reimbursement is on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, please contact the Clerk’s office at (708) 354-7270.

**Upcoming Holidays**

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**Results of Spring Clean–Up**

- Dates: May 21– May 23
- Tons picked up: 46
- Cost to City: $7,369

**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

Pet Parade – June 2nd
Mayor Krzeminski rolled into the Pet Parade on a Harley! (Courtesy of Illinois Harley Davidson in Countryside)

Quick pet from a young bystander! (Picture provided by Patch.com)

Relay for Life Walk Event
Lyons Township High School – June 9-10
LTHS hosted its 10th annual Relay for Life in Bennett Field to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society. Approximately 600 participants, almost entirely made up of LT students, walked all night.
This year they were able to raise $97,500. Donations can still be accepted through August at www.relayforlife.org/lthsil or mailed directly to the school.
Please participate in the next Relay for Life Walk Event on July 13-14 at Countryside Park, at 6 p.m.

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

Where: City Hall (Council Chamber)
Date: Wednesday, July 18, 2012
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Krzeminski will be on-site to welcome and meet all donors.
All donors will receive a free t-shirt and gift card for Oberweis ice cream.
Please call (708) 354-7270 to sign-up.

Summer Concert Series
Missed one of our weekly summer concerts? No worries, the 2012 Summer Concert Series, “Music Through the Ages” is far from over! Concerts last through August 2nd. The City will be raffling off a scooter donated by Westfield Ford. The raffle will be at the final concert on August 2nd. Tickets will be sold for $5 a piece, and all proceeds will go to the Kelli Joy O’Laughlin Memorial Foundation.

Thanks To...
All of our sponsors for this year’s concert series. It is only with community sponsored support that we are able to present these FREE concerts to the Countryside community.

Sponsors
Westfield Ford
Continental Motor Group
Groot
AT & T
Countryside Independent Party
Hunt Printing & Graphics
Illinois Harley Davidson
Infinity Signs & Printing
State Bank of Countryside
Countryside Citizens 4 Change

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

Concerts in the Park
Where: Countryside Park
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Day: Thursday

July 5 The New Invaders (1960’s)
July 12 R-Gang (1970’s)
July 19 Members Only (1980’s)
July 26 Standing Room Only (1990’s)
August 2 Final Say (2000’s and beyond)

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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Clerk
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City Hall Contacts

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Fax: (708) 352–1032
Emergency: 911

Clerk’s Office:
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Fax: (708) 354–9445

Public Works:
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Water Billing:
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Fax: (708) 354–9029

Community Development:
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Recreation:
Main: (708) 485–2595
Fax: (708) 354–9445

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