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Left to right: Reba Mullis, Sandra Mullis Roloff, Elroy Overton, Marian Overton and Larry Overton

2006 DELAINE MULLIS OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Mayor Seyller announced that this years Outstanding Citizen is Mr. Elroy Overton. Mayor Seyller presented a plaque to Mr. Overton. Approximately 20 friends and family members were in the audience for the presentation.

Mr. Overton joined the Cortland Volunteer Fire Department in 1952. He served as fire chief for 21 years from 1963-1984. He continued to serve the department when he was appointed by the De Kalb County Board to the Cortland Fire Protection District where he served two three-year terms from 1996 to 2002 as a trustee and president of the board of the Cortland Fire

Protection District.

Mr. Overton was elected and served on the Town Board of Trustees from 1957 to 1961, is a Charter Member of the Cortland Lions Club and past president. Mr. Overton has been a long time active member of the Cortland United Methodist Church where he has served over the years on its board as a trustee and president of the Ad Council.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2007 ANNUAL GARAGE SALES MAY 4 & 5

Once again it is time to start planning for Cortland's annual "Garage Sales, etc." weekend. As Cortland continues to grow this event will only increase. Please do not wait until the last minute to sign up. Designing, organizing and printing the map takes time. If you have an organization this is a great fundraiser, if you are a home business this is a great way to open your home/garage to new customers, if you are from out-of-town and would like a place to set up we will have space for you. Anyone interested in having a sale or have any ideas or suggestions, please call Donna at (815) 756-4851.



LIONS CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2007
WHERE: CORTLAND COMM. PARK
TIME: 1:00
AGES: TODDLER - PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN - 4TH GRADE

Cortland Town Officials

Mayor
Robert K. Seyller
Office 756-9041
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Clerk
Cheryl Aldis
Office 756-3030

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Please send suggestions, comments and article information to www.deputyclerk@cortlandil.org.



Notes of Interest from the Department of Building Safety

Radon is a naturally-occurring, chemically inert, radioactive gas (Rn-222) undetectable by human senses. Because it is a gas, it can move readily through particles of soil and rock. It can accumulate under the slabs and foundations of homes, where it can easily enter into the living space through normal, routine construction cracks and openings. Because of the high radon potential in DeKalb County, all new homes in Cortland have a sub-slab depressurization system installed. This passive system is designed to achieve lower sub-slab air pressure relative to indoor air pressure by use of a vent pipe routed through the conditioned space of the home and connecting the sub-slab area with outdoor air. The system relies on the convective flow of air upward in the vent to draw air from beneath the slab to eliminate the radon gas from beneath the slab. Every passive system is designed to become an active system, if the need arises.

Because radon levels can vary from house to house, even within the same area, one home may experience a higher level of radon than the one next door.

But let's back up a moment to decide how to determine if your system needs to be changed from a passive system to an active system.

How do I know if my home has a higher level of radon requiring a change to the system?

Your home would be evaluated by a radon contractor, using established United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) procedures. The State of Illinois licenses all radon contractors. The State requires all testing and remediation to be done by one of these contractors. (A complete list of state-licensed contractors is available at www.state.il.us/idns.) *Be sure to get the contractor's Radon Contractor Proficiency (RCP)/state license number.*

Part of the evaluation is to place testing devices in your home. When processed, these devices provide a measurement of the radon level in your home in picocuries per liter (pCi/L)—which is the measure for the amount of radioactivity in a liter of air. The State recommends transitioning to an active system if the readings come back at 4.0 pCi/L or more.

I've found out I need to change my system, how does my "passive system" become an "active system"?

Prior to beginning the work, your radon contractor applies to the Cortland Department of Building Safety for a building permit to change the system. Permit-in-hand, the contractor would install an appropriately-sized fan into the existing radon pipe located in the attic area of your home. (A receptacle is located near the radon pipe to facilitate this changeover.)

What other responsibilities does the radon contractor have when changing the system?

The contractor will also: (1) re-examine and verify the integrity of the fan mounting seals and all joints in the interior vent piping; (2) measure suction or flows in the system piping or ducting to assure the system is operating as designed; (3) test for backdrafting of any natural draft combustion appliances (furnace, hot water heater, etc.) immediately after installation and activation of the fan...if any backdrafting is detected, it shall be corrected prior to placing the active system into operation; and (4) call the Department of Building Safety for inspection.

Additionally, the contractor is required to test the active mitigation system effectiveness using a listed test device and in accordance with EPA testing protocols and state requirements no sooner than 24 hours nor later than 30 days following completion and activation of the mitigation system.

How often do you need to retest?

The EPA recommends at least every 2 years, or sooner, if the home undergoes significant alteration.

Where do I get more information about radon?

You may go to the State website, given above, or the EPA at www.epa.gov.

On a different note—did you get a tax refund you want to use to remodel/finish your basement, put on an addition to your home, shed, or garage, or add a sunroom, deck, or gazebo? Remember, any of these projects require a building permit and inspections...if you start the work without a permit, it's an automatic double permit fee!

CALL JULIE BEFORE YOU DIG!

With Spring just around the corner, you might be planning an outdoor project like putting up a fence, building a deck or adding a tree or shrubs to your yard. If you are thinking of doing anything that requires digging, you should call JULIE at 1-800-892-0123

Canine Reminders

Please remember to be considerate of your neighbors. Dog owners must keep our parks and neighborhoods clean by always cleaning up after your pet. Cortland prohibits dogs from running at large as well as regulations that does not allow more than 3 dogs over the age of 4 months.

THE TOWN OF CORTLAND DOES NOT HAVE A COMMUNITY SHELTER.
Pre-Plan with your family what you will do in the event of a tornado.



Dates to Remember...

March

- 5 Planning Commission meeting
- 12 Town Board meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 26 Town Board Meeting

April

- 2 Planning Commission meeting
- 7 Lions Club Easter Egg Hune
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 17 Election Day
- 9 Town Board meeting
- 23 Town Board meeting

The Town Board meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Town Board committees meet every 2nd Monday of the month (during Town Board meetings)

Planning Commission meets the first Monday of the month.

2007 meeting dates are posted on the web at Cortlandil.org.

MARCH/APRIL EVENTS AT CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Fairy Tale Story Times

Story Times continue for preschoolers
 Monday - 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. - 10:00 a.m.
 Thurs. - 10:30 a.m.



Coming in April ...

Cortland Library will be joining a database with 86 other northern Illinois libraries. This new checkout system and catalog, called PrairieCat, will contain over 8 million items for our patrons to borrow.

June 1st begins extended library hours! Thanks to the referendum the library will be open Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Summer Reading begins when school ends. Prizes are given for reading and listening to stories.

LIBRARY HOURS

- Mon. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Wed. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007

Library Board Meeting Dates

- March 21st
- April 18th
- Open to the public



NOTICE HYDRANT FLUSHING APRIL 17, 18 & 19



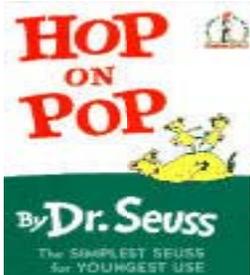
FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Cortland Fire Dept. is looking for volunteer fire fighters, office help and support staff. If you would like to volunteer to help the fire department you may call Trent Moser at 815-756-2545.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DR. SUESS RECOGNIZED BY TOWN BOARD

The Mayor has signed a Proclamation recognizing the 103rd birthday of Dr. Suess on March 2, 2007. The Proclamation is sponsored by the National Education Association and supported by the Cortland Library. The Proclamation promotes and endorses calling on all citizens of the Town of Cortland to assure every child is in a safe place, reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2007.





FROM DESK OF THE MAYOR

It has been one year since the effective date of the address changes. While the majority of the changes went smoothly, there are a few remaining problems. If you have not changed your address on your building, please do so immediately. We continue to work with the E911 group and Verizon to finalize the last of the changes.

Construction on the sewage treatment plant is continuing, and plans for a new water tower and well project are underway.

ELECTION – APRIL 17, 2007 – Exercise your right to vote!

Citizens have the opportunity to vote for town trustees during this election. There are eight people running for three positions. You will only vote for three. Also two referendum questions will be on the ballot.

1: The Kishwaukee Valley Water Authority referendum will be on the ballot on April 17, 2007. If passed, this legislation will create a new government entity with taxing powers, policing powers, the ability to condemn land and an assortment of other powers. Please read through the information posted on the town's website (In The News...KVWA) to help familiarize your family with what this legislation would mean to you, and the town before you vote. This could affect the Town's new water tower and well.

2: The other question on the ballot for the town will be whether to continue the prohibition of the sale of alcoholic liquor. The language, although confusing, is statutory. The example below is what will appear on your ballot. Please read the information posted on the town's website regarding this issue (In The News...Liquor).

Shall the prohibition of the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor be continued in the Town of Cortland, County of De Kalb, State of Illinois?

Voting YES will continue the prohibition, and not allow liquor to be sold. Voting NO will end the prohibition, and liquor could be sold in Cortland.

I encourage all of you to vote on these important issues. Your decision impacts the future of Cortland.

My wife Diane and wish all of you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a very safe and Happy Easter. THINK SPRING!

Bob

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