



Town of Cortland

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2006 ANNUAL GARAGE SALES MAY 5 & 6

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.

NEW ADDRESSES

Your new address takes effect on March 12, 2006. Every Cortland property should have received a new address. If you have not received your address, please contact the Town Hall at 756-9041 immediately. Numbers on houses or mailboxes must be changed over after mail delivery on 3/11 and before mail delivery 3/13.

The Fire Department is currently seeking volunteers. If you are interested, please call Trent Moser at 756-2545 x 103.

POLICE REMINDER

As the weather becomes more sidewalk friendly be aware that vehicles blocking pedestrian ways is unlawful both by Illinois Vehicle Code and Town Ordinance; therefore Cortland Police will begin issuing citations for this violation.



ELECTION DAY IS MARCH 21, 2006

Dates to Remember...

March

- 6 Planning Commission Meeting
- 13 Town Board meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring Begins
- 21 Park Advisory Committee
- 27 Town Board meeting

April

- 2 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3 Planning Commission meeting
- 10 Town Board meeting
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 24 Town Board meeting

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

Cortland Town Officials

Mayor
Robert K. Seyller
office 756-9041
home 758-0649

Clerk
Cheryl Aldis
office 756-3030
home 758-3036

Trustees
Chuck Lanning 756-1803
David Liddick 758-0649
Shawn McAllister 748-4300

Dan Milroy 756-4205
Randy Reiter 748-5871
Michael Siewierski
754-5815

You may reach any Trustee or Department Head by email by using their first initial and last name @cortlandil.org. You may reach the Mayor at mayor@cortlandil.org, Town Clerk at townclerk@cortlandil.org, and Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@cortlandil.org





Fire Department Gets New Fire Gear

Article by Nichole Prentice

Cortland Fire Department will be receiving new fire gear thanks to a grant given to us in October by FEMA. The \$52,700.00 grant enables us to replace all turnout gear for the entire department. This protective gear consists of bunker coat and pants, boots, helmets, gloves, goggles, and nomex hoods. This grant will also provide the department with flashlights and tool belts to complete the uniform protective gear. All of these things are needed to protect the men and women firefighters from the elements of weather, medical issues, and the extreme dangers of fighting fires. The application process for the FEMA grant is a long process of proving ourselves to the government with hours of training, dedication, and the commitment we firefighters give to keep the town of Cortland safe from fire destruction and medical emergencies.

Many companies brought sample gear over the past few months for the department to choose from. The committee appointed by the department members decided to go with the Air One Equipment to fill the new gear order. On February 6th and 10th Joe Levy, a sales representative from Air One Equipment, came to the fire station to size us for our gear. Morning Pride is the brand of gear we will be using. Due to the high quality and durability this brand offers, it was chosen from a host of other gear manufacturers. The new gear is custom fitted to each firefighter and is scheduled to arrive in 3-6 months. Instead of the tan gear we currently have, the new gear will be black with yellow reflective striping. All gear will have 2 oversized pockets on the coat and pants, a radio pocket on the coat, and the members name will also appear on the tail of the coat.

Notes of Interest from the Department of Building Safety

Article by: ICCI

Spring is just around the corner, and soon, school will be out! You may be considering activities to keep the family entertained during the summer. Oftentimes, a swimming pool, spa, or hot tub comes to mind when contemplating the options, as they can provide many hours of fun and enjoyment for the entire family. Unfortunately, they can also be a source of sadness if a drowning and near drowning occurs. Because of the potential hazards, national design controls/standards have been developed to provide protection (not prevent) against such events.

So, if there's a swimming pool in your family's future, here are a few things to consider:

Any swimming pool, spa, or hot tub which is **CAPABLE** of containing water over 24 inches deep, requires:

- ✓ A building permit
- ✓ Inspections
- ✓ A listing for any electrical components (for example filter motor) by an approved testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratory
- ✓ Receptacles which are of the ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) type
- ✓ Placement outside of easements and setbacks, and away from underground utility line
- ✓ All swimming pools, spas, or hot tubs must be designed and constructed to meet the national standards (ANSI/NSPI)
- ✓ A barrier, such as a fence, at least 48 inches to the top of the barrier must be installed around swimming pool, spa, or hot tub
- ✓ Access gates in the barrier must be equipped to accommodate a locking device
- ✓ Pedestrian access gates in the barrier must open outward away from the pool and shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device
- ✓ A gate other than a pedestrian access gate shall have a self-latching device
- ✓ Where the wall of your home will serve as part of the barrier one of the following must be done:
 1. The pool must be equipped with a powered safety cover which meets the national pool standard;
 2. All doors with direct access to the pool through the wall serving as the barrier must be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door and its screen, if present, are opened. This alarm must sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds immediately after the door is opened and the alarm must be loud enough to be heard throughout the house during normal household activities. The alarm must automatically reset under all conditions. The alarm system shall be equipped with a manual means, such as a touchpad or switch, to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening (such deactivation cannot last for more than 15 seconds). The deactivations switches shall be located at least 54 inches above the threshold of the door; or
 3. Other means of protection which provide the same level of safety as the two options above.
- ✓ The barriers must be located so no permanent structure, equipment or similar objects can be used to climb the barrier.



Please remember—safety first! Let us help you enjoy your summer in your new swimming pool by following the guidelines summarized above. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Building Safety at 630-551-ICCI (4224)...should someone be unavailable to personally answer your call, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call.



SPRING CLEAN

The Town of Cortland, with the assistance of its Department of Operations & Maintenance and Police Department, is providing large waste containers for a week of spring clean-up activities. We would like to encourage Cortland residents to take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of household trash and accumulated "junk!" These containers will be placed at the Town of Cortland Maintenance Garage located at 1909 Pampas St. (east side of bldg) and at the Cortland Fire Station located at 30 West North St. and will be available from **Monday, May 8th until Sunday, May 14th**.

These dumpsters may NOT be used for the disposal of yard waste, large appliances, car parts or tires, and paint or other hazardous materials.

Residents may contact Environmental Field Services* (800-480-4337) for removal of large appliances.

*a fee will be charged by this company.



PARK ADVISORY REPORT

The Park Advisory Committee would like to thank everyone who responded to our flyer by phoning and emailing the Mayor and Town Board Members regarding the development of McPhillips Park. Your response was super. In fact, the Mayor asked us to warn him next time so he can be somewhat prepared. Oops! Sorry Mayor. We submitted our plans and budget requests at the February 13th board meeting. The response from the Board was very positive. We can only wait now to see what is affordable this year and hope for the best. Thank you all once again, and thanks to the volunteers who have worked so hard to get us this far; Matt Duffy, Jill Slutzsky, 'Dupe Edeoga and Dan Black. Our meetings are generally set for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall and are open to the public if you would like to attend. Here's to an early spring!

Shawn A. McAllister
PAC, Chair

Cortland School PTA Important

Dates:

March 1	Market Day pick-up	5:00-6:00
March 13	PTA meeting	6:30
March 20	Wendy's food night	
March 27-31	Book Fair	
April 4	Family Game Night	
April 5	Market Day pick-up	5:00-6:00
April 18	PTA meeting	6:30
May 3	Market Day pick-up	5:00-6:00

The PTA would like to thank all those wonderful volunteers that helped with out Family Fun Fair which was a great success. Also, a special thank you to all those businesses and individuals for all their generous donations.

Please join us for some fun and games with your family on Tuesday, April 4th in the school gym for Family Game Night.

Family Fitness is every Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the school. Donations for the climbing wall are being accepted at each Fitness Night. For more information call Michelle Wilson at 748-4736.

The PTA Membership is open not only to our parents, teachers and staff, but to the community as well. Please contact Melissa Johnson for information or to join at 787-7811.

Lynnae Ihm, President	754-4466
Melissa Johnson, Vice President	787-7811
Michelle Wilson, Treasurer	748-4736
Mary Ann Pinne, Secretary	756-4302

Any PTA Organization with children from Cortland in their schools are welcome to add their PTA updates to this newsletter. Please contact Rita Nielsen, Deputy Clerk, at the Town Hall (756-3030) if you have any questions.

Forgot something you read here?

This newsletter, along with up-to-date information, can be viewed on your Town of Cortland website at www.cortlandil.org

Town Board Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Agendas for all meetings are typically available on the Friday before. To view agendas go to www.cortlandil.org



LETTER FROM MAYOR ROBERT K. SEYLLER

Thank you for your patience during the transition to new addresses. I have some volunteers available to assist residents who are unable to change their numbers without help. If you would like to volunteer, or if you need assistance in changing your house numbers, please call the Town Hall at 756-9041 and leave your name and address.

We've been hard at work finishing up the details for the sewage treatment plant, water tower and well project. We anticipate construction to begin early April, 2006.

I would encourage everyone to make it a point this spring to meet your neighbors.

Happy jelly bean season,

Bob

Barnaby's Printing www.barnaby.com/cortland.html and Nathan Winston Services (815-758-4545) are offering discounts to Cortland residents on certain items to make your addressing changes easier.



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Town of Cortland

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

This notice is for informational purposes and is directed to the 85% of the Town using public water as opposed to private wells.

Town of Cortland Public Water Supply Has Levels of Gross Alpha & Combined Radium Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system has violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you - as our customers - have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Test results we received for the most recent testing periods show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for combined radium. The standard for combined radium is 5 pCi/L. For quarterly testing samples collected for the year through [September 2005](#), the average of the highest level of combined radium found was [12 pCi/L](#).

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. *Some people who drink water containing radium-226 or radium-228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

What happened? What is being done?

- We are working to correct this problem. The Town of Cortland will be treating the water to reduce the gross alpha and combined radium levels. The treatment equipment has already been installed at two of our three wells; the test results for these wells have shown improved results. We anticipate completing the process in the year 2006.

For more information, please contact our Town Engineer, Tom Simmons, at 815/562-9087. A fact sheet on "Radium in Water" prepared by the Department of Nuclear Safety is also available at the Town Hall.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Town of Cortland Public Water Supply, Facility #0370051. Notice distributed [January 3, 2006](#).