



# TOWN OF CORTLAND

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## Water Conservation Tips

**The American Water Works Association recommends the following steps to help conserve water:**

- Don't over water your lawn. Only water every three to five days in the summer.
- To prevent water loss from evaporation, don't water your lawn during the hottest part of the day or when it is windy.
- Only run the dishwasher and clothes washer when they are fully loaded.
- Defrost frozen food in the refrigerator or in the microwave instead of running water over it.
- When washing dishes by hand, use two basins - one for washing and one for rinsing rather than letting the water run.
- Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks and driveways.
- If you have a swimming pool, get a cover. You'll cut the loss of water by evaporation by 90 percent.
- Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Dripping faucets can waste about 2,000 gallons of water each year. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons each day.



## ATTENTION ALL RUNNERS! SAVE THE DATE

THE 2ND ANNUAL LIONS CLUB TURKEY TROT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011

## Mark Your Calendar For The Following Community Events

Movie Night - Friday June 17 "Yogi Bear" Movie will start at dusk.  
Movie Night - Friday July 15 (Movie TBD) Movie will start at dusk.  
Summer Fest - Friday, August 12 & Saturday, August 13 (Times & additional info to follow)  
Parade & Festival - Sunday October 16 - Parade at 1:00 p.m. Festival to follow 1:30-5:30  
The theme this year will be "Harvest".

## PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND DO NOT BLOCK SIDEWALKS WHEN PARKING IN DRIVEWAYS!

The police can ticket and may tow vehicles that are parked across public sidewalks and driveway entrances.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### May

- 2 Planning Commission meeting
- 8 Mother's Day
- 9 Town Board meeting
- 23 Town Board meeting
- 30 Memorial Day  
(Town Hall closed)

### June

- 6 Planning Commission meeting
- 13 Town Board meeting
- 17 Community Movie Night
- 19 Father's Day
- 27 Town Board meeting

## CORTLAND TOWN OFFICIALS

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For information regarding articles for this newsletter you may email the

## WHAT'S NEW IN CORTLAND

**TOWN TO CONVERT BARB CITY GRINDING BUILDING INTO TOWN GARAGE** The Town Board closed on the purchase of the Barb City Grinding building on Halwood Street in March and plans are being developed for the conversion of the building into a garage and maintenance facility for the Town. The 15,000 square foot building will replace the current cramped facilities on Mary Aldis Lane. It will allow the Town to house all of its maintenance vehicles in one building and have workspace for vehicle maintenance.

The building purchase and remodeling is funded, in part, by fees paid by developers and the General Fund. Construction is expected to begin this summer and be completed before winter.

**SCHOOL WILL BE OUT SOON** It won't be long before school is out for the summer. Please be mindful of children walking or bicycling along streets all around Town. If you see children out after curfew (11:00 pm weekdays, midnight on weekends) don't be reluctant to call the **non-emergency** police number **(815.756.2558)** to report it.

**MS TOUR DE FARMS BIKE RIDE RETURNS** The Multiple Sclerosis Society will be conducting their annual Tour de Farms bike ride across DeKalb County on June 26. Once again, Cortland Community Park will serve as a rest stop on June 25 for the thousands of bike riders expected to participate this year's event.

**DOLLAR GENERAL STORE UNDER CONSTRUCTION** At long last, construction is under way at the new Dollar General store at the northeast corner of Somonauk Road and Robinson Street. The store is expected to be open this summer.

**PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS COMING FOR NEUCORT LAKES RESIDENTS** The Town will begin construction, as soon as weather permits, on a pedestrian path connecting Meadow Drive with the sidewalk along the east side of Somonauk Road. The path will be a crushed limestone path with materials donated by Wagner Excavating and made possible with the permission of the land owners, Orville Olson and the NeuCort Lakes Homeowners Association.

"Finally, we can provide kids and mom's pushing strollers a safe alternative to walking on the Somonauk Road driving surface," says Mayor Seyller. "We should not make walking to the library or post office or Casey's a life threatening experience."

Providing a safe location for pedestrians along this stretch of Somonauk Road has been a goal of the Town Board for several years, but lack of funds and jurisdictional issues with DeKalb County delayed the construction. The path is temporary until funds for a permanent sidewalk can be made available.

**TIME TO CLEAN-UP AND SPRUCE-UP** As soon as the April showers come to an end it will be time to clean-up and spruce up property, again. Residents and merchants are encouraged to clean-up all of the debris left behind by winter and take a close look at your home or business building for needed repairs and touch-ups to bring the property up to its peak appearance.

**CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS**

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-9

Friday &amp; Saturday 9-5

website: [www.cortlandlibrary.com](http://www.cortlandlibrary.com)May at the Cortland Community Library**Regular, weekly programs for children include:**

Infant and Caregiver Lapsit Program - Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Elementary-age Storytime, Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Preschool Storytime, Wednesday &amp; Thursdays at 10 a.m.

**Please note that the library will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.**A Midsummer Knight's Read - the summer reading program at the Cortland Community Library

Huzzah! Join us at the library for a summer full of FREE activities for children and families.

Tuesday evening performances at 7 p.m. begin June 7. Come each week to the Lion's Den shelter house of Cortland Community Park and see magicians, storytellers or puppet shows.

Begin your summer adventure by picking up a reading log on or after Monday, June 6.

Throughout the summer, children can read or listen to books at their level. It is never too early to read to your children - reading sparks their imagination, promotes their language development, and builds skills for school readiness.

Children &amp; adults can bring their reading logs into the library to claim one prize per week starting Monday, June 13th.

**Regular, weekly programs for children throughout the summer include:**

Preschool Storytime, Wednesday &amp; Thursdays at 10 a.m.

1st Grade &amp; Up Story &amp; Craft, Thursdays at 1 p.m.

All-ages Film Festival, Fridays at 1 p.m.

**Department of Building Safety Reminders**

The following trees are not permitted on any premises per 4-2-1 "D" of the Cortland Town Code: Cottonwood, Weeping Willow and Box Elder.

Permits are required for: replacing a roof surface, replacing or installing a hot-water heater, installing central air conditioning system or furnace, installing a deck/porch, "screening in" a deck, adding a pergola to a deck, a swimming pool (24" or more water depth), installing a fence, installing a shed, building a detached garage, any additions, upgrading electrical service, adding switches or receptacles, changing/adding plumbing lines, finishing/remodeling a basement.

Please call 815-756-9041 to determine if your project requires a permit. Permit Applications are available at the Town Hall.



Mayor Bob Seyller, Dave Maroo and Darci Friedlund from Resource Bank along with owners Rich Jonutz and son Rich are pictured here attending a ribbon cutting to celebrate the re-opening of Cortland Flooring's new Showroom at 16 W. Benson Ave.

**TOWN BOARD ELECTION RESULTS**

On April 5, Trustees Chuck Lanning and Brad Stone were re-elected to the Town Board. Susan Dockus was newly elected to the Board. All officials will be sworn in on May 9, 2011. Thank you to Randy Reiter for serving the 2 year unexpired term of the late Trustee Ben Suppeland.

**RADIO TIME****TUNE INTO WLBK AM (1360) OR ONLINE (1360WLBK.COM) THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT APPROXIMATELY 8:40 A.M. TO HEAR THE MAYOR DISCUSSING INFORMATION CONCERNING CORTLAND AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.**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](http://www.cortlandil.org).

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Spring is finally here. It's been a long winter and it's nice to see the flowers and trees in bloom.

I would like to congratulate Susan Dockus on being elected to the Board of Trustees and also congratulate Chuck Lanning and Brad Stone on their re-election. I would like to express my gratitude to Randy Reiter for serving the unexpired term of the late Ben Suppeland.

I'm looking forward to this summer of planned community wide events. Please keep visiting the Town's website at [www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org) for dates and times of these events as well as general information of what's happening in and around Town.

The Town Board is considering discontinuing the mailing of this newsletter for cost cutting purposes. We would continue one or two more mailings before discontinuing. The newsletter would be available on the Town's website. If you do not have access to the internet and would like a printed copy they will be available at the Town Hall and Library.

I hope everyone enjoys the nice weather and takes the opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors, maybe have a block party, and have some fun.

Mayor Bob



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