



Town of Cortland

Third Largest Town in Illinois

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Visit our website!
www.cortlandil.org

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

If you have any questions you may please call
Donna at (815) 756-4851.

CORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT BICYCLE AUCTION

When: May 6

Where: Town Hall, 59 S. Somonauk Rd.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

The Cortland Police Department will auction
50 bicycles that have been found, unclaimed
and stored. Bikes will be available for
viewing at 11:00 a.m. Bidding will start at
\$10.00.

Proceeds will go to the Parade and Festival Committee

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
54 Mary Aldis Lane (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.

Dates to Remember...

May

- 1 Planning Commission meeting
- 8 Town Board meeting
- 14 Mother's Day
- 22 Town Board meeting
- 18 Park Advisory Committee
- 29 Memorial Day (Town Hall closed)

June

- 5 Planning Commission meeting
 - 12 Town Board meeting
 - 18 Father's Day
 - 21 Summer begins
 - 26 Town Board meeting
- Town Board committees meet every 2nd Monday of

Cortland Town Officials

Mayor
Robert K. Seyller
office 756-9041
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Clerk
Cheryl Aldis
office 756-3030
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Trustees
Chuck Lanning 756-1803
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Randy Reiter 748-5871
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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





Article by Nichole Prentice

Cortland Volunteer Fire Department Orders A New Fire Engine

Due to the diligent work of Chuck Lanning, the Cortland Volunteer Fire Department received a very generous donation from the builders that are making our community grow. The members of the fire department spent countless hours deciding what was going to be needed on the new fire apparatus. After months of discussions, planning, reviewing, checking out demonstrator models, the order was placed. The new fire engine was ordered from E-One of Ocala, Florida. The engine will pump 1,250 gallons of water per minute, if needed. It will carry 1000 gallons of water in a tank on the engine. It will carry four firefighters, tools, hoses, and other equipment required to meet the emergency needs of our community.

The engine will be delivered to the fire department around the end of August, or the middle of September. The firefighters will install all of the needed equipment, train on its use, and familiarize themselves with driving this new piece of equipment. The engine will be on the road and ready to use within a month of its delivery. Make sure you wave when they're driving by.

We look forward to you checking out our newest piece of fire apparatus after it gets here!

Fire Safety Tips!

It's that time of year when we get out and make our yards look good. Please remember a few important safety tips. Keep your gasoline stored in an approved, sealed container. Always place your gas tank on the ground when filling up. Gas fumes will sink down and travel, looking for something to ignite them! Store your fuel in a cool or shaded place, not inside of your home.

Watch where you fuel up your gas powered equipment. Please do it outside of your home/ garage. The fumes will travel great distances and ignite back to what you are fueling. Spilled gas will give off fumes until completely evaporated. Once ignited, these fumes can start other items on fire, causing the fire to grow rapidly. Fire doubles in size every minute. Don't take the chance of losing your property because of a simple spill!

Make sure you wear your safety glasses and hearing protection while you're working with power equipment. You only have two eyes and they can be damaged permanently by flying debris. Your ears are sensitive to loud noises. Protect what you have now so you're not always asking "what" in the future! Please stay safe and have a great summer. If you have any questions on fire safety, would like to set up a tour, or meet some of the volunteers that protect your community, give us a call at 815-756-2545. A member of our department will get back to you. If you have an emergency, please dial 911 to receive the assistance that you require.

WEATHER ALERT **BE ALERT FOR VIOLENT WEATHER**

A TORNADO WATCH is issued by the National Weather Service to alert people that the weather conditions in their area are favorable for tornados to form. People should be alert to weather conditions and announcements. Weather information is available from local television stations and local radio stations. Watch the sky and listen for tornado sirens.

DO NOT CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN WEATHER INFORMATION

The National Weather Service issues a **TORNADO WARNING** when a tornado has actually been sighted or is indicated by radar. **TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!**

The Town of Cortland's **Tornado Siren** is tested at 10:00 AM on the first Tuesday of the month. On duty Cortland Police Offices activate the **Tornado Siren** when the National Weather Service announces **TORNADO WARNINGS** for the DeKalb area or there has been a confirmed report of rotating clouds in the area. No "All Clear" siren is sounded.

THE TOWN OF CORTLAND DOES NOT HAVE A COMMUNITY SHELTER

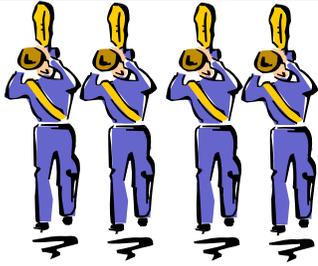
Pre-plan with your family where you will go and what you will do in the event of a tornado.

TORNADO SAFETY

Develop a plan for your family for home, work, and school and when outdoors. Have frequent drills. Know the area in which you live, and keep a highway map nearby to follow storm movement from weather bulletins. Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone and battery back-up to receive weather warnings. Listen to local radio or watch local television for weather information. If planning to be outdoors, listen to the latest weather forecast and take necessary action.

IF A WARNING IS ISSUED OR IF THREATENING WEATHER APPROACHES

Move quickly indoors to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement in a structurally sound building. Or move to an interior room or hallway of a structurally sound building and get under a piece of furniture. Stay away from windows. Do not use a vehicle for shelter. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your vehicle. Mobile homes, even tied down, offer little protection and should be abandoned. Occasionally, tornados develop so rapidly that advanced warning is not possible. Remain alert for signs of an approaching tornado. Flying debris from a tornados cause most deaths and injuries.



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cortland Festival and Parade Committee has joined the DeKalb County Community Foundation. The DeKalb County Community Foundation is a public charitable foundation established to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of DeKalb County.

If you wish to donate to the Cortland Festival and Parade Committee, please send your tax deductible donations directly to the foundation at 2600 DeKalb Avenue, Sycamore, IL 60178-3132. Please make your checks out to the DCCF Cortland Parade & Festival..

Thank you for your support.

PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN

Permits are required for all above-ground swimming pools that are over 24 inches in height, including inflatable pools. For safety reasons, fencing or barriers are required for all above-ground pools.

Further, electrical equipment must be installed according to the National Electrical Code and requires inspection by the Department of Building Safety for compliance.

Please contact Gary at the Department of Building Safety at (630) 816-9194 for more information.

Cortland School is in the process of assembling members for its Building Leadership Team. We at Cortland School feel that a vision should be created and accomplished by a collaboration of teachers, partners and community members. If you are interested in joining Cortland School's Building Leadership Team please contact Bill McGuire at Cortland School, 815-754-2360 or 815-520-5298.

Cortland School PTA Important Dates:

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| May 3 | Market Day pick-up | 5:00-6:00 |
| May 6-7 | Spring Flower Sale | |
| May 15 | PTA meeting | 6:30 |
| May 31 | Market Day Pick-up | 5:00-6:00 |
| June 2 | End of Year Event Award/ Recognition | 5:30 |

Spring Flower Sale at Yaeger's Farm Market & Greenhouse on May 6th from 9-5 and May 7th, from 11-5. A percentage of the total sale during those hours on flowering plants and vegetable plants will go back to the PTA for the school.

Our End of Year Event & Award Recognition will be on Friday, June 2, 2006 at the school. At 5:30 p.m. we will recognize all those PTA members who served on committees throughout the year. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. in honoring Mr. Fullerton as he retires after over 30 Years. All past students, teachers and parents who would like to join us are welcome. Those who would like to participate in honoring Mr. Fullerton, please contact Lynnae Ihm at 754-4466. From 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. join us for some cruise ship fun for a Bon Voyage to Mr. Fullerton., with games, dancing and more fun in the outside of the school (weather permitting). Please call Mary Ann Pinne for more details at 756-4302.

New Officers were elected for the 2006-2007 school year at the April PTA Meeting: President, Michelle Wilson, Vice-President, Lisa Borden, Secretary, Lea Anne Parenti and Treasurer, Lynnae Ihm. Congratulations to all.

Family Fitness is every Tuesday from 4:30 – 6:30 at the school, so bring your child and get fit together. For more information call Michelle Wilson at 748-4736.

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



LETTER FROM MAYOR ROBERT K. SEYLLER

Hello,

I would like to welcome all new residents to Cortland.

It has been a year since the election and we have made a lot of changes. I believe we have made a big improvement in our efforts to communicate with the public. The website is receiving more and more traffic; we are making improvements to the site and updating information. Some of the Trustees will be putting information on their name link, under the Government link. Please check these links to see updated material from your Trustees.

We have an upgraded speaker system in the Town Hall. Meetings seem to be better attended by the residents.

The Thoroughfare Naming and Numbering Policy is in place and going pretty well. There are still a number of you that have not changed your house numbers. This is very important to making the system work for everyone. There can be confusion when some houses have their old address numbers, and some don't have any numbers.

The sewer project is about to begin. We should have a new waste water treatment plant in place by the end of the year.

Also scheduled for 2006 are Well No. 4 and a water tower. The town is making progress in the property maintenance area. Residents/owners in violation of town codes are being notified and clean up has begun. We have a way to go, but if everyone would look around and see where you could make a difference in cleaning up, that would be a great help.

I hope you all have a great spring, enjoy the outdoors and get to know the people in your neighborhood, that's what makes the town "home".



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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 [March 2006](#), the average of the highest level of combined radium found was [11 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 [May 1, 2006](#).