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# Town of Cortland

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## CORTLAND 25TH ANNUAL PARADE AND FESTIVAL OCTOBER 15, 1:00 P.M.

### Saturday, October 14

At Cortland Community Park

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Choice of Pork Chop or Chicken Dinner  
(beverage not included) Tickets \$10

Music/Entertainment 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### Sunday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Suppeland Park, NeuCort Lakes  
Flapjole Dedication – Joe McGuan Memorial

11:00 a.m.

Begin staging (line up) for the parade

1:00 p.m.

Parade steps off and finishes at  
Cortland Community Park

Hot dog meal available for parade participants

Festival entertainment until???

Apple Cook-off Contest – Judging at 3 p.m.

To purchase tickets contact Tammy Bilgri at 748-2828

See website for more details [www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org)



Yaeger's Farm Market entry 2005



Burlington Central Marching Band 2005

## Dates to Remember...

Sept.

- 4 Labor Day
- 8 Planning Commission meeting
- 11 Town Board meeting
- 19 Park Committee meeting
- 25 Town Board meeting

Oct.

- 2 Planning Commission meeting
  - 9 Town Board meeting/Columbus Day
  - 17 Park Advisory Committee
  - 23 Town Board meeting
  - 31 Halloween
- Town Board committees meet every 2nd Monday of the month (during Town Board meetings)

## Cortland Town Officials

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Please send suggestions, comments and article information to [www.deputyclerk@cortlandil.org](mailto:www.deputyclerk@cortlandil.org).



## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Article by Nicole Prentice

Fire Prevention Week is October 8th-14th. This marks the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of October 8-9, 1871. The historic blaze raged for several days and killed more than 250 people. It left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings. The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is grease fires. Grease fires are among the most common cause of household fires. Most cooking fires occur because of unattended cooking. Two-thirds of stove fires start during the first 15 minutes of cooking. Many homes do not have a fire extinguisher, which would help to contain the fire quickly. Cortland Fire Department would like to stress the importance of safety while you are cooking, and in the home. These are some invaluable tips to ensure your safety.....

\*Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking with grease. If you must leave, turn off the stove.

\*If there are children in your home, use the back burners and keep them away from the stove.

\*Candles, cigarettes, and overloaded outlets are also very common in household fires. Be sure that candles and cigarettes are completely extinguished before going to bed or leaving the house.

\*Keep open flames away from all things that can burn easily.

\*Use flashlights for power outages, and replace all electrical wires that are frayed.

\*Have a fire safety plan, and practice it.

\*Have an extinguisher handy, and check it yearly for pressure and/or missing parts.



The time is coming again to check your smoke detectors, "Fall back, and Spring Ahead." Batteries should be replaced at least once a year or whenever the low-battery indicator sounds. Conventional smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years too. If you have a lithium battery, they should last 10 years.

Thanks to all for our donations and grants! Our new fire engine is coming in about 3 weeks! We are very excited, and can't wait to show it off to you all. We will be having a OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, October 14th, from 10-2 p.m. All are welcome to tour the fire house, enjoy cookies and coffee, or watch a demonstration or two. Thank you for your continuing support!

### Rally Day

The Cortland United Methodist Church, 45 West Chestnut, would like all to attend Rally Day, a celebration of Christian education, on Sept. 10, 2006 beginning with morning worship at 8:30 a.m. followed by lunch, games and fellowship. Sunday School begins Sept. 17th at 9:45 a.m. following morning service. There are classes for all ages, youth and adult.

### Photo Opportunity

We would like to invite you to have your photo, family or individual, taken on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006 by J. Carwile Photography. **Everyone** is invited, church members are encouraged to have their family photo taken for the church directory. For more information and to make an appointment please call 815-756-9088.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

**SCHOOL IS NOW BACK IN SESSION. THE CORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT IS ASKING THAT ALL MOTORISTS DRIVE CAREFULLY.**

- \* Watch for students on their way to and from school
- \* Pay attention to all school zone signs, signals, and markings
- \* Watch your speed in school zones and residential areas, especially areas that have been designated as school bus stops.





October 9th is Columbus Day

# **CORTLAND COMMUNITY PARK CELEBRATES 25 YEARS**

By: Doris Hetchler, Cortland

In April 1981 the Town of Cortland purchased 4.27 acres of land from George Robinson's estate for a park. Until then there were no parks and Cortland was the last municipality in DeKalb County to establish one.

With the cooperation of the Lions Club, Town Officials, civic minded residents and also interested people living outside the boundaries of Cortland, the Town was able to officially open the park in just four months. Trees and grass seed planted, picnic tables and a split rail fence built, sand box and playground equipment ready for use.

The ceremonies that day included a color guard from Sycamore, prayer by Rev. Robin Benson, Cortland Methodist Church, official cutting of the ribbon by Mayor Ken Hetchler. Trustees on the Board then were Bob Craig, Clarence Divine, Jane Rotramel, Bill Abbott, Jim Webster and Pete Marcinkevic, Clerk, June Bockund and Treasurer Lee Brotcke.

A milestone in the history of Cortland - volunteers working together donating their labor, time and equipment to meet a need that would benefit all residents for years to come.

In the following years a shelter house would be built by donations.

To the Lions Club, chartered in 1973, goes the bulk of the praise for their efforts in transforming a bit of farm land into a park. They still maintain and operate the Lions Shelter House.

As you walk in the park you will see people are still giving. To all who gave I hope you derive great pleasure and satisfaction in knowing you had a part in Cortland's first park.

Those decades surrounding the establishment of our park were some of Cortland's best, there was a vision for the future, steady controlled growth, good leadership.

I know, I was there.



Cortland Community Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
August 1, 1981

## **CORTLAND PTA NEWS UPDATE**

### **Welcome Cortland Students**

Schools Starts August 28th

Please remember to watch for Children

Dates to Remember:

September 18 - PTA meeting 6:30 p.m.

September 25 - Open House dinner

October 16 - November 1 - Scarecrow display

October 19 - PTA meeting 4:00p.m.

October 19 - Fall Dance 7-9 p.m.

October 28 - Adult Scavenger Hunt

## **NOTICE**

### **HYDRANT FLUSHING**

**OCTOBER 17, 18 & 19**

## **TRICK OR TREAT**

hours are Tuesday

October, 31

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.



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 Desk of Mayor Seyller

Greetings,

Another summer is almost past and back to school is here again. I ask all of you to please use extra caution in the mornings and afternoons when the students are present. There are neighborhood bus stops which can be quite hectic when people are in a rush and some parts of town do not have sidewalks.

I, along with the Board and staff want to thank all the people who participated in the Downtown Vision Plan and the Planning Commission Comprehensive Land Use Plan. It was wonderful to see a mix of lifelong, new (some only months-long) and non-community residents sharing their dreams, hopes, visions, and passions for Cortland; sometimes agreeing and sometimes not, but in the end all had an effect on the future of Cortland for many years to come. We truly appreciate your time and input.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is moving along on schedule and should be complete by the end of the year.

This year we celebrate Cortland Community Park's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. (see related article) This is the town's first park. Since that time four other parks have been created for public use, they are Welsh, Hetchler, McPhillips and Suppeland parks.

Coincidentally, the fall parade is having its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The parade began with two young citizens, Rich O'Donnell and Dave Simpson, asking Mayor Hetchler if they could block the street to have a parade. The mayor agreed and the parade was held then and for the next 24 years. Congratulations for the initial suggestion, its acceptance, and for all the years of hard work, all the efforts of the volunteers and sponsors to continue this successful event. Three years ago a small festival was added which has become more successful each year. Volunteers are always needed for all aspects of the parade and festival. Please be generous with your time and contact Tammy Bilgri at 748-2828 to volunteer. Watch for on-line ([www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org)) information regarding this upcoming event. Hope to see you all there.

Have some fun...



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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 2006](#), the average of the highest level of combined radium found was [11.0 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 [September 1, 2006](#)