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## CORTLAND 26TH ANNUAL PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Cortland Parade and Festival packed in the fun as hundreds of residents and friends lined the streets on a misty mid-October day to watch the 26th annual parade. After the parade, watchers and participants made their way to Cortland Community Park for a day of fun, food and visiting with friends and neighbors.



1ST PLACE DEKALB FLORIST



2ND PLACE YAEGER'S FARM MARKET



ENTHUSIASTIC PARADE



APPLE BAKING RECIPE WINNERS

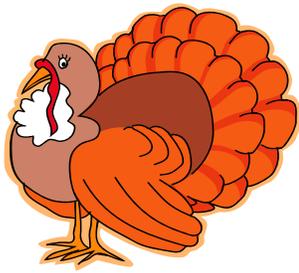


EVEN YOUR PETS HAD A GREAT TIME

**THANK YOU PARADE AND FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS!**



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



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## *Notes of Interest from the Department of Building Safety*

The year is quickly passing by...and winter will soon be upon us.

Winter, with the colder temperatures and fewer hours of daylight, will bring higher heating and lighting bills. Routine maintenance can help keep your home energy efficient. A few of the areas which will make a difference for the upcoming season are:

For the furnace:

- ✓ Have it inspected by a reputable mechanical contractor.
- ✓ Change furnace filters regularly for efficient operation.
- ✓ Rebalance the air flow in the ductwork to insure the comfort level of each room is as you prefer.
- ✓ Avoid blocking heat registers in order to make the most of your home's heating system.
- ✓ Adjust the humidity level on your humidistat as temperatures change—too much humidity in any home can lead to moisture on windows and doors (no matter how energy efficient the windows are!).

For the chimney:

- ✓ Have your chimney inspected and, if necessary, cleaned.
- ✓ Close the damper in your fireplace chimney when there is no fire to cut down on heat loss.

For the exterior:

- ✓ Check the caulk and weather stripping previously installed, and if necessary, recaulk or replace worn weatherstripping.

For the interior:

- ✓ Let the sun work for you by leaving curtains or shades open during the daytime and closed at night—window treatments help create a thermal barrier against heat loss.

*A word of caution:* If you use candles during your holiday festivities, be sure they are placed in a stable holder away from window treatments, children, and pets, and, that they are extinguished before retiring for the night. Many house fires are caused by candles, so please be safe!

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Building Safety at 630-551-ICCI (4224)...should someone be unavailable to answer your call, please leave a message and a staff member will call you back.

The Department of Building Safety wishes each of you a happy and healthy holiday season.

### **IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER**

Please make sure your mailboxes are secured. Please do not blow or shovel snow from your driveway into the street. You must have your sidewalk shoveled noon the day after a snowfall.

### **CORTLAND WINS IML INNOVATION AWARD**

Cortland was awarded one of two 1st place awards in the 4th Annual Illinois Municipal League Best Innovation Showcase for our Sewer Treatment Plant. The Sheaffer System is an environmentally-friendly wastewater treatment and reuse-system

The announcement was made at the IML Annual Conference in Chicago. An IML representative is scheduled to present the Town with a plaque at the November 26th Town Board Meeting.



**VETERAN'S DAY IS  
NOVEMBER 11  
THANK YOU TO ALL VETERANS  
WHO HAVE SERVED AND ARE  
SERVING NOW.**



Are you interested in getting involved in your community? The Lions club is a great way to do it. They meet the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Lions Club Shelter. Any male or female over the age of 18 is invited and welcome to join. If you are unable to make a meeting and would like information on how you can get involved, please call Rick Jonutz at 815-756-2740.



## Dates to Remember...

### November

- 5 Planning Commission
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 Town Offices Closed for Veteran's Day
- 13 Town Board Meeting (Rescheduled Date)
- 22 Thanksgiving (Town Offices Closed)
- 23 Town Offices Closed
- 26 Town Board Meeting

### December

- 3 Planning Commission meeting
- 10 Town Board Meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve (Town Offices Closed)
- 25 Christmas Day (Town Offices Closed)

### January

- 1 New Year's Day (Town Offices Closed)

**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](http://Cortlandil.org).

## NOV/DEC EVENTS AT CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY



### Friend's News

The "Friends of Cortland Library" are selling poinsettia plants in 5 1/2" pots (4 bloom size) to benefit the library, priced at \$8.00 each. Orders may be placed between Nov. 1 thru Nov. 15. Pick them up at the library Nov. 30 thru Dec. 1. Enjoy an early decoration throughout the holiday season. Call 756-7274 for more information.

### Beat the Winter Doldrums

Coming Sunday, February 3rd, "Love in the Winter," a chocolate and/or valentine bake-off contest and demonstration to be held at the Lions Shelter from 2-4. Sponsored by "Friends of Cortland Library."

Enter your best-tasting or most fancifully decorated cake, cookies or cupcakes! Prizes to be won! Contestants may enter "Kid's Corner," "Amateur," "Advanced Baker/Decorator" or "Best Tasting" categories.

Families are encouraged to participate together! Think chocolate! For more information call 815-758-2340.

To assist creativity, Cortland Library has recently purchased cake decorating books! Come in and check them out!

### Mother Nature is Coming to Cortland Library Meet "Mother Nature"

**Wednesday, November 14 at 10 a.m. or**

**Thursday, November 15 at 7 p. m.**

"Mother Nature" (alias Mary Jane Haley) is returning to our library for a special program of interactive storytelling. She was here last year as "Mother Goose" and thrilled our kids.

**Don't miss "Mother Nature"!**

### Regular Preschool Story Times

Monday	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Thursday	10:30 a.m.

### Board Meetings

The November meeting date has been rescheduled to November 14, one week early, due to Thanksgiving.

For 24/7 access to the library catalog to <http://216.125.140.44> Order online with your library card barcode. We will call you when your order arrives.

Did you know... last year Cortland patrons totaled over 50,000 checkouts.

## FEMA RESPONDS TO FLOODING DISASTER ASSISTANCE 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

If you are a homeowner, renter or business owner and sustained losses or damage during the August floods you may be eligible for disaster aid. Please call the above number with any questions.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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



Hello,

I would like to welcome all of our new residents to Cortland. As of July 26, 2007, our official population count is 3956 and growing. The housing market is continuing to move slowly but new homes continue to be built here.

There seems to be a lot of questions and concerns in the NeuCort Lakes subdivision with the recent announcement that the parent company Neumann Homes has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Our legal department is working on our behalf to secure the performance bonds that were required so the remaining improvements can be finished. The Town engineers are reviewing the list of all the remaining improvements. We are confident there will be a successful resolution to this challenge.

A big thank you goes out to all the people who made the Cortland Parade and Festival another success this year. The Festival and Parade Committee with cooperation from the Operations and Maintenance Dept., Cortland Police, County Sheriff's Department, Elburn Explorers Group, Cortland Fire Dept. and the Cortland Lions did an excellent job on a successful event. Please plan on joining the fun next year

Town residents will be invited to participate in the "lighting of the tree" (in front of Post Office) on December 6th. There will be caroling and refreshments. Visit our website at [Cortlandil.org](http://Cortlandil.org) for information as it becomes available.

The end of the year is fast approaching and the holiday season will soon be here. My wife Diane and I would like to wish all of you the best of health and the warmest of wishes this holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Bob



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