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Town of Cortland

Third Largest Town in Illinois



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LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!

SNOW PLOWING - What we do and how you can help to make it go smoothly. The Town of Cortland presently operates four (4) plow vehicles. Each driver plows and salts approximately twenty two (22) miles of streets. Your major roads are plowed first, Somonauk, Loves, Cortland Center Road and North. After the major roads are complete each driver has his own route that he is responsible for plowing and salting. Each driver is instructed to make an initial two (2) passes over each street, one each way; this assures that the streets are passable in a timely manner. If the snow has stopped falling the driver will begin to push the snow back to the curb. In most cases the speed which we plow determines the size of the row of snow the plow produces. This means that the slower we go the bigger

the row. The faster we go the smaller the row as the plow is able to spread it farther. This is the time that you can help us. We know that everyone is in a rush to get out and clear their driveway but, if people are out at the end of the drive we have to veer out away and slow down dramatically. This causes a larger pile of snow at the end of your driveway and us to be farther away from the curb. So please stay back until the street is completely finished. Our plow trucks will get as close to your mailbox as possible but snow does occasionally fall back, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to make sure the mailbox is clear for the mail delivery. If cars are parked in the streets it makes our job even more difficult. The Cortland Town Code states that a snow emergency is declared to be in effect immediately after approximately two (2") inches of snowfall. No person shall park any motor vehicles on any roadway until such time as the snow has been plowed to the side of the roadway following a snow emergency. So, if snow is forecast please prepare ahead and remove your cars from the street. After all streets and cul-de-sacs are completed we will start the downtown parking and sidewalk plowing. Removal of snow, if needed, will always follow the day after the snow event. All storms are different and require different actions so please be patient you are not going to be forgotten. We do our best to get you moving as soon as possible and to keep you and your family safe on the Town of Cortland streets. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

John Kocher, Director, Operations and Maintenance

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

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



ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

When we have snow it is important for your safety that fire hydrants in the vicinity of your home be cleared of snow for ease of access by the fire department. Be a good neighbor and adopt a fire hydrant for everyone's safety.

Cortland Town Officials

Mayor
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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



Please send suggestions, comments and article information to www.deputyclerk@cortlandil.org.

HAZARD MITIGATION

The Town of Cortland is participating in the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the county. The work is being coordinated by the DeKalb County Hazard Mitigation Committee which was created by the County Board September 20, 2006. The Committee's members include representatives of County offices, interested municipalities, and stakeholder organizations. "Hazard mitigation" means doing everything that can be done to reduce the impact of the natural hazards on people and property. It does not necessarily mean controlling flood waters or stopping tornados. These hazards are natural phenomena and, in many cases, mitigation means adjusting what people do in the face of this natural activity. Information about the Hazard Mitigation Planning effort will be posted on the DeKalb County website at www.dekalbcounty.org.

SEWER/WATER BILLING CHANGES

You may or may not have noticed your utility bill has changed in a couple of ways. In the past, your water and/or sewer bill was due on the last day of the month. Now your bill is due on the last business day of the month. Your account number has changed. If your account number is on record with a paying agency such as the Payment Processing Center, Chase On Line or Metavante, you will want to change it in order to guarantee proper posting of your payment. If you have any questions, please contact the water office at 756-9684.

Dates to Remember...

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 3 Planning Commission meeting
- 8 Town Board meeting
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
- 22 Town Board Meeting

February

- 2 Ground Hog Day
- 5 Planning Commission meeting
- 12 Town Board meeting
Abraham Lincoln Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 19 President's Day
- 26 Town Board meeting

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.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- ✓ Have your furnace inspected by a reputable mechanical contractor.
- ✓ Change furnace filters regularly for efficient operation.
- ✓ Have your chimney inspected and, if necessary, cleaned—this is especially important if you burn wood, as creosote build-ups inside the chimney are a prime cause of chimney fires.
- ✓ Rebalance the air flow in the ductwork to insure the comfort level in each room is as you prefer.
- ✓ Check the caulk and weather stripping previously installed, and if necessary, recaulk or replace worn weatherstripping.
- ✓ Utilize solar energy in your home by leaving drapes or shades open during the daytime and closed at night—window treatments help create a thermal barrier against heat loss.
- ✓ 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).
- ✓ Avoid blocking heat registers in order to make the most of your home's heating system.
- ✓ Close the damper in your fireplace chimney when there is no fire to cut down on heat loss.

In the upcoming newsletters, the Department of Building Safety column will focus on permit requirements for various home projects, including replacing roofs, changing and/or adding to electrical systems/fixtures, and swimming pools. If you have any questions, please call us at 630-551-ICCI (4224)...should someone be unavailable to personally answer your call, please leave a message and a staff member will call you back.



CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Notes of Interest from the Department of Building Safety

Remember—carbon monoxide detectors must be installed and operating in your home by midnight, New Year’s Eve 2006 for use on New Year’s Day, January 1, 2007! *The Act states willful failure to install or maintain in operating condition any required alarm is a Class B criminal misdemeanor.*

A copy of Public Act 094-0741 is available on-line at www.ilga.gov, or at the Town Hall. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Dettmer or Gary Williams, assistant code officials, at 630-551-ICCI (4224)...should someone be unavailable to personally answer your call, please leave a message and you will be called back.

Need help paying energy bills this winter?

If there’s someone you know having difficulty stretching a limited budget to meet everyday needs, there is help when it comes to paying for energy bills. Administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides qualifying applicants with financial energy assistance. For information you may call:

Community Contacts, Inc. (Local agency)
1035 E. State Street
Geneva, IL 60134
1-815-758-3835 (DeKalb County)
1-630-232-9530 (Kane County)

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Cortland Fire Department is looking for volunteer fire fighters, office help and support staff. If you would like to volunteer to help the fire department you may call Trent Moser at 815-761-3861.



SPEED LIMIT CHANGES ON SOMONAUK ROAD

The speed zone has been changed by the DeKalb County Highway Department. It changed from 55 MPH down to 45 MPH on Somonauk Rd. from Cortland Center Rd. (formerly Pleasant St.) south to Carol Ave.

JAN/FEB EVENTS AT CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Fairy Tale Story Times

Fairy Tale Story Times will continue weekly in January, thanks to our Target Grant.

Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.

Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

In February, Monday evenings will feature books by Ezra Jack Keats, sponsored by an Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Grant.

Still 2 openings for Library Board Trustee. Lived in Cortland at least a year? Registered voter? Want to get involved? Please consider running for Library Board. Petitions available at the library. Must be returned with 50 signatures by February 5, 2007.

Resolve to diet or manage money more carefully? Check out library books to assist you with your New Year’s Resolutions.

LIBRARY HOURS

- Mon. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Wed. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Board Meeting

January 17th at 7:00 p.m.
Open to the public

TRUSTEE CANDIDATE PETITIONS AVAILABLE

The Town of Cortland will have 3 4-year term Trustee positions open on the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election. Candidate petitions are available from the Town Clerk’s office at the Town Hall during regular business hours. Petitions can be picked up during regular business hours.

Petitions must be returned to Clerk’s Office between January 29, 2007 and February 5, 2007 with extended office hours until 5:00 p.m. on February 5th.



FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Hello,

Another year has come to pass, and I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Looking back over the year we have done a lot of things. Construction on Cortland's new sewage treatment plant is well on its way to completion, and should be done in early spring 2007. The new WRT radium removal system is up and operational and the Town water is now compliant with all EPA regulations. Work was done in some parts of Town to make the curbs and sidewalks handicap accessible. We completed Mc Phillips Park with the help of the Town Park Advisory Committee, the Operation and Maintenance Department and the help of some Boy Scout volunteers. The Park looks great and should serve the community well over the years. There is a new memorial flag pole in Suppeland Park (NeuCort Lakes) that was dedicated to the memory of Joe McGuan who was a Town Trustee and an active member of VietNow and MIA organization. The dreaded address change took place this year. It already seems like a long time ago. I would like to thank all of you for your cooperation in this difficult decision, and helping make the transition as smooth as possible. For those properties that have not yet changed their building and/or mailbox addresses it is imperative that you do this immediately for 911 purposes. I believe that the sacrifices we made today will benefit the safety of the entire community in the future. In closing you have my commitment to work with the Town Board and all of our staff and consultants to always try to do our best for the Town of Cortland.

Have a Happy New Year and don't forget to have some fun.

Bob



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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 [December 2006](#), the average of the highest level of combined radium found was [8.8 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 is treating the water to reduce the gross alpha and combined radium levels. The treatment equipment has already been installed at our three wells; the test results for these wells have shown improved results.

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, 2007](#)