



Newsletter  
Volume 22 No. 5  
Sept./Oct. 2008

Incorporated 1865

59 S. Somonauk Road, PO Box 519, Cortland, IL 60112

# Town of Cortland

## Third Largest Town in Illinois



Administration  
(815) 756-9041

Building Permits  
(815) 756-4124

Office of the  
Clerk  
(815) 756-3030

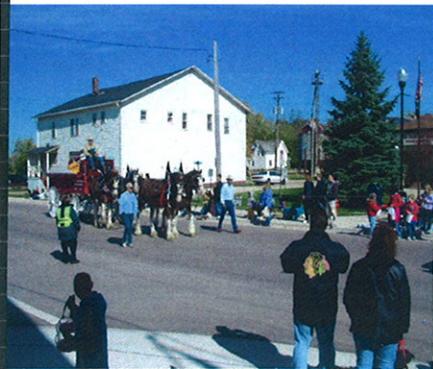
Police (Non-Emergency)  
(815) 756-2558

Visit our website!  
[www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org)

### 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.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE 27TH ANNUAL PARADE IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

We would like to invite you and your family to join us for the 27th Annual Cortland Parade & Festival which will be held on October 12, 2008. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a fun-filled day which will feature rides, attractions and vendors for all ages. TAILS will kick off our event with "TAILSapalooza" at 9:00 am. at the Cortland Fire Station. The parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. followed by the festival located at Cortland Community Park that ends at 5:30 p.m. We encourage everyone to come and enjoy some new attractions, including a beer garden, at the festival along with some of our old favorites. Please see upcoming issues of the Chronicle & Midweek for more information or visit the Town's website at [www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org) about our event. We hope to see you there!"

Cortland Parade & Festival committee

### Dates to Remember...

#### September

- 1 Labor Day
- 3 Planning Commission meeting
- 8 Town Board meeting
- 22 Town Board meeting

#### October

- 6 Planning Commission meeting
- 12 Festival and Parade
- 13 Town Board Meeting
- Columbus Day
- 27 Town Board meeting
- 31 Halloween Trick or Treat hours 4-8 p.m.



### Cortland Town Officials

Mayor  
Robert K. Seyller  
office 815-756-9041  
home 815-758-0649

Clerk  
Cheryl Aldis  
office 815-756-3030

Trustees  
Chuck Lanning 815-756-1803  
Brad Stone 815-756-1025  
Michael Siewierski 815-754-5815

Dan Milroy 815-756-4205  
Ben Suppeland 815-751-2183  
Shawn McAllister 815-748-4300

You may email the Mayor at [mayor@cortlandil.org](mailto:mayor@cortlandil.org), Trustees can be emailed by using their first initial and last name [@cortlandil.org](mailto:@cortlandil.org). The Town Clerk at [townclerk@cortlandil.org](mailto:townclerk@cortlandil.org), and Deputy Clerk at [deputyclerk@cortlandil.org](mailto:deputyclerk@cortlandil.org). Please check our website at [www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org) for individual and department heads' email addresses.

Our website address is [www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org)



**TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, FOR LABOR DAY**

## Would You Like To Nominate Someone For The The DeLaine Mullis Outstanding Citizenship Award?

To commemorate his dedication to the Town of Cortland and its citizens as evidenced by over thirty years of involvement with the Water Department, Building Department, voluntary participation with the park program, active membership with both the Cortland Lions Club and Cortland United Methodist Church, an annual award is presented to recipients from the Town of Cortland for excellent service to the town and its residents.

**Qualifications:** Individuals and/or organizations who are nominated for the award should have demonstrated outstanding community service in at least one of the following areas:

Civic Community Service

Service as an Appointed Committee/Commission Member

Volunteer Service

Service in Community Service Organizations (i.e., Lions, Scouts, 4-H, Church)

Enrichment of Community Resources (i.e., Library, Fire Dept.)

Enhancement of Community Neighborhoods

**Nomination:** Nominations for the award can be submitted by any citizen of the Town of Cortland. Nominations must have a detailed description of the individual's or organization's service to the town and its citizens. Nominations will be accepted through September 15, 2008.

Submit your nominations to Mayor Robert Seyller at PO Box 519, Cortland, IL 60112-0519 or in a sealed envelope to the Town Hall.



**HYDRANT FLUSHING IS SCHEDULED  
FOR OCTOBER  
14, 15, AND 16.**



**TRICK OR TREAT  
HOURS ARE  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, FROM  
4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

## SESQUICENTENNIAL



The Town's sesquicentennial will be in 2015, only 7 years from now. The Town is interested in gathering "moments in time" that make up the history of Cortland. We are looking for pictures and stories and/or authenticated

historical data that can be used in the celebration of the incorporation of the Town. We are looking for several volunteers to help coordinate, gather, scan and return treasures. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 815-756-3030 if you are interested in helping with this event.

## 2nd Annual Cortland Business Exposition

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cortland Business Exposition will be held September 11, 2008, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Cortland Elementary School, during their back to school meet-and-greet open house dinner. Do you own your own business or have a home business? Reserve your FREE space by September 8, 2008. Contact Cortland Flooring 815-758-0108 or Darci at Resource Bank 815-756-2266.



### Cortland School PTA Info and Events

You can help your PTA by becoming a member. Contact Kathy @ 909-0221

Support ongoing fundraisers by dropping off at school Box Tops Labels, Campbell's labels, used inkjet printer cartridges and aluminum cans.

**Market Day** Pick up flyer at school, library or call Erika @ 748-3216.

To volunteer for events and/or chair committee contact Mary @ 748-3167 or Laura @ 756-1992.

#### Upcoming events:

- Sept 2 Find Out Night 7:00-8:00
- Sept 3 Market Day 5:00-6:00
- Sept 11 Meet & Greet Open House Dinner 5:30-7:00
- Sept 15 PTA meeting 7:00 (question time 6:30-7:00)
- Oct 1 Market Day 5:00-6:00
- Oct 15 Scarecrow Building
- Oct 18 Adult Scavenger Hunt 5:00-?
- Oct 20 PTA Meeting 7:00
- Oct 24 Fall Dance
- Oct 29 Market Day 5:00-6:00

Want to have an awesome Adult Night out? Sign your team up (deadline Sept. 30) for our Adult Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt. For more info call Melissa @ 787-7811.



The Cortland Fire Department 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.

This newsletter is available on the Town's website at [www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org). Our website is updated frequently, so please visit it often for up-to-date information.



### LIBRARY NEWS

**September is Library Card Month. Come into Cortland Library for your card.** Parents, please accompany your children under the age of 18 when they come in to obtain their library card. A photo ID and an additional proof of residence

within the Town of Cortland, such as a utility bill with your name and current address, are required to receive your library card. Your Cortland Community Library Card gives you access to all area public libraries.

Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10-8

Friday & Saturday 10-5

Closed Sundays and most school holidays.

Closed Labor Day!

**Thursday Preschool Story Time has been discontinued. Fall Preschool Story Times will be 1:00 p.m. on Monday afternoons and at 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays.**

#### *From the Desk of the Department of Building Safety*

This year's soaring gas prices have made many reconsider the comforts and amenities—and entertainment—available in their very own homes. As an alternative to vacations or weekend getaways, some homeowners are planning improvements to their homes, such as remodeling a basement into a game/recreation or theater room or adding a sunroom or outdoor living space such as a deck, a gazebo, or perhaps a built-in cooking area.

If one of these projects is on your planning list, here is a list of the items you will need to bring with your completed permit application.

- ✓ A complete set of plans. These plans should include the structural drawings, and any electrical, mechanical (heating/air conditioning), or plumbing changes to be done.
- ✓ A copy of your plat of survey showing the exact location of any new exterior construction. This needs to be drawn to scale, and be sure to show the distances from any lot line or other structures on your property to the new structure. (A plat is not needed for interior work.)

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



From the desk of the Mayor

Summer is coming to an end, and it's back to school time. Please use a little extra caution when children are present. Here is a little run down of the things that are taking place in Town:

We are starting construction on a new 1 million gallon water tower on the east end of Cortland Community Park. This and the radium removal system are the last remaining items to be completed with the 23 million dollars the developers are paying to construct the new Cortland Waste Water and Reuse System and public well. These improvements will serve the Town's needs to a population of 10- to 12,000 people.

DeKalb Community Unit School District 428 will begin construction of the new Cortland Elementary School this September. The school will be located on the south side of Lincoln Highway (Route 38) in the Chestnut Grove subdivision. Many people worked very hard to make this happen and I thank all of you. The residents of Cortland will have something they can be very proud of.

NeuCort Lakes should start seeing construction to finish the remaining improvements to the subdivision. Thank you for your patience during these trying times.

The Town is continuing its efforts to enforce property maintenance ordinances. There are several properties we are continuing to work with to achieve compliance. Please do your part and help keep your property maintained. The Town's Operations & Maintenance Department has been doing some storm water work in various parts of town this summer. This work should let the residents in these areas sleep a little better at night when it rains. Some of this work has been a long time coming. There are also some street repairs and resurfacing work that will be done this year.

Mark your calendar for October 12 and join in the fun at the Cortland Parade & Festival. This is a great opportunity to show your support for your community. Enter a neighborhood float, let the kids decorate their bikes, dress up the family dog, and have some fun! For more information on the parade and festival – and Big Red's Cortland Apple Cook Off – check the Town's website at [www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org) for information and registration forms. Hope to see all of you there!

Bob



**Town of Cortland**  
**59 S. Somonauk Rd.**  
**PO Box 519**  
**Cortland, IL 60112-0519**

PRESORTED  
STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
CORTLAND, IL  
60112  
PERMIT No 1

**Residents of**  
**Cortland, IL 60112**

