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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2008 ANNUAL GARAGE SALES

MAY 2nd & 3rd

Call Donna at (815) 756-4851 if you have any questions.

CORTLAND BUSINESS EXPO

The Second Annual Business Expo is coming to Cortland. If you are a Cortland business owner, and would like people to see your product, or learn about your business, please contact Cortland Flooring at (815) 758-0108 before May 15. The date and time of the Expo will be set after May 15; the Expo will be held at the Lions Club Shelter House. Food and refreshments will be



Fox Valley Model T Club

Fox Valley Model T Club will be stopping in Cortland on their "Spring Tour To Ottawa" on May 16 at approximately 9:15 a.m. the Fox Valley Model T Club will be arriving in Cortland. Their first stop will be at Kelly Williamson Mobil Mart, next they will drive into Town where they will stop for a visit at Melrose T-Top at 100 W. Ellwalk Ave in Cortland.

Dates to Remember...

May

- 5 Planning Commission meeting
- 12 Town Board meeting
- 11 Mother's Day
- 26 Memorial Day

June

- 2 Planning Commission meeting
- 9 Town Board meeting
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 21 Summer begins
- 23 Town Board meeting

Cortland Town Officials

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



CORTLAND POLICE RECEIVE GRANT TO PURCHASE MULTI-PURPOSE VEHICLE

The Cortland Police Department recently added a 2008 Ford E250 Cargo Van to its patrol fleet. In October 2007 Chief Russ Stokes applied for a federal grant through the Office of Justice Programs/Bureau of Justice Assistance to replace the Department's 1991 Chevy Astro Van, which had over 148,000 miles and was encountering serious mechanical problems limiting its use by Officers.

The Grants were made available to units of local government with populations less than 25,000. This was a 75% federal and 25% local matching fund program. The Town of Cortland received \$12,957 from the Grant to purchase this vehicle to replace the old van.

Chief Stokes said that the enhanced visibility of this vehicle should increase public safety in our community. It will serve many purposes. The vehicle is equipped with a portable speed monitor and will be used as a Traffic Safety Unit. It will also be used by Officers that are assigned to Bicycle Patrol to transport their bicycles to our various neighborhoods. The van is equipped with all the necessary equipment to be used by our Officers for routine patrol duties and special equipment needed in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

As a member agency of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) this vehicle is an intrinsic part of the Cortland Police Department's emergency response to incidents that may occur in the Town of Cortland and to those communities requesting mutual aid from our police department.

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 Avenue and will be available from **Monday, May 5, until Sunday, May 11.**

These dumpsters may NOT be used for the disposal of yard waste, large appliances, car parts or tires, 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.

From the Desk of the Department of Building Safety

Summer is a busy time for most individuals. In order to keep our message short, here is a list of items which will help protect/maintain your home, and the exterior items will help keep the community's overall ambiance:

- ✓ Change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors.
- ✓ Make sure address numbers are on your home (businesses, too!) so they are clearly visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers must be at least four inches (4") tall with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches.
- ✓ Replace any torn screens or broken glass in windows and doors.
- ✓ Remove all garbage and debris which has blown into the yard over the winter.
- ✓ Repair broken or damaged steps, guardrails, and handrails to reduce the risk of falls.
- ✓ Insure all exterior walls are free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials, and that they are weatherproof and properly surface coated to prevent deterioration.
- ✓ Insure the roof and flashing are sound, tight and do not have any defects that admit rain.
- ✓ Secure loose gutters and/or downspouts and, remove debris which would impede the flow of rainwater.

Lastly, be sure all areas of your property are kept free of weeds or plant growth (*not including your cultivated flowers, shrubs, or trees*) in excess of 10 inches.

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.



PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE

The Town has had residents tell us that they never received their water bill. We are asking that anyone who receives a water bill that does not belong to you, please be considerate and return it to the post office. You can do this by putting it back in your mail box or by dropping it in the post office mail box.

Due Dates

Water bill payments will be due June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2008.



MAY/JUNE EVENTS AT CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

FRIENDS NEWS

Garage Sale Weekend, May 2 & 3, the Friends of the Cortland Library will be holding a bake sale. Baked goodies needed! Donations may be brought to the library beginning May 1. The Friends need bakers,

helpers and buyers. The next Friends of Cortland Library meeting will be Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. at the library. We need an experienced person to assist the Friends with a possible 5K run fundraiser. If interested, please call Jenny at (815)758-2340.

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



CAN YOU IDENTIFY WOMAN #4 OF THE 1948

Cortland Jr. Rifle Club Girls Team

The first person to make a positive I.D. of #4 (See Town's website for a full view of picture with names) will win a Town of Cortland pin. You may call the Town

Clerk's Office at (815) 756-3030, email us at Townclerk@cortlandil.org or stop by the Town Hall and let us know.

Historical Moment

On May 1, 1948, the local paper reported that Mr. Berg [Sr] initiated proceedings to open a [firing] range in Cortland, after several complaints that youngsters were firing the rifles and killing birds, beside causing property damage. Berg went about getting a place for the youths to fire rifles and at the same time educate them in the safety precautions and procedure in firing a rifle.

A range was installed in the basement of the Cortland Town Hall and the necessary equipment was purchased after several benefit affairs. Since then the program has grown by leaps and bounds with the youngsters showing tremendous interest in the rapidly growing sport.

Cortland Lion's Club is sponsoring a motorcycle ride on Sunday, May 14, to benefit Cortland Library. Registration is \$15 per person. If you are interested contact lionjohncortland@verizon.net.

Cubs fans... Cortland library is raffling off 4 tickets to the Cubs game on July 10. This is a "giveaway game" (see the Cubs website @www.cubs.com for more information). Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.00. Tickets will be available at Cortland Library between May 1 and June 14. Proceeds will support the Summer Reading Program.

"**Get in the Game, Read**" at Cortland Library this summer. Weekly prizes for reporting your reading (preschool & early elementary) or a chance to win a Nintendo Wii for readers playing "library bingo" for all ages. This summer, "reading" books on CD counts too! One "bingo" entry per person per month. Wii drawing is August 15.

Summer Reading begins June 1 thru August 15

Reading all summer is critical to maintaining reading levels during school vacations especially for new readers who have finished grades K-2. Listening to books develops the vocabulary and concepts needed to learn reading in kindergarten.

Don't let children of any age fall behind! "**Get in the Game, Read.**"

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.



FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Hello,

Spring is finally here!! It's been a long winter, and I'm glad it's over. If this is your first newsletter I would like to welcome you to our Town.

I hope everyone has time to meet their neighbors and maybe make some new friends during the garage sale weekend. This is a very busy time in Town, so please use caution when trying to get around. We are also planning our "Spring Clean Up" where the Town provides dumpsters (see newsletter article): please use these dumpsters responsibly. This is a great time to clean up around your home and get rid of the stuff that just builds up.

We are continuing to work on a few problem properties and hope to have them in compliance soon.

Hope you enjoy the outdoors, and please remember to be courteous to your neighbors.

Bob



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