



# TOWN OF CORTLAND

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## **Illinois Transportation and Law Enforcement Officials Remind Drivers of Distracted Driving Laws Effective**

Illinois State Police, Illinois Department of Transportation, and Illinois Secretary of State, along with corporate partners, joined together today to remind Illinois motorists of two new laws taking effect January 1. The new laws represent a groundbreaking effort to reduce crashes and save lives by curbing distracted driving on Illinois' roadways.

On August 6, 2009, Governor Pat Quinn signed into law House Bill 71 and House Bill 72. The new laws ban motorists from sending text messages while driving in Illinois, and make it illegal to talk on a cell phone while driving through a highway construction zone or school zone. In addition, it will become illegal to compose, send or read text messages, instant messages and e-mail on a cell phone or surf the internet while driving. The ban also includes personal digital assistants and portable or mobile computers, but does not include global positioning systems (GPS) or navigation systems.

For information regarding the IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety, go to [www.dot.state.il.us/safety.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/safety.html).

**POLICE REMINDER  
IT IS ILLEGAL TO PARK ON STREETS AFTER A 2" SNOWFALL!**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January**

- 1 New Year's Day  
(Town Hall closed)
- 11 Town Board meeting
- 25 Town Board meeting

**February**

- 1 Planning Commission meeting
- 8 Town Board meeting
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Town Board meeting  
President's Day
- 22 Town Board meeting  
Washington's Birthday

Did you know? January is National Book Month and February is National Bird Feeding Month.

**CORTLAND TOWN OFFICIALS**

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You may reach any Trustee by email by using their first initial and last name @cortlandil.org.

For information regarding articles for this newsletter you may email the Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@cortlandil.org.

**ATTENTION ALL CORTLAND RESIDENTS WHO HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY!**

**The Town of Cortland would like to honor its soldiers by acknowledging their selfless sacrifice in defense of our country! If you have a family member in the military we would like to hear from you. We would like to post their names, rank, and branch of service in the Cortland Newsletter. Let's give them the recognition and praise they deserve.**

**Please call Linda Clark, mother of 2 in military at (815) 756-1668 or Debbie Armstrong, mother of 1 in military at (815)756-1336 with your information.**



2010 CENSUS: **IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

**BECOME A PART OF THE 2010 CENSUS TEAM!!  
JOBS \$15.00 PER/HR**

**APPLY NOW**  
Census Takers  
Census Crew Leaders  
Census Crew Leadership Assistance

**Call for Testing Information**  
If you or anyone you know is interested in applying for employment for the 2010 Census you may visit their website at <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs> or call your Local Census Office at:  
1-847-628-9840 or  
1-866-861-2010

**RADIO TIME**

**TUNE INTO WLBK AM (1360) OR ONLINE (1360WLBK.COM) THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT APPROXIMATELY 8:40 A.M. TO HEAR THE MAYOR DISCUSSING INFORMATION CONCERNING CORTLAND AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.**

## **CORTLAND LIBRARY NEWS**

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.  
Fridays & Saturdays 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

“**Cortland’s Cookin,**” the Friends of Cortland Library benefit cookbook, is available for purchase at the library. The cost is \$10.00

Winter is a good time to curl up with a good movie or book. Come check out the library’s collection.

Dough Brothers Pizza is sponsoring a winter reading program at Cortland Library. Stop in at the library for details.

Watch for announcements on the new library sign, partially purchased with a grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation. If you have announcements for the sign, stop in at the library.

Cabin Fever mixed with preschoolers? Get out to Preschool Story Time, on either Wednesdays or Thursdays, at 10 a.m. Miss Laura posts the program themes on the Cortland Community Library website at [cortlandlibrary.com](http://cortlandlibrary.com).

Miss Terri conducts Tuesday evening story times at 7 p.m. for the school aged crowd.

Save the date for our Annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration March 6!

Cortland Library is a full member of the Prairie Area Library System and can borrow materials from 200 other libraries for our patrons. Visit the Cortland Community Library website at [cortlandlibrary.com](http://cortlandlibrary.com) for links to the Prairie-Cat “card catalog”. Use your library barcode to set up your own account in PrairieCat and request or renew items.

## **COM-ED REMINDER**

**TO REPORT ANY POWER OUTAGES, PLEASE CALL 1-800-334-7661**

## **SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER**



Please take the time to do a maintenance check of your mailbox. Check to make sure it was installed properly according to USPS guidelines, nuts and bolts are tight, and the post is not rotted or leaning. The town is only responsible for mailbox damage if the plow came in direct contact with mailbox and it was properly installed and maintained. This year we are adding a snow/ice link to our Operations and Maintenance web page, please take the time to check it out. If you have access to a computer and e-mail, that is the best way to contact my department and receive the quickest response. I hope everyone has a good winter.

John Kocher, Director, Operations and Maintenance Department

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).

Happy New Year to All,



Welcome to 2010! As we look forward to a new year, I would like to look back on 2009.

We had an election in which I was re-elected to a four-year term as Mayor, ending in 2013. Two new Trustees, Sandra Barzso and Doug Corson joined the Board for four-year terms. Trustee Mike Siewierski was also re-elected to a four-year term. Congratulations to all.

The annual Town garage sale and Spring Clean-Up days were a big success. Thanks to everyone who participated.

The Cortland Library celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an outstanding day of food, fun, and music for the whole family.

The town was chosen to be a location for a mural on the Lincoln Highway. The mural will be going up on the Dunn Rite building just west of the Mobil station on Lincoln Highway (Route 38) sometime this spring or summer.

Cortland paved the way for residents to participate in the green movement by allowing rain barrels, rain gardens, and small home wind generators. For more info on our Green Amendments check the Town website.

Trustee and Former Mayor Ben Suppeland passed away in June and will be greatly missed.

The Cortland festival and parade was a very successful two-day event this year. Thanks to the donors and volunteers for making it happen.

The new Cortland Elementary School was opened this year. This is a tremendous asset for the entire community.

The recipient of the 2009 Delaine Mullis Outstanding Citizenship Award was given to long-time resident and former Postmaster Mary Aldis. She is well deserving of this award.

The Town board hired Walter Magdziarz as our Town Administrator. I would like to welcome Walter to our staff and wish him all the best in his new position.

Let's all look forward to a great 2010. I wish you a safe and healthy new year..

Mayor Bob



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN CLERK, TRUSTEES, AND STAFF.**