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Town of Cortland

Third Largest Town in Illinois

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www.cortlandil.org



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

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

REMINDER
IT IS ILLEGAL TO SELL, KEEP,
EXPOSE, OFFER FOR SALE,
OR SET OFF FIREWORKS
WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE
TOWN.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CORTLAND GRADUATES.

Congratulations Graduate!

Dates to Remember...

July

- 4 Happy 4th of July
- 7 Planning Commission meeting
- 14 Town Board meeting
- 28 Town Board meeting

August

- 4 Planning Commission meeting
- 11 Town Board meeting
- 25 School starts
- Town Board meeting

Cortland Town Officials

Mayor
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Clerk
Cheryl Aldis
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Chuck Lanning 815-756-1803
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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.



POLICE REMINDERS

In 2003 the Town Board amended the Cortland Park System Ordinance to enable safe and enjoyable leisure experiences for all park and family patrons.

All parks are closed from sunset to daybreak the following morning.

It is unlawful to allow any dog or pet to enter upon or remain on park property unless the dog or pet remains under the personal control of the owner or responsible party and is on a leash not in excess of 6 feet in length. **The owner is responsible for removing all excrement of feces produced by the dog or pet from the park property.**

No person shall bring to, consume, or possess in any park or facility of the Town any alcoholic beverage.

It is unlawful to operate any all-terrain vehicle, dirt bike, go-cart, or snowmobile in any park or public area. You need permission of the property owner to operate any of these vehicles on private property.

No person can leave any vehicle unattended in any park during the hours that park is closed to public.

No person can damage or deface any building, equipment, or landscape within any park.

The Cortland Park System Ordinance is enforced by the Cortland Police Department and may be enforced by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department. Violators of this Ordinance face immediate eviction from the park and may be arrested. **Violators will be fined between \$100 and \$500.**

Please help maintain the integrity and beauty of your parks

The Cortland Park System Ordinance, in its entirety, is available for review at the Town Hall or on our website, www.cortlandil.org

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.

WEATHER ALERT

The Town of Cortland does not have a community shelter.
Pre-plan with your family where you will go and what you will do in the event of a tornado!

For information on tornados contact the National Weather service at www.nws.noaa.gov.

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 correct 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 8" 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.



LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Starting June 30th IHEAP will take applications for cooling assistance for those over 60 years of age or on disability income. For information or appointment DeKalb County residents can call 815-758-3835.



JULY AND AUGUST EVENTS

You can still sign up to exercise your brain, collect weekly prizes, or play "library bingo" to enter our end of summer drawing for a Nintendo wii and other prizes. Listening to books on CD counts too.

CURFEW FOR MINORS

The Curfew Ordinance for the Town is the same as that of the State of Illinois.

Minor children under 17 years of age are in violation of the ordinance if they are in a public place or on the premises of an establishment without a parent or guardian being present between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Saturday; between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday; and between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on the following day, Sunday through Thursday.

A parent or guardian of a minor commits an offense if they knowingly permit, or by insufficient control, allow the minor to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the Town during curfew hours.

Minors found in violation of this ordinance will be fined and may be remanded to Juvenile Court

Please be aware of suspicious activity in your neighborhood. If you see any suspicious activity or under-age kids out after curfew, please call the Cortland Police Department non-emergency number at 756-2558

PARENTS... KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE!!

WANTED

Teams to represent Cortland Library at a "bag" tournament in August. All ages are invited. Midwest Bean Bag Association rules. Sign up and practice at your library.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Tuesday is "Family Reading Night" Programs begin at 7:00 p.m.

July 1 Representative Bob Pritchard, "Get in the Game with Summer Reading." Have you joined his Reading Program too?

July 8 Peggy Doty, "Get in the Game Out of Nature." Sponsored by Yaeger's Farm Market, Cortland.

July 15 Baseball and Farmers/DeKalb County Farm Bureau, Sycamore. Sponsored by H. I. Stone & Sons, Inc., Cortland.

July 22 Mr. Quade, "Get in the Game with Native American Ways." Sponsored by Power Equipment Company, Cortland.

July 29 This program starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. "Science of Sports" from the Discovery Center, Rockford. Sponsored by Barb City Grinding, Cortland.

Aug. 5 Janelle Stein presents "Get in the Game with Sports & Food." Sponsored by Power Equipment Company, Cortland.

Aug. 12 "Get in the Game, Dance." Debbie's Dance Dimensions. Sponsored by Elder-Beerman, DeKalb.

Monday, Aug. 18 Library "bean bags" tournament at Portillo's parking lot. Teams meet there in late afternoon. Watch for details.

Aug. 9 Sandi Sylver: Storyteller & Ventriloquist. Sponsored by Resource Bank, Cortland and DeKalb.

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

Town Board Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.



On May 16, a beautiful, warm, sunny day in Cortland, the Fox Valley Model T Club stopped in Cortland, on their "Spring Tour to Ottawa." They stopped at Kelly Williamson Mobil Mart, and then went to Melrose T -Top where they talked and visited with antique car enthusiasts from all over. You may visit our website at www.cortlandil.org to see more pictures.

Thanks to the teachers, staff and elementary school parents who participated in our "walkability and bikeability survey". We will keep you posted on our efforts to make our community bike riding and walking friendly.

If any resident has concerns or questions, please stop in at the Town Hall, call or email me at 815-756-9041 or mayor@cortlandil.org.

The Town Trustees, Town Staff and I would like to wish everyone a Safe & Happy 4th of July Weekend!

Bob



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