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Town of Cortland

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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 tornadoes contact the National Weather Service at www.noaa.gov.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALES MAY 4 & 5

For Information Call Donna at 815-756-4851

SPRING CLEAN

May 7th - May 13th



The Town of Cortland, with the assistance of its 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 (Pampas St. side of the building.) and at the Cortland Fire Station located at 30 West North Ave. and will be available from Monday, May 7th thru Sunday, May 13th.

These dumpsters may NOT be used for the disposal of yard waste, large appliances, car parts or tires, and 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. See our website at www.cortlandil.org for further details.

Speeding Autos a Problem in Your Neighborhood?

You can help with our Citizen Speed Control Program!

Speed limits are established with the safety of both residents and motorists in mind. The goal of this program is to reduce incidents of speeding vehicles on neighborhood streets and increase traffic safety awareness of our citizens. This is a community policing strategy in which you and your police department collectively work together to resolve this problem and enhance the safety of your neighborhood.

Adult residents wishing to participate in this program will be trained by a Cortland Police Officer in the use of a hand-held traffic radar device which will be used by the participant to record the date, time and speed of vehicles on their residential street, along with the license numbers of those vehicles that are speeding.

This information will be used by Cortland Police to determine when the problem of speeding autos is most prevalent in order to most effectively divert police radar enforcement to the area. The information will also be used to notify the speeding motorists of the observed speed violation in an effort to educate and subsequently reduce repeat incidents of speeding.

Adult residents wishing to participate are encouraged to contact Sergeant Dennis Medema at 756-2558 for information.

Cortland Town Officials

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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.



Land Lines, Cable Phones, Cell Phones and 911 Service

With the telephone portability act many families have chosen not to install hard wired telephone service in their homes, but instead choose to use their cell phones as their telephone line. Another option is cable telephone service.

Verizon is the local telephone service provider. Verizon works with the E911 board and supplies the necessary information for emergency calls. If you have a hard wired telephone (land line) in your home and have Verizon service, your address should automatically appear on the 911 operators screen.

If you have a hard wired telephone in your home but do not have Verizon service, you still have the capability to dial 911 from that line. You must have a phone plugged into the outlet; however, your address will not appear on the 911 screen when the call is received at the 911 center. The caller must know your address to tell the 911 operator. Post your address on your phone in case someone who does not live there needs to call.

Verizon 911 service does not extend to cell phone service, even service provided through Verizon Wireless, so when dialing 911 from a cell phone or a cable phone the caller must be able to provide a location address. The caller should ask which 911 center they have reached. If the call is answered by another 911 center asked to be transferred to De Kalb County, IL. Be prepared to provide the location address.

Depending on your cell phone service and age of your telephone E911 may have the capability of locating you based on GIS mapping.

CENSUS TAKERS NEEDED FOR CORTLAND



Very soon our community will conduct a Special Census to get an updated population count. This new count will help

us qualify for state revenues we need to provide essential services and other important activities we depend on every day. Only targeted parts of town will be counted.

The Census Bureau pays enumerators \$11.75 per hour, plus mileage and paid training. Our Special Census will last 3 to 4 weeks. Enumerators are asked to work 24 to 40 hours each week when residents are home, usually evenings and weekends.

Local residents are needed to work on our Special Census. The U.S. Census Bureau will conduct job testing soon in our community. Applications are available at the Cortland Town Hall at 59 S. Somonauk Rd. For more information you may call the Town Clerk's Office at 815-756-3030.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

THESE ARE THE DATES THAT
WATER/SEWER BILLS ARE DUE BEFORE
LATE CHARGES ARE APPLIED

JUNE 29

SEPTEMBER 28

DECEMBER 31

If you have any questions go to our website
at www.cortlandil.org or call 815-756-9684

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG! JULIE HAS NEW NUMBER

As part of its ongoing commitment to make safe digging as convenient as possible, JULIE, Inc. is announcing that it is now easier for homeowners and contractors to reach the one-call center simply by dialing **811**. The **811** number is another option to reaching JULIE, it does not replace the existing toll-free number at (800-892-0123).

THE TOWN OF CORTLAND DOES NOT HAVE A COMMUNITY SHELTER.
Pre-Plan with your family what you will do in the event of a tornado.



Dates to Remember...

May

- 4,5 Town Garage Sales
- 7 Planning Commission meeting
- 7-13 Spring Clean
- 13 Mother's Day
- 14 Town Board meeting
- 28 Memorial Day (No Board meeting)

June

- 4 Planning Commission meeting
- 11 Town Board meeting
- 17 Father's Day
- 25 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.

MAY/JUNE EVENTS AT CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Fairy Tale Story Time

- Monday - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday - 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday - 10:30 a.m.



Friends of Cortland Library Fundraisers

- May 8 - drawing for quilt
- Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5
- Tickets are available at Cortland Library or the Cortland Branch of Resource Bank.

May 4 & 5 Library Bake Sale During Garage Sales

Donations are needed! Bring to Library on May 3.

June 1st begins extended library hours! Thanks to the referendum the library will be open Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Summer Reading begins when school ends. Prizes are given for reading and listening to stories.

Library Board Meeting Dates

- May 16
- June 20

Open to the public

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK MAY 13-19

We would like to recognize and thank the Cortland Police Department during National Police Week. NPW is the week containing May 15 and has been since President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 in October 1962.

DID YOU KNOW?

May has National Teacher Appreciation Week, Aphasia Week, Historic Preservation Week, Pet Week, Wildflower Week and Pickle Week.

June has National Fishing Week, Headache Awareness Week, Clay Week, Hug Week, Little League Baseball Week, Camping Week and Men's Health Week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Cortland Fire Dept. is looking for volunteer fire fighters, 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

Notes of Interest from the Department of Building Safety

It has been a year since the Town of Cortland completed its program of changing addresses—and some street names.

Now we need your help!

Many of you have not taken the time to change the numbers on your residences or buildings from the old to the new. We need you to get these changed within the next few weeks—it could be a matter of life and death if emergency workers cannot find you! Changing the address number on your mailbox is not sufficient.

The Town of Cortland's Property Maintenance Code (Section 304.3) and Fire Code (Section 505.1) require all new and existing buildings to have approved address numbers placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These required numbers shall:

1. contrast with their background;
2. be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters
3. be a minimum of 4 inches high; and
4. have a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch.

If your home or building does not have the address numbers displayed, you could be subject to legal notice, court appearance, and fine.

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Building Safety 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.



FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Hello,

I'm hoping spring has finally sprung. We are preparing for a busy summer in Cortland. As many are aware there are many developments on the move. I would like to welcome the new residents in Nature's Crossing, The Neighborhood at Robinson Farm, Coventry Townhomes, and NeuCourt Lakes to our town. Richland Trails is well on its way to having new residents this year as well as Chestnut Grove.

I would like to congratulate the winners of the election; I look forward to working with the trustees to continue to make Cortland a place we all can be proud of. I was pleased to see so many candidates who were willing to step up to help make the difficult decisions we will be facing in the future. A special THANK YOU needs to go to Randy Reiter for his 12 1/2 years of service on the Town Board. It is a tough job and I give Randy a lot of credit for his commitment and dedication on a job well done, thank you.

It's that time again; the dreaded property tax bill will be mailed soon. I know many residents think the taxes they pay are way too high. I am proud of all the department heads and their staffs. Everyone goes above and beyond to stretch every dollar. I would like you to take some time to examine your tax bill when it arrives and you will be able to see the exact amount assessed for the Town of Cortland and Cortland Library. In summary; Cortland's tax rate applied to a \$240,000 home will generate to the Town of Cortland and the Cortland Library a combined total of approximately \$818.14 this year or \$68.18 per month. A home with an assessed value of \$180,000 would generate a combined approximate tax of \$599.97 this year or \$50.00 a month. There has been an increase to the library tax this year due to the passage of a referendum which takes affect this year.

I hope everyone enjoys the nice weather and takes the opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors, maybe have a block party, and have some fun.

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**Residents of
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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 [March 2007](#), the average of the highest level of combined radium found was [1.6 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?

- The Town of Cortland is pleased to announce that it is now in compliance with IEPA standards for alpha and combined radium levels at all three wells. The Town's new treatment facility at Well #3 was the final phase needed to achieve this goal. IEPA requires this notice until the four quarter running average is below the MCL.

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 [May 2, 2007](#)