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2007 DELAINE MULLIS Outstanding Citizenship AWARD Cortland Lions Club



With many past and present members and spouses present, Mayor Seyller presented the 2007 DeLaine Mullis Outstanding Citizenship Award to Cortland Lions Club at the November 26th Board Meeting. The DeLaine Mullis Award is an annual award given to Cortland residents or clubs for outstanding service to their community.

2008 TOWN BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Town Board of Trustees

January 14 & 28	July 14 & 28
February 11 & 25	August 11 & 25
March 10 & 24	September 8 & 22
April 14 & 28	October 13 & 27
May 12 & 26	November 10 & 24
June 9 & 23	December 8 & 22

Planning Commission

January 7	July 7
February 4	August 4
March 3	September 1
April 7	October 6
May 5	November 3
June 2	December 1

Town Board committees meet every 2nd Monday of the month (during Town Board meeting). Meeting dates that fall on a holiday could change.

Dates to Remember...

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 7 Planning Commission meeting
- 14 Town Board meeting
- 28 Town Board meeting

February

- 4 Planning Commission meeting
- 5 Election Day
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 11 Town Board meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 President's Day
- 19 Park Advisory meeting
- 22 Washington's Birthday

Cortland Town Officials

Mayor
Robert K. Seyller
office 756-9041
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Clerk
Cheryl Aldis
office 756-3030

Trustees
Chuck Lanning 756-1803
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You may reach any Trustee 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



HAPPY NEW YEAR



CORTLAND WINS 2007 IML INNOVATION AWARD



Mr. Joe Schatteman, Research and Information Services Coordinator for the Illinois Municipal League, presented a plaque to Mayor Seyller at the Town's November 26th Town Board meeting recognizing Cortland as one of two recipients of this year's Illinois Municipal League's Innovative Showcase Awards. This award was for building a wastewater treatment plant that is environmentally friendly and provides a system that is less costly to operate than a conventional system.

ILLINOIS SMOKING LAW TAKES EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2008

Smoking will be prohibited in an indoor public place, places of employment, and/or within 15 feet of entrances, exits, windows, and ventilation intakes to a public place or place of employment, unless exempted by the act. No person will be allowed to smoke in any vehicle owned, leased, or operated by the state or a political subdivision of the state. 410 ILCS 82/15.

Christmas Tree Decorating and Lighting

The annual decorating and lighting of the tree in front of the Cortland Post Office took place Thursday, December 6. School children made decorations for the tree. Children and parents decorated the lower branches; and with the donation of boom trucks from Johnson Canvas and the help of Mike Velez and Bob Coyle, the upper branches were decorated. Carolers from Cortland United Methodist Church sang carols, and cookies and hot chocolate were made available by church members. We hope everyone enjoyed the tree.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- ✓ Have your furnace inspected by a reputable mechanical contractor.
- ✓ Change furnace filters regularly for efficient operation.
- ✓ Have your chimney inspected and, if necessary, cleaned—this is especially important if you burn wood, as creosote build-ups inside the chimney are a prime cause of chimney fires.
- ✓ Rebalance the air flow in the ductwork to insure the comfort level in each room is as you prefer.
- ✓ Check the caulk and weather stripping previously installed, and if necessary, recaulk or replace worn weatherstripping.
- ✓ Utilize solar energy in your home by leaving drapes or shades open during the daytime and closed at night—window treatments help create a thermal barrier against heat loss.
- ✓ Adjust the humidity level on your humidistat as temperatures change—too much humidity in any home can lead to moisture on windows and doors (no matter how energy efficient the windows are).
- ✓ Avoid blocking heat registers in order to make the most of your home's heating system.
- ✓ Close the damper in your fireplace chimney when there is no fire to cut down on heat loss.

In the upcoming newsletters, the Department of Building Safety column will focus on permit requirements for various home projects, including replacing roofs, changing and/or adding to electrical systems/fixtures, and swimming pools. If you have any questions, please call us 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.



Snow Removal Reminders

PLEASE DO NOT BLOW OR SHOVEL SNOW FROM YOUR DRIVEWAY INTO THE STREET. YOU MUST HAVE YOUR SIDEWALK SHOVELED BY NOON THE DAY AFTER A SNOWFALL.

PARKING ON STREETS AFTER 2" SNOWFALL COULD RESULT IN A \$25.00 PARKING FINE.

PLEASE VISIT YOUR TOWN WEBSITE AT CORTLANDIL.ORG FOR TIPS ON WHAT TO DO AFTER A SNOW STORM.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Cortland Fire Department is looking for volunteer fire fighters, office help and support staff. If you would like to volunteer to help the fire department you may call Trent Moser at 815-761-3861.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE (IHEAP) COMMUNITY CONTACT 815-758-3835

Home Energy Assistance Program provides a once-per-program year benefit to eligible households to be used for energy bills. Weatherization Program is designed to help eligible residents of DeKalb County save fuel and money while increasing the comforts of their homes. Can include insulation, water heater, new furnace, windows and doors.



JAN/FEB EVENTS AT CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Beat the Winter Doldrums

Coming Sunday, February 3rd, "Love in the Winter," a chocolate and/or valentine bake-off contest and demonstration to be held at the Lions Shelter from 2-4. Sponsored by "Friends of Cortland Library."

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Enter your best-tasting or most fancifully decorated cake, cookies or cupcakes! Prizes to be won! Contestants may enter "Kid's Corner," "Amateur," "Advanced Baker/Decorator" or "Best Tasting" categories.

Families are encouraged to participate together! Think chocolate! For more information call 815-758-2340.

To assist creativity, Cortland Library has recently purchased cake decorating books! Come in and check them out!

Dr. Suess's Birthday Party

The library will be hosting a birthday party for Dr. Suess the first week of March.

Regular Preschool Story Times

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

For 24/7 access to the library catalog go to <http://216.125.140.44> Order online with your library card barcode. We will call you when your order arrives.

Did you know... last year Cortland patrons totaled over 50,000 checkouts.



The General Primary Election is

February 5, 2008. Last day to register to vote is January 8, 2008. You may register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office. If you have any questions, please call 815-756-3030

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



Happy New Year!

Another year has come and gone. I hope everyone had a happy, healthy holiday season.

We are starting to see the completion of some of the projects we have been working on. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is now complete and treating waste from the entire town. The irrigation components will be put in use when there is enough treated water to use for irrigation. The hope is that sometime in 2008 we will be able to start this part of the system. We spent a lot of time on the Downtown Redevelopment Plan. This task was completed with the help of many people. We completed the special census this year. Our official population is 3,956 as July 26, 2007. I would like to welcome our newest residents to Town and invite you to join us at one of our Town Board meetings or various other meetings. Development continues to move along slowly. We expect new homes to be built in 2008, but at a much slower pace than previously thought.

DeKalb Community School District 428 will be placing a referendum on the February 5, 2008, ballot. This is going to be a critical referendum for the district. I encourage all voters to get informed on the issues we face with school overcrowding. Please get involved so you can make an informed decision.

Bob



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