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# Town of Cortland

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(815) 756-3030

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[www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org)



Mayor Seyller greeted Cortland Elementary Students as they decorated the Town Christmas Tree located in the courtyard between the Town Hall and the Library. All students were treated to hot chocolate and cookies when they returned to school, compliments of the Cortland Church.

## 2009 TOWN BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATES

### Town Board of Trustees

January 12 & 26	July 13 & 27
February 9 & 23	August 10 & 24
March 9 & 23	September 14 & 28
April 13 & 27	October 12 & 26
May 11 & 18	November 9 & 23
June 8 & 22	December 14 & 28

### Planning Commission

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

Town Board Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Planning Commission Meetings are the first Monday of the month.

## Dates to Remember...

### January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 5 Planning Commission meeting
- 12 Town Board meeting
- 26 Town Board meeting

### February

- 5 Planning Commission meeting
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 9 Town Board meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 President's Day
- 22 Washington's Birthday

## Cortland Town Officials

Mayor  
Robert K. Seyller  
office 756-9041  
home 758-0649

Clerk  
Cheryl Aldis  
office 756-3030

Trustees  
Chuck Lanning 756-1803  
Brad Stone 756-1025  
Michael Siewierski 754-5815

Dan Milroy 756-4205  
Ben Suppeland 751-2183  
Shawn McAllister 748-4300

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](mailto:mayor@cortlandil.org), Town Clerk at [townclerk@cortlandil.org](mailto:townclerk@cortlandil.org), and Deputy Clerk at [deputyclerk@cortlandil.org](mailto:deputyclerk@cortlandil.org)

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



### PTA NEWS



Our first meeting for the Ovarian Cancer Walk is January 6, 2009, at 3:45 p.m. at Cortland Elementary. The Ovarian Cancer Walk is on April 25. Please join us and share some ideas you might have about this event. If you have questions please contact Jessica Lucas at 815-754-0033 or email [lucas4tol@yahoo.com](mailto:lucas4tol@yahoo.com).

Please help support our ongoing fundraisers. Box top labels, Campbell's labels, used inkjet cartridges, aluminum cans, and Scrip. A delicious way to support our school is through Market Day. Order sheets are available at the school and library, or you can call Erica at 815-748-3216.

#### Upcoming dates

1/7 Market Day Pick-up 5-6 p.m.  
 1/14 PTA meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 2/4 Market Day Pick-up 5-6 p.m.  
 2/9 PTA meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 2/19 Family Fun Night 6:30 p.m.  
 4/25 Ovarian Cancer Walk

**THE US CENSUS BUREAU IS HIRING  
 CALL 866-861-2010**

### 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 SIDE-WALK SHOVELED BY NOON THE DAY AFTER A SNOWFALL.

#### PARKING AFTER 2" OF SNOW

PARKING ON STREETS AFTER 2" SNOWFALL COULD RESULT IN A \$25 PARKING FINE.

#### MAILBOXES

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOME-OWNER TO CLEAR SNOW FROM YOUR MAILBOX.

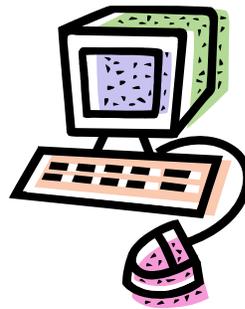
#### ENERGY ASSISTANCE (IHEAP)

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, window9-+s and doors.

#### NICOR ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL LIHEAP FUNDS FOR ILLINOIS RESIDENTS

This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the State of Illinois. The program is administered by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and assists eligible low-income households pay their energy bills. Income, household size, fuel type, and geographic location determine the amount of assistance. For more information or to apply for assistance, call 877-411-9276 or www.keepwarm.illinois.gov or www.nicorgas.com and click on "Financial Assistance."



### LIBRARY NEWS

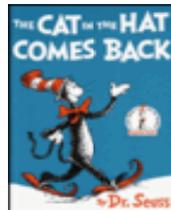
#### Thank You

**Representative Robert Pritchard**  
Thanks to a grant from Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity obtained by Representative Pritchard, Cortland

Library will soon be able to provide 8 public access computers for our patrons. More computers = less waiting time.

#### Another Change

Security gates will be installed mid-January to allow for faster, easier DVD checkout. Please be patient as we convert our 2000 DVD's to the secure format.



Our **Dr. Suess Birthday Celebration** will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.. Join us for birthday cake and a joyous celebration of his books. Beware, you may leave speaking in rhyme! But you should have a good time.

#### Holiday Closings

January 19 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday  
February 16 President's Day

#### Story Times

Mondays 1:00 p.m.  
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

### 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.



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season. The Special Addition Newsletter, which we are writing to address specific issues more fully, has taken a lot more time than anticipated. We are in the final phase of finishing this project. We hope to have it out this month. Please keep an eye out for it. Thanks for all your questions and concerns. These are some very trying times and we are all trying our best to keep our residents informed. We have two meetings a month, the town newsletter, and our website to try and make our information available to you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and I will do my best to provide you with the most accurate information.

On October 27, 2008, the President and the Town Board of Trustees adopted an Ordinance for the submission of the proposition of a public question regarding a sales tax referendum to the voters of the Town of Cortland at the Consolidated Election to be held on April 7, 2009. This will NOT increase PROPERTY tax. The voters will be allowed to vote to increase the sales tax from 6.25 to 7.25% which would provide much need additional revenue without raising property tax. More detailed information will be coming out over the next few months; please watch for this information and read it carefully. An informed voter is the best voter.

Wishing you the best in 2009!

**Mayor Bob Seyller**



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