



TOWN OF CORTLAND

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MAYOR APPOINTS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Following the retirement of Chief Dennis Medema, Mayor Stokes, with the consent and approval of the Town Board, on May 14 appointed Mr. Gary Spangler as the Town's Chief of Police. Chief Spangler was sworn in by DeKalb County Judge Ron Matekaitis.

Cortland Summer Fest 2014

At Cortland Community Park

Friday, August 8th, 2014

Gates open at 6:00PM

7:00PM-10:00PM Camouflage Sun

10:30-12:00AM 29 Needles

Fireworks Display at dusk!

Saturday, August 9th, 2014

Gates open at 12:00PM

12:30PM-3:00PM The Relics

3:30PM-6:30PM The Menagerie

7:00PM-11:30PM Back Country Roads

Concessions will be available for purchase!

A tented beverage garden and food vendors will be available on both days of the event.

ADMISSION FOR THIS EVENT IS \$5.00 PER DAY FOR 21 AND OVER. FREE FOR GUESTS UNDER 21!

Did You Know?



Local businesses, park districts, forest preserves, municipalities and others that display this decal have agreed to allow passing cyclists to come in and get a drink of water, use the bathroom and/or use the phone in case of emergency. Before you start out on a bike ride, go to PEDALPAL.ORG to see which businesses along your route participate in the program.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August

- 11 Town Board meeting
- 25 Town Board meeting

September

- 1 Labor Day (Town Hall closed)
- 8 Town Board meeting
- 22 Town Board meeting

October

- 13 Columbus Day (Town Hall closed)
- 14 Town Board meeting (Tuesday)
- 27 Town Board meeting

All Town meetings start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Please check our website for cancellations or changes to meeting schedule. Planning Commission Meetings, when scheduled, are held the first Thursday of every month. Check the Town's website for meeting agendas.

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IS IT FLUSHABLE?

Just because the label says "flushable" it doesn't mean you should. The next time you toss a flushable wipe or anything other than traditional toilet paper in the toilet, please consider the ramifications.

Flushable wipes, dental floss, facial tissue, and q-tips do not breakdown in the sewer system like toilet paper. When flushed down the toilet, these items create a potential for a sewer blockage on the property owner's service and in the sanitary main. Increased maintenance is needed to keep all the wastewater treatment equipment operating normally.

Please check out the Water Environment Federation's video on YouTube called "Will It Flush" which demonstrates how some household objects fail to break down.

Parade and Festival

The 33rd Annual Parade and Festival will be held on October 12 at 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful event that is fun and affordable for the whole family.

REMINDER TOWN CODE 5-1A-A

It shall be unlawful to permit a **dog or cat** to run at large within the Town at any time. Any dog or cat found upon any public street, sidewalk, alley, parkway or any unenclosed place, except within the lot lines of the premises occupied by its owner or keeper, shall be deemed running at large unless such dog or cat is firmly held on a leash or is in an enclosed vehicle. Dogs or cats which are running at large shall be taken up and impounded by the dog catcher or the Police Department of the Town. The owner or keeper of the dog or cat shall be responsible for removing the feces of such dog or cat from public or private property. (1998 Code)

**Sewer/Water bills are due the last
 business day of the months of March,
 June, September and December.
 HYRANTS FLUSHING WILL TAKE PLACE
 THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11-15.**

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

**It is illegal to run your sump pump into the
 sanitary sewer system. If you suspect that your
 pump is hooked into your sanitary sewer or
 know of someone whose is, please contact the
 Water Department at 815-756-9684.**

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Summer is finally here and it's time once again for our annual Cortland Fest! The Fest is being held on Friday, August 8th from 6pm to midnight with FIREWORKS AT DUSK, and Saturday, August 9th from noon to midnight, at Cortland Community Park. Our Festival and Parade Committee has done an excellent job again this year securing food vendors and excellent bands for this event. I hope to see you there!

Since the last Newsletter our Public Works Department has replaced almost 400 feet of sidewalk throughout Town and plans have been made to repave Dogwood Street and Linda Avenue in the Woodland Acres neighborhood.

Improvements have been made to Hetchler Park. Picnic tables have been placed in the shelter.

Improvements are on-going at Suppeland Park. Off-street parking has been provided for park use along Pampas Street and East Meadow Avenue and electricity has been brought to the park shelter as well as water. Bleachers will be in place at the baseball diamond this summer as well as improvements to the tot park. Trees which had to be removed will be replaced this fall; The replacements will be planted in the Park in close proximity to the sidewalks.

We continue to remove diseased ash trees from parkways. It is strongly suggested that homeowners that have dead or dying trees on their property remove them before they should fall and cause injury to persons or damage to property. The Town will not take these trees down or remove them from your property should they fall.

Construction is continuing on the North Avenue Lift Station with completion scheduled for next month.

At the time of this letter, bids have gone out for the painting of the Spruce Street water tower and the lettering of both of our towers.

The Police Department has moved into its new headquarters at 250 South Halwood Street. The location and facility is far more suitable for the needs of our police officers and is owned by the Town, saving the Town approximately \$13,000 a year in rent.

Chief Dennis "Bubba" Medema announced his retirement from law enforcement after 40 years of exemplary service, effective July 14th. I have known Dennis as a friend and have worked alongside him through most of our careers. We both began our law enforcement careers in 1974. I recruited Dennis for the Cortland Police Department in 2003 to serve as a Sergeant in command of our Patrol Division. He served diligently as such until being appointed Chief of Police in 2010 upon my retirement. Dennis will be missed by many, especially by town staff, his officers, and others in law enforcement. We all wish him well! He enjoyed a very colorful and fulfilling career.

At the July 14th regular Town Board Meeting, Trustees approved my appointment of Chief Gary Spangler to lead the Cortland Police Department. Chief Spangler was sworn in as Cortland's 3rd full-time Chief of Police by the Honorable Judge Ronald Matekaitis. Chief Spangler has been in law enforcement for 26 years. He served the City of DeKalb Police Department from 1989 thru 2012 serving as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Corporal, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, and lastly as Lieutenant in command of the Investigations Division. Chief Spangler served as Commander of the DeKalb County Major Case Squad and was personally involved in the successful investigations of many widely publicized criminal acts which occurred within our county. Chief Spangler is no stranger to the DeKalb County law enforcement community or the criminal justice system. I look forward to his years of professional training and supervisory experience bringing fresh leadership to our police department and a renewal of community policing and crime prevention strategies.

I am looking forward to what will hopefully be a long summer and fall.

As always, I thank you for the opportunity to serve our community.

Russ Stokes

CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday & Saturday 9-5
website: www.cortlandlibrary.com



Monday: NEW! YA group

2:00 p.m.*

Tuesday: Lunch -n- Listen
Tuesday: Story Time with Miss Terri
Wednesday: Preschool Story Time
Crochet (all ages)
Thursday: Preschool Story Time
Thursday: Craft & Story
Friday: Movie Madness
Pokemon Club
Saturday: Writer's Group
*pre-registration required

12:00 p.m.*
7:00 p.m.*
10:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.*
10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.*
1:00 p.m.*
TBA*
10:00 a.m.*

Check out the Cortland Library website at @www.cortlandlibrary.com or follow us on Facebook to access our announcements and to view our library-sponsored downloads.

A special thank you to Waste Management, Walmart, Monsanto, Dollar General, Resource Bank and The Cortland Lions for your generous support!

Join us @ Summer Fest August 9th from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Games - Crafts - Prizes - Petting Zoo - Pony Rides - Bounce House - Hula Hoop Contest

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