



# TOWN OF CORTLAND

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

## **Cortland Summer Fest at Cortland Community Park**

**Friday, August 10, 2012, 6:00 p.m. - Midnight**

Shooter 7:00-11:00

**Saturday, August 11, 2012, Noon - Midnight**

Hit Man, 1:00-3:00

Menagerie, 6:00-8:00

Back Country Roads, 8:30-11:30

Beverage Garden will be open on both days.

Saturday entertainment includes free kids games and activities hosted by the Cortland Library, a car show presented by Cruizin' Wheels, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and more!!!

## **Municipal Electric Aggregation Update: Next Step**

Now that Cortland residents approved the referendum to participate in municipal electric aggregation and the Town Board has selected a new electric supplier, what do residents and business owners need to do? Nothing.

That is, unless you do not want to participate in the electric rate savings the Town Board has obtained from **First Energy Solutions**. The Town Board accepted a rate of 4.84-cents per kilowatt from First Energy Solutions for the next two years.

**Residents and businesses are automatically included in the electric aggregation program and will receive the benefit of the reduced rate.** Residents and businesses will be receiving in the mail after June 30 a letter from First Energy Solutions explaining the process for opting out of Cortland's electric aggregation program. A second letter will follow from ComEd also explaining the opt-out process. **If you do not want to participate in the Town's program you must complete and return the form by July 17, 2012.** Only one opt-out form per account is necessary.

First Energy Solutions will not contact you by telephone or mail asking you to sign up for the Cortland program. **You are automatically included in Cortland's electric aggregation program.** If you are contacted by telephone or through the mail by an electric supplier **they are not the selected supplier for Cortland's program.**

If you have already signed up for reduced electric prices with another electric supplier, you may or may not be able to participate in Cortland's program. You will need to consult the contract with your electric supplier to determine if you can switch to Cortland's program and what fees and penalties may be charged to you to do so. Also be aware that if you are already receiving the benefit of reduced electric rates with another supplier and want to leave them in order to be part of Cortland's program, some contracts will only allow you to return to ComEd's pricing.

If you have any questions about Cortland's electric aggregation program, please don't hesitate to call 1.866.636.3749, Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 4 PM CST.

**DATES TO REMEMBER****July**

- 4 Independence Day  
(Town Hall Closed)
- 9 Town Board meeting
- 23 Town Board meeting

**August**

- 6 Planning Commission meeting
- 13 Town Board meeting
- 27 Town Board meeting

**September**

- 3 Labor Day  
(Town Hall Closed)
- 10 Town Board meeting
- 24 Town Board meeting

**CORTLAND TOWN OFFICIALS****Mayor**

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You may reach any Trustee by email by using their first initial and last name @cutlandil.org. For information regarding articles for this newsletter you may email the Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@cutlandil.org.

**SUMMER REMINDERS!****Garbage Pick-up**

All waste containers, recyclable containers or yard waste bundles shall be placed for pick-up by the property owner's waste contractor or other licensed waste handler no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled pick-up day and shall be removed by midnight of the day in which the pick-up is made.

**Dog Walking**

If you want to walk your dog, please remember that dogs and cats must be leashed when they're not in their yard, and you have to clean up after your dog.

**Lost and Found**

If you lost a baseball mitt at Cortland Community Park baseball diamond, please call the Town Hall at 815-756-9041.

**Fireworks**

It is illegal to sell, keep, expose, offer for sale, or set off fireworks within the Town.

**Detention Ponds**

If you see anyone swimming or dumping grass clippings in a detention basin, please call the Cortland Police non-emergency number, 815-756-2558, immediately.



**Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis has started collecting articles, pictures, and memorabilia for the Town's sesquicentennial (150 year celebration) in 2015, so please contact her at 815-756-3030 with any contributions or information you would like to share.**

**CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS**

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-9  
Friday & Saturday 9-5  
website: [www.cortlandlibrary.com](http://www.cortlandlibrary.com)  
Follow us on Facebook  
(815)756-7274

Holiday Closures

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday, July 4.

Reading is SO Delicious at the library

It is not too late to register! Children may still sign up for our summer reading program. Prizes may be claimed by summer readers until Saturday, September 1.

July Programs to remember:

Tuesday, July 10, at 7 pm: Discovery Center Rockford performance at the Lion's Den.

Tuesday, July 17, at 7 pm: Truly Remarkable Loon performance at the Lion's Den.

Thursday, July 12, at 1 pm: DeKalb Farm Bureau presents "Where Do Cheeseburgers Come From?" All ages. Children Kindergarten & younger are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Thursday, July 19, at 1 pm: Lon Clark Paper Models. First Grade & Up; pre-registration is required, please contact the library.

Elementary Age Storytime, Tuesdays at 7 pm  
Preschool Storytime, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am  
Third Grade & Up Book Discussion Group, Wednesdays at 1 pm. Pre-registration is required, please contact the library.  
First Grade & Up Story & Craft, Thursdays at 1 pm. Pre-registration is required, please contact the library.

Weekly Children's Programs

Free Friday Movies at 1 pm.

Teen Book Discussion

Tuesday, July 24 at 7:05 pm at NIU's Wirtz Hall. We will be discussing *Peeps* by Scott Westerfeld with NIU blood pathology & parasite experts and then touring the clinical pathology lab. Visit <http://www.niu.edu/stem/sfteenread.shtml> for more information.

Please be patient with us in July as we transition to a new circulation system and library catalog. eBooks

Download ebooks or audiobooks for FREE using your Cortland Library card. Information is on the library's website under the OMNI link. One-on-one assistance is available at the library.

**Police Department Reminder**

Please remove batteries from any cell phones before allowing a child to play with them. Even though a cell phone no longer has service, if it has any type of a battery, it will dial 9-1-1. These calls occupy a great deal of the Police Department's time attempting to track these calls down and be sure no one is in need of help. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Police Department at 815 756-2558.

**Water Department Report**

Every household should have received a 2011 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for Users of the Public Water System. If you did not receive the (blue) report, you may read it online at [www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org).

**Streets & Maintenance**

When mowing your yard, make certain that you do not blow grass clippings into the street. When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn, NOT the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains. Grass clippings that are blown into the street eventually enter the street storm drain and may form blockages in the storm sewers and increase maintenance costs to the Town.

**RADIO TIME**

**TUNE INTO WLBK AM (1360) OR ONLINE (1360WLBK.COM) THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT APPROXIMATELY 9:40 A.M. TO HEAR THE MAYOR DISCUSSING INFORMATION CONCERNING CORTLAND AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.**

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

Hello,

Well, we are only a few days into summer and the heat has been relentless. Remember, it is important to be aware of the temperature. Temperatures in the 90s and higher are dangerous, and become more dangerous the higher they go and the longer they last. Young children and seniors are at highest risk, as their weight and age can impair the ability to handle high temperatures. Please be aware of the heat and modify your activities appropriately. Please check on your elderly neighbors.



Thanks to the Girl Scouts for planting many beautiful perennials at Cortland Community Park. All the plants are good for rain gardens and are native to Illinois. What a great way to serve your community!

Thank you to the DeKalb County Community Garden Committee for supporting Cortland's Community Garden project. Thank you to everyone who participated in donating cash and materials for the Town's garden project. Projects like this could not succeed without help from community supporters.

Cortland's Clerk's Office hosted a Northwestern Illinois Clerks Association meeting this month. Over 24 communities were represented by the Clerks in attendance. Thank you to Senator Christine Johnson for speaking at and supporting the Northwestern Illinois Clerks Association.

I want to take a minute to recognize all the volunteers and organizations who helped put out the first addition of the Revival of the Cortland Newsletter, "The Cortland Township Communiqué." Congratulations on a job well done.

Congratulations to all the Cortland graduates!

I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones during Cortland Summer Fest at Cortland Community Park on Friday, August 10, and Saturday, August 11.

Mayor Bob



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