



# TOWN OF CORTLAND

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**THIRD LARGEST TOWN IN ILLINOIS**



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## Town Garage Sales Coming May 3-4; Plan Now!

Depending on your perspective, Spring is already here or it's right around the corner, and that means the annual Town of Cortland Garage Sale is near. This event was conceived and organized by Cortland resident Donna Klemm years ago, and the event has grown each year since. This year's event promises to be bigger than years past and offer some new features. This event is a good reason to clean out those closets, garages, and basements. More information about registering and an application form for the Annual Garage Sales may be found on the Town's website at [cortlandil.org](http://cortlandil.org).

## Fix a Leak Week 2013 Reminds Homeowners to Check for Leaks Inside and Out

More than 1 trillion gallons of water are lost annually nationwide due to easy-to-fix leaks both inside and outside American homes. EPA has declared March 18 through 24, 2013, the fifth annual Fix a Leak Week—a time to find and fix leaks to stop wasting water. Fixing household leaks not only saves water, but it can also reduce water bills by an average of 10 percent. WaterSense partners are joining the effort by reminding Americans to check, twist, and replace fixtures in their bathrooms, kitchens, and even outdoors to ensure they aren't wasting this precious resource.

### **Check**

To determine if you're wasting water, start by examining your winter water bills. If a family of four is using more than 12,000 gallons per month, you may have a leak. You can also check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.

In the kitchen, check the pipe fittings underneath your sink for any water on the outside of the pipe. Track down silent toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the tank at the back of your toilet. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak, which might be easily fixed by replacing the rubber flapper in the tank. Don't forget to flush after conducting this test! Another easy-to-check bathroom leak is the showerhead; turn on the water and check for drips where the showerhead meets the pipe stem.

Outside, turn on your hose and check for dripping water where it connects to the spigot. While you're at it, make a mental note to check your in-ground sprinkler system this spring to make sure it's not damaged from any winter frost or freezing.

### **Twist**

Once you've identified the source of a leak, you can stop the drops yourself by tightening connections or applying pipe tape to ensure they are tightly sealed. If your showerhead drips when it is not in use, you might have a more complicated valve leak, which a licensed plumber can help you fix.

For additional savings, twist a WaterSense labeled aerator onto each bathroom faucet to save water without noticing a difference in flow. Faucet aerators cost a few dollars or less and can save a household more than 500 gallons each year—equivalent to the amount water used to shower 180 times!

**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).**

**DATES TO REMEMBER****March**

- 7 Planning Commission meeting
- 10 Daylight Savings Time  
(Turn clocks ahead)
- 11 Town Board meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 29 Good Friday  
(Town Hall closed)

**April**

- 4 Planning Commission meeting
- 8 Town Board meeting
- 9 Election Day
- 16 Annual Township meeting
- 22 Town Board meeting

All meeting start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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**Election Day is April 9, 2013**

**The Town of Cortland has one opening for Mayor with three candidates: Robert Seyller, Russ Stokes, and Charles Lanning; three openings for Trustees with four candidates: Michael Siewierski, Sandra Barzso, Doug Corson, and Benjamin Haier; one opening for Town Clerk with one candidate: Cheryl (Cookie) Aldis.**

**Hydrant Flushing April 15-19**

The Town's Water/Wastewater Department will begin hydrant flushing during the week of April 15 thru 19. Signs will be posted when the hydrant flushing process is set to begin. Hydrant flushing is necessary to flush the water mains in order to remove sediment and to exercise the fire hydrants throughout the town to keep them operational and in good working order for emergencies.

**Just a Reminder**

While this winter has been comparatively mild, Spring is approaching, and more and more residents will likely be outside. Please be mindful of where you park your vehicles in the driveway. It is unlawful to obstruct a public sidewalk with your parked car. Moms and dads pushing strollers and our senior residents appreciate your consideration. And if you want to walk Fido, keep in mind that dogs must be leashed when they're not in their yard, and you have to clean up after your dog.

**CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS**

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

Cortland Community Library will be closed Friday, March 8, for DeKalb County -wide library staff training.

STEM, the NIU science, technology, engineering, and mathematics group, will present exciting programs for students K-12, at Cortland Library this spring. Check the Cortland Library Facebook page or the websites, (www.cortlandlibrary.com or www.niu.edu/stem) for dates and times of programs.

Don't forget to vote on April 9, 2013. Four people are running for three openings on the Cortland Community Library Board. The candidates are Mary Benson, Ryan Hilligoss, Marie Kornischuck, and Victoria Haier.

Want to borrow "free" eBooks? Click on the OMNI link on the Cortland Library website (www.cortlandlibrary.com) and use your Cortland Library card number for access to downloads. Choose the appropriate format to match your device.

Plan to visit Cortland Community Library during National Library Week, April 14-20, 2013. There are always surprises in store at Cortland Library. "Communities Matter @ your library."

**Weekly Programs**

- Mondays 4:30 p.m. Writer's Group/3rd grade and up. Sign up required.
- Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. Story Time with Miss Terri.
- Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Time.  
7:00 p.m. Crochet Class. Sign up required.
- Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Time.  
4:15 p.m. First Grade & Up Story & Craft. Sign up required.

Did you know: Cortland Library owns over 3,600 DVDs and circulates

**Cortland Elementary PTA Info and Events  
Upcoming Dates**

**March**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Market Day pick-up 4:30 – 5:30pm (Orders due 3/2)
- 11<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting 6:30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Reading Night & Book Fair
- 20<sup>th</sup> Food Night at Applebee's  
Flyer needed

**April**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Fun Fair 6:00 – 8:30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting 6:30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Market Day pick-up 4:30 – 5:30pm (Orders due 4/6)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Food Night at Applebee's  
flyer needed
- 17<sup>th</sup> Spring Pictures



**BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY**

To be held Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per family for a picture with the Bunny and a French toast and sausage breakfast. Eggs filled with treats will be handed out to children. If you have any questions, please call Mike at 630-878-9060.

**Electric Aggregation**

**Remember to check you ComEd bill to make sure you are enrolled and are receiving the benefit of reduced rates. This is a sample of proof of your enrollment in the program, please check your bill for verification. If you are not enrolled, call First Energy at 866-636-3749. Have your account number, address, and phone number ready, and ask to be enrolled in Cortland's Municipal Aggregation Program.**



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Customer Service / Power Outage

English 1-800-EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661)

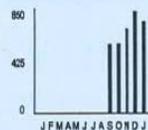
Español 1-800-95-LUCES (1-800-955-8237)

Hearing/Speech Impaired 1-800-572-5789 (TTY)

For Electric Supply Choices visit www.pkojinlinc3s.org

Your Usage Profile

13-Month Usage (Total kWh)



Electric Usage

Issue Date February 1, 2013

Meter Information								
Read Date	Meter Number	Load Type	Reading Type	Previous	Meter Reading Present	Difference	Multiplier X	Usage
1/30	895468395	General Service	Total kWh	65367 Actual	66105 Actual	742	1	742

Service from 12/31/2012 to 1/30/2013 - 30 Days

Retail Delivery Service - Res Single

Electricity Supply Services - First Energy Solutions \$35.91

742 KWH TOTAL@\$.0484/KWH GENERA 742 KWH X 0.04840 35.91

First Energy Solutions 1-800-977-8500 www.fes.com  
Please refer to your supplier contract for details.

Hello,

The worst of winter should be behind us. This winter wasn't even that bad, but I think we are all ready for it to be over and are looking forward to spring flowers popping up all over Town.

I have asked the Clerk's Office to add what we call the "Town Board packet" to the agenda that is posted on the Town's website, [cortlandil.org](http://cortlandil.org). We always try to have it available online before 4:30 p.m. on the Friday before Town Board meetings. The packet contains all the materials the Town Board uses to prepare for discuss/or approval at the meeting.

As you know April 9 is Election Day. Residents will be voting for a Mayor, 3 Trustees, and a Clerk. There are 3 candidates for Mayor, 4 for Trustee, and 1 for Clerk. I would like to use this last newsletter of my second term by saying it has been an honor and a privilege to serve this community as your Mayor. I appreciate all the people in Cortland and would like to thank everyone, especially the citizens and staff who give their all everyday in contributing to help improve our Town and keep it moving in a positive direction. If you have questions or concerns regarding any Town business, please call me at 815-756-9041 or email me at [Mayor@cortlandil.org](mailto:Mayor@cortlandil.org)

The PBS show called "Ask This Old House" was in Cortland back in October 2012 filming an episode on how to insulate your duct work to make your furnace more efficient. If you type the web address into your web browser you can watch the show. The grain elevator piece was also filmed in Cortland.

<http://video.pbs.org/video/2335225205>.



I wish you and your family a happy and healthy year.

Thank you,

Mayor Bob Seyller



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