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SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

150 YEARS

**CORTLAND PRIDE
SINCE 1865**

34th Cortland Festival & Parade Sunday, October 11, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar! The 34th Annual Cortland Festival and Parade will kick off at 1:00 p.m. and will feature members of local marching bands, scout troops, clubs, and other organizations. The parade will begin at Loves Road and Cortland Center Road and end at Cortland Community Park. Please join us at the park after the parade for the Town Festival from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Festival will have food vendors, rides, and attractions for all ages.

Please contact Judy Butler at 815-751-6683 if your business or organization is interested in participating in the parade. All participants receive a hot dog, chips, and a drink after the parade, graciously donated by the Cortland Lions Club and the Festival & Parade Committee.

TOWN OF CORTLAND SESQUICENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE

As part of the Town of Cortland's 150 year celebration, a time capsule is being buried at Cortland Community Park following this year's Annual Parade. The capsule is being donated to the Town by Mayor Russ Stokes and his wife, Ginny. The burial is being done by our Public Works Department.

All Town of Cortland Departments will be submitting items to the capsule that may serve to have historic meaning, or at least public interest, when it is exhumed as part of the Town of Cortland's Bicentennial Celebration in Year 2065. Those items may include paper documents, photos, clothing, and small tangible items that may reflect something about what our lives are like now in 2015.

All residents and community groups are asked to submit items for burial at the site on Sunday, October 11, 2015, at 3:00pm. **PLEASE SUBMIT THOSE ITEMS IN A PLASTIC SEALABLE CONTAINER TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE SUBMITTED ITEMS UNTIL THEY ARE EXHUMED IN 50 YEARS!**

The contents of the Time Capsule will serve to tell the story of what the Town of Cortland is like today to future generations of our residents! So come on, everyone! Cortland Senior Club, Cortland Lions Club, Cortland Library, Cortland Elementary School, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cortland Lightning Baseball, Local Businesses, and Families!

Veteran's Memorial Dedication



With the monument installed and the benches and gardens completed, the Town of Cortland's Veterans Memorial dedication was held on August 1, at 2:00 p.m. at Suppeland Park. Veterans, Town officials, and Town staff joined residents and many visitors attending the dedication.

A rededication of the Joe McGuan memorial also took place.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 7 Labor Day (Town Hall closed)
- 14 Town Board meeting
- 28 Town Board Meeting

October

- 12 Columbus Day (Town Hall Closed)
- 13 Town Board meeting
- 26 Town Board meeting
- 31 Halloween



**HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR
TREAT
HOURS
4:00-8:00**

New Utility Billing Schedule Begins

Months included in quarter

- August/September/October
- November/December/January
- February/March/April

Due on the 25th day of

- November
- February
- May



What Causes The Tiny Air Bubbles In My Water?

This condition occurs most often when water is very cold and then warms up while in a building's interior piping. Cold water can hold more air than warm water. Therefore, some air comes out of water as tiny air bubbles when the water warms up. At times, the water may be so densely filled with air that the water appears cloudy. An easy way to check the cause of cloudiness is to fill a clear glass with the water, set it on a table, and watch. If the cloud rises from bottom to top, it is air escaping as the water warms. If the cloud sinks from the top to the bottom, you may have a sediment problem. If you are experiencing bubbles in your water, try running your water for a few minutes, and consider cleaning the aerator filter on your faucets.

Flushable Wipes Clog Pipes

Many household products are labeled and marketed as disposable, and many personal hygiene products are labeled as both disposable and flushable. The truth is that these personal wipes and cleaning towelettes have the ability to not only clog and stop up the sewer line on your property but also can cause blockage and service problems in the public sewer system and lift stations.

The following items should never be flushed into the sanitary sewer system: disinfecting wipes, adult wipes, baby wipes, Q-tips, toilet cleaning pads, mop or "Swiffer" type refills, paper towels, disposable diapers, feminine hygiene products, moist towelettes, and dental floss.

Save yourself and the Town from costly repairs/and or replacement bills. Please do not flush these listed items, but rather place them in the trash instead of the toilet.

THE TOWN WILL BE FLUSHING HYDRANTS DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26.

LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM TO START THIS FALL!



The Town Board budgeted for and approved the purchase of a "slightly used demo" Spartan Leaf Pro. With the purchase of this leaf vacuum, the Public Works Department will start collection of loose leaves this fall. The scheduled pick up days will be posted on the Town's website. In order to be collected, leaves must be in a loose condition, not in bags or containers. Please avoid raking leaves onto the street to prevent the clogging of storm drains. Please know that only leaves may be placed near the street.

The Pubic Works Department always appreciates residents that watch for and clean any debris from storm drains.

CHIEF SPANGLER RECEIVES TEDDY BEARS



Thanks to sewing ladies Barb Gall, Phyllis Hafer, Donna Koehnke, and Fran Lenczewski, all Town squad cars will carry teddy bears so officers arriving at emergency incidents can use them to comfort children. Teddy bears are proven to have a calming effect by providing comfort and giving the child something tangible to hold during times of crisis. The bears also help forge a bond between the officer and the child as well as minimize the psychological impact of a traumatic situation by diverting the child’s attention from the stress of the incident to the comfort of the teddy bear.

The Cortland Police Department thanks each one of you for your generous donation.



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU! EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE JACK PETRIE

Many years ago local Boy Scouts constructed a ceremonial bridge in Cortland Community Park. This bridge signifies the accomplishments of Scouts as they cross from being a Cub Scout to that of a Boy Scout. As part of a community service project, that is required to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, Jack spearheaded a project to restore the ceremonial bridge that was in dire need of repair. Thank You and Good Luck Jack

A MESSAGE FROM NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF LIN DARGIS

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

With these simple words, the concept of community policing is defined. My name is Lin Dargis, and I am the newly appointed Chief of Police of the Town of Cortland. I bring 27 years of law enforcement experience and training to the Department, and I am dedicated to bringing excellent customer service to you. At the end of the day, we all just want a quality of life that assures we feel safe in our own homes. Through the collaborative efforts of community and police, we believe we can achieve that.

While reaching that goal involves the community as a whole, the officers of the Cortland Police Department recognize that we play a special role in reaching this goal. We know that when you call 911, you expect us to respond in a timely fashion, and we will make every effort to find a solution to your issue. We also understand that we, as professional law enforcement officers, set an example for our children. They observe our actions which shapes their view of law enforcement. We want our children to know that calling the police is ok.

My goal as Chief of Police is for the Town of Cortland Police Department to be viewed as a professional and progressive department, a leader in the law enforcement community. We will spearhead county wide training for officers in crisis intervention, an effective and valuable tool that trains officers to respond to situations in non-traditional ways. Sometimes an arrest is not the best solution. I understand the citizens of this fine community work hard and pay taxes that help fund the Department, and I believe that you deserve an outstanding department in exchange for that sacrifice. Reality states that while we cannot solve every problem and we do have to make difficult decisions, I want you to know that the officers of this department will carry out their sacred duties to the best of their ability.

I know these are mere words. Promises are easy to make. I do not expect you to simply take my word. I hope that you will familiarize yourself with the department and give us a chance to prove ourselves to you every day. Together we can improve quality of life and live the dream.

Your Chief,
Lin Dargis

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

For as long as it seemed to take summer to get here, it's already past.

I want to thank everyone who attended the Open House of our community facilities in June and those who attended the dedication of the Town of Cortland Veterans Memorial that took place on August 1st. I was very proud to see so many Veterans and local residents attend this historic town event.

The Annual Cortland Summer Fest was again well attended, and Mother Nature was relatively kind to us. Many came out despite the heat and humidity. The bands, the food, and the fireworks were great and the refreshments were cold! I would be remiss if I did not thank the Parade and Festival Committee and all the volunteers that make this and our Fall Festival and Parade possible. I want to remind everyone that what money was made from this event goes to finance our up-coming 34th Annual Parade & Festival that will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. I encourage everyone to take part in this event and the historic burial of the Town of Cortland Time Capsule that will take place at 3:00 p.m. on that day.

The Town Board has been engaged in crafting a Request For Proposal from interested waste haulers in an effort to reduce the amount of garbage trucks regularly using our residential streets, reduce the cost of waste removal, and provide recycling and yard waste pick up. This has not been an easy task. Much consideration and research by our Staff and your Trustees are going into this endeavor. It is not going to take place quickly.

Please see the article in this Newsletter regarding leaf pickup which will begin this fall by our Public Works Department.

I want to thank Chief Gary Spangler for his service to our community. Gary was the right person at the right time to bring necessary administrative and staffing improvements to our Police Department. Gary's exemplary service will be recognized at our September 14th Town Board Meeting. At that time I will be swearing in Lin Dargis as Chief of Police. Much like Gary, Chief Dargis brings vast experience and training to our community and is a proven leader in the law enforcement community.

Please keep in mind that our children are back in school. Please be wary of bus stops and be cautious while driving through our neighborhoods.

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

Russ Stokes, Mayor

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