MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2006 ANNUAL GARAGE SALES MAY 5 & 6
If you have any questions you may please call Donna at (815) 756-4851.

CORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
BICYCLE AUCTION

When: May 6
Where: Town Hall, 59 S. Somonauk Rd.
Time: 1:00 p.m.
The Cortland Police Department will auction 50 bicycles that have been found, unclaimed and stored. Bikes will be available for viewing at 11:00 a.m. Bidding will start at $10.00.

SPRING CLEAN
The Town of Cortland, with the assistance of its Department of Operations & Maintenance and Police Department, is providing large waste containers for a week of spring clean-up activities. We would like to encourage Cortland residents to take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of household trash and accumulated “junk!” These containers will be placed at the Town of Cortland Maintenance Garage located at 54 Mary Aldis Lane (east side of bldg) and at the Cortland Fire Station located at 30 West North St. and will be available from Monday, May 8th until Sunday, May 14th.

These dumpsters may NOT be used for the disposal of yard waste, large appliances, car parts or tires, and paint or other hazardous materials.
Residents may contact Environmental Field Services* (800-480-4337) for removal of large appliances.
*a fee will be charged by this company.

Cortland Town Officials

May
1 Planning Commission meeting
8 Town Board meeting
14 Mother’s Day
22 Town Board meeting
29 Memorial Day (Town Hall closed)
June
5 Planning Commission meeting
12 Town Board meeting
18 Father’s Day
21 Summer begins
26 Town Board meeting
Town Board committees meet every 2nd Monday of
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A TORNADO WATCH is issued by the National Weather Service to alert people that the weather conditions in their area are favorable for
tornadoes to form. People should be alert to weather conditions and announcements. Weather information is available from local television stations and locallradio stations. Watch the sky and listen for tornado sirens.

DO NOT CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN WEATHER INFORMATION

The National Weather Service issues a TORNADO WARNING when a tornado has actually been sighted or is indicated by radar. TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!

The Town of Cortland’s Tornado Siren is tested at 10:00 AM on the first Tuesday of the month. On duty Cortland Police Offices activate the Tornado Siren when the National Weather Service announces TORNADO WARNINGS for the DeKalb area or there has been a confirmed report of rotating clouds in the area. No “All Clear” siren is sounded.

THE TOWN OF CORTLAND DOES NOT HAVE A COMMUNITY SHELTER

Pre-plan with your family where you will go and what you will do in the event of a tornado.

TORNADO SAFETY

Develop a plan for your family for home, work, and school and when outdoors. Have frequent drills. Know the area in which you live, and keep ahighway map nearby to follow storm movement from weather bulletins. Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone and battery back-up to receive weather warnings. Listen to local radio or watch local television for weather information. If planning to be outdoors, listen to the latest weather forecast and take necessary action.

IF A WARNING IS ISSUED OR IF THREATENING WEATHER APPROACHES

Move quickly indoors to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement in a structurally sound building. Or move to an interior room or hallway of a structurally sound building and get under a piece of furniture. Stay away from windows. Do not use a vehicle for shelter. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your vehicle. Mobile homes, even tied down, offer little protection and should be abandoned. Occasionally, tornados develop so rapidly that advanced warning is not possible. Remain alert for signs of an approaching tornado. Flying debris from a tornados cause most deaths and injuries.
ANNOUNCEMENT

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Hello,

I would like to welcome all new residents to Cortland.

It has been a year since the election and we have made a lot of changes. I believe we have made a big improvement in our efforts to communicate with the public. The website is receiving more and more traffic; we are making improvements to the site and updating information. Some of the Trustees will be putting information on their name link, under the Government link. Please check these links to see updated material from your Trustees.

We have an upgraded speaker system in the Town Hall. Meetings seem to be better attended by the residents.

The Thouroughfare Naming and Numbering Policy is in place and going pretty well. There are still a number of you that have not changed your house numbers. This is very important to making the system work for everyone. There can be confusion when some houses have their old address numbers, and some don’t have any numbers.

The sewer project is about to begin. We should have a new waste water treatment plant in place by the end of the year.

Also scheduled for 2006 are Well No. 4 and a water tower. The town is making progress in the property maintenance area. Residents/owners in violation of town codes are being notified and clean up has begun. We have a way to go, but if everyone would look around and see where you could make a difference in cleaning up, that would be a great help.

I hope you all have a great spring, enjoy the outdoors and get to know the people in your neighborhood, that’s what makes the town “home”.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

This notice is for informational purposes and is directed to the 85% of the Town using public water as opposed to private wells.

Town of Cortland Public Water Supply Has Levels of Gross Alpha & Combined Radium Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system has violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you – as our customers – have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Test results we received for the most recent testing periods show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for combined radium. The standard for combined radium is 5 pCi/L. For quarterly testing samples collected for the year through March 2006, the average of the highest level of combined radium found was 11 pCi/L.

What should I do?

• You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

• This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing radium-226 or radium-228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

• We are working to correct this problem. The Town of Cortland will be treating the water to reduce the gross alpha and combined radium levels. The treatment equipment has already been installed at two of our three wells; the test results for these wells have shown improved results. We anticipate completing the process in the year 2006.

For more information, please contact our Town Engineer, Tom Simmons, at 815/562-9087. A fact sheet on "Radium in Water" prepared by the Department of Nuclear Safety is also available at the Town Hall.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Town of Cortland Public Water Supply, Facility #0370051. Notice distributed May 1, 2006.