



TOWN OF CORTLAND

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Dollar General is Coming to Cortland

Nashville-based Dollar General will open a new store in Cortland in the new year. The developer recently closed on the property and is expected to begin construction immediately, weather permitting. The store will be located at the northeast corner of Robinson Avenue and South Somonauk Road across the street from the car wash. The Cortland store will feature Dollar General's new look and store prototype. The store is expected to be open for business in March 2011.

Dollar General officials and representatives visited Cortland during the summer and were very excited about the business prospects in Cortland and the Town Board's can-do attitude. "This development is the spark we need to get more commercial development in Cortland," says Mayor Bob Seyller. "Having a national retailer like Dollar General to confirm that Cortland is a place to do business will get the attention of other retailers and developers. This is a tremendous breakthrough for our community."



We Serve

CORTLAND LIONS CLUB TURKEY TROT

Back in November the Lions Club hosted a 5K Turkey Trot. Through the generous support of the Town of Cortland, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the homeowners on the route and all of our Sponsors, we had a successful event. Hoping for 50 runners, we had over 200 people participate. With a special Thanks going out to the Cortland Seniors for stuffing the sponsors goodie bags and Sycamore's Pack #140 for handing out water to the runners. Many runners who crossed the finish line commented on how much they appreciate the local support of all the people who were cheering them on outside of their homes.

The money that was raised will allow the Lions Club to purchase a HVAC system for the Lions Den in Cortland Community Park. This building will have the ability to be utilized as a cooling center for the town during the hot summer months along with being able to be registered with Lions Alert. We are looking forward to next year's run, which will be tentatively on Saturday, November 12th, 2011.

Thank you for all of your continuing support,
Chris Fowler
Cortland Lions Club Press Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER

January

- 1 New Year's Day
(Town Hall closed)
- 3 Planning Commission meeting
- 10 Town Board meeting
- 24 Town Board meeting

February

- 1 Planning Commission meeting
- 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Town Board meeting
Valentine's Day
- 21 Town Board meeting
President's Day

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For information regarding articles for this newsletter you may email the Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@cortlandil.org.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

Mailboxes

It's that time of year again and the dreaded **SNOW** is here. Please take the time to do a maintenance check of your mailbox. Check to make sure it was installed properly according to USPS guidelines, nuts and bolts are tight, and the post is not rotted or leaning. The town is only responsible for mailbox damage if the plow came in direct contact with mailbox and it was properly installed and maintained.

Sidewalks

Removal is required. The owner or occupant of each lot or part of lot, improved or unimproved, to which the general public is invited shall remove all snow and ice which may have fallen or accumulated upon the sidewalk in front of the premises which he owns or occupies not later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon of the day after the same has ceased to fall or accumulate. Provided, that when ice has so formed upon any sidewalk that it cannot be removed, then the owner or occupant shall keep the same effectively sprinkled with sand, salt or other suitable substance in such manner as to prevent the ice from being dangerous, until such time as it can be removed, and then it shall be promptly removed. (Town Code 7-1-8)

If you have plowing questions or concerns, and have access to a computer, please e-mail John Kocher at directoroperationsmaintenance@cortlandil.org or you can email him directly from the Town website, just click on departments and follow the link. You may also call the Town Hall at 815-756-9041. However direct email to Mr. Kocher is the best way to contact him and receive the quickest response

REMEMBER; IT IS ILLEGAL TO PARK ON STREETS AFTER A 2" SNOWFALL!

CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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

New Year's Improvements

To help our patrons get the newest movies faster, the check-out period on new movies has been shortened from a week to **3 days. Only the newest movies will be affected.** Older movies will continue to circulate for a week. This should reduce waiting (hold) time.

Magazine checkout has changed to just one week to allow quicker sharing of popular issues.

We hope you enjoy the benefits of these changes.

Coming in February

Cortland Library will offer classes on Internet use in February. Topics will include using Facebook, buying on-line, email and using our PrairieCat catalog. These daytime or evening classes can hold up to 6 people per session. Watch for details at the library and sign up early.

Holiday Closings

We will be closed **January 17** in observation of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Story Times

Elementary	Tuesday	7 p.m.
Preschool	Wednesday	10 a.m.
Preschool	Thursday	10 a.m.

2011 TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

(2nd and 4th Monday of the month)

January	10 & 24
February	14 & 28
March	14 & 8
April	11 & 25
May	9 & 23
June	13 & 27
July	11 & 25
August	8 & 22
September	12 & 26
October	10 & 24
November	14 & 28
December	12 & 26*

PLANNING COMMISSION

(1st Monday of the month)

January	3
February	7
March	7
April	4
May	2
June	6
July	4*
August	1
September	5*
October	3
November	7
December	5

* Holiday

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Please check our website for any changes or special meetings. Minutes are available on line within 7 days after approval.

Congratulations!



Cortland Town Clerk (Cookie) Cheryl Aldis has been elected to serve as President of the Northwestern Illinois Municipal Clerks Association.

RADIO TIME

TUNE INTO WLBK AM (1360) OR ONLINE (1360WLBK.COM) THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT APPROXIMATELY 8:40 A.M. TO HEAR THE MAYOR DISCUSSING INFORMATION CONCERNING CORTLAND AND THE 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.

Hello,

As another year draws to a close, let's face it, 2010 was a difficult year for all of us. We've seen many of our friends and neighbors have to leave their homes. Households have had to make sacrifices all year long just to get by. But while we'd all like to put 2010 behind us as fast as possible, let's not forget the many positive things that occurred in Cortland over the past twelve months—and that it's okay to have fun!

In May, Cortland became the latest of the 35 communities along the Lincoln Highway Scenic By-way to unveil its mural depicting road construction in the 1930's. Our gratitude to Jack Cress at Cresswood Industries for allowing the mural to be placed on the wall of his building on Lincoln Highway (Route 38).

Family Service Agency began providing services and activities at the Lion's Den for our seniors.

The new water tower and well were brought on-line this year. We also conducted public tours of the wastewater reclamation facility and the new water tower in August.

We had our Summerfest celebration and our Movie Nights in summer. Our annual Parade in fall saw its largest turnout ever in terms of entrants and parade watchers!

The Cortland Community-wide Garage Sale was another resounding success in May.

Cortland United Methodist Church along with Cortland Lions, Dough Brothers Pizza, Sam's Family Restaurant and NIU sponsored free Community Meals at the Cortland Lions Den.

Streets in Robinson Farm, New Hope Park and Chestnut Grove were completed just in time for winter.

The Lion's Club organized and successfully ran Cortland's first 5K race in November. The race was a smashing success with participants and sponsors already lining up for next year's race.

While we hoped to have a groundbreaking in 2010, we know that early next year Cortland residents will be able to shop at a new Dollar General store in Cortland. Dough Brothers Pizza is expanding and will offer dine-in service soon after the new year and Dr. Sherri Askew opened the new Cortland Animal Hospital on Lincoln Highway.

We had a number of Cortland service men and women serve their country with honor and distinction return home safely from conflicts around the globe. We thank them as well as all who are serving our Country.

Bob



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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE MAYOR, TRUSTEES, TOWN CLERK AND TOWN STAFF