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# Town of Cortland

**Third Largest Town in Illinois**



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## CORTLAND 25TH ANNUAL PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Cortland Parade and Festival packed in the fun as hundreds of residents and friends lined the streets on a beautiful mid-October day to watch the 25th annual parade. After the parade, watchers and participants made their way to Cortland Community Park for a day of fun, food and visiting with friends and neighbors. Please visit the town website at [www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org) for more pictures, information and comments.



**First Place Winner  
DeKalb Florist**



**APPLE COOKOFF WINNERS  
(See website for names of winners)**



**ELECTION DAY  
NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE**

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING BLOOD**

For information you may call Biolife Plasama Services at 815-754-5777 or Heartland Blood Center at 815-758-7280

### Cortland Town Officials

**Mayor**  
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Office 756-9041  
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**Clerk**  
Cheryl Aldis  
Office 756-3030  
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**Trustees**  
Chuck Lanning 756-1803  
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You may reach any Trustee or Department Head by email by using their first initial and last name @cortlandil.org. You may reach the Mayor at mayor@cortlandil.org, Town Clerk at townclerk@cortlandil.org, and Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@cortlandil.org



Please send suggestions, comments and article information to [www.deputyclerk@cortlandil.org](mailto:www.deputyclerk@cortlandil.org).



**WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY  
NOVEMBER 8, 2006  
7:00 P.M. CORTLAND COMMUNITY PARK**

**Cortland Police Department Asks Residents to Report  
Unregistered Solicitors and Suspicious Persons**

Did you know that many residential burglaries are committed while the victim is at home? These burglaries are known as diversion burglaries and are committed by a team of burglars commonly known as "Confidence Men."

Usually 1 or 2 people will come to the front door of your home purporting to be solicitors, property inspectors, utility employees, property maintenance or construction contractors, or sometimes even municipal employees. Their goal is to get you to step outside your home or at the very least distract you while 1 or 2 of their partners make undetected entry to the rear of your home.

These people will blatantly ransack rooms while looking for money or jewelry. Other times they may be discrete taking items you may not immediately realize are missing. The burglary is committed in 2 to 5 minutes.

When confronted at home by uninvited guests **DO NOT LET THEM IN YOUR HOME** and **DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO CONVINCING YOU TO EXIT YOUR HOME**. Legitimate solicitors should present an Identification Card issued by the Town of Cortland. Municipal employees and employees representing utility companies should also have photo identification cards. **DON'T BECOME A VICTIM! KEEP YOUR DOORS LOCKED EVEN WHEN YOU ARE HOME.** Please Report unregistered solicitors, suspicious persons and suspicious activities in your neighborhood immediately to police by calling 9-1-1. For more crime prevention tips on this or other concerns contact Cortland Chief Russ Stokes at (815) 756-2558.

**Dates to Remember...**

**November**

- 6 Planning Commission meeting
- 7 Election Day
- 8 World Town Planning Day
- 10 Town Hall Closed (Veteran's Day observed)
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 13 Town Board meeting
- 14 Park Committee meeting
- 23 Thanksgiving Day
- 24 Town Hall closed
- 27 Town Board meeting

**December**

- 4 Planning Commission meeting
- 11 Town Board meeting
- 18 Town Board meeting
- 19 Park Committee meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

**January**

- 1 New Year's Day (Town Hall Closed)

Town Board committees meet every 2nd Monday of the month (during Town Board meetings)



**FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT THE JOE MCGUAN MEMORIAL  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2006**  
(more pictures available on our website at [www.cortlandil.org](http://www.cortlandil.org))



**SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER**

Please do not blow or shovel snow from your driveway into the street. You must have your sidewalk shoveled noon the day after a snowfall.



### Notes of Interest from the Department of Building Safety

Carbon monoxide is known as *The Silent Killer*. To protect against deaths by carbon monoxide, the Illinois General Assembly passed, and the governor signed, Illinois Public Act 094-0741. Effective January 1, 2007, this Act requires carbon monoxide detector/alarms to be operational in all existing and new residences.

#### What does this mean for the residents of Cortland?

Every dwelling unit will be required to have at least one (1) approved carbon monoxide detector/alarm installed and operating within 15 feet of every room or area used for sleeping. This Act covers all types of residences, from detached single family homes, as well as every living unit in a duplex, townhouse, multiple family (apartment), mobile homes, and hotels/motels.

The required carbon monoxide detector/alarm can be:

1. battery powered
2. plug-in with battery back-up, or
3. direct-wired into the residence's AC power source with a secondary battery-backup.

You may install a combination carbon monoxide detector/smoke detector alarm only if the combined unit provides different alarm tones for the carbon monoxide detection and the smoke detection.

#### Who's responsible?

The *owner* of the dwelling unit must supply and install (or have installed) all required alarms.

A *landlord* must ensure the alarms are operable on whichever comes first: January 1, 2007, or on a lease's effective date; thereafter, the *tenant* is responsible for testing and maintaining the device after the lease begins. The landlord is required to furnish written notification regarding procedures for alarm testing and maintenance to one tenant per dwelling unit.

Only those dwelling units that 1) are not heated, ventilated, or have water heaters that use a fossil fuel; 2) are not connected to a garage; and 3) are far away from a carbon monoxide source, are exempt from the requirement.

Once again, it is the owner's responsibility to select and install the appropriate carbon monoxide detectors. If you select a hard-wired device, a permit is required. Permit applications are available at Cortland Town Hall and the permit fee is \$75.00.

**Remember**—the carbon monoxide detectors must be installed and operating in your home by midnight, New Year's Eve 2006 for use on New Year's Day, January 1, 2007! *The Act states willful failure to install or maintain in operating condition any required alarm is a Class B criminal misdemeanor.*

A copy of Public Act 094-0741 is available on-line at [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov), or at the Town Hall. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Dettmer or Gary Williams, assistant code officials, at 630-551-ICCI (4224)...should someone be unavailable to personally answer your call, please leave a message and you will be called back.

The Department of Building Safety wishes each of you a happy,



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MAYOR, TRUSTEES AND STAFF  
OF THE TOWN OF CORTLAND

## FALL EVENTS AT CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY



### Fairy Tale Story Times

For 3 to 6 year olds will be held weekly until December 15th. Sponsored by Target.

Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.

Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

### Movie Time

Thursday afternoon children's movies at 2 & 4 p.m.

### Move & Play with Mary Y

Active fun for little ones. Toddlers are invited!

Monday, December 11 at 10:30 a.m.

### Friends of Cortland Library

Will meet Wednesday, November 8 at 7 p.m. Learn how "Freinds" help libraries

### Library Board Meetings

November 15th at 7:00 p.m.

January 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Open to the public

Welcome Brad Stone, new Trustee appointed on Oct. 23

## TRUSTEE CANDIDATE PETITIONS AVAILABLE

The Town of Cortland will have 3 4-year term Trustee positions open on the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election. Candidate Petitions are available from the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall during regular business hours. Petitions can be picked up anytime, but may not be circulated before November 7.

Petitions must be returned to Clerk's Office between January 29, 2007 and February 5, 2007 with extended office hours until 5:00 p.m. on February 5th.

## LIBRARY BOARD CANDIDATE PETITIONS AVAILABLE

There are 5 trustee positions open on the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election; 3 6-year terms and 2 4-year terms. To run for office you must be a Cortland resident for at least 1 year. For more information please contact Barb at the library. Petitions are picked up and returned to the library for these positions.



Hello,

I would like to start by saying a BIG thank you to the Cortland Parade and Festival Committee and all the people who helped make this event happen. They did a wonderful job of putting together the 25<sup>th</sup> annual parade and 3<sup>rd</sup> annual festival. It was great to see they were able to have Rich O'Donnell and Dave Simpson as Grand Marshall's for the parade this year since they were the two young boys, at the time, who asked if they could have a parade. Mayor Ken Hetchler said sure, so they rode their lawnmowers in that first parade and 25 years later they were provided lawnmowers to ride in this parade. That was great to see. It has taken the hard work of many dedicated people and organizations over the last 25 year to make this event happen and I thank all of you.

We will be hosting World Town Planning Day again this year. For those of you who attended last years' event I think you would agree it is a very informative evening. This event will be held at the Lions Shelter at Cortland's Community Park from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8. If you have ever wondered what it takes to build and run a town this is the night for you. We will have representatives from our town departments, along with staff from Engineering, Planning & Zoning, Building Inspection, Sheaffer International, the company who is designing and building our wastewater treatment plant, along with WRT (Water Remediation Technology) the system we use for radium removal. We will have all the latest maps of the current developments along with the developers and site plans of their current residential and commercial plans for the Town of Cortland. The evening will be set up 'expo style'. You will be able to view the exhibits at your own pace. Tours of the adjacent well house will be given. Please try to attend this event, it will be very educational for new residents as well as long term residents.

The holidays are almost here again, and we are beginning to bring another year to an end, My wife, Diane and I would like to wish all of you the best of health and the warmest of wishes this holiday season, and don't forget to have some fun...



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