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THANKS TO THE CORTLAND FESTIVAL AND PARADE COMMITTEE FOR A GREAT WEEKEND!

Thanks to the Cortland Festival and Parade Committee for a great fun-filled weekend starting with Saturday night's kick-off with great music, food, and beer garden. Sunday packed in the fun as hundreds of residents and friends lined the streets on a cool and windy mid-October day to watch the 28th 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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- 2 Planning Commission meeting
- 9 Town Board meeting
- 11 Veteran's Day (Town Hall closed)
- 23 Town Board meeting
- 26 Thanksgiving Day (Town Hall closed)
- 27 Day after Thanksgiving (Town Hall closed)

December

- 7 Planning Commission meeting
- 14 Town Board meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve (Town Hall closed)
- 25 Christmas Day (Town Hall closed)
- 28 Town Board meeting

January

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

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

CORTLAND SCHOOL PTA NEWS

Upcoming Events

November

- 2-6 Book Fair
- 16 PTA Meeting 7-8 p.m.
- 19 Picture Re-take Day



December

- 3 Reading Night 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- 9 Market Day Pick-up 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- 11 Holiday Shoppe
- 12 Breakfast with Santa 8:30-11 a.m.



PTA on-going Fundraisers: Box Top Labels, Campbell's Labels, Aluminum Can Recycling (drop cans in green bins at the old Cortland School), use Goodsearch.com and Goodshop.com and enter Cortland School PTA as your charity for Target Visa and Market Day.

ATTENTION ALL CORTLAND RESIDENTS WHO HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MILIRARY!

The Town of Cortland would like to honor its soldiers by acknowledging their selfless sacrifice in defense of our country! If you have a family member in the military we would like to hear from you. We would like to post their names, rank, and branch of service in the Cortland Newsletter. Let's give them the recognition and praise they deserve.

Please call Linda Clark, mother of 2 in military at (815) 756-1668 or Debbie Armstrong, mother of 1 in military at (815)756-1336 with your information.

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 DISCUSSES INFORMATION CONCERNING CORTLAND AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.



CORTLAND LIBRARY NEWS

EXPANDED LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.
 Fridays & Saturdays 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Wednesday, November 11 (Veteran's Day)
 Thursday & Friday, November 26 and 27 (Thanksgiving)
 Thursday & Friday, December 24 and 25 (Christmas)
 Friday, January 1, 2010 (New Year's Day)

"Cortland's Cookin," the Friends of Cortland Library benefit cookbook, is available for purchase at the library. This \$10 cookbook makes a great "grab bag" gift or a fun gift for cooking aficionados or that hard to buy for person who has everything.

Laura Mesjak, our new preschool story teller, is posting the topics, book titles, songs, and finger plays to be used for weekly story times on the library website at www.cortlandlibrary.com. Parents may preview forthcoming fun!

Curious about life in Cortland? The library has a copy of William Berg's book, "Cortland's Son: tales of a small town youth" Come in and check it out to learn about life in Cortland during and after WWII. Longtime Cortland residents may recognize friends in the photos!



2010 CENSUS: **IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

If you or anyone you know is interested in applying for employment for the 2010 Census you may visit their website at <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs>.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER



It's that time OF year again to start thinking about that dreaded word, **SNOW**. This year we have added another new plow truck with a wing to our fleet. This brings us to four large plow trucks now. In preparation for winter, 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 mail box and it was properly installed and maintained. This year we are adding a snow/ice link to our Operations and Maintenance web page, please take the time to check it out. If you have access to a computer and e-mail, that is the best way to contact my department and receive the quickest response. I hope everyone has a good winter.

John Kocher, Director, Operations and Maintenance Department

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

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,

Fall is here and winter is close behind. The year has flown by again. Not much going on this time of year. The street paving and sidewalk improvements are coming to an end for this year and the Operations & Maintenance Department is getting ready for snow. Please remember that the regulation “no parking after 2 inches of snow” is for all streets in town, so plan your winter parking arrangements now. Check our website cortlandil.org “Departments” | “Operations & Maintenance” for further information and instruction. The better you prepare now the smoother and more efficient the plowing can be done. I ask for your cooperation and patience in the upcoming snow season. Remember: shoveling the sidewalk is the homeowner’s responsibility and very important if you have a school bus pick-up route near your house.

We have been able to get some of the final improvements and cleanup work at Nature’s Crossing and the Chestnut Grove subdivisions completed. This has been a long time coming, and we are not finished yet. Thank you for your patience; we are doing the best we can to make sure all of the improvements get completed.

The Festival and Parade was a huge success this year. I wish to thank all the people who worked so hard in making this a success and the donors for making this possible. For those of you who missed it this year try, to be there next year it was a great time.

Water/sewer bills are generated four times per year: March, June, September, and December. It’s been a challenge for some to pay your quarterly bills in a timely manner. You may not be aware that you can choose to pay amounts monthly in advance. For example if your quarterly bill is \$120.00 and you pay \$40 a month in January and February, your March bill would have a balance of \$40. This may be a useful family budgeting tool.

Feel free to call or e-mail your questions and concerns, and I will do my best to answer.

The Town will once again have a Christmas tree in the courtyard between the Town Hall and Library. Watch the website for decorating information.

I wish all of you and your families a safe and joyous holiday season.

Mayor Seyller



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN CLERK, TRUSTEES, AND STAFF

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Town of Cortland found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Please read this notice closely to see what you can do to reduce lead in your drinking water.

HEALTH EFFECTS OF LEAD

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development.

SOURCES OF LEAD

Lead is a common metal found in the environment. Drinking water is one possible source of lead exposure. The main sources of lead exposure are lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust or soil, and some plumbing materials. In addition, lead can be found in certain types of pottery, pewter, brass fixtures, food, and cosmetics. Other sources include exposure in the work place and exposure from certain hobbies (lead can be carried on clothing or shoes). Lead is found in some toys, some playground equipment, and some children's metal jewelry.

Brass faucets, fittings, and valves, including those advertised as "lead-free", may contribute lead to drinking water. The law currently allows end-use brass fixtures, such as faucets, with up to 8 percent lead to be labeled as "lead free".

The Town of Cortland's water is produced from wells. Lead is rarely found in our type of source water. When water is in contact with pipes or plumbing that contains lead for several hours, the lead may enter drinking water. Homes built before 1988 are more likely to have lead pipes or lead solder.

EPA estimates that 10 to 20 percent of a person's potential exposure to lead may come from drinking water. Infants who consume mostly formula mixed with lead-containing water can receive 40 to 60 percent of their exposure to lead from drinking water.

Don't forget about other sources of lead such as lead paint, lead dust, and lead in soil. Wash your children's hands and toys often as they can come into contact with dirt and dust containing lead.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO REDUCE YOUR EXPOSURE TO LEAD IN YOUR WATER

Run your water to flush out lead. Run water for 15-30 seconds to flush lead from interior plumbing or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking, if it hasn't been used for several hours.

Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula. Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.

Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead.

Look for alternative sources or treatment of water. You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter. Read the package to be sure the filter is approved to reduce lead or contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or www.nsf.org for more information. Be sure to maintain and replace a filter device in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Test your water for lead. Call us at 815-756-9684 to find out how to get your water tested.

Get your child's blood tested. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead if you are concerned about exposure.

Identify and replace plumbing fixtures containing lead. Brass faucets, fittings, and valves, including those advertised as "lead-free," may contribute lead to drinking water. The law currently allows end-use brass fixtures, such as faucets, with up to 8% lead to be labeled as "lead free". Visit www.nsf.org to learn more about lead-containing plumbing fixtures.

WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT IS BEING DONE?

Lead is rarely found in source water, but enters tap water through corrosion of plumbing materials. The Town of Cortland has never had any problems with lead levels in our water supply. During the last sampling period, an exceedance over the Action Level was discovered. More sampling will be performed to determine the reason for the exceedance and if necessary, appropriate action will be taken. If you believe you have a lead service line please call 815-756-9684.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call us at 815-756-9684 or visit our web site at www.cortlandil.org. For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit the EPA's web site at www.epa.gov/lead or contact your health care provider.

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