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Town of Cortland

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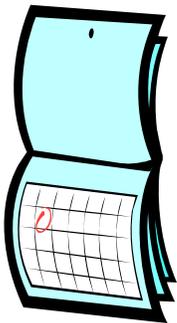
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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CORTLAND GRADUATES



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR THE 25TH ANNUAL
CORTLAND PARADE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER
15TH AT 1:00 P.M.

**CONGRESSMAN HASTERT'S
MOBILE COMING TO CORTLAND**
CONGRESSMAN J. DENNIS HASTERT'S
MOBILE OFFICE WILL BE IN CORTLAND
ON AUGUST 2, BETWEEN 9:00 AM and
10:00 AM.

RESIDENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY
MAY VISIT WITH ONE OF
REPRESENTATIVE HASTERT'S AIDES
TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS OR
COMPLAINTS. SPEAKER HASTERT'S
MOBILE OFFICE WILL BE SET UP AT
THE TOWN HALL

WEATHER ALERT

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!

For information on tornados contact the National
Weather service at www.nws.noaa.gov.

Dates to Remember...

July

- 4 4th of July
- 10 Town Board meeting
- 18 Park Committee meeting
- 24 Town Board meeting

Aug.

- 7 Planning Commission meeting
- 14 Town Board meeting
- 15 Park Advisory Committee
- 28 Town Board meeting

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

Cortland Town Officials

Mayor
Robert K. Seyller
office 756-9041
home 758-0649

Clerk
Cheryl Aldis
office 756-3030
home 758-3036

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.

Cortland's Downtown Redevelopment Vision Plan

Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk

Vision Plan - Kick Off and Informational Meeting	Thurs.	July 6	7 p.m.
Redevelopment Sub-Committee Meeting	Mon.	July 10	6 p.m.
Vision Plan - Informational Meeting and Image Survey Preference	Thurs.	July 13	7 p.m.
Public Presentation of Plan	Wed.	July 19	7 p.m.
Public Presentation of Plan (if necessary)	Mon.	July 31	7 p.m.

Cortland's Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Update

Meeting Schedule

Kick Off and Image Preference Survey	Wed.	Aug 2	7 p.m.
Survey Results and Traditional Neighborhood Design Presentation	Wed.	Aug 9	7 p.m.
Industrial/Commercial Presentation	Wed.	Aug 16	7 p.m.
Design Process Presentation (Charette)	Mon.	Aug 21	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Design Process presentation (Charette)	Tues.	Aug 22	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Design Process Presentation (Charette)	Wed.	Aug 23	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Design Process Presentation (Charette)	Thurs.	Aug 24	1 p.m.
Consensus Plan Presentation	Thurs.	Aug 24	7 p.m.
Planning Commission Review of Comprehensive Plan	Wed.	Sept. 6	7 p.m.

POLICE REMINDERS

In 2003 the Town Board amended the Cortland Park System Ordinance to enable safe and enjoyable leisure experiences for all park and family patrons.

All parks are closed from sunset to daybreak the following morning.

It is unlawful to allow any dog or pet to enter upon or remain on park property unless the dog or pet remains under the personal control of the owner or responsible party and is on a leash not in excess of 6 feet in length.

The owner is responsible for removing all excrement of feces produced by the dog or pet from the park property.

No person shall bring to, consume, or possess in any park or facility of the Town any alcoholic beverage.

It is unlawful to operate any all-terrain vehicle, dirt bike, go-cart, or snowmobile in any park or public area. You need permission of property owner to operate any of these vehicles on private property.

No person can leave any vehicle unattended in any park during hours that park is closed to public.

No person can damage or deface any building, equipment, or landscape within any park.

The Cortland Park System Ordinance is enforced by the Cortland Police Department and may be enforced by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department. Violators of this Ordinance face immediate eviction from the park and may be arrested. **Violators will be fined between \$100 and \$500.**

Please help maintain the integrity and beauty of your parks

The Cortland Park System Ordinance, in its entirety, is available for review at the Town Hall.



STREET MAINTENANCE

THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT IS ASKING RESIDENTS TO PLEASE TRIM THE TREES AND BUSHES THAT ARE OVERHANGING AND BLOCKING THE PEDESTRIAN RIGHTS-OF- WAY (SIDEWALKS).

IN MID TO LATE AUGUST, CAROL AVENUE FROM SOMONAUK TO SPRUCE WILL BE UNDER MAINTENANCE. SOME INTERRUPTION OF ACCESS WILL TAKE PLACE. PLEASE BE PATIENT AND CONSIDERATE TO WORKERS. THANK YOU.

PLEASE DO NOT THROW YOUR GRASS CLIPPINGS INTO THE DETENTION PONDS OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.

PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN

Permits are required for all Swimming pools. Including inflatable polls and above-ground pools that are over 24 inches in height. For safety reasons, fencing or barriers are required for all above-ground pools. Further, electrical equipment must be installed according to the National Electrical Code and requires inspection by the Department of Building Safety for compliance.

Please contact Gary at the Department of Building Safety at (630) 816-9194 for more information.

CURFEW FOR MINORS

The Curfew Ordinance for the Town is the same as that of the State of Illinois. Minor children under 17 years of age are in violation of the ordinance if they are in a public place or on the premises of an establishment without a parent or guardian being present between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Saturday; Between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday; and Between 11:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday, inclusive, and 6:00 a.m. on the following day.

A parent or guardian of a minor commits an offense if they knowingly permit, or by insufficient control, allows the minor to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the Town during curfew hours.

Minors found in violation of this ordinance will be fined and may be remanded to Juvenile Court

Please be aware of suspicious activity in your neighborhood. If you see any suspicious activity or under age kids out after curfew, please call the Cortland Police Department non-emergency number at 756-2558

PARENTS... KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE!!



Letter from the Desk of Mayor Robert K. Seyller

Hello.

I would like to welcome all of our new residents to Cortland. As many of you have noticed there is a lot of new development starting in town. We had our groundbreaking for the new waste water treatment plant in May, located on E. North Ave. Eagle Homes Nature's Crossing Unit One is getting ready to begin building homes on the north side of Somonauk Road. Montalbano Builders are starting to move dirt on the south side of IL Rte. 38 across from Hahn Drive. We are also working with some commercial and industrial businesses interested in locating in Cortland.

Please take note of the calendars for the Downtown Revitalization Plan (July) and the Cortland Land Plan Map (August). This is the most important thing you can do to participate in helping to shape the future of Cortland. I encourage all residents to attend all or some of the workshops. Your voice will be heard. Now is your chance to have input on your vision of what Cortland should look like in the future. Cortland needs to be a place we can all be proud of. I encourage you to involve the whole family, the plans we make today is the town our children will live in tomorrow. They too, should have their say. Take an active role in your community; get involved in shaping the future of Cortland. I hope to see you at the workshops. Check the Cortland website for more information. www.cortlandil.org

Emerald Ash Borer Recent information is telling us to be vigilant regarding looking for this insect. For more information please check the following website. www.emeraldashborer.info

Festival & Parade Volunteer Workers Needed – Contact Kris Moser for information and to volunteer. kmoser68@aol.com

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



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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 [June 2006](#), the average of the highest level of combined radium found was [11.6 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 [July 3, 2006](#).