Hello Everyone,

Summer is finally here! If you love the heat and humidity this is your time of year!

The Cortland Summer Fest kicks off for 2 days on Friday, August 12 and Saturday, August 13. It's great Family Fun! Please see the Fest agenda in this Newsletter or visit the Town's website for the dates and times of events and bands.

While summer is a time for seasonal fun, it is also a time for improvement projects throughout Town. A major road improvement project involving Cortland Center Road between Loves Road and Somonauk Road is currently underway. Another road improvement project and storm water abatement project should begin soon on Elm Avenue west of Somonauk Road. This year's road improvements that are funded by the Illinois Motor Fuel Tax will include Elm Avenue west of Somonauk Road, Mary Aldis Lane between the Post Office and Maple Avenue, and Barber Greene Road east of Somonauk Road to our municipal boundary.

The Town recently obtained ownership of and annexed the historic Mound Rest Cemetery. The cemetery is located on the north side of State Route 38 east of Somonauk Road. The cemetery has forever been maintained and administered by volunteers of a cemetery association. While their efforts over the years have been commendable, their numbers have been few, and like everything and everyone else, aging. This acquisition by the Town will prevent this cemetery, which is home to many of our loved ones, from potentially falling into disrepair. The annexation extends to the south side of State Route 38 which makes the Town's jurisdictional boundary contiguous with property which has recently been purchased and is destined to be prime commercial property. That property is now eligible to be annexed to the Town of Cortland.

Rehabilitation of the exterior of the Town Hall has begun and will be completed during this summer. It promises to be a great improvement and something, that as residents, we can all take pride in. Much needed rehabilitation of the exterior walls of our Public Works and Police Department facilities will begin in August. That project will be completed over several years.

The Town Board recently agreed to enter into a partnership with All Around Pumping. The company is owned by residents, Chris and Ashley Hartness. This partnership will allow for the seasonal construction and maintenance of a 50' by 80' ice skating rink at Suppeland Park. The rink will be constructed in close proximity to the shelter and will be lighted after dark while open for use. This partnership is an example of what positive amenities can be made possible to residents when businesses and local government can work together. I would like to publicly thank Chris and Ashley for their idea and generosity in making this recreational facility available to all of our residents.

There is still much to be done. I will report on those efforts in the next Newsletter.

Enjoy the summer! Watch over our children and please be kind to your neighbors!

As always, it is a pleasure to serve.

Russ Stokes
Mayor
DATES TO REMEMBER

**August**
- 08 Town Board Meeting
- 12 Summer Fest
- 13 Summer Fest
- 22 Town Board Meeting

**September**
- 05 Labor Day
  (Town Hall closed)
- 12 Town Board meeting
- 26 Town Board meeting

**October**
- 09 Parade & Festival 1:00
- 10 Columbus Day (Town Hall closed)
- 11 Town Board meeting (Tuesday)
- 24 Town Board meeting
- 31 Halloween
  (See Town website for T or T hours)

All Town meetings start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Please check our website for cancellations or changes to meeting schedule. Planning Commission Meetings, when scheduled, are held the first Thursday of every month. Check the Town’s website for meeting agendas.

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**Cortland Fire Department**

Cortland Fire Department is introducing Knox HomeBox for residential home. This is a First Responders access to your home in an emergency. When people inside are unable to open a door or not in the house, the First Responders open the Knox HomeBox and then enter the house. This reduces the damage it would cause for the fire department to force the door open.

Access to the Knox HomeBox is limited to only the Cortland Fire Department and only in an emergency.

If you would like more information, please contact Assistant Chief Mark Hedrick at mhedrick@cortlandfire.com or call 815-756-2545.

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**Building Department Reminders**

Building permits are required for many home project repairs. If you are making repairs, please contact the Town for permit information. Also remember to call JULIE at 811 or 800-892-0123 before you dig.

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**Police Department Reminders**

As the summer continues to bring hot temperatures, bicycle thefts also tend to increase during warmer weather. The Cortland Police Department would like to offer these steps to help deter bicycle thieves:

- Don’t leave your bike unlocked or unattended.
- Lock your bike even when it is stored in a closed garage, enclosed porch or common basement.
- Never let anyone you do not know take your bike for a ride.
- Be cautious of two people on one bike. Thieves often travel in pairs this way.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel someone is going to take your bike, shout for help.
- Stay in the company of friends. There is safety in numbers.
- Do not resist - your bike can be replaced.
- Call the police immediately if you see anyone suspicious hanging around a bike rack or a neighbor’s yard.

The Cortland Police department urges parents to share these tips with their children. Also, school is starting soon so exercising proper bike safety should be stressed as well. Motorists should always be cognizant of bicycles in the roadway. Stay focused and stay safe!

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The Town website cortlandil.org is updated regularly. Staff is available to answer questions. The Cortland Police Department has a Facebook page to keep you up to date on police happenings. You can check it out at Cortland IL Police Department.
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION UPDATED INFORMATION

Citizens who enrolled with Direct Energy may have received a letter from Progressive Energy. This letter is letting you know that the ICC approved rates for ComEd are less than the current rate with Direct Energy. If you choose to remove your account from the Electric Aggregation program and return to ComEd rates you may call Direct Energy at 866-760-6040, have your account number, address, and phone number readily available.

Upcoming Events
(Visit the Town’s website for complete details)

Cortland Summer Fest - August 12 and 13
The 2016 Cortland Summer Fest will be held August 12, 6:00 p.m. until midnight, and August 13, 12:00 p.m. until midnight. Local bands, food vendors, and more surprises all weekend!

Cortland Fire Department Pork Chop BBQ - Monday, August 29

Parade and Festival - October 9
The 35th Annual Parade and Festival will be held on October 9, at 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful event that is fun and affordable for the whole family. This year’s theme is “Salute the Troops.”

Hydrant Flushing and Hydrant Flow Testing - October 17-21

Public Works

Cortland Center Road, between Loves Road and Somonauk Road will be closed for reconstruction until late October 2016. This closure is necessary to include widening and improvements to pavement, sidewalk, storm sewer, curb and gutter, etc. Advance warning, detour and other temporary traffic control devices will be posted near the affected area. Please use caution and alternative routes. Elm Avenue, is currently under construction.

Water-Wastewater Department

The Water-Wastewater Department will be flushing hydrants and conducting hydrant flow testing during the week of October 17-21. Hydrant flow testing is conducted on hydrants to determine water availability in planning for firefighting activities, fire sprinkler systems or domestic water demand. You may notice a lot more water flowing from hydrants.

Painting of water hydrants has been on-going for the last few weeks.

Human excrement and regular toilet paper are the only things you should flush down your toilet. Even the very thick and plush toilet paper can sometimes be very hard to break down. Never flush the following products: Feminine Products, Cooking Grease/Food, Baby Wipes/Wet Wipes, Cleaning Pads, Dental Floss, Q-tips/Cotton Balls, Diapers, Pills, Paper Towels, Cigarette Butts.
CORTLAND SUMMER FEST 2016

TENTED BEVERAGE GARDEN & FOOD VENDORS BOTH DAYS
$5.00 charge for 21 and older (donated to Festival & Parade)

Friday, August 12 - gates open at 6 p.m.
6:30 - 8:00 Jack High Straight
8:30 - 11:30 Stroker Red
Fireworks at dusk

Saturday, August 13 - gates open 12 p.m.
Cruizin Wheels 12:00 - 4:00
12:30 - 3:30 The Relics
4:00 - 7:00 Rock Barn Band
8:00 - 11:30 Back Country Roads
Silent Auction 50/50 Drawing hosted by Cortland Festival and Parade Committee