The Town of Cortland, Illinois Newsletter

August 2022

Welcome from the Mayor

Bringing back the Town newsletter

by Mark Pietrowski, Mayor of Cortland

Since being elected as the Mayor of Cortland in April 2021, I have sought to provide information and connect with residents on Facebook through the Mayor of Cortland, Illinois Facebook page.. Knowing that not every resident has a Facebook account it was also important to re-establish a town newsletter where we can provide information on issues and events coming up and other relevant information for residents.

I also want to keep this new digital newsletter format light and fun by highlighting a resident, employee of the town or elected official in select newsletters to provide a mini-profile on them.

For residents that do not go online or utilize email we will also make some print copies of the newsletter available at townhall and the Cortland Library.

Thank you to all that already provided feedback and information on the Newsletter survey that was put on Facebook.

Cortland Summerfest August 5 and 6, 2022

Once again it is time for the annual Cortland Summerfest on August 5 and 6, 2022. There is fun for the whole family at this event including the Cortland Fireworks show on Friday, August 5 at dusk sponsored by Constant Electric Supply and Cortland Community LLC. All of the fest events happen at Cortland Community Park, 70 S. Llanos St., Cortland.

Are you interested in volunteering to help at the Cortland Summerfest or want to be a sponsor or donate an item for our drawing? Please email Mayor@cortlandil.org

Cortland Community Park
70 S. Llanos St, Cortland, IL

Cortland Summerfest

$5.00 Entry for Adults 21 and over
20 and under Free

Friday, August 5, 2022 - 5:00 PM Gates Open

- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM $3 Rides on the Mechanical Bull
- 5:15 PM - National Anthem and Prayer
- 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM The Elderly Brothers
- 8:30 PM - 11:30 PM Gretta Sweets
- Fireworks at Dusk (Sponsored by Constant Electric Supply, Cortland Community LLC)

FOOD VENDORS BOTH DAYS

- The Dirty Bird
- Taki's To Go
- Churros Rellenos Dulce Tentación
- Tinez Tacos
- Little O's Frozen Treats
- Monster Shack
- Sweet Butts Cotton Candy

Saturday, August 6, 2022 - Noon Gates Open

- 12:15 PM - National Anthem and Prayer
- 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM Family Fun Time
  See Maribel from Encanto
  Games - Free
  Petting Zoo - Free
  Crafts & Activities - Free
  Animal Show - Free
  Inflatables - Free
  Face Painting - Free
  ALL FREE ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY CORTLAND EVENTS COMMITTEE, CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY, AND EPILEPSY ADVOCACY NETWORK
- 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM $3 Mega Attractions - Rock Climbing Wall, Mind Winder Swing, and Toxic Meltdown
- 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM $3 Rides on the Mechanical Bull
- Bags Tournament (Signup Starts at 11:00) - Recreational Division $40/Team, Competitive Division $60/Team
- 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Mr. Meyers Band
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Infunktious
- 8:30 PM - 11:30 PM Shotgun Jane

Check out the Drawings Table

Thank you to our Event Sponsors: Cortland Community LLC, Constant Electric Supply, Meta, Resource Bank, Wehrli Custom Fabrication, 815 auto, Accurate Towing, Advanced Foot & Ankle Surgeons, Camping World of DeKalb, Cortland Flooring, Evolve Fitness, Johnson Canvas, KS Displays, O'Donnell Crane, Sam's Family Restaurant, Tinez Tacos, and Weichert Realtors Signature Professionals

Photo caption: Cortland Fireworks at SummerFest 2021.

Cortland Fire Department

Residents in Cortland overwhelmingly voted in favor of a referendum in support of additional funding for the volunteer Cortland Fire Department with 69 percent of the vote, 506 to 225. It was the only successful referendum in DeKalb County during the primary election.

Photo caption: Firefighters and the Mayor enjoy some lemonade from a neighborhood lemonade stand.

July 2022

Firefighters and EMS personnel responded to a total of 55 requests for service

Fire-related incidents: 15

EMS-related incidents: 40

Cortland Parks Advisory Board Formed

The Town of Cortland has approved a Parks Advisory Board as the town looks at what the goal and future development of each park should be moving forward and any new parks or elements that should be worked in for the residents of Cortland.

A special thank you to everyone that volunteered to join the committee. There were more people than there were slots. Others will be kept in mind for volunteer opportunities in the future as they arise.

Thank you also to Cortland Town Board member Charmaine Fioretto for agreeing to help lead this initiative moving forward.

Members:

Charmaine Fioretto, Chair and Board Representative, Liz Botts. Trent Moser, Josh Orr, Michelle Bergeson, Angel Mendez, Patricia Mackey and Mari-Ann Kaminski. The mayor will serve as an ex-officio member and also be able to fill in for Charmaine at a meeting if she should ever need.

Pedestrian Pathway Phase 1 construction has started

In June the Cortland Public Works Department started construction on Phase 1 of a Cortland Pedestrian Path that will connect all parts of town as well as to adjacent communities. The phase 1 segment is located within the Richland Trails subdivision and is west of Somonauk Road and then turns west running south of Cortland Center Road.

There will be a ribbon cutting event in August on a day and time to be determined. The town thanks DeKalb County Government for $10,000 toward the pathway project.

Cortland will also be taking part in the “Move with the Mayor” national initiative to help promote healthier communities and help the environment. More details to be announced. The initiative runs between September 1 - October 15, 2022.

If you would like to help plan an event during this time for the town please contact Mayor@cortlandil.org

Cortland Library - August

Programs listed below are offered weekly, monthly groups, and special events are listed below, as well as on our Facebook Page and website!

Monday @ 10:00 am - Preschool Play Time
Monday @ 5:00 pm - Learn to Crochet - Age 17 & Under
Monday @ 6:30 pm - Learn to Crochet for Adults
Tuesday @ 7:00 pm - Story Time & Craft
Wednesday @ 10:00 am - Preschool Story Time
Wednesday @ 4:30 pm - If You Give a Kid a Craft Club…@ The Lion's Den
Thursday @ 10:00 am - Preschool Story Time
Thursday @ 4:30 pm - YA Library Lounge

August Monthly Specials:

Saturday 8/6 @ 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Cortland Summer Fest - Face Painting, Crafts, & Games @ Cortland Park
Saturday 8/6 @ 7:00 pm - Movie Club for Adults
Friday 8/19 @ 7:30 pm - Monthly Book Club
Saturday 8/20 @ 12:00 pm - Back to School Bash @ Cortland Park

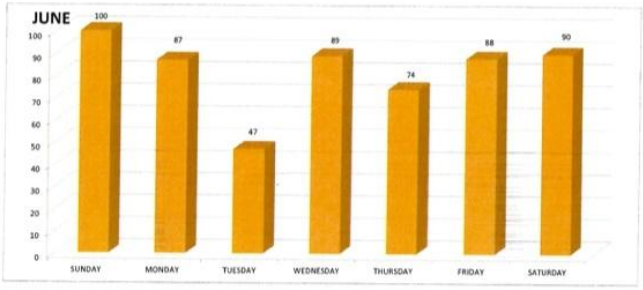
Cortland Police Department Report through June

CORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 (THRU JUNE)

SUMMARY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Group A Offenses (NIBRS)	8	12	12	5	12	9							58
Drug Offenses	0	1	0	1	0	2							4
Alcohol Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Juvenile Offenses	1	1	0	4	3	0							9
Municipal Code	2	1	2	1	10	8							24
Traffic Stops	6	4	4	11	5	8							38
Warnings	5	4	0	7	0	6							22
Tickets Issued	4	1	4	8	8	3							28
Accidents	2	1	2	2	5	2							14
Criminal Arrests	6	1	0	2	2	3							14
*Warrant Arrests (# also included in Criminal Arrests)	2	0	0	0	0	1							3
Calls For Service	97	90	136	129	127	119							698
CAD Events	707	633	617	517	722	575							3,771
Case Reports	37	42	57	41	54	42							273
Parking Tickets	48	2	1	1	0	0							52
Total	**925**	**793**	**835**	**729**	**948**	**778**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5,008**

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR JUNE

ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	9
ASSIST MOTORISTS	4
KEYS IN CAR	3
HOUSE/BUSINESS CHECK	72
EXTRA PATROL	208
FOOT PATROL	4
SCHOOL PATROL	0
STATIONARY PATROL	26
CONCENTRATED PATROL	2
COMMUNITY CONTACT	16



SQUAD CAR MILEAGE as of JUNE 2022

VEHICLE	YEAR	MILES
Ford Explorer	2021	3,710
Ford Explorer	2017	99,754
Ford Taurus	2018	40,519
Ford Taurus	2019	31,981
Chevy Tahoe	2020	28,223

SQUAD CAR EXPENSES

JUNE (12-6200-241)

DeKalb Napa	$38.08	
ExxonMobil	$87.00	
Just the Details	$700.00	
Arndt Auto	1,330.32	SQ18

THRU JUNE

SUMMARY	DAVENPORT	DARGIS	FRENCH	HARRIS	HOFFSTEAD	HOPKINS	SAWYER	SCHAIBLE	VANWANKUM	TOTAL
Case Reports	0	7	3	117	0	34	41	47	24	273
Warnings	0	0	0	4	1	0	17	0	0	22
Tickets Issued	0	0	0	0	7	0	13	8	0	28
Accidents	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	6	3	14
Criminal Arrests	0	0	0	3	0	0	7	3	1	14
Total Calls	26	53	7	1200	14	178	295	429	5	2207
Traffic Stops	0	0	0	7	6	0	5	2	0	20
Self Initiated	21	13	1	1058	6	58	256	301	4	1718
Parking Tickets	0	0	12	19	0	12	0	6	3	52
Total	**47**	**74**	**23**	**2410**	**34**	**282**	**636**	**802**	**40**	**4348**

Community Member Profile: Mayor Mark Pietrowski

It is only fitting if I am asking for others to be interviewed for a profile that I start things off and answer some different questions.

Mark Pietrowski was elected as Mayor of Cortland in April 2021 after previously serving on the Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees from 2009 - 2012 and on the DeKalb County Board and DeKalb Forest Preserve from 2012 - 2020, serving as County Board Chairman from 2014 - 2020 and County Forest Preserve President from 2014 - 2020.

- Do you prefer Dogs or Cats? This is a trick question because I love both dogs and cats. Both are great companion animals
- What is your favorite sports team? The Chicago Cubs. Seeing them finally win a World Series in 2016 was a true joy.
- What is your favorite Christmas movie? Christmas Vacation, it is a tradition that I have to watch it every year, sometimes multiple times a year. It always brings a smile and laughter each watch.
- Which states have you lived in? I was born and raised in Illinois so while I have visited other states, Illinois is the only state I have lived in.
- What is an ideal vacation location for you? Disney World or Disneyland. Love both locations.
- Favorite food? If I had to pick a food to each daily it would be pizza.
- Do you have a tattoo? No, although I use to say the only tattoo I would get would be a Cubs one if they won the World Series. I have had temporary tattoos while growing up though.

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