



TOWN OF CORTLAND

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Hello,

Another year has come and gone. We are constantly responding to new challenges and opportunities, and 2012 was no different. Here are some accomplishments during the past year.

The Town welcomed a new car dealer to town, Silver Star Motors (located at Loves Road and IL 38). We continue to actively market the community to potential businesses.

The Town Board established our first Tax Increment Finance District to stimulate economic development in Cortland, and in related action the Board approved two development agreements with developers to bring development to the TIF district.

On the technology front, we entered into a participation agreement with DeKalb County to bring the County's fiber optic infrastructure to Cortland; The installation of the infrastructure is complete. In other technology news, the Town Board approved an agreement to permit a wireless internet provider to use our water tower to bring wireless internet service to Cortland businesses and residents. Watch your mail for more information about the service from Fox Valley Internet.

Cortland was an early adopter of the municipal electric aggregation program and in 2012 designated First Energy Solutions as the electric supplier for Town electric customers. Cortland residents who participated in the program may save as much as \$300 per year on their electric bills.

Family Service Agency of DeKalb County's senior services program in Cortland has been wildly successful and has expanded. If you are a senior or know a senior in Cortland, please make plans to attend one of their events at the Lion's Den at Cortland Park. You'll be glad you did!

Sixteen Cortland residents took the initiative to establish the Cortland Community Garden project under the guidance of the DeKalb County Community Gardens organization. Our community gardeners are an excited and passionate group, and the first season was remarkable successful, considering the late start. The Town then partnered with DeKalb County Community Gardens to expand their program and approved an agreement that will permit the organization to establish a garden on land the Town owns on East North Avenue. The North Avenue field will be used to grow vegetables for distribution among various DeKalb County organizations feeding the poor, children, and other disadvantaged members of the community.

We had the best ever Summerfest and Community Parade this year. Thank you Parade and Festival Committee and all of the volunteers!

The Town's Streets and Maintenance Department moved into its new headquarters building on Halwood Street.

DATES TO REMEMBER**January**

- 1 New Year's Day
(Town Hall closed)
- 14 Town Board meeting
- 21 Martin Luther King's Birthday
(Town Hall closed)
- 28 Town Board meeting

February

- 11 Town Board meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 President's Day
(Town Hall closed)
- 25 Town Board meeting

Please check Town website for changes to meeting dates.

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You may reach any Trustee by email by using their first initial and last name @cortlandil.org. For information regarding articles for this newsletter you may email the Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@cortlandil.org.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS**Mailboxes**

It's that time of year again and the dreaded **SNOW** is here. 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 mailbox and it was properly installed and maintained.

Sidewalks

"Removal is required. The owner or occupant of each lot or part of lot, improved or unimproved, to which the general public is invited shall remove all snow and ice which may have fallen or accumulated upon the sidewalk in front of the premises which he owns or occupies not later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon of the day after the same has ceased to fall or accumulate. Provided, that when ice has so formed upon any sidewalk that it cannot be removed, then the owner or occupant shall keep the same effectively sprinkled with sand, salt or other suitable substance in such manner as to prevent the ice from being dangerous, until such time as it can be removed, and then it shall be promptly removed." (Town Code 7-1-8)

If you have plowing questions or concerns, and have access to a computer, please e-mail John Kocher at DirectorOperationsMaintenance@cortlandil.org or you can email him directly from the Town website; just click on departments and follow the link. You may also call the Town Hall at (815)-756-9041. However, direct email to Mr. Kocher is the best way to contact him and receive the quickest response.

**COM-ED REMINDER
TO REPORT ANY POWER OUTAGES,
PLEASE CALL 1-800-334-7661**

RADIO TIME
TUNE INTO WLBK AM (1360) OR ONLINE (1360WLBK.COM) THE
4th MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT APPROXIMATELY 9:40 A.M. TO
HEAR THE MAYOR DISCUSSING INFORMATION CONCERNING
CORTLAND AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday & Saturday 9-5
website: www.cortlandlibrary.com
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Start the New Year by getting a Cortland Community Library card.

If you reside within the Town of Cortland, simply bring in a photo id and proof of residence (such as a utility bill). Cortland town residents support the library through their taxes. Non-residents may have a library card by paying an equivalent fee. For renters, this amount is 15% of one month's rent. For homeowners, this amount is .0033104% of your EAV calculated as the yearly fee. Please bring the appropriate documentation into the library and we will be happy to help you.

We offer the option of a Family Library Card. Families with multiple library users at the same address are encouraged to exchange their existing library cards for one family card that everyone can use. All of your family's holds, checkouts, renewals, and fines will be on one card--much easier to manage!

Weekly Programs

Third Grade & Up Creative Writing Group, Mondays at 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required, please contact the library.
Elementary Age Storytime, Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
Preschool Storytime, Wednesday & Thursdays at 10 am

Crochet Group, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required, please contact the library.

First Grade & Up Story & Craft, Thursdays at 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required, please contact the library.

Special Events

The library is looking for donations of gently used LEGOs! If you have LEGOs in your basement that no one plays with anymore, the library would love to have them for use in programs. (Not DUPLO blocks—we have enough of those, thanks!)

STEM Teen Read. Throughout the year, teens read science fiction books, participate in fun, interactive online programs, and then meet up virtually or live at Northern Illinois University for free discussions and Q&A sessions with experts who explain the science behind the fiction. More information is at <http://teenread.niu.edu/>
eBooks. Download ebooks or audiobooks for FREE using your Cortland Library card. Information is on the library's website (www.cortlandlibrary.com) under the OMNI link.

**CORTLAND ELEMENTARY PTA
INFO & EVENTS****January**

- 9 Market Day pick-up 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- 14 PTA Meeting 7 p.m. Childcare will be provided.
- 16 Food Night at Applebee's – flyer needed

February

- 6 Market Day pick-up 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- 11 PTA Meeting 7pm – Childcare will be provided.
- 20 Applebee's Food Night – flyer needed

There are many ways you can show your support and help raise funds for our school. Clip and send in Box Tops & Campbell's Soup UPC's (not just the labels), attend any of our events, and by ordering Market Day. Market Day flyers can be picked up at school or the Cortland Library or you can order online. If you ever need to get in contact with us, you can send us an email at Cortland_PTA@yahoo.com.

Winter

**THERE IS A \$25.00 FINE
FOR ILLEGALLY PARKING ON STREETS
AFTER A 2" SNOWFALL!**

Ask This Old House

Watch the TV listings for the date and time that Cortland, IL will be featured. It should be late January or early February 2013

Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis has started collecting articles, pictures, and memorabilia for the Town's sesquicentennial (150 year celebration) in 2015, so please contact her at 815-756-3030 with any contributions or information you would like to share.

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 available 48 hours before the meeting. To view agendas go to www.cortlandil.org.

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The Town's Police Department is getting new state of the art computer software to aid the dispatch system. The Town's Water and Wastewater Department received the Perfect Fluoridation award for the fourth consecutive year.

And, of course, there was the usual and normal day-to-day maintenance that the Town staff performs, including mowing the parks, painting stripes on the pavement, repairing potholes, sweeping streets, repairing main breaks, and more. But here are a few statistics:

- Pumped and treated over 85 million gallons of potable water
- Completed over 6,000 water quality tests
- Completed over 300 wastewater quality tests
- Irrigated more than 17 million gallons of treated wastewater
- Updated more than 150 water meters
- Rebuilt/maintained more than 100 fire hydrants
- Resurfaced 2,621 lineal feet of roadway
- Replaced 23 ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramps
- Began a multi-year sidewalk repair and replacement program and removed 34 trip hazards this year

And, finally, our Town staff deserves recognition. Officer Kim Everhardt was recognized as Law Officer of the Year by Grand du Illinois branch of the Forty and Eight organization; Jeff Lemke became a licensed (Wastewater) Collection System Operator; and the Town Board named Mark Davenport as the new Town Treasurer .

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a safe, healthy and Happy New!

Mayor Bob Seyller



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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN CLERK, TRUSTEES, AND STAFF