



# TOWN OF CORTLAND

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Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Our weather is warming and the children will be out of school, clearly a sign that our Sesquicentennial Summer has begun.

By all accounts the Annual Garage Sales event was a huge success. I thank Donna Klemm and everyone that assisted her in planning and implementing this event. This is no small undertaking. Donna and her volunteers continue to bring more improvements and participation in what has become a very positive yearly event for our community.

The Daisy Girl Scouts from Troop 777 have successfully completed their wildlife habitat project at Cortland Community Park despite the cool temperatures and rain. As this project takes root and grows it will be a welcome and pleasant addition to the park. I congratulate Troop Leader Sandi Madsen and all the scouts on a job well done!

Our Annual Spring Clean was very successful. Our Public Works Department reported that approximately 200 cubic yards of trash was deposited in the roll-off dumpsters that were provided by DC Trash. DC Trash donated to the Town of Cortland the removal of 40 of those cubic yards of trash.

Demolition of the residence at 86 South Somonauk Road was completed last month. There is one more property condemnation/demolition project currently being pursued.

A new sidewalk has been installed in Nature's Crossing in the area of the future tot park, and improvements to the tot park at Suppeland Community Park are nearly completed.

Work is on-going in the construction of the Town of Cortland Veteran's Memorial located at Suppeland Park. The dedication of the Memorial is being tentatively planned for Saturday, August 1, 2015. There will be more information on the Dedication at a later date.

An Open House of all of our community facilities will be taking place on Saturday, June 20, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please take note of the facilities and their respective locations in this Newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This will be not only educational and interesting to adult residents, but also a good photo opportunity for your children, as they inspect our Snow Plows, Tractors, Police Vehicles, Fire Trucks, and Ambulances.

I am pleased to report that I have been contacted by people expressing a commercial interest in the Town of Cortland. I will continue to do whatever I can to encourage their interest and the potential interest of others in bringing new businesses to our community.

I hope everyone enjoys a safe and fun Sesquicentennial Summer while being mindful of our children and thoughtful of our neighbors.

As always, I thank you for the opportunity to serve our community.

Russ Stokes  
Mayor

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**June**

- 13** Reading is a Treasure  
(See upcoming events)
- 21** Father's Day
- 20** Town Facilities Tour  
(See upcoming events)
- 22** Town Board Meeting

**July**

- 3** Town Hall Closed in observance of 4th of July
- 13** Town Board meeting
- 27** Town Board meeting

**August**

- 1** Veterans Memorial Dedication  
(See upcoming events and watch the Town's website for information)

**New Utility Billing Schedule Begins**

**Months included in quarter**

May/June/July  
 August/September/October  
 November/December/January  
 February/March/April

**Due on the 25th day of**

August  
 November  
 February  
 May



**Cortland Officer Attends Ceremony**

Cortland Police Officer Lou D'Attomo attended the Illinois Police Officer Memorial Service held in Springfield, Illinois, on May 7. The event is a ceremony to pay tribute to fallen officers and their families. Officer D'Attomo is standing near a monument that bears the names of the officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their communities.

**Why does the Town flush the fire hydrants?**

Have you ever noticed the signs in your neighborhood that say "Flushing Hydrants"? The workers you see flushing fire hydrants work for the Cortland Water/Wastewater Department, and they are trained in proven water system maintenance practices. Flushing fire hydrants is one of the most important maintenance practices that can be performed on a water distribution system.

When a fire hydrant is fully opened, corrosion and rust is flushed out. If ignored, corrosion and rust can cause problems such as: severe rusty water and/or reduced water pressure. Replacing water that has been standing in the system with fresh water is especially important in dead end main areas and low flow areas in the system. So, the next time you see a Cortland employee flushing a hydrant, you can rest assured that they are working hard to protect the safety of the public, improve water quality and properly maintain the water distribution system.

The Town conducts fire hydrant flushing days twice a year in the spring and fall. Some discoloration of your water may occur during the process; we advise running the cold water tap for a few minutes until the water is clear. Though rare, you may experience a severe drop in pressure. As soon as the hydrant is closed your water pressure will return.

If you have done a load of laundry during the time we were performing the hydrant flushing, your clothes may have become discolored. They will need to be rewashed with a rust remover. It is also a good time to remember to clean your faucet screens.

Before flushing hydrants, the Town puts notices in the newsletter, on the website, and on the library marquee, and places 25 signs throughout the Town to remind residents of flushing days.



Congratulations Graduate!

**CONGRATULATIONS  
 TO ALL CORTLAND GRADUATES**

**TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

**All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.  
 Please check our website for cancellations or  
 changes to meeting schedule.**

**TOWN FACILITIES OPEN HOUSE**  
**Saturday, June 20, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.****TOWN HALL****59 South Somonauk Road**

Mayor Russ Stokes, Town Clerk Cookie Aldis, and Staff will be on hand. Come visit this building that was built in 1888 and view photographs and artifacts depicting the early history and evolution of the Town of Cortland.

**CORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT****30 West North Avenue**

Fire Department staff will be on hand to conduct tours of the fire station and allow viewing of their fire engines, rescue squad, and ambulances.

**CORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT****250 South Halwood Street**

Chief Gary Spangler and his staff will be on hand to conduct tours of their new facility and allow viewing of their police vehicles.

**CORTLAND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT****250 South Halwood Street**

Director John Kocher and his staff will be on hand to allow viewing of the maintenance garage, snow plows, trucks, tractors, and maintenance equipment.

**CORTLAND WATER DEPARTMENT WELL #4****137 E Maple Street (Located East of Cortland Community Park off East Maple Avenue)**

Director Joel Summerhill will be on hand to explain the towns water storage and distribution process as well as radium removal and water treatment.

**CORTLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY****660 East North Avenue**

Operator Jeff Lemke will be on hand to conduct tours of the facility and explain the wastewater detention, treatment, and discharge process which is done in part, through spray irrigation.

**CORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS CPR CLASSES**

Cortland Fire Department will be holding CPR classes at the Fire Station, 30 W North Ave on June 24 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and July 22 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. There is a limit of 15 people per class. You may register online at [cortland-fire.com](http://cortland-fire.com). There is a \$30.00 fee for class.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June 13, Reading is a Treasurer:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Cortland Community Park Lions Den, 70 S. Llanos St. Visit the Town's website for details. Proceeds benefit Cortland Community Library. Or pick-up flyer at the Cortland Library.

**June 20, Town Facilities Open House** (see schedule above)

**August 1, Veteran's Memorial Dedication**

The Town of Cortland is planning a Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony for the newly constructed memorial. This event is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at Suppeland Park, 345 Pampas Street, Cortland.

**August 14 & 15, Cortland Summer Fest**

The 2015 Cortland Summer Fest will be held August 14, 6:00 p.m. until midnight, and August 15, 12:00 p.m. until midnight. Local bands, food vendors, and more surprises all weekend!

**October Parade and Festival**

The 34th Annual Parade and Festival will be held on October 11 at 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful event that is fun and affordable for the whole family.

**CORTLAND COMMUNITY  
LIBRARY NEWS**

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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website: [www.cortlandlibrary.com](http://www.cortlandlibrary.com)

Summer Reading begins June 8th at Cortland Community Library!  
Join and read for 100 minutes each week for enjoyment and prizes.  
All ages welcome to join! Take a "vacation" in a good book!

**Summer Reading Fact:**

"National research from Dominican University finds that students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests...." In other words, read to learn.

**Summer activities at Cortland Library include:**

The Amazing Race on June 20th

Crochet (Monday evenings)

Story Time (Tuesday evenings)

Preschool Story Times (Wednesday & Thursdays at 10:00 a. m.)

Lunch & Listen (Tuesday afternoon)

First Grade & Up Story & Craft (Wednesday 4:30 p. m.)

Sixth Grade & Up Activity (Thursday 5:30 p. m.)

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