TOWN OF CORTLAND
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TOWN BOARD INFORMATION AND ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Mayor Russ Stokes and Trustee Ben Haier who have been elected to the Town Board. Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis and Trustees Mike Siewierski and Sandra Barzso were re-elected to 4-year terms. All elected Town Officials were sworn in at a Special Meeting of the Town Board held April 29, 2013.

Trustees Chuck Lanning, Brad Stone, and Susan Dockus continue to serve out their 4-year terms.

Town Garage Sales Coming May 3-4

More information about registering and an application form for the Annual Garage Sales may be found on the Town’s website at cortlandil.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cortland Summer Fest
The 2013 Cortland Summer Fest will be held August 9, 6:00 p.m. until midnight, and August 10, 12:00 p.m. until midnight. Local bands, food vendors, and more surprises all weekend! The Cortland Library will host games and activities for kids on Saturday. Cruzin’ Wheels will have a beautiful car show display on Saturday. Come join us for another fabulous year.

Parade and Festival
The 32nd Annual Parade and Festival will be held on October 13 at 1:00 p.m. This year the theme for the parade is Science Fiction. This is a wonderful event that is fun and affordable for the whole family.
DATES TO REMEMBER

May
13  Town Board meeting
12  Mother’s Day
27  Memorial Day
   (Town Hall closed)
28  Town Board meeting (Tuesday)

June
  6  Planning Commission meeting
 10  Town Board meeting
 16  Father’s Day
 24  Town Board meeting

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

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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.

Building Permit Requirements

Permits are required for: replacing a roof surface, replacing or installing a hot-water heater, installing central air conditioning system or furnace, installing a deck/porch, “screening in” a deck, adding a pergola to a deck, a swimming pool capable of holding 24” or more water depth, installing a fence, installing a shed, building a detached garage, any additions, upgrading electrical service, adding switches or receptacles, changing/adding plumbing lines, finishing/remodeling a basement.

The following trees are not permitted on any premises per 4-2-1 “D” of the Cortland Town Code: Cottonwood, Weeping Willows, and Box Elder.

Please call 815-756-9041 to determine if your project requires a permit. Permit Applications are available at the Town Hall.

Just a Reminder

Please be mindful of where you park your vehicles in the driveway. It is unlawful to obstruct a public sidewalk with your parked car. Moms and dads pushing strollers and our senior residents appreciate your consideration. And if you want to walk Fido, keep in mind that dogs must be leashed when they’re not in their yard, and you have to clean up after your dog.
CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday & Saturday 9-5
website: www.cortlandlibrary.com

Only at Cortland Library
May 16 at 4:15 p.m.

Meet reading specialist Jennifer Wagner and learn how families can help their children learn to read. Hints and helpful ideas for preschool and elementary parents. Understand the importance of the Library’s Summer Reading.

Summer Reading Kickoff: “Have Books, Will Travel”
June 8, 2013, Activities

Sign up for Summer Reading begins June 8. Summer Reading participation helps children maintain reading ability during the school free days of summer. Around the World baked goods contest for adults. Enter your favorite recipe. Bring samples to the Library on Saturday, June 8, at 9 a.m. Taste testing from 10:00 until 2:00 p.m. Winners announced before closing. Prizes for your kitchen. Also, crafts and activities for children. Bike decorating for kids outside the Library from 10:00 until 2:00. Register your child’s bike with the Cortland Police Department from 11:00 until noon. Sign up for Summer Reading begins June 8.

Coming to Cortland Library! Zinio free downloadable magazines. Details available after June 1. Call the Library (815-756-7274) for more information and to suggest titles to Library staff.

Weekly Programs

Mondays 4:30 p.m. Writer’s Group/3rd grade and up. Sign up required.
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. Story Time with Miss Terri.
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Time.
    7:00 p.m. Crochet Class. Sign up required.
Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Time.
    4:00 p.m. First Grade & Up Story & Craft. Sign up required.

Award Received

Congratulations to Water/Wastewater Superintendent Joel Summerhill and staff for receiving the Illinois Department of Public Health along with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency award for maintaining state mandated fluoride levels every month in 2012. This is the fifth consecutive year the Town has received this award.

Electric Aggregation

Remember to check you ComEd bill to make sure you are enrolled and are receiving the benefit of reduced rates. This is a sample of proof of your enrollment in the program; please check your bill for verification. If you are not enrolled, call First Energy at 866-636-3749. Have your account number, address, and phone number ready, and ask to be enrolled in Cortland’s Municipal Aggregation Program.

Cortland Elementary PTA Info and Events

Upcoming Dates

Cortland School PTA Info and Events
May 6 PTA Dinner and Meeting 6-8 pm
May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8 Market Day pick-up 4-5:30 pm
May 15 Food Night at Applebee’s flyer needed
June 5 Market Day pick-up 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Thank you for all your support this year. We couldn’t do all that we do without you.

Have a great summer!
Hello, and a very happy and welcome spring to everyone,

I would like to start off my first newsletter as your Mayor by saying it is a great honor and a privilege to once again be serving all the people of Cortland. I have always taken the public’s trust very seriously and intend to serve you and our community with the same care and commitment I demonstrated for twelve years as your Chief of Police.

I also want to thank retired DeKalb County Presiding Judge Kurt Klein for doing me the honor of administering the Oath of Office as your Mayor and the Oaths of Office to Town Clerk Cheryl “Cookie” Aldis and Trustees Mike Siewierski, Sandra Barzso, and Ben Haier.

Prior to taking the Oath of Office on April 29, I began meeting with folks in both public and private sector in an effort to make this transition as seamless as possible. I have also met with Department Heads and their staff and intend on meeting individually with all Town Board members prior to the May 13 Town Board meeting. Much needs to be done to reopen the lines of communication between all elected officials, Town employees, contracted professional services, and you, our residents. Until that has been accomplished the Town cannot begin to move forward. I am confident this will be achieved and all will see a positive difference.

I would like to recognize and thank Bob Seyller and Doug Corson for their years of service to our community.

I intend on being a very visible Mayor and one that will work with Department Heads and staff in an effort to enhance the delivery of services to you. Although I expect to be kept very busy addressing many concerns, my priorities will always be your safety and that of your family and maintaining the integrity of our neighborhoods.

I thank you for this unique and honorable opportunity to serve.

Russ Stokes