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Hello Everyone,

It has been a busy Summer for all of us. I hope it has been an enjoyable one for all.

I want to commend our Parade and Festival Committee and Volunteers for yet another great Summer Fest and the work they have already put into what is soon to be a wonderful Fall Fest and Parade that will take place on Sunday, October 9th. Please take note of the details in this Newsletter.

Most of our summer municipal projects have been completed or are underway at the time of this Newsletter. The exterior of the Town Hall has been renovated and work on Elm Avenue and Cortland Center Road are underway, despite a three week delay on Cortland Center Road while we waited for Mediacom to relocate their cables. Paving of Elm Avenue, Mary Aldis Lane and Barber Greene Road should be taking place at the time of this letter.

Your Town Board recently voted to NOT increase fees associated with required building inspections. Subsequently, we are replacing our contracted building inspection firm with part-time town employed building inspectors. This will allow us to maintain or possibly reduce the cost of those inspections.

At the present time, plans are being reviewed to bring two new commercial businesses to East North Avenue and one commercial business to Stephenie Drive. Plans are also being reviewed that will bring additional residential growth to the residential Robinson Farm Development. Improvements continue in the Richland Trails neighborhood with trees being planted this Fall.

Your Town Board is presently considering a method in which SSA costs may be reduced to homeowners in the NeuCort Lakes and Richland Trails neighborhoods.

Please note the article in this Newsletter regarding our police department. In meeting the current needs of our community, and anticipated continued growth, we have expanded the supervisory staff of the department to supervise the expansion of our force of patrol officers. We are planning to hire an additional full-time officer to provide for the scheduling of 24 hour police patrols of our community by Cortland police officers to begin January 1, 2017. I commend Police Chief Lin Dargis in his efforts and due diligence in bringing the best in law enforcement services to our community.

As much as Federal, State, and County elections are currently in the minds of all voters, I remind everyone that local elections will be taking place this spring. If you are interested in serving our community and are considering running for Town Trustee, Town Clerk, or Mayor, I strongly encourage you to begin attending the Town Board meetings. They are held at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of every month. This will provide you with some understanding of the responsibilities, commitment, and matters that are at hand.

As always it is a pleasure to serve our community. It is paramount that we continue to move our community forward.

Russ Stokes
Mayor

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 09 Parade & Festival 1 p.m.
- 10 Columbus Day (Town Hall closed)
- 11 Town Board meeting (Tuesday)
- 17-21 Hydrant Flushing
- 24 Town Board meeting
- 31 Halloween 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

November

- 11 Veteran's Day
(Town Hall closed)
- 14 Town Board meeting
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 25 Day after Thanksgiving
(Town Hall closed)
- 28 Town Board meeting

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

FALL LEAF PICK-UP



Fall leaf pick-up schedule starts Tuesday, November 1.

Mondays: All streets north of Route 38 to the railroad tracks.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: All streets north of the railroad tracks to Cortland Center Rd.

Thursdays: All streets in Cortland Estates, Heatherfield and Nature's Crossing.

On non-curbed streets, place leaves in windrow in grass area. Do not rake leaves into street.

Curbed streets, place leaves in windrow behind curb in grass area. Do not rake leaves into street.

If cars are parked on street in front of where you put your leaves they will not be picked up.



From left to right: Chief Dargis, Commander Treacy, and Mayor Stokes

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Greetings. When I came to Cortland as your Chief of Police, it was my intention to move our department forward towards a 24 hour police department within 3-years. With the continued cooperation and support of Mayor Stokes and the Town Board, I am proud to say we are well ahead of that 3-year goal. The current needs of our community and our anticipated growth have dictated an expansion of full-time police services and we have moved quickly to fill this void. We have expanded our supervisory staff to include Commander Pat Treacy who comes to us with 30 years of police experience covering patrol functions, investigations and supervisory/command level policing. Commander Treacy served

with the Warrenville Police Department as well as the Aurora University Department of Public Safety and is a graduate of both the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and The FBI National Academy at Quantico. Commander Treacy will have full charge of our patrol operations and special events. We will further be hiring another full-time officer in October to add to our staff as we anticipate beginning 24 hour patrol functions January 1, 2017. We are very excited about the progress of our police department and our ability to deliver professional police services with respect, pride and a dedication to duty.

Cortland is a Town with tremendous potential and the Cortland Police Department is proud to play a major role as we move forward. When we work together, only good things can happen. Stay focused. Stay diligent. Stay safe. Thank you for your support.

Chief Lin Dargis

NEW RESIDENTS



If you are a new resident to the Town, we encourage you to check out our website at cortlandil.org for information that could be helpful to you, or stop in the Town Hall and pick-up a Welcome to Cortland Booklet. If you have not done so, please contact DC Trash for garbage pick-up 815-758-7274. They must have current homeowner information for you to be put on their pick-up list. **Renters may request an email bill.** If you do not have DC Trash garbage cans and recycle bins, let them know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Visit the Town's website for complete details)

Parade and Festival - October 9

The 35th Annual Parade and Festival will be held on Sunday, October 9, at 1 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 - Week of October 17-21. You could experience rusty water.

Halloween Trick or Treating hours are Monday, October 31, from 4 - 8:00 p.m.

Fall leaf pickup starts Tuesday, November 1.

Sewer and Water bills will be in the mail the first week of November and are due November 25.

PUBLIC WORKS

Cortland Center Road between Loves Road and Somonauk Road will continue to be closed for construction 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.



PARADE AND FESTIVAL

The 35th annual Parade and Festival will be held on Sunday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m. This year's theme is:

"Salute the Troops."

The festival will be held directly after the parade at Cortland Community Park, 70 S. Llanos St. until 5 p.m.

Come join us for kid attractions, food vendors, DJ Craig Donnelly, crafts and vendors.

HONORING TWO TOWN CENTURIONS

The Mayor and Town Board were pleased to recognize and honor two Town Centurions in the month of September. Mrs. Doris Malone celebrated her 100th birthday on August 9 and Mr. Orville Olson celebrated his 100th birthday on September 26.

Pictures and Proclamations may be viewed on the Town's website.

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