30th Annual Cortland Festival & Parade

The Cortland Parade and Festival packed in the fun as hundreds of residents and friends lined the streets on a beautiful mid-October day to watch the 30th annual parade. After the parade, watchers and participants made their way to Cortland Community Park for a day of fun, food, and visiting with friends and neighbors. Please visit the Town’s website at www.cortlandil.org. for pictures of parade and festival. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make it a great day!

CORTLAND POLICE OFFICER RECEIVES MEDAL OF VALOR

DeKalb County Sheriff Roger Scott and many fellow officers were present at the September 26 Town Board meeting to witness Chief Dennis Medema present the Medal of Valor to Officer Kim Everhart. The Commendation from Chief Medema read in part, “There was no doubt in my mind that Officer Everhart's swift and professional response prevented a catastrophic outcome.”

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS!

THERE IS A $25.00 FINE FOR ILLEGALLY PARKING ON STREETS AFTER A 2” SNOWFALL!

The town is only responsible for mailbox damage if the plow comes in direct contact with a mailbox and it was properly installed and maintained.

LIONS CLUB NEWS

Come out and cheer on the 2nd annual 5K Lions Club Turkey Trot Runners on November 12th. See their link on the Town’s website for registration information. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For information you may contact Chris Fowler at cortlandlion@yahoo.com or 815-549-1205.

NEW MEMBERS

District Governor Lion Jim Addington inducted three new members into the Cortland Lions Club in September: Anthony Brescia, Kevin Slosarek, and Rachel Schmitt.
New Town Garage Nearing Completion

Early in 2011 the Town Board purchased the former Barb City Grinding building on Halwood Street with the intention of converting the building into the headquarters for the Streets and Maintenance Department. The renovation work is well under way and the general contractor expects the building to be ready for move-in by Thanksgiving. The new facility is 15,000 square feet and will replace the 2,000 sq. ft. building on Mary Aldis Lane and allow the Department to consolidate all of its equipment storage at one location. The new facility also will provide workspace for maintenance of the entire Town’s vehicle fleet.

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Don’t burn yard waste.
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See insert for details!
CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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

Story Time Hours
Pre-school Story Times: Wednesday & Thursday at 10 a.m.
Elementary Story Time: Tuesday at 7 p.m.
First Grade & Up Story and Craft Time: Thursday at 4 p.m.
*Please sign up ahead for elementary craft time*

Are you a Veteran?
Cortland Community Library will be open on Veteran's Day, November 11, with special programming to honor our Veterans. Can you use a little help around your house or yard? We have volunteers ready and willing to serve and honor you on Veteran's Day. Please call the Library at 815-756-7274 if you are a Veteran that is willing to participate.

We will also be collecting items to send to our soldiers in Afghanistan. Please check the library website www.cortlandlibrary.com or our Facebook page for details.

Holiday closings: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day.

Turkey Dinner
Where: Cortland Church
When: Saturday, November 12
Time: 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, scalloped corn, green bean casserole, cranberry salad, roll, dessert, and a drink.

Tickets are available at the Church, Cortland Library, Cortland Casey’s, and by calling Michelle Wilson at 815-347-6879. Adults $10, Children $4, and under 5 is free.

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.

Congressman Hultgren’s Mobil Office will be at the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 30, at 11 a.m. This is a valuable means of communicating with Congressman Hultgren’s staff on issues relating to the Federal Government. If you wish to contact his office directly you may call 630-232-7104.

RADIO TIME
TUNE INTO WLBK AM (1360) OR ONLINE (1360WLBK.COM) THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT APPROXIMATELY 8:40 A.M. TO HEAR THE MAYOR DISCUSSING INFORMATION CONCERNING CORTLAND AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

Cortland Elementary PTA Info and Events
Nov. 7-11 Book Fair
Nov. 14 PTA Meeting 7-8 pm
Nov. 17 Fall Festival 6:30–8:30 pm
Dec. 10 Breakfast with Santa 8:30–11 am
Dec. 14 Market Day pick up 4:30–5:30 pm

If you have not already joined the PTA, please consider doing so. We can always use more help throughout the year at all of our events. The PTA provides funds to our school, teachers, classrooms, and students. We help fund playground equipment, classroom equipment, PE Equipment, library materials, field trips, assemblies, and much, much more! Other ways to contribute to the PTA include Box Tops, Campbell’s Soup Labels, Target Visa, Market Day, Goodsearch.com, Goodshop.com, and Schnuck’s eScrip card. Please help as much as you can so we can give our students a great school year!
Hello,

Another year is quickly coming to an end. Where does the time go? Don’t forget to change your clocks (fall back) on November 6. I would like to thank all the volunteers and sponsors for their monetary donations and hours of time dedicated to putting on wonderful events for the Town. The Town Garage Sale Committee, Parade and Festival Committee, Town staff and departments, along with many other volunteers who did an awesome job with this year’s Garage Sale, Summer Fest, and the 30th Annual Parade and 8th Annual Festival. I would also like to thank the NIU students who participated in this year’s NIU Cares Day. We had a tremendous turnout and got a lot of work done at Cortland Community Park, as well as painting at Town Hall. Thank you for taking pride in your community and giving back. I would like to encourage anyone who would like to add their skills or talent to any of these volunteer committees to please contact me by phone 815-756-9041 or email mayor@cortlandil.org.

Warmest wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season.

Mayor Bob

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE TOWN OF CORTLAND MAYOR, TRUSTEES, TOWN CLERK AND STAFF.
Cortland Yard Waste Collection

Where: Cortland Community Park, Llanos Street and Maple Avenue (in designated area only)

When: Between the hours of 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm on the following dates:

- Saturday, **November 5**, and Sunday, **November 6**
- Saturday, **November 12**, and Sunday, **November 13**
- Saturday, **November 19**, and Sunday, **November 20**

What: Residential yard waste only. Accepted items limited to:

- ✓ lawn clippings
- ✓ leaves
- ✓ tree and shrub branches

Leaves and lawn clippings must be bagged (NO PLASTIC BAGS).

Branches and tree limbs must be bundled and not exceed 4 feet in length.

Cost: No charge for Cortland residents.

The collection site will be monitored to keep unwanted materials out.

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