The 31st annual Cortland Festival & Parade was held on Sunday, October 14, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. The theme this year was "Heroes." The weather cooperated for only a short time, but that didn’t stop many participants from joining the parade, including the Indian Creek High School Band. The Cavern Beat, a Beatles tribute band, did manage to get in a few songs. This band is known for its authentic style and vintage look.

Congratulations to Cortland PTA for winning 1st place with its float entry and to Darrin Garcia for winning 1st place in the Apple Cook-off for his English toffee apple pie.

The Mayor and Town Board would like to thank the Festival and Parade Committee as well as many volunteers and Town staff who work all year round to put together community events. These events depend on hard work and dedication from many, and Cortland is very fortunate to have a wonderful group of people involved in the process.

Cortland Yard Waste Collection

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

When: Saturday, November 3, and Sunday, November 4

Saturday, November 10, and Sunday, November 11

Saturday, November 17, and Sunday, November 18

What: Residential yard waste only. Accepted items limited to: lawn clippings, leaves, tree and shrub branches.

Leaves and lawn clippings must be in paper bags (NO PLASTIC BAGS).

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

The collection site will be monitored to keep unwanted materials out. Please do not rake your leaves to the curb as no curbside pick-up will be provided.
DATES TO REMEMBER

November
4  Daylight Savings Time
   (turn clocks back)
6  Election Day
12  Veteran’s Day (observed)
   (Town Hall closed)
13  Town Board meeting
   Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
22  Thanksgiving Day (Town Hall closed)
23  Day after Thanksgiving
   (Town Hall closed)
26  Town Board meeting

December
3  Planning Commission meeting
10  Town Board meeting
24  Christmas Eve
   (Town Hall closed)
25  Christmas Day
   (Town Hall closed)

Please check Town Hall website for changes to meeting dates.

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Municipal Aggregation Update

The Town Board on May 14, 2012, accepted a rate of 4.84-cents per kilowatt hour from First Energy Solutions for the next two years.

Eligible residents and businesses were automatically included in the electric aggregation program and will receive the benefit of the reduced rate, if they did not opt-out and were not participating in another approved program.

If you have already signed up for reduced electric prices with another electric supplier you may or may not be able to participate in Cortland’s program. You will need to consult the contract with your electric supplier to determine if you can switch to Cortland’s program and what fees and penalties may be charged to you to do so. Also be aware that if you are already receiving the benefit of reduced electric rates with another supplier and want to leave them in order to be part of Cortland’s program some contracts will only allow you to return to ComEd’s pricing.

First Energy Solutions will not contact you by telephone or mail asking you to sign up for the Cortland program. If you are contacted by telephone or through the mail by an electric supplier, they are not the selected supplier for Cortland’s program.

For residents and small businesses that have moved to Cortland or changed location within Cortland since August 1, 2012; to take advantage of Cortland’s program please do the follow:

Call First Energy at 1-866-636-3749. Have your account number, address, and phone number readily available. Ask to be enrolled in Cortland’s Municipal Aggregation Program.

ELECTION PETITIONS

Petitions are available for the offices of Mayor, Town Clerk, and 3 (4-year term) Trustee positions for the April 9, 2013, Consolidated Election. Candidate petitions are available from the Town Clerk’s Office at the Town Hall, 59 S. Somonauk Rd., Cortland, during regular business hours.

Petitions must be returned to Clerk’s Office during regular business hours the week of December 17, 2012, and on December 24 between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Please check the Town’s website for any changes in filing dates and times.

LIONS CLUB THIRD ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

Saturday, November 10, 2012, 8:30 a.m.
At The Lions Den, Cortland Community Park
70 South Llanos St.
Cortland, IL 60112
Registration: itsracetime

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
Follow us on Facebook
(815) 756-7274
63 S. Somonauk Rd.

Thank you to the DeKalb County Community Foundation for their grant which paid for the new roof on the library. Thank you to Splash of Color for the donation of 10 gallons of masonry block paint for the exterior of the library building.

Thank you to the family of Reba and Delaine Mullis for their generous memorial donation. A book return box for outside the library has arrived.

The library is spruced up—stop by and see these exciting improvements!

Holiday Closures
Veteran’s Day: Monday, November 12
Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 22
Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24
Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25
New Year’s Eve: Monday, December 31: Open 9am - 5pm

The library is looking for donations of gently used small LEGO sets. We have enough Duplo and baby blocks - thanks to those donors!

Weekly Programs
Elementary Age Storytime, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Wednesday & Thursdays at 10 a.m. First Grade & Up Story & Craft, Thursdays at 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required, please contact the library. Please check with the library for additional programs & events.

STEM Teen Read. Read science fiction books & participate in fun, interactive online programs. 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. Participate in virtual chats, find related articles and videos, connect with other teens, and share fan 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. One-on-one assistance is also available at the library.
Hello.

Winter will be fast approaching and most of the fall colors have come and gone.

This year’s road work and sidewalk repair will be coming to a completion just in time for the winter snow plowing season. Just a reminder: don’t forget to shovel your sidewalks, and if you have a bus stop in front of your house it’s important to clear the area for the kids to stand.

This year’s Parade and Festival was not the best for weather: parts of the day were nice, but the wind and rain made the other parts not so nice. I want to thank all of you that participated and the committee for all their hard work.

We’re going to do the leaf collection again this year, but I want to stress to everyone how important it is to only put leaves in the brown bags. The place where we took the bags last year will not take them from us this year because people were putting trash, rocks, gravel, broken flower pots, etc., in the bags. This debris ruins the grinding machine that makes compost out of the leaves. We found a new place to accept our leaves this year, but if we have a similar problem we may have to eliminate this service to the residents. Please only put leaves in the bags.

I would like to wish all of you a happy, safe, and healthy Holiday season.

Best wishes,

Mayor Bob